

12/4/19 SPECIAL MEETING, ITEM 2 - BROWN ACT DEMAND TO "CURE AND CORRECT"  
SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER SUBMITTED BY MEGG SULZINGER TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON 12/3/19 AT 4:38 P.M.

City Council & Staff,

I was here just a few weeks ago expressing my concern about the transparency between city council and staff with residents, specifically in regards to the Hermosa Beach Forum. It is greatly disappointing that I have received no acknowledgement of my comments, and city council and staff has refused to advise that admins to open up the group and that currently city council & staff have refused to remove themselves from said group. It has come to my attention recently that our newly appointed Mayor has removed herself from the forum. However, I believe that is a direct result of her recent actions of disrupting our Mayoral rotation rather than my request for transparency.

Well here we are again discussing another clear of example of a major lack of transparency in our city. It is unacceptable to me that a very newly elected council member and now Mayor, who received her position based on the rotation our city has been adhering to for the last 50 years, has disrupted this rotation. There is a reason that Hermosa has a history of not electing a Mayor, but rather rotating evenly between council members to ensure fair and transparent decisions.

As I mentioned in my public comment previously, our city, especially our city council should SUPPORT and ENCOURAGE friendly debate and differing views, not only within our city but especially within our city government. For newly appointed Mayor Campbell to simply skip our Mayoral rotation with no rhyme or reason is worrisome. Mayor Campbell came out with an official statement after the fact, indicating that the reason for disrupting our Mayoral schedule is due to Councilmember Fangary having disagreements or hesitations as to the performance of our city manager. For our new Mayor to appoint Councilmember Massey, whom she normally walks home with from council meetings, shows her bias to only encourage and lift up those who agree with her. This recommendation and following vote is no doubt an action that was contrived prior to the meeting and should be subject to a Brown Act Investigation. Her actions, in my opinion, completely defeat the purpose of democracy in our beautiful city.

My recommendation is that Mayor Campbell apologize for the complete lack of respect she has shown publicly to our current longest tenured Councilmember Fangary, and that Mr. Massey also step down from his newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem position, as he and Mayor Campbell know, this is not the correct or right way to conduct business in this city. I would hope that our council, after having to call a special meeting to discuss this issue, do right thing and uphold the rotation that has been in place in our city's history.

Thank you.

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