

3/13/18 AGENDA, ITEM 6A - CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBMITTAL OF A RESOLUTION OR LETTER SUPPORTING A REQUIREMENT TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT THE TORRANCE REFINERY BY THE SCAQMD THROUGH THE RULE 1410 PROCESS AND OPPOSING TO THE USE OF MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID AT THE REFINERY.  
SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER FROM MICHELLE RUSHTON SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON 3/13/18 AT 6:06 P.M.

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**To:** [citycouncil@hermosabch.org](mailto:citycouncil@hermosabch.org)

**Subject:** Please support a BAN on MHF 🚫❗

Good evening Council,

I hope this finds you well.

I first want to recognize Mayor Pro Tem Stacey Armato and Councilmember Justin Massey for voicing their support of a ban on MHF. Tonight, I urge you to come together in support of SCAQMD rule 1410, a ban on MHF.

My name is Michelle Rushton. I was born and raised in Torrance, where I currently reside. The city of Hermosa Beach is very near and dear to both myself and my family; my brother serves as an officer on the Hermosa Beach police force. What this means for him as a first responder in the event of an accidental MHF release, I'll let you draw your own conclusions.

I believe it's in the best interest of the community and the South Bay at large, that this deadly chemical be banned immediately. It is alarming that a substance as volatile and life-threatening as MHF is still used in one of the most seismically active regions in the US. Not to mention, a chemical that had 3 viable alternatives, all of which are commercially available. It is absurd to suggest that any safety measure can predict or prevent the catastrophic effects of a natural disaster.

As representatives of the community, it's irresponsible to choose to remain voiceless on this issue when the threat to our health and safety is so monstrous and possibly imminent. It's your duty to project the voices of the entire community, not just those on PBF's payroll.

I urge you to take action and at minimum write a letter / resolution to the AQMD in support of a ban on MHF. This is the only government agency taking this problem. If not you, then who?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All my best,  
Michelle Rushton  
Sent from my iPhone