



## Staff Report

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### Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018

#### **PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** (Police Chief Sharon Papa)

##### **Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached Resolution supporting Behavioral Health Service's request to support the Drug Enforcement Agency's bi-annual national prescription drug take back events and the availability and use of the City's prescription drug drop-box.

##### **Background:**

Staff from the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is requesting that the Hermosa Beach City Council pass a resolution in support of the safe storage and disposal of expired or unused Rx-prescription drugs. BHS is part of the South Bay Communities Creating Change Coalition under the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The coalition of LA County prevention providers is requesting that Hermosa Beach and other Service Planning Area (SPA 8) cities pass a resolution to voice support for the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs to protect our youth. BHS has appeared before the Council on many occasions, discussing their collaboration with the Hermosa Beach Police Department and the DEA to encourage residents to drop off their unused and expired prescription drugs at the bi-annual prescription drug take back events in Hermosa Beach.

More specifically, the Resolution will express support for the Drug Enforcement Agency's bi-annual national prescription drug take back events and the availability and use of City's prescription drug drop-box. Safe disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs, including controlled substances such as opioid pain relievers, reduces the risk of nonmedical use that might lead to prescription drug and/or substance misuse.

Hermosa Beach Police Department staff supports this effort and recommends that Council support the Resolution. BHS will hold a press conference on April 26 to acknowledge all of the SPA 8 cities who have approved Resolutions.

##### **Fiscal Implications:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed resolution
2. LA County Public Opinion Survey
3. SBC3 Public Opinion Survey 2016
4. 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health
5. LA County Sanitation District “No Drugs Down the Drain”

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Milton McKinnon, Police Captain

**Concur:** Sharon Papa, Police Chief

**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Viki Copeland, Finance Director

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**Approved:** John Jalili, Interim City Manager