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Good Afternoon Mayor Campbell & HBCC,

Thank you in advance for reading my letter.

We are over 70 days into this COVID19 lockdown and I have done my very best to stay on top of all news pertaining to the reopening of beach communities comparable to HB.

Unfortunately I continue to see other beach cities blast past Hermosa Beach in terms of progress.

The rally that the MB Mayor/MBCC coordinated was absolutely inspiring! There were tears and hugs but most importantly there was comradery. It is clear from their results, open Strand, Farmers Market reinstated, retail openings ect that they are actively working with their residents to get their community open ASAP!

In regards to our Strand being closed my concerns are not purely selfish. I see residents hourly walking, running and moms strolling thru town trying their best to get sunshine and exercise. I have seen MANY close calls where vehicles just did not see the (walkers-bikers, moms with kids ect) and nearly hitting them! Nobody wants to see anyone injured due to an unnecessary Strand closure! I am also concerned for our visitors as well, who if the Strand is closed will without a doubt end up partying in alleys

& walk streets causing more congestion and raising the likelihood of an injury.

When the time comes and HBCC

has in person town halls again do you really think people are going to thank you for closing our Strand & severely restricting beach access?

Not happening. Most will look back on this time and think about all the friends who lost their jobs, homes & businesses. All the celebrations and holidays that they missed.

For the South Bay, our beach is the one place we can set aside the challenges of life. The case for reopening our Strand and reinstating full beach access is very overwhelming strong.

I urge you all to please, reinstate strand and full beach access ASAP.

May you all have a wonderful Memorial weekend!

Warm regards,
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