

New eComment for City Council Virtual Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM), Agenda Amended on November 20, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. by E.S.

Anthony Higgins submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. 20-0738 COVID-19 UPDATE

eComment: If you read the status given at the last council meeting by Chief LeBaron to the city council on how well Covid safety protocols are being followed in Hermosa Beach as the pandemic is exploding in all around us in LA County and Nationwide you should be able to see it is both meaningless and misleading. If you read it, the statement implies everything is under control regarding mask compliance because the crowds are smaller and since everything is under control in Hermosa Beach we no longer need the Health Enforcement Officers. This is a nonsensical disconnect with reality. Chief LeBaron cites or alludes to (its not really clear) significant improvements in mask compliance on our beaches when nothing could be further from the truth. Mask compliance on the beaches is <5% and has not significantly improved at all. Chief LeBaron knows this. He is anything but stupid. The council knows this too. So what's really going on here and why the outright misrepresentation? And more important why didn't the council challenge this. They should know mask compliance on the beach is a joke. The same is true at valley park. Mask compliance up until this week was running at under 20%. We need 90% compliance. And because we are not taking mask compliance seriously Covid is exploding all around us. Chief LeBaron implied things are under control. Did the council even ask for data on mask compliance at our parks, beaches, strands and downtown measured against science based goals we need to meet to contain the virus in LACounty or did you abdicate your responsibility to vulnerable populations, overwhelmed health workers and the general public and throw in the white flag. The council failed to ask hard questions to the city manager and police chief regarding Hopefully in tomorrow's council meeting you can do a better job.

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