



August 11, 2020

Re: 8/11 HB City Council Meeting, Item 6c

Dear Hermosa Beach City Council and City Manager,

On behalf of the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau, we ask that you try to keep CONSISTENCY AND SIMPLICITY in Hermosa Beach Downtown during C-19.

After careful review of the Hermosa Avenue parking spaces and looking at solutions in other cities that have parallel and head in parking, including Manhattan Beach, the Chamber would like to support the following two recommendations.

We would prefer to keep the parking and lanes the way they are now, with the temporary outdoor dining as it exists, including approved areas, and we feel this would be the least costly, while fulfilling the need for outdoor dining which is our priority and the least disruption to our community.

If we were to choose one of the concepts that were proposed, it would be concept #2, with no bike lane, on a temporary basis. The reasons for this would be that it offers a larger dining area than existing and has head in angled parking, which is strongly preferred, but we feel the bike lane would not be safe.

In addition, the Chamber would like the City to investigate the possibility of widening the Strand and adding a bike path there. This would provide a safe space for both bicycles and pedestrians on the strand and be consistent with our surrounding cities. It would also help with the social distancing on the strand.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our beautiful City, businesses, and residents.

Sincerely,

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