

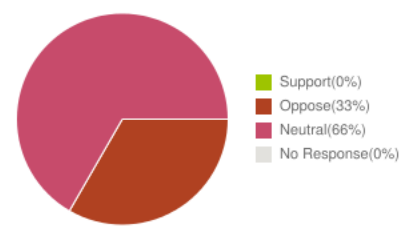
City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)  
11-28-23 17:00

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IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC	3	0	1	2

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

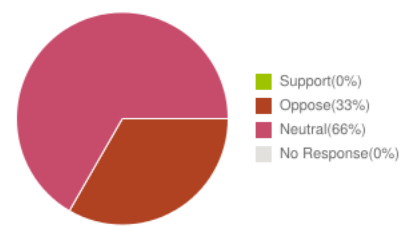
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Overall Sentiment



Agenda Item: eComments for IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Overall Sentiment



Brandee Keith

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:57am 11-28-23

For over three decades, South Coast AQMD has honored those across the region who have helped to improve the air we breathe. In April 2024, we will host the 34th Annual Clean Air Awards Event: Inspiring an Equitable Clean Air Future. These prestigious awards will recognize achievements in the following categories:

- S. Roy Wilson Award for Leadership in Government
- Robert M. Zweig, M.D., Memorial Award
- Dr. William A. Burke Award for Leadership in Environmental Justice
- John J. and Ben J. Benoit Award for Innovative Clean Air Technology
- Leadership in Air Quality
- Youth Leadership in Air Quality

Nominations are Now Open!  
Apply online at [www.aqmd.gov/clean-air-awards/nominations](http://www.aqmd.gov/clean-air-awards/nominations)! Applications accepted until January 19, 2024.

More event details for the 34th Annual Clean Air Awards coming soon!

**Anthony Higgins**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40am 11-23-23

Dear City Council,

RE: Remote Participation

I believe Councilman Jackson and City Manager Lowenthal's efforts to derail zoom remote participation is fundamentally inconsistent with our community's values.

Our community deserves the best remote participation community engagement tools NOT the minimum required by law.

But remote participation minimums are exactly what City Manager Lowenthal & Councilman Jackson are advocating in their efforts to derail zoom & dial-in at City Council & Commission meetings.

The question is why?

City Manager Lowenthal's strategy will be to provide a list of 10 cities that have disallowed remote participation as if that justifies eliminating it.

The right question is will Hermosa choose to be a leader in using effective tools like zoom & dial-in to maximize community engagement?

Are our city leaders willing to take some risks to develop & encourage community engagement and give voice to those that cannot attend council and commission meetings or will city leadership deny those voices?

City Manager Lowenthal and Councilman Jackson will also tell you that Written-Communications are a good substitute for remote participation.

What they wont tell you is Written-Communications are buried 3 levels down in the agenda where few residents ever find or read them and usually ignored by the Council, Staff and the public.

The simple truth is you are much more likely to have your issue discussed and/or agendized if you speak in person or via zoom and eliminating remote participation will only repress community engagement.

It's the same with the city's archaic eComment system that is simply no substitute for remote participation. eComment doesn't even allow edits, images, slides or video attachment capabilities that are available on almost every other social media platform. It's a dinosaur.

City Manager Lowenthal & Councilman Jackson know full well a live human voice is far more effective at raising public awareness on an issue than eComment or Written-Communication; so why line up against it?

The Hermosa Beach general plan says:

The City regularly identifies and implements new communication techniques and methods to improve service delivery and open avenues of communication between the community and their City government.

Goal 2.11

Social media and technology applications:

Enhance the City's social media presence and use of technology applications as tools to notify, provide updates, and engage the community.

Finally, consider City Attorney Donegan's words below related to remote participation at commission meeting:

"[Each] commission has the discretion to set its own [remote] public participation policy if that is something the commission wants to explore".

But as soon as the Public Works commission started to investigate the possibility of remote participation Assistant City Attorney Natalizio started walking back City Attorney Donegan's statements and signaled that remote participation may really only be under the commission's purview so long as the commission supports the restrictions imposed by the City Manager. Otherwise the Council would step in.

It was a mistake for the City Manager to have imposed her will and suddenly suspend zoom remote participation & dial-in without any deliberation or public input.

It's time to correct that mistake forthwith and give remote participation a fair and unbiased public hearing.

Anthony Higgins

**Tony Higgins**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35am 11-23-23

Dear City Council

Most parking problems in Hermosa are self inflicted wounds caused by insane city council parking policies like

(1) a complete failure of enforcement of the May15-Sept 15 1hour zones despite while complaining parking shortages during peak season, then increasing resident parking pass fees to encourage off street parking,

(2) taking away 45 nighttime parking spots at valley park, even for vehicles with HB parking permits, despite an acute shortage of nighttime parking in North Hermosa,

(3) the guest pass fiasco we experienced with the first rendition of the city's parking policy that denied seniors without vehicles guest passes,

(4) policies that required a resident to have his car registered to an in city address even if it's a company car registered to his business, and

(5) failure of residents to use their full size 2 car garages to park to cars off street.

Then we have hypocritical Councilmen like Ray Jackson criticizing the public for not using their garages for parking while the entrance to his full size two car garage has been blocked by flower planters for years.

Then Councilman Justin Massey's almost insane pontifications saying that that renters who don't have garages should move if they want to receive visitors. No guest pass for you!

Many of the biggest Hermosa parking problems are caused by uninformed residents who refuse to demand sane parking programs and policies from staff and the city council and throw councilmen like Massey & Jackson out of office on their ears.