

# City Council on 2023-09-05 6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Meeting Time: 09-05-23 18:00

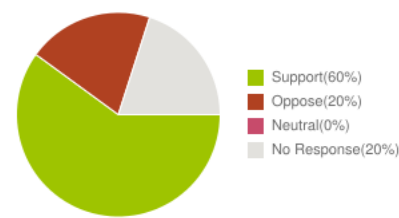
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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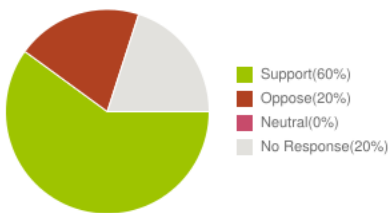
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D.1. 23-6673 MAYOR'S COMMENDATION TO THE SOUTH REDONDO AYSO 34 EXTRA BOYS 10U TEAM FOR WINNING THE AYSO NATIONAL GAMES	1	1	0	0
H.10. 23-6671 ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3261-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO IMPLEMENT AND MAKE CONSISTENT THE ARTESIA & AVIATION CORRIDORS AREA PLAN WITH THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING PARKING REGULATIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE ASSOCIATED REQUIRED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, NEGATIVE DECLARATION. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION	1	1	0	0
N.1. 23-6325 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CANNABIS LICENSING APPLICATION PROCESS AND ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY FEES	3	1	1	0
N.2. 23-6373 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PREPARATION OF A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING DECKS IN RIVIERA VILLAGE AND POLICY DIRECTION ON EXISTING COVID-RELATED TEMPORARY USE PERMITS UTILIZED BY BUSINESSES FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	4	3	0	0
P.2. 23-6744 ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3262-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2-1.01 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION	1	0	1	0

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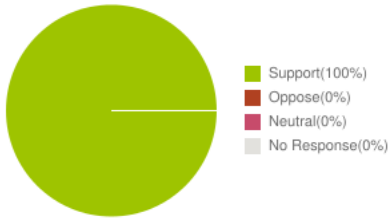
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### Brianna Egan

Location:

Submitted At: 1:37pm 09-05-23

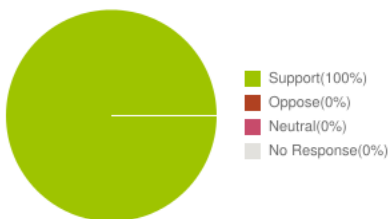
Congratulations to the 10UBX South Redondo AYSO team on winning their championship!

It looks like two other Redondo teams won championships in their divisions as well and should be recognized: 12UB North Redondo Beach and 13UBX South Redondo Beach.  
(<https://www.aysonationalgames.org/standings/>)

Congratulations to our young athletes.

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Location:

Submitted At: 2:14pm 09-05-23

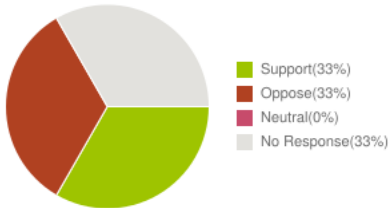
These zoning ordinance amendments are a great step forward for the Artesia & Aviation Corridor. Our costly parking mandates have been a deterrent to commercial investment in the area for years. By reducing these mandates, streamlining parking regulations, allowing for shared parking, and increasing outdoor dining seats, we can hope to see increased business investment and foot traffic in the area. This is good urbanism.

I would like to reiterate that we do not need a new public surface lot or garage, which would be costly and unnecessary, given the vast oversupply of parking and the fact that most people can visit the area by walking or biking from their home. Here are some future ideas for the AACAP area that I would like to suggest the city consider:

- Develop a framework for allowing bicycle parking to replace automobile parking. LA City Municipal Code Section 12.21.A.4 allows for 4 bicycle parking spots to replace 1 automobile parking space.
- Implement a Parking Benefit District for the area through paid meter on-street parking, to incentivize parking turnover and reinvest earnings into beautifying the area.
- Develop a residential parking permit program for neighborhoods surrounding the AACAP to preserve on-street parking for residents and reduce unintended parking spillover to neighborhoods.

**Agenda Item: eComments for N.1. 23-6325 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CANNABIS LICENSING APPLICATION PROCESS AND ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY FEES**

**Overall Sentiment**



**Melissa Dechandt**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 09-05-23

I am Melissa DeChandt, a D1 resident, parent of a RUHS student, a scientist and the Director of Community Concerbs for the 33rd District PTA.

I urge you all to move forward with delivery only. This satisfies the will of the voters, who voted for canbabis access in our city, and provides a layer of protection for our youth.

Cannabis use in youth is dangerous. The peer-reviewed data is overwhelming with regards to the detrimental youth effects. Cannabis use is harmful for the developing brains and the neuro developmental process, it negatively impacts youth mental health, particularly alarming when 50% of our youth are suffering from anxiety and or clinical depression post-pandemic. Suicidal ideation and attempts are increased with regular cannabis use in youths, and academic opportunities are often impacted, including high school graduation. The current cannabis market is a high potency THC market. Peer-review data from the Rand Corporation and others clearly demonstrates that youth who regularly see dispensaries are more likely to use cannabis and normalize cannabis use.

Let's protect our youth in our "destination school district (RBUSD).

Finally, I urge you to again include a public health representative on the Cannabis Committee to support youth health and safety.

Thank you,

Melissa T.M. DeChandt

**Joshua Naggar**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:25pm 09-05-23

Good evening,

My name is Joshua Naggar, I am a cannabis attorney and potential applicant, as well as a Director of the

Cannabis Chamber of Commerce.

The draft application looks a lot like Corona's application, where the industry faced gouging, extortion, and a host of problems.

1. Price Gouging- Applicants were forced to pay double and triple the price for purchase or rents, many times with nonrefundable deposits prior to award.
2. Extortion- If two people won at the same location, it became whoever wants to give the landlord the most cash that won.
  - a. Or if one person won at a location, and the city like Corona, mandates 3 days to have the landlord sign some papers or you lose your opportunity, then many times landlords took the opportunity to renegotiate rents and deposits.
3. Many charged upfront to for the Zoning Verification Letter.
4. Many owners demanded ownership.
5. It froze planning processes- The argument being, if you score the plans, then you can't change them.

So you may be wondering, how do you give scores without property?

1. Well HDL has been doing this a long time and has the experience to evaluate the bona fides of applicants along with the City's ultimate decision.
2. Floor Plans must be state compliant, and they have to go through local processes during tenant improvements regardless; so there really is no risk nor benefit from removing them.
3. Safety plans- They are the same in any compliant location.
4. Neighborhood Compatibility- The City sets the zoning and setbacks, and there is little reason the winners couldn't provide the City with compliant location options post-award. Riverside City in their upcoming applications reportedly has removed the property component as a result of Corona, and winning applicants have time after winning to secure property.

The City of Redondo Beach has an opportunity to fix known problems and present a more equitable application; so nobody has to pay a land owner millions just to apply and anyone can have a fair opportunity.

So I implore you to consider whether requiring real estate is in alignment with the good work the City has already done as well as prudence and equity.

**Heidi J. Swan**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 09-05-23

First, it is sad to see that RB spent all that money on HDL Consulting. Did it provide any value at all?

Secondly, I will repeat what I wrote a few months ago: Legal cannabis in CA is going very badly and, for the health and safety of the entire South Bay, it's best to keep it out of our neighborhoods.

Only a few months ago, the Hermosa Beach City Manager ordered an independent report about how legal retail cannabis increases crime. "The existence of a cannabis retail outlet has been associated with increases in nuisance-related crimes"

<https://www.hermosabeach.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/17785/638011684554917524>

To the credit of the City of Hermosa Beach, this is the only independent report I have seen in our country. Redondo owes it to its citizens to pay close attention to this report (even if the mental health information needs updating)\*

Here's one example of how pot shops increase crime: Pot shop smash & grabs. Recently, a CA beach town pot shop was hit twice within a month: "more than 12 suspects, and some were armed with assault-style rifles."

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/benicia-stiiizy-dispensary-burglarized-for-the-second-time-in-a-month/>

Keep the South Bay as safe as possible. Thank you.

\*Please find article about the first county in our country to mandate mental health warnings (psychosis, depression, and suicide ideation) must be posted all customers to see. (Shouldn't everyone in the South Bay also know about these impacts?)

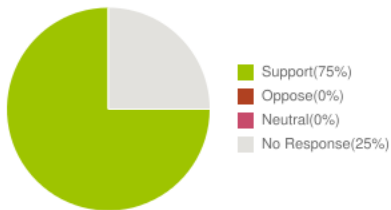
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"Cannabis dispensaries in McHenry County will now be the first in the country to warn customers through in-store signage of the mental health dangers associated with cannabis use, which include psychosis, depression and suicidal ideation.

Dispensaries will also be required to scrub their marketing and websites of any suggestion that their products have medical benefits..."

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#### Chris Bredesen

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40pm 09-05-23

I strongly support the City of Redondo Beach to continue to be the leader in outdoor dining in the South Bay. In addition to Redondo being much flatter and having much more open space (as compared to Manhattan Beach) outdoor dining is perfect for our community.

What we have learned the most from COVID is that parking requirements were outdated and skewed the wrong way. People have changed the way they move about by walking, biking, uber, carpooling, etc. Be safe, enjoy dining outside, have a drink, take an uber.

Support small business, keep costs down for customers by allowing our local businesses to thrive. Lead the way Redondo.

#### Maricela Guillermo

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36pm 09-05-23

For any transit route within Redondo Beach except PCH and Torrance Blvd, we would suggest that we use small buses (no larger than the current Beach Cities Transit buses). Having dedicated wide pedestrian sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes, as well as more plants throughout our city, would do so much for safety and add to our city's well-being.

#### Steven Dentali

Location:

Submitted At: 6:38pm 09-05-23

I support the possible action and would also like to see a Riviera Village Catalina car-free zone considered.

## Brianna Egan

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56pm 09-05-23

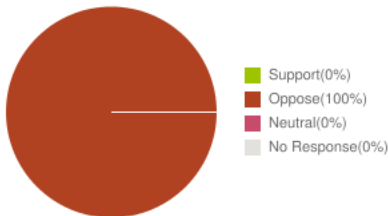
I'm glad to see this item and learn about the mobility and circulation improvements to come on Catalina Ave in Riviera Village. We've learned from the pandemic that giving more street space to people instead of cars can really activate and enliven our dining and commercial zones. I would not want to see the brilliant and lively ambiance from dining decks disappear because of Coastal Commission parking regulations, so I applaud city staff for taking proactive steps to develop a permanent outdoor dining program.

I am in support of additional bicycle parking and a transit program with improved signage for Step 1. We should do all that we can to promote bicycle and transit mobility in our urbanized area.

For Step 2, I'm excited to learn about Metro Board approval for Measure M funding to prepare a complete-streets layout for Catalina Ave. I love hearing about the plan to widen sidewalks, build a Class IV bike lane next to the curb, improve stormwater drainage, and improve transit access. I'm less keen on maintaining vehicular circulation and street parking. I would love for the city to consider concepts for a permanently car-free "open street" concept for Catalina. This layout can still maintain a place for car pickup/drop off and bus stops, but would open up the rest of the street for a linear park with benches, planters, fountains, and a public square for dancing and live music, instead of dining next to loud cars with exhaust fumes. I would love to see such a concept developed for consideration.

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## Maricela Guillermo

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54pm 09-05-23

I, along with other residents who work, don't get home or finish work until 5:30 PM. I would suggest that we change the start time of the General Meeting to 5:30 PM. If the idea of starting at 5:00 PM was to finish the meetings at a reasonable time, that could be accomplished by starting the meeting at 5:30 PM and having a hard stop to finish the meeting no later than 10:00 PM. Why would it be so hard for the City Council Members who want to start at 5:00 PM to compromise on a more resident-friendly meeting start time?