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**To:** [Suja Lowenthal](#); [Myra Maravilla](#); [City Council](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing the Proposed Tiered Parking Permit System  
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Dear City Council & Staff:

I oppose the proposed tiered parking permit system being considered for the City of Hermosa Beach. I believe that this proposed system would have negative impacts on the livability, sustainability, and equity of our community.

The Residential Parking Program was never intended to drive revenue for the city. It was implemented at cost for residents because previous staffs and councils recognized the right of residents to park near their own homes.

Much has been made of residents that may be abusing the system but City Staff's own data indicates that 93 percent of residences have four or fewer permits. It is unfair to punish the entire community when other, less broad solutions can be used to deal with perceived scofflaws.

The proposed system would undermine the livability of our community by making it more difficult for residents to park on the street. Parking is an essential component of urban life, and it should be affordable and accessible to all residents. It would impact low- and moderate-income residents, who rely on street parking and more often live in multi-family households, the most making it difficult to access necessary resources and amenities in our community.

As such, it is a regressive tax, making it more difficult for low- and moderate-income people, often local workers, to reside in Hermosa Beach. Making it more difficult for residents to park on the street would force more of those workers to live outside the community and to drive to work, school, and other destinations, leading to increased traffic congestion, air pollution, and carbon emissions, all of which have negative impacts on the environment and public health. This could also have a negative impact on the diversity of our community, as low-income families, people of color, and immigrants would be disproportionately affected.

For example, under the proposed structure, a residence with four roommates – very common – would pay an average of \$82/permit. With more than four roommates, some residents will be completely frozen out. These roommates are most likely to be residents with no access to off-street parking of any kind.

I urge the City Council to reconsider the proposal and maintain the current system, which is fair, reasonable, and affordable for all residents. At a minimum, please only change the cost when a residence exceeds a specified number of permits, allowing, at a minimum, four permits per household before costs increase.

Sincerely,

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