

City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)

Meeting Time: 07-11-23 17:00

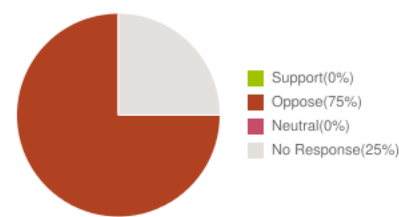
eComments Report

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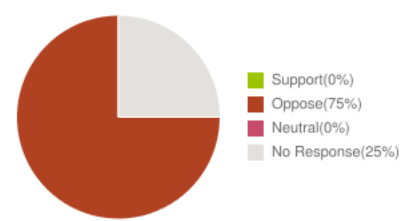
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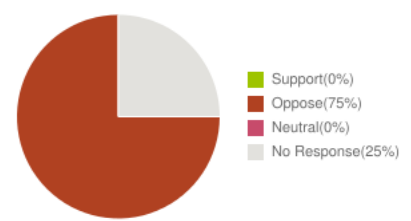
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Agenda Item: eComments for PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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Robb Stroyke

Location:
Submitted At: 2:55pm 07-11-23

Mindy Brown another long time local and realtor just said that two owners who own several lots along 1600- 1800 block of PCH would gladly be updated to R3 to help the situation.

We just need more time and quick responses from city staff to questions. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Robb Stroyke

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Lisa Burt

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 2:12pm 07-11-23

Are there not enough empty/blighted buildings in the South Bay that can be utilized or provide the space for a new building?

Greg Maffei

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 1:10pm 07-11-23

I am a local realtor, but more importantly, a 33 year resident of Hermosa Beach. I have paid close attention to city politics since moving here, and I have seen a number of different city councils in this time. My concern for the past 10 years of governance as ushered in by the BIPARTISAN Keep Hermosa Hermosa Oil fight (which I and many people here were a part of) has been how national-party-centric our recent councils have gotten.....rather than town-centric like in years' past. Important decisions like this were based on what was in the best interest of our charming town and its residents.

It's now a bad word talking point (or acronym) to be a NIMBY. I say if we aren't discriminating or breaking the law, we should be proud to say, "I don't want 5-story-and-above residential buildings in MY Back Yard. We have the right to Say NOT IN MY BACKYARD, and in this case, it is vital to help KEEP HERMOSA HERMOSA! I plea with you all to begin to govern for our residents, not Sacramento.

This issue of conforming to a Sacramento-power ideology is unprecedented, where our state government is forcing its will in shaping the landscape of individual municipalities or cities. How are you not more angry? There have been lawsuits about this issue all over the state, but Hermosa Beach has been silent. This is a dangerous precedent that you as leaders of our city should be greatly offended by....for the sake of your own political power in our city, as well as and more importantly for the good of our local residents. Whatsmore, the talking points on the issue think adding units will lower rent and the prices to buy homes here. It will NOT lower the overall cost to live in great cities like ours. There is plenty of data around the country to support this. This is all a Sacramento fight on optics.

As a related aside, our Realtor board told Sacramento when they bypassed a defeated proposition to allow rent control, controlled by each municipality, and instead just MADE rent control a mandate throughout the state.....we told them that this would have no effect in bringing down rents, and 3 years later, it has not, and in many cases, rents have gone up. The simple truth is, in Hermosa Beach, we don't have enough (or any really) open land to add the MANDATED units....and if we make bad choices like this to try and meet this arbitrary, algorithmic demand by our state to add over 500 units in already one of the most densely populated little cities in the state.....it still won't swing the pendulum to effect less expensive rents for enough renters.

I'll close by appealing to your logic. Decreasing density has always been a priority in this town. In fact, it fell in line with an important environmental objective of current and past councils. A duplex or triplex would get sold in the Sand Section....a single family residence would go up. The city is happy to have fewer cars on our already crowded roads and less trash, waste and lighter usage of our aging infrastructure. And, our residents see property values increase with these developments. This might not be a popular talking point for one side of our political spectrum, but many retirees (including my own parents) live off the equity in their homes. Property appreciation is GOOD. Say it with me! More than half of the residents in this town own their homes. If you don't think this is good, we'd like to know now so we can elect leaders that don't snub their noses at more than half of the electorate. Please help KEEP HERMOSA HERMOSA.

Ilona Rice

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 11:22am 07-11-23

I'm tired of all the old houses and buildings being replaced by giant buildings that use every square inch and push the height limits. It's completely changing the character of our town, not to mention the associated parking and congestion issues. It's also very disturbing to perpetually have to hear construction in our neighborhoods, especially for those of us who work at home. All so some developer can profit from it. Replacing the church with high density housing will definitely change the character of the neighborhood. Lots of people want to live by the beach, but unfortunately there is only so much space in our older, fully developed city.

Julie-Ann Forney

Location:

Submitted At: 9:13am 07-11-23

Please vote no on upzoning St. Cross lots and please remove them from consideration. There are other sites that are more appropriate for you to consider.

Preserve OurNeighborhood

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20am 07-11-23

1,727 people have signed the petition "Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say no to 50 New Units at 19th & Monterey/Loma." The message is loud and clear! The community is imploring you to protect the character of Hermosa.

Do not approve the Housing Element as proposed. Remove the St. Cross Church parcels from the map and inventory. Do not upzone the church parcels to R3. Remove lot consolidation from the Housing Element. Revise the plan to include alternative properties that the community has brought forth.

RUSSELL SCHRAMM

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 2:39pm 07-10-23

Please vote no on building on
St Cross Church Property and 19 th Street
Thank you Russell Schramm

michael Clemens

Location: 90254, HERMOSA BEACH

Submitted At: 10:33am 07-10-23

Dear Council,

Please vote NO on any proposed housing project of the St Cross Church property at 19th street and Monterey Ave, and remove the Lot Consolidation from the city plan.

This is an unwise move to ruin a neighborhood. Please listen to the public you represent.

Sincerely, Michael H. Clemens