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Subject: New eComment for City Council Special Meeting

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Aaron Reed submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Special Meeting

Item: 1. CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC PERTAINING TO THE STRAND AND CITY OFF-STREET AND ON-STREET PARKING FACILITIES (Staff Report will be available on May 21, 2020)

eComment: Madam Mayor and city council. I support opening the strand and parking. Living here on the strand I have watched people forced into the streets (Beach Drive and Hermosa Avenue) for the entirety of the lockdown. Both are dangerous options when compared to the strand that was designed for pedestrians. Beach Dr. has become so congested near the speed gates at times it has been difficult for myself and my neighbors to park or pull out. At the same time I witness so many people struggle to maneuver around these unnecessary obstacles. Because I live on the strand I ask people passing by what they think. It's constant frustration and slandering of the government. It seems as a whole people are convinced our leaders are incompetent. I like to think they are not. Nobody wants their kids to be dodging dumpsters, speed gates, cars and each other when we can use the strand and return to our daily stroll on some of the most beautiful coastline California has to offer. With Redondo and Manhattan open we have become a bottle neck for mobility. Our strand is the life force of the restaurants and shops we all love so much and they are suffering. I Understand initial intentions of gradually opening but we typically work together with our neighboring cities for good reason. Moving on, restricting parking has not only stiffened our local businesses but it has also created great strain on the residents trying to park with Hermosa city permits. Right now we need to do our very best to promote business as much as we can. Many businesses will not survive this drought of operations. The last thing we want is a bunch of deep pocket corporations to swoop in and buy out our local beach residents. That is a change we don't want. Lastly, I want to thank our police department for a great job handling everything the way they have. Their job has become incredibly difficult during this pandemic. Thank you for addressing this issue in a special meeting today. I hope we can have a similar meeting soon to promptly open our businesses.