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Subject: To Eddie- to be included in the City Council meeting tues 6/22 as a public comment.

Hermosa Beach City Council,

I am a Hermosa Beach resident requesting a repeal to the school districts Diversity, Equity and Inclusion goals. It is because I do not want hate, racism and division that I oppose these goals. Equity is meant to mean equal outcome which has Marxist roots and equality of opportunity should be the goal for our kids. If this is an incorrect meaning of Equity please clarify this definition and give a clear path of understanding to the end goal of "Equity"? Our children should be taught to work hard and do the best they can even if there will not be the same outcome as others.

This Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as I understand seeks to segregate or identify kids based on characteristics such as their skin color or other "identity groups"... Why would we want to segrate kids based on groups which for most kids this does not cross their minds? Why not celebrate the differences rather than try to group kids based on their differences and potentially create an environment where kids start identifying as "oppressed" or "oppressor"? Segregating kids in identity groups is a regressive ideology and does not help our kids succeed. They should know that anyone can overcome and be successful no matter where they come from or what color their skin is. Does DEI teach this? Though there has been a denial that this DEI is not taken from critical race theory there are similarities that find its roots in CRT. I invite everyone to investigate the roots of CRT and the cross over of DEI.

- <u>Critical race theory Wikipedia</u> "Both critical race theory and critical legal studies are rooted in <u>critical theory</u>"
- Critical theory Wikipedia "Critical Theory" means the Western-Marxist philosophy of

the <u>Frankfurt School</u>, developed in Germany in the 1930s and drawing on the ideas of <u>Karl Marx</u> and <u>Sigmund Freud</u>.

I invite the city council to do an intellectually honest investigation of exactly what is meant by the goals of DEI and see how this is linked to CRT an ideology rooted in marxism (that leads to control of almost everything- the opposite of freedom!) that is regressive. Shouldn't we want to instill positive characteristics in our kids that will help them succeed as tomorrow's leaders?

Sincerely,

Bryan (concerned parent)