

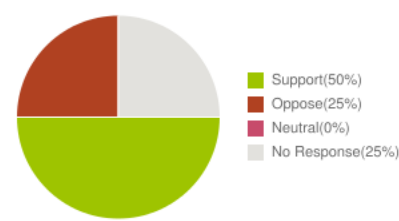
City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:30 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)  
08-08-23 17:30

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA	8	4	2	0

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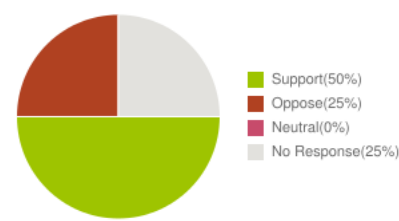
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Overall Sentiment



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Ann Gotthoffer

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:45pm 08-08-23

I am writing in support of completing our Housing Element, and in support of more housing in general. I've watched many multi family units be replaced by huge SFR's over the past decades. I am in favor of more market rate units and also even a dedicated affordable housing development if possible someday. ( Of course I prefer smaller structures blending in with the community.). Our community lifestyle will benefit from people who work locally being able to live locally in my opinion. A LA Times article yesterday (?) discussed home values and affordable housing - I can't find link now - but to summarize in most cases it seems home values haven't been impacted . I am fortunate to be a homeowner via inheritance; I feel strongly it is not enough to care about the housing problem, we have to be willing to help solve it - even in our own backyard. Thank you.

Scott Frantz

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach  
Submitted At: 12:28pm 08-08-23

To all Hermosa Beach City Council Members:

Hermosa Beach is dense enough.... And you're proposing to become more dense, why?

Why bother with zoning? If we are just going to warehouse people then we might as well make the whole city one zone. The overreaching with regards to zoning is extraordinary and must be tempered with much more input. The rewording is being done with a very broad brush. Please slow down and involve the good people of Hermosa Beach, not just the developers and money grabbers to have a voice.

Zoning in the past had mandates and precautions to protect residential areas and clearly defined those boundaries. Now it seems that there are no mandates or protections for residence whatsoever.

Height restriction should be limited to the 30 feet, possibly 35 feet that is already on the books and should not be open for further discussion. No loopholes, no special exemptions. The height limit is the height limit.

Parking and driving within the city is already a major concern but you're putting forward adding density, adding to that problem not subtracting from it.

Maybe this HB should join the other HB (Huntington Beach) in telling the state no and that this should be in the hands of local legislature.

We said No to Oil maybe it's time we say No to Sacramento.

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**Tonya Stenlake**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:08pm 08-07-23

Hello Council.

My name is Tonya Stenlake and I have been a resident in Hermosa Beach for over 16 years . I'm a Health and Fitness Coach and a renter because I cannot yet afford to buy, maybe someday. Hermosa is my home and I'm involved here locally: I am a small business owner, Leadership Hermosa Beach Alumni, HERmosa Circle Origination member, Hermosa Beach chamber Member and I've volunteer for many events over the years that happen here in my home town. I believe I contribute to the character of Hermosa. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please think of me when you make housing decisions.

I love Hermosa Beach, it is my home and I want to be able to plant my roots here for the rest of my days.

**Julie Denny**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:21pm 08-07-23

Dear Council. My name is Julie Denny and I have lived in Hermosa Beach for 15 years. It is my home and I truly love it here. I'm an HR Mamager and a renter because I cannot afford to buy, but I truly hope to own a home here someday. Hermosa is my heart and home. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please, please think of us when you make housing decisions. I can not imagine not living here. It is my heart!!

**Michelle Crispin**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:05pm 08-07-23

Hello, I first moved to the South Bay in 1995. My husband and I rented a home for 5 years that we then purchased from our landlord in 2000. In 2004 my 2 kids and I tragically lost their father and I had to sell our home. As a newly single-income single-parent, I was unable to afford rent in Hermosa Beach, so I moved out of the area to a more affordable neighborhood. I was finally able to move back to Hermosa in 2012, but purchasing a home on my single income with 2 dependents was way out of reach. I was fortunate to find a rental property that's within my budget, but my landlord has informed me it will be torn down soon and I'll be on the hunt again for something affordable. I will most likely never be able to be a homeowner in Hermosa Beach again, but I truly love

it here and am an active member of the community - I'm on the Board of Directors for Leadership Hermosa, I'm Hermosa Historical Society docent & Development Committee member, I produced and wrote "Jazz v. Punk," a documentary about Hermosa's music history, I produce the Songwriter Showcase at Saint Rocke that features local songwriters, I'm an active member of the Hermosa Chamber of Commerce, and I've raised 2 very active kids in the Hermosa/Redondo school system. I've been priced out of Hermosa Beach in the past and I truly hope it doesn't happen again. I want the opportunity to continue to contribute to the community that I love!

**Susie Casty**

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach  
Submitted At: 11:25am 08-07-23

Hello Council. My name is Susie Casty and I have lived in Hermosa Beach for 3.5 years and I love it here. I'm a voice actor and a renter because I cannot yet afford to buy but I do hope to own a home here someday. Hermosa is my home and I'm involved here locally: Leadership Hermosa Beach and a Chamber member and EDAC. I've run Boards Across Hermosa. I believe I contribute to the character of Hermosa. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please think of me when you make housing decisions. I want to live in Hermosa forever.

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**Mary Benson**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:51am 08-07-23

To Hermosa Beach Council Members and City Manager:

I was prompted to write you after reading the request by the leadership of the St. Cross Episcopal Church (the "Church") to upzone their property from R-2 to R-3 to help Hermosa meet its State of California's mandate for the required housing plan.

While the Church has stated they have no "current" plan to rebuild or sell any of the property, the 2000 residents that signed the petition against rezoning, are concerned rezoning inevitably will lead to building of a dense multi-family property, causing impact to the R-1/2 community, with limited egress options (congested Gould and Pier). In fact, the Episcopal Church in San Diego just redeveloped their church property and built a 204-unit multi-use property after having requested and getting approval a few years earlier for rezoning, including a 25 percent additional height allowance. The San Diego property density increase was significant and is detailed in the two links below, one link is by their Planning Commission.

<https://timesofsandiego.com/business/2022/08/11/525-olive-tallest-residential-building-in-sd-celebrates-grand-opening-in-bankers-hill/>

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/pc-18-072.pdf>

St. Cross Episcopal Church is surrounded by six square blocks in a Hermosa residential community of R-1 properties:

- North - R-1 for six blocks (to 25th Street)
- West – R1- to Palm drive (just east of Hermosa Avenue)

- East – R-1 to Valley Drive and most of Ardmore.
- South – R-1/R-2 for 3 blocks, until 16th street.

While we understand the city needs to come up with locations for multi-unit development, we believe there should be another look for alternate and more appropriate locations to consider. As representatives of your residents, we ask that you pursue the following actions before voting or approving tonight's rezoning request by the church:

Consider an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- The location of the Church, located on 19th and Monterey Boulevard, is part of our city-designated "Safe Route to School" network for both Hermosa Valley and Vista Schools.
- The city also delegated Bike lanes on Monterey Boulevard which surround the church.

Provide residents time to review the consultant's recommendations and propose alternative sites for rezoning that meet the state requirements, via committee or some other forum.

If no other sites are determined available, restrict the density and impact of any potential R-3 property as a part of the rezoning,

I ask that you look at the above items and delay today's vote so that all options are considered. Your vote will have long last implications. Please conduct thorough diligence to protect residents as well as the city's interests before adopting any zoning change.

Mary Ann Benson – one of the 2000 petitioners