

6/11/19 AGENDA, ITEM 7a - EVALUATION OF CITY'S CCCA MEMBERSHIP AND
CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP WITH ICA
SUPPLEMENTAL EMAIL FROM FRANK ZERUNYAN SUBMITTED TO CITY COUNCIL ON
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Subject: Contract Cities

My dear friends and colleagues I am writing to you as past president of a great and unique organization, which to this day supports the most innovative local governance mechanism in the world. As some of you know, I teach and write about this governance mechanism, which allows cities like Rolling Hills Estates and Hermosa Beach to provide a substantial quality of life to our constituents.

Not only do we need Hermosa Beach among our ranks but we need to bring more cities like yours into our organization. We are who we are because of great contract cities like yours and mine. We need to be the examples of good local governance and not abandon this great organization which turned 62 years old this year. We have a lot to celebrate together.

I am as concerned and as outraged as you are about the past midnight event that occurred at our municipal seminar hotel lobby between several inebriated irresponsible public officials. They denigrated their city, their constituents and embarrassed the rest of us even though their conduct was not during the conference and even though their conduct clearly violated our published code of conduct.

At an emergency meeting immediately after the event the executive banned the city and its officials from any CCCA event and suspended the membership of the city pending investigation. While we are respecting the ongoing investigation and due process, you can rest assured that the executive will act in most appropriate way to preserve the good name and integrity of this organization that I served for 16 years and I still love.

I am reaching out to you because you are my friends and member of my South Bay family. I would have come to your council meeting to say all this but I have my own council meeting. Feel free to read this into the record. I hope you give your organization a chance to act before you make any decision.

I assure you all that we will not disappoint.

All the best! Fight on!

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