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**To:** City Council <citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: Hermosa School Board DEI Letter for Eddie City Clerk

Dear Eddie- to be included in the City Council meeting tues 6/22 as a public comment. Thank you.

To the Hermosa Beach City Council-

I am writing to ask you to act repeal your support of the Hermosa School district's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion goals.

The school board and superintendent's decision to reject parental input and concerns regarding the DEI goals for ALL of our children is deeply disturbing.

Please listen to parents who want a well-rounded education for ALL our children without introducing divisive and controversial topics into the classroom.

Let parents discuss sensitive and controversial topics related to social and political movements of our day at home with our own children. Let teachers teach traditional subject matter with objective standards so that ALL our children can strive for excellence.

Please consider viewpoints other than your own, please practice the tolerance you say you advocate, the kindness you say you espouse. Please listen to this parent who cares deeply about ALL our children.

Introducing children to differences at an early age does not build bridges, it only will create further division and hesitancy to build true friendships. Teaching our children to follow the golden rule- to treat others the way they would like to be treated- is the wisest and best advice we can give our children today.

Think about your own friendships. How do we as human beings foster friendships when we come from different backgrounds/races/religions, etc? Do we focus on what makes us different from each other or do we try to find some common ground? According to the DEI goals, trying to find out more about a new friend, getting to know someone who is different by asking simple questions such as "where does your family come from?" Can be considered a "microaggression." This can then become an issue for the Bias Reponse team... a child asking a simple question to try to get to know another person, could be considered "biased" or "intolerant." How does this help build bridges, or make our community more tolerant and friendly?

The DEI goals represent a slippery slope. Please think beyond the nice sounding slogans. Is Hermosa Beach an intolerant, "institutionally racist" town as the Equity Task Force asserts...Or not? Please be truthful, not politically correct- for the sake of all of us but especially our innocent children. Don't ask our children to put themselves in the narrow boxes of identity groups, racial or otherwise. Let our children embrace their individuality and uniqueness. Who knows what wonderful and amazing things our children can one day accomplish if we truly believe in them- as individuals.

Sincerely,  
A Hermosa resident and concerned parent

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