

New eComment for City Council Meeting (Closed Session - 6:00 PM and Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM)

David Sherwood submitted a new eComment.

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Item: b) REPORT 18-0419 NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY AT 725 CYPRESS
(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

eComment: As a member of the Crossfit Horsepower community and a Hermosa Beach property owner, I oppose this resolution on multiple fronts. From the myriad comments received already as well as the multiple documented interactions with gym management and ownership, I think it can be stipulated that Crossfit Horsepower is a well-intentioned business with avid fans that delivers a highly sought need to the Hermosa Beach community. It's also clear from the written record as well as from being a member that the gym has done literally everything in its power to appease the neighbors. For example, the gym has been reconfigured multiple times to move any potentially loud or vibrating equipment away from the complaining residents, running has been outlawed (that's right RUNNING has been outlawed even though dozens of running clubs use Hermosa Beach streets as their venue), and weight dropping (the same kind of weight dropping you see in the Olympics, which is part of the sport) has been outlawed. Nevertheless, a few NIMBY residents continue their crusade against the gym. Yes, it would certainly be nice to buy a property and then systematically improve the value of that property by reconfiguring the neighborhood to your liking. But appeasing a handful of residents rather than supporting literally hundreds of Hermosa Beach residents and gym users would be shameful. I remember a few years back when residents near Live Oak Park in Manhattan Beach tried to outlaw dribbling a basketball during the day, as they found the sound annoying, only to find that the city council in Manhattan Beach had enough basic logic to tell the residents that if you live near a park, you should expect park noises. Well, if you live in an industrial zone, you should expect the noises of licensed businesses legally operating in that zone. I live quite near PCH..can we shutdown traffic on PCH at night and on weekends so I don't have to hear the noise? Where does the responsibility of the homeowners come into play? If they truly want a residential, silent, no businesses allowed neighborhood, they can simply move. They chose to live there, and were more than happy to get a discount on their purchase in exchange for being in an industrial zone. It's no different than living near the Strand and complaining about bars or traffic. Please don't reward NIMBYism and drive away good, clean businesses that help build a community in Hermosa Beach.

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