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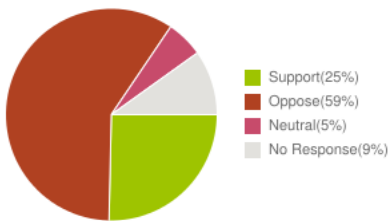
eComments Report

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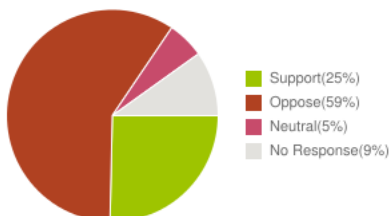
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N.2. 21-2515 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACTING TO PROVIDE PROSECUTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.	4	1	3	0

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N.3. 21-2393 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 2021-2026 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	1	0	1	0
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SET JUNE 1, 2021 AS THE DATE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET				
N.4. 21-2335 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH LAND USE PLAN AND MAP	13	0	10	0
P.1. 21-2510 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2105-045, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN	11	3	7	1
P.2. 21-2511 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE APPEAL REQUIREMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION OR HARBOR COMMISSION TO COUNCIL	1	0	0	1

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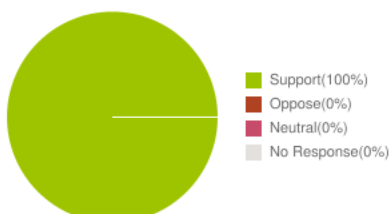
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Mark Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:27pm 05-17-21

TIME SENSITIVE, NON-AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENTS

****BCHD DEIR RESPONSIBLE AGENCY COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF REDONDO BEACH RESIDENTS****

BCHD has Draft EIR comments due on June 10, 2021. I ask the Council to direct staff to review resident concerns that have been filed as public comments and file comments as a responsible agency on behalf of both the City and the commenting residents of Redondo Beach. While the CEQA process is broad and considers the regional factors, the City of Redondo Beach is responsible for issuing the Conditional Use Permit on behalf of Redondo Beach residents. It is very important that BCHD be required to prepare a thorough and disaggregated record that can serve as one of many tools to determine the net damages that BCHD plans to inflict on surrounding residents of 90277 and 90503. Specifically, BCHD needs to be required present the benefits and damages to 90277 and 90503 disaggregated from the general CEQA data.

****REMOVAL OF BCHD FEBUARY 2019 MEMO TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FROM THE RECORD****

BCHD conducted non-public negotiations with the City during 2018 and 2019. BCHD failed to disclose the negotiations and resulting memo from BCHD counsel until July of 2020, nearly 18 months later. I ask the Council that the memo, along with any other work product of those negotiations be stricken from the Public record. BCHD is a public agency, owned by the 3 Beach Cities and its conduct was antithetical to transparency and the best interests of Redondo Beach residents.

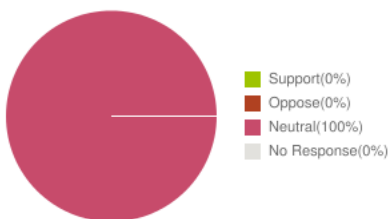
****CONSIDERATION OF EX PARTE DISCLOSURE FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS****

As an elected official, the City Attorney was likely a part of these BCHD discussions and believe that the City should have an obligation to disclose. I ask the Council implement a comprehensive review of ex parte requirements and disclosure, with a presumption of ex parte disclosure as the norm. Both the general public and the BCHD-organized Community Working Group were damaged by BCHDs action of withholding disclosure of the memo until one month following BCHDs Board approval of its project.

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Mark Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:39pm 05-17-21

I support Councilperson Obagi's prior guidance to use the competitive process whenever possible. I see yet more multiple contract amendments, as was seen with the traffic consultant's 5th or 6th amendment absent competitive procurement several weeks ago. As a Redondo Beach property owner, I also have some concern that the City is using contract staff as employees, based on the statement that the traffic consultant was being used "as staff". That type of arrangement exposes the City to claims. A bright line needs to be exist between contractor help and employment.

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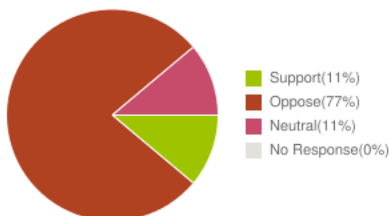
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Matthew Hinsley

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17am 05-19-21

Good morning at 1:00am. What the city council did to push back this public hearing to the Stock family and the Sufnar family is just cruel. They have been dealing with this for almost a year. To make them wait even longer isn't right. You should have resolved this item first as it was on the agenda for tonight and let these families move on and put this behind them.

Jerome Chang

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39pm 05-18-21

There seems to be some level of politics involved with the history of these appeals, when the proposed structure should have been already denied on technical reasons alone. Therefore, I would like to remind Council that there are at least 2 technical issues that should be left only to the building and planning departments to address:

1. Fire spread to neighboring buildings is more likely when any building encroaches a setback.
2. Precedents do not necessarily mean they justify a proposed structure to be approved. One would have to verify each and every precedent to see if they were properly permitted. Many of these seemingly ad-hoc structures were not permitted. Further, a structure that was permitted 20 years ago may not be compliant if built today. This is why the planning and building departments take the opportunity to encourage and enforce compliance to today's code for any proposed design they review.

Finally, while it is great that the property owner has great neighborhood support, what I find missing is support from any licensed architect. Please note that the licensed professional who submitted the proposed design of this structure was a structural engineer, not a licensed architect. An engineer does not readily deal with the safety issues of setbacks and adjacent structures, or the code issues of precedents - they primarily focus on the structural integrity of the proposed design, in isolation of other structures.

Michael Dworski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01pm 05-18-21

I support the Stocks' right to have city building and zoning codes enforced. We cannot allow anybody to build anything they want without following the law. It should be abundantly clear that the city must be able to stop illegal development and no planning commission decision should favor individuals who did not pay city fees, did not obtain permits and then ignored the city's request to stop building unpermitted structures. This should be self-evident. The city should enforce its own laws... otherwise, what is the point of having laws? Can anyone do whatever they want with their property? Allowing the planning commission's wrongheaded decision to prevail sends a clear message to all city residents: build whatever you want... we won't stop you. In fact, we will approve it after the fact

This is wrong, plain and simple. I sincerely hope the council recognizes this.

Laura Grabher

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18pm 05-17-21

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the backyard improvements of Cory & Matt Sufnar. My name is Laura Grabher. I am a local Redondo Beach resident (on Steinhart avenue) for 15 years and a local realtor for 19 years with the Hoffman Murphy Real Estate team. The structure they put up on their property enhances not only their home, but the neighborhood. The two-on-a-lot homes do not have much outdoor space, so to maximize a great indoor/outdoor living space considerably increases the value of the homes in the neighborhood. An interested buyer would pay considerably more for a home with the outdoor enhancements that the Sufnars have done to their home. The space is not only beautiful, but functional and the materials they used will last. I see many wood structures in backyards when selling homes that are full of termites and wood rot. This is not the case here. Additionally, ADUs are now allowed in Redondo Beach and have added value to our neighborhoods - this is much less than what would be considered an ADU as it is not enclosed. This structure not only increases value to the home and the neighborhood, but the lifestyle of this family.

Laura Grabher

DRE#01372048

laura@HoffmanMurphy.com

310-489-7270

Susan Roberts

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 05-17-21

March 18, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Susan Roberts I am a local Redondo Beach resident for over 15 years in District 2. I am writing you to share my overwhelming support for the Sufnars backyard improvements. We have known the Sufnars for 10+ years now and have gotten to know them well through our children who went to Jefferson Elementary together. Cory has been an active supporter in our community always helping with school functions and fundraisers. Cory also devoted her time as the chair at the elementary school for our running club for several years showing up every single day to cheer on the kids running around the track every day before school.

Here in Southern California, we are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the beautiful weather we have year round. As a Redondo Beach resident, we all can attest to the hard-working lifestyle it takes to be able to reside and enjoy this small niche community we live in. I admire residents like Matt & Cory who take pride in their home and investing in our community. In fact, we moved to a new home on S. Juanita Ave a few years ago. A well-maintained street was a critical and deciding factor in our decision to purchase on S. Juanita Ave.

Redondo Beach would need to hire a calvary to address all the non-conforming structures we have throughout our neighborhood. Will that being said, we still love Redondo Beach and all its charm it has to offer. The Sufnars are a well-respected family here in our community. They take pride in their home and community and should be the example and not the victim of one neighbor who appears to be upset about Matt & Cory removing trees on their own property to create a safe outdoor living space for their family. We ask the city council to make the right decision and support The Sufnars, a Redondo Beach resident who takes tremendous pride in their community.

Sincerely,

Susan Roberts

Marshall Gelb

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53pm 05-17-21

January 31, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

We have lived in Redondo Beach for 41 years. We are the original owners of 2017 B Speyer Lane and have resided here for 33 years. In that time, we have watched the neighborhood change from single family houses to predominately two on a lot. Over the years we have worked cooperatively with our neighbors current and past regarding fencing and tree trimming. Currently, we live directly east of the Sufnar family. We share a new vinyl fence which we cooperatively financed and had built to replace the old worn-out wooden fence. The Sufnars' have always meticulously maintained their property and have recently improved the living area in their backyard. We feel that these improvements are very well done and enhance the property.

We are writing this letter to express our support of the backyard improvements. We concur with our neighbors, the McEveety family, that it is refreshing to see neighbors that invest in their home and community. Their improvements to the driveway and backyard area are tastefully done and adhere to the diverse architectural styles throughout the neighborhood. Their improvements and their significant financial investment contribute to the overall property values in the area.

The Sufnar's have always been considerate neighbors. They have notified all impacted neighbors regarding their construction and the lengthened time table due to unforeseen circumstances. We feel that it is quite unfair for one homeowner to create such difficulties for the Sufnars' when the majority of the surrounding homeowners feel that the improvements are beneficial to the overall community.

We hope that you consider all these facts and rule in favor of the Sufnars' on this matter. We oppose this appeal as this project has already been unanimously approved by the planning commission.

Sincerely,

Marshall & Diana Gelb

2017 B Speyer Lane Redondo Beach, CA 90278 310-944-8245

Kristina Cleland

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54am 05-17-21

Dear Redondo Beach City Council:

I oppose this appeal and SUPPORT the planning commission decision rendered on 3/18/2021. My name is Kristina Cleland and I am born and raised in the beloved South Bay. I currently work serving the South Bay community as a mental health therapist. My friends, Cory and Matt Sufnar, have built a really nice outdoor patio including a barbecue and fireplace for entertainment and relaxation. It is evident that the structure that was built at 2015 Speyer Lane #B is compliant with the written code. Growing up in the South Bay with its beautiful weather, I know how appealing it is to spend as much time as you can outside. As a mental health therapist, evidence supports the importance of spending time outside to relieve anxiety, stress, and depression. With the pandemic and our difficulties with getting out of the house it is especially important to have a living space outside to spend your quality time. I feel really strongly that their home improvement is another great living space that should be allowed. It is unfortunate that the Sufnar's are getting caught up in the city bureaucracy of trying to get this resolved when there are more important issues to address in our community. I hope you all can see the benefits of this outdoor space and how it is not negatively impacting any of the neighbors in the community.

Sincerely,

Kristina Cleland

kristina@sbcft.com

South Bay Child and Family Therapy

1601 Pacific Coast Hwy, Unit 290

Hermosa Beach Ca 90254

Brad English

Location:

Submitted At: 2:38pm 05-15-21

Redondo Beach City Council,

We live at 2016 Belmont Lane # B in Redondo Beach. We have been here since we purchased our home in 2000. We understand that there have been some complaints about the Sufnar Residence's backyard home improvements and are writing to give our support/approval of the improvements they made.

Our yards back up to one another and touch in the corner. We are not directly behind them, but the lot just to the East on the Belmont Lane side of the block.

I have to admit I am jealous of what they did with their yard! They have created a wonderful outdoor space. Frankly, I'm happy about the overall improvement to the neighborhood (though not visible from the street) that this will bring all of property values up.

We all have small yards here in Redondo and sadly many don't really use them. In a way, we have a small "neighborhood" behind the houses. It's nice to have a family breathing more life into our little "neighborhood".

Please count us as fully supportive of their home improvement project.

Sincerely,

Brad & Shanna English 2016 Belmont Lane, B Redondo Beach, CA 90278 310-874-3761

Greg Thatcher

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 05-15-21

Greg Thatcher

Realtor

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Greg.Thatcher@vistasir.com

April 7, 2021

Subject: 2015 Speyer Lane #B, Redondo Beach To Whom it May Concern:

As a long-time resident of North Redondo Beach and a Realtor in the South Bay for over 13 years I am providing this letter from a professional point of view.

I have reviewed countless properties in this area and found the backyard improvements of 2015 Speyer Lane #B, Redondo Beach would substantially increase the value of the subject property. The design was well planned and executed with excellent attention to detail. Quality of the materials and workmanship are both above average. They do not negatively impact the value any of the surrounding properties. As well, improvements are consistent with the general look and feel of the neighborhood. There is not, in my view, any reasonable argument that it is anything but a valuable addition to the neighborhood.

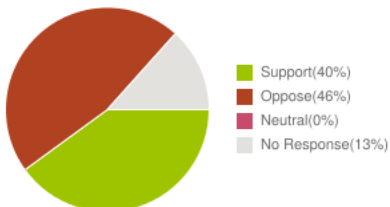
In my opinion, having neighbors who invest in their homes with improvements only increases property values for the area. The Sufnars should be considered valuable neighbors to have on your street.

Sincerely,

Greg Thatcher

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Catherine Clawson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:47pm 05-18-21

I've been a Redondo Beach resident for a little over a year now. My fiancé and I relocated from Santa Barbara before the pandemic, but have truly felt at home in Redondo beach with all of its charm. But like many residents in Redondo Beach, we don't have access to a backyard, so we choose to walk the beautiful city parks multiple times a day with our dog, Bowie. We appreciate and respect the neighborhood we call home, and walking through the park with our dog has become a family activity that we would hate to lose.

The parks of Redondo Beach allow residents to socialize with their neighbors and give dogs an opportunity to safely decompress on leash. After the year we all had, we deserve to enjoy the beautiful parks in our neighborhood with our dogs. I've personally witnessed countless, local residents; men, women, children, the elderly and handicapped enjoy our local parks with their dogs in tow. My heart breaks when I think of them and the many local households this will affect.

The majority of us are responsible and respectful, and deserve the freedom to walk the parks with our dogs. As someone who recently relocated from a beach city that's extremely dog friendly, I've seen the true benefits and experience it on a daily basis myself! I hope you can too.

Thomas Bauer

Location:

Submitted At: 6:01pm 05-18-21

The limited park space in Redondo Beach is no place for dogs. They defecate, urinate, intimidate, attack, fight with other dogs, and disturb the peace. Moreover, dog owners are irresponsible in that they tolerate such behaviors as is easily observed; fecal matter and smears are plainly evident. The city rarely enforces any applicable laws.

Debra Wingood

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 05-18-21

I oppose dogs in Parkette's with children's play structures.

Please look at personal emails with pictures that I sent you early today.

There are so many dog owners that are going to the La Paz Parkette that don't follow the rules. They sit on a bench play on there phones and let there dogs run free. I see it everyday. I just don't have time to take pictures every moment of the week.

First of all I love dogs . I love dogs. I've owed several. I have five grand puppies .

Even though these dogs are all trained, licensed and vaccinated one of these dogs could jump, chase or bite a child.

No owner could ever truly know if there dog would bite especially if the family dog is protecting a child. Children behave aggressive and they run , scream. This could scare a dog and cause the dog to bite a child.

I've also noticed that since the dogs have been peeing on the would chip and in the sand or dirt . That the children's hand are black and muddy. There is no water at this park. I saw a nanny with a toddler say he is all muddy. That wasn't mud it was dog poop.

The city of Redondo and the residents spent over 90 thousand on this park. We as the residents keep this park looking nice. I personally don't want to combat dog poop everyday before I let them play.

Please keep La Paz Parkette child safe,

Debra Wingood

MONIKA Horak

Location:

Submitted At: 4:32pm 05-18-21

I think opening the parks to dogs has been amazing. At least for me and my pup who needs a lot of physical activity. I only take him to the parkettes or parks when there's no one there (no kids, no other dogs) and after he has walked and 'emptied' his bowels and bladder. I pick up 100% of his poop on the street and he has never pooped in the parks. I do not see poop in the parks, maybe once or twice. Unfortunately, the dog park on 190th is not friendly. Like others mentioned, there are too many aggressive dogs, owners often don't pay attention and dogs fight, growl and are not super friendly. I stopped going because our dog has been harassed there too much. Having to drive to neighboring towns and dog parks is not always possible. I really think the RB dogs need more friendly space in the neighborhood.

Li Chien

Location:

Submitted At: 4:04pm 05-18-21

All the other beach cities allow dogs in the parks, why doesn't Redondo? There are always bad seeds in all walks of life, but that doesn't mean there is a blanket prohibition for all. Bad parents exist all the time. Bad kids do, too. I have gotten crashed into a few times by uncontrolled kids on scooters and bikes in the park. I'm asked all the time to move over on the sidewalk for them. These are just a couple examples of bad behaviors from children in parks, but most are great. But, the complaints are about SOME dog owners and not most. So, with that reasoning, maybe we should ban kids from parks, too? Or maybe we can require them to be on a short leash. Those opposing are mostly opposing dogs being allowed in parkettes. I can understand that opposition, but not for the parks.

Leo Barker

Location:

Submitted At: 3:48pm 05-18-21

Residents should absolutely have the option to simply go to a park with their dog and relax. Surely it is a form of discrimination not allowing dog parents to use the city parks for their enjoyment also? I mean would you ban children just because parents leave dirty diapers in the city trash cans in the parks or because they scream so loud when they are playing? I implore you live and let live! Maybe have some kind of City Website Page for photo submittals of dog parents not picking up their dog poop?

Matt Tibbetts

Location:

Submitted At: 3:25pm 05-18-21

I think people forget the difference between a dog park and walking your dog through a park. Dog parks are off leash and a very chaotic environment. I have not ever utilized a dog park for that specific reason. Residents should have the option to simply go to a park with their dog and relax. Really simple.

Mara Perscheid

Location:

Submitted At: 3:21pm 05-18-21

Totally support this. Weird it is even a pilot/practice program. There are always going to be bad actors. It's life.

Whitney Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 3:17pm 05-18-21

100% support allowing dogs on leash in specified parks within the City. With over 30 parks & parkettes across our City, it is without a doubt that within each district some parks should allow dogs with their owners. Are some dog owners irresponsible? Of course they are. Just like some parents are irresponsible parents to their human children. If the City is unable to come to an agreement on what parks allow dogs maybe we should consider what parks allow kids? That way we don't have irresponsible parents leaving diapers, toys, food, and trash behind from their child. Just a thought.

Also, I am 100% certain that no one here is a poop expert. The left behind feces... how are we certain that all of that belongs to a dog? Maybe consider coyotes, raccoons, stray cats, other animals defecate too and they don't have owners cleaning it up.

This seems like a silly item to still be discussing. If we were considering wild exotic animals like zebras and lions, we should discuss further... but it's a dog and over 36% of residents in our city have one - that number may have increased drastically since so many people got pets during the pandemic.

Lastly, I am a tax paying resident who also pays for a city license for my dog. I would expect my own City to allow me to take her for a walk in a park.

Yalcin Kaya

Location:

Submitted At: 3:13pm 05-18-21

I believe small parkettes should be kept dog-free. A significantly growing number of people with unleashed dogs are acting like these beautiful parkettes are their own backyards. I've started seeing dog poops in the small parkette close to my house lately and it's very frustrating to see small children playing in such an environment. I strongly support big parks to allow leashed dogs, but strongly oppose allowing dogs in small parks and parkettes.

Sibel Kaya

Location:

Submitted At: 2:43pm 05-18-21

We have many dog friendly parks in Redondo Beach, which are larger and frankly more suited for a dog to run out, play and have fun. The Parkettes with play structures on the other hand, are used by children from age 0 and up, for picnics and playdates. Having dogs urinating over the grass areas and play structure base cause health

risks especially for the younger children. On a leash or not, a dog would act by nature and mark its territory, which we see everyday in our Parkette. As a mother and a dog lover, I would kindly ask you to reconsider your decision and spare Parkettes with play structure for kids. Thanks

Grace Peng

Location:

Submitted At: 2:30pm 05-18-21

North Redondo Beach is park poor and a few irresponsible dog owners are ruining it for everyone. Dog poop is not picked up and dogs are let off leash. If we are to let dogs in parks, then there should be enforcement of leash and pooper scooper rules with escalating fines for repeat offenders.

Can we work with RBUSD to reopen the school playgrounds when school is out? I understand that they closed the playgrounds in response to dog poop. Can we buy cameras to find the perpetrators so that the kids don't have to pay the price for a few irresponsible dog owners?

Dog owners are treating the entire city-parks and other people's private property alike-as a bathroom.

We need parks for people first. Then we should build dog parks in each neighborhood. There should be consequences for irresponsible dog owners.

Monique Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 1:55pm 05-18-21

I support the dogs in parks program. It's a start. Redondo Beach is so far behind the rest of the California coastal cities when it comes to being dog friendly, and for being a city with such a strong outdoorsy culture, it doesn't make any sense in this day and age. There are way too many restrictions everywhere in the city, there is literally nowhere to take your dog. Redondo Beach can have so much more to offer. This pilot program can be the first step in that transition.

There are a few voices complaining of neglectful dog owners and it would be a shame to allow that to stop this much needed amenity. The issues being raised are directly due counterproductive restrictions and lack of dedicated dog spaces. We are active people, yet work and our dogs need exercise. Sidewalk leash walks are not enough for intelligent, active dog breeds. There is only one dog park here in Redondo and it's currently cut in half and 90% dirty dirt. People come from all over South Bay and it gets overcrowded. You can't leave dogs in the car, leashed up outside places, nor leave them at home.

Unfortunately, the way things are, for active athletic dogs we have to commute for hikes, dog beaches and clean dog parks. As for complaints about non-compliant owners, also complaints that the poopy bags are not always stocked. I have a solution:

Depending on how many volunteers can be rounded up, a dedicated group can keep an eye on particular parks. They can provide as inexpensive donations pooper scoopers to be left near garbage cans in the parks. While checking on the park seeing a neglected pile we help each other out by picking it up as courtesy to others. Catching dogs in the act and pointing out to the owner where the scooper is usually works. If not, then eye roll and pick it up letting them know they're not welcome if they can't find it within themselves to be compliant. Having a clear, easy to read sign would help.

Volunteers can also help keep the poopy bag dispensers stocked.

I've seen people who go the extra mile to help out at the dog park. I'm confident there would be interest in organizing this kind of volunteer group if it meant it can lead to a more dog friendly Redondo.

Kevin Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 05-18-21

Dog owners vote too. There are thousands of responsible dog owners in Redondo beach. I will vote against, and actively encourage others to vote against, anyone who supports removing our access to publicly funded

parks. Thank you.

Scott Kaestner

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 05-18-21

I implore you to keep allowing leashed dogs in city parks and encourage you to allow them in all parks. Dogs are beloved members of the families who call Redondo Beach home and thus have the same capability to be so to the community at large. We want residents to use our beautiful city parks and if we don't allow them to bring their dog you're discouraging dog owning families from doing so. These families will then attend parks in other local communities that allow dogs and not only spend time away from Redondo Beach but also subsequently spend money at area businesses outside of our city.

It's best for all if we allow dogs in.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Kaestner

Kristen Schiefer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 05-18-21

Dogs in the park is wonderful! It would be great if a portion of Andrews could be designate for dogs to be off-leash so they could truly play and exercise.

Dave Klatt

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 05-18-21

I do not think anyone has an issue with people walking their leashed dogs in normal parks. The problems is people unleashing their dogs at enclosed parkettes. It is too tempting not to unleash your dog if the parkette is enclosed, we live across the street from a parkette and see it daily. Most of these parkettes have playground equipment and were built specifically for families and children. Attempting to "mix use" the parkettes has only caused neighborhood friction between dog owners and families with children. The cheapest and most rational move is to remove the "dog friendly" signs from the enclosed parkettes with playground equipment but allow leashed dogs at normal parks or lesser used parkettes that do not have playground equipment. It's a win/win...dog owners get more areas for their dogs and families get their parkettes back. The city council could then review the program, and if the dog friendly parks are abused or other issues arise then changes could be made. Thank you

Jesse Murphy

Location:

Submitted At: 6:51am 05-18-21

I support leashed dogs in local RB parks. There needs to be basic enforcement for those who do not comply with the rules.

Abby Burton

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08pm 05-17-21

I agree that the small parkettes should be kept dog free. It seems to me what would work best for everyone concerned is if the larger parks (Anderson, Perry and Andrews to name a few) could have designated areas for dogs, separate from the areas used by people. Ideally, this area could be off leash provided they were fenced off. I think this solution would make everybody happy.

matt scott

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32pm 05-17-21

I oppose allowing dogs into small parkettes that are designed for safe play of small children (small fence enclosed

parks with play structures). There are many dog friendly parks in the area, and many are within a short walk that I am sure most dogs would appreciate. It's unfortunate that irresponsible owners \ people require these rules of segregation, but I am afraid there are many examples of irresponsible owners and most rules of our society are required to discourage deviant behavior. The comments suggesting that dog owner enforcement is the answer are laughable and not a realistic expectation of our civil servants and resources. I've never seen any presence of enforcement at any parkette, nor would I want such a presence of regular enforcement, or the commitment of community resources required for such enforcement. We love all our neighbors and their dogs too, but please walk a couple extra blocks and play with your dog in a bigger space that has been designated for dogs.

Anna Scott

Location:

Submitted At: 9:01pm 05-17-21

I oppose this ordinance, and I would have spoken up before it went into effect had I known it was being considered. Parkettes are small, enclosed areas intended for children. Their design, and the playground equipment within them, is wholly unsuitable for dogs. Dogs (even on leash) are now free to urinate and defecate adjacent to or even on the playground structure, which is on a rubber surface at our local parkette (La Paz). When I think of my two year old playing there now, it's frankly disgusting. I'm also concerned about poorly controlled dogs being in close proximity to very small children. In the past several weeks I've observed many dog owners at our local parkette allowing them off leash and not cleaning up after them. It's only a matter of time before our parkette is unsuitable for children.

Braley Klatt

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59pm 05-17-21

I am writing to oppose dogs in parkettes with playground equipment. I am not opposed to dogs on leashes in larger parks, I am opposed to dogs in smaller, enclosed parkettes where there is playground equipment. I understand the desire to have a more dog friendly areas, parkettes with playground equipment is NOT the place for them. These parkettes are already hard to maintain and having dogs urinating (specifically the wood chips, the foam flooring, and the apparatus) and defecate on them just makes it harder to maintain them and wastes more money on maintenance. In "our parkette", La Paz, there is no water source, no way to rinse off the structures, the benches, nor the grass area. I recently saw a dog "mark their territory" 4 times while on a leash, around the apparatus. Since this ordinance, we have even more issues with dog feces, urination, and flies! Throughout the day the park is widely used. Children of all ages (specifically young children who crawl and learn to walk on this area). While I understand that dog owners want a space for their dogs to roam freely (which they cannot do under this ordinance), again, this is not the place. I routinely see dog owners walk past La Paz. I have asked a good many of them why they do not come in the gated park, and they all say, "this is no place for dogs, there are too many children". What is frustrating, is there is a wide open field just around the block from La Paz (Flagler and Ripley) that would be great for dogs, and two blocks down from that is the dog park. The dog park is becoming an increasingly un-popular area due to its lack of maintenance. I am in favor of finding an alternate solution to this problem. The easement on the 2500 block of Rockerfeller, the bike path near Artesia is a suitable alternative. This ordinance was rolled out in an irresponsible manner (not enough feedback, not one single person I know was asked their opinion about this. If you were to have put up signage around the parks, people would have an opportunity to voice their opinion). Please consider taking La Paz Parkette off the ordinance as soon as possible.

Donna Pattillo

Location:

Submitted At: 3:32am 05-17-21

I think the comments on here are very exaggerated. I live in the middle of 3 parkettes all of which I visit regularly. I have never seen a dog off leash or poop on the ground. I am sure that it happens, but not very often. I think anyone who doesn't follow the rules should be ticketed. If someone sees an owner not picking up poop they should tell them to pick it up. Once called out for it they are more likely to pick it up in the future or to stop going to that park since they will see the same regulars at the park.

On the other hand, I have never had good experiences at the dog park on Flagler. There are too many aggressive dogs there. That is where the owners go who let their dogs run wild and don't pay any attention to what their dogs are doing. Allowing dogs in the parkettes lets them learn to socialize better and also gives children exposure to dogs.

No one in North Redondo has a backyard big enough for a dog to really move around in, and they need to do that every day. Having the chance to spend time in the park with their family is good for the dog as well as the family. I would also suggest that dogs be allowed on the grass (weeds) along the bike path under the power lines. It is just wasted space that no one uses and would be a perfect place for dogs to get a chance to run around a little. (It would also be a better place for a community garden instead of south Redondo where people have yards big enough to plant their own garden).

Michele Oplatka

Location:

Submitted At: 4:28pm 05-16-21

Dear City Council:

We are opposed to continuing the dogs in parks/parkettes trial. Our opinion is based on observations of dog owner's usage of the McNeill/Jaycee parkette.

Our observation is the main use of this parkette is as a person dog park. The majority of owners let their dog off-leash, throw balls or let their dogs roam freely. The bulk of the dog owners use our parkette without the accompaniment of children to exercise their dogs as a substitute for the dog park. It is rare that parents and children along with their dog visit the parkette for a family outing.

Dog owners show up at the parkette with multiple dogs roaming free at the same time on a daily basis. When multiple dog owners use the parkette at the same time, there is significant loud barking that impacts all the neighbors surrounding the parkette. Enclosed are a few sample photos of how the parkette is being used.

One neighbor informed us they will no longer allow their children to play in the parkette because dog owners fail to pick up after their dogs have defecated on the grass. The condition of the grass has deteriorated due to the destruction caused by the dogs. Enclosed are photos taken of the parkette immediately before the trial and again on May 1, 2021.

I hope the city council realizes the fact that local dog owners treat the McNeil-Jaycee parkette as an extension of the city's dog park, located on 190th. The constant violations of the city's policy should be grounds for removing the McNeil-Jaycee parkette from the new dog park ordinance.

Regards, Mark and Michele Oplatka

Dixie Duncan

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 05-16-21

I oppose the continuation of allowing dogs in some of the parks/parkettes in Redondo Beach.

I have observed many people with their dogs in the parks near me, and most do NOT follow the rules.

I also think that many people are confused as to which parks allow dogs – even though signs are clearly posted.

I have seen people with their dogs off leash, with dogs running around like it's their personal dog park, including in parks where dogs are still not allowed.

Perry Allison Playfield is very close to the Redondo Beach Dog Park, but, I had one man even tell me he didn't want to go to the dog park, because the dog park is dirt rather than grass.

I have seen people block ungated entrances to some parks using chairs and other objects, which prevents other people from entering the parks. I imagine they do it so their unleashed dogs don't run out of the parks.

The Perry Allison Playfield grass is becoming very torn up and will soon resemble the Redondo Dog Park if people are allowed to continue using the park as their off leash dog park.

Rein Rapp

Location:

Submitted At: 10:12pm 05-15-21

The comments here and in the public communications/dispatch calls are exaggerated hyperbole and should be put into perspective. While there may be 30 - 40 approx off-lead sightings over the past year. This is a minuscule number in comparison to the amount of dogs whom now exist in RB where the owners are doing the right thing, please note this. This also goes for owners whom do not pick up after their dog. All dogs owners we know are responsible and do strictly collect their dog waste. As a dog owner, I personally hate when someone does not and at times we have had to collect others too. Sure, it unfortunate when we see this happen but there is no poo-pandemic going on, lets keep this in perspective, 99% folks are doing the right thing.

If RB was to roll back this trial and not allow dogs in parks it would be a said state of affairs as this is a ridiculously old rule. If owners are caught not doing the right thing, they should be cited but this is not enough reason to roll back this trial. RB should be more progressive and permanently allow dogs in all parks, just like all our adjacent cities do. As more younger families move into the neighborhood with kids and pets, this city should be a happy place to live without the worry of "where" and "where-not" we can walk our dogs.

KC Spoon

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07pm 05-15-21

Redondo has listened to and responded to requests for a more dog-friendly approach. Since then, there has been a dangerous and beyond frustrating trend of dog owners letting their dogs run off-leash.

Redondo has opened it's arms and welcomed dogs into our parks, with the understanding that DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AND UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. It's on the signage. It's in the City Municipal Codes. People who aren't happy about sharing parks with dogs have had to compromise. We've had to deal with increased need for cleanup, park maintenance, and most of all, vigilance.

And in return? Many entitled dog owners have unapologetically declared our parks leash-free. They have been given an inch and they are taking a mile.

Redondo has tried to help dog owners, and has spent our resident's tax dollars doing it by creating the dog park on Flagler where dogs can run to their heart's content. If that dog park is not acceptable, there are plenty of ways to voice concerns. Instead, they are choosing to just break the law and let their dogs run around in whatever park they choose.

We've all heard it over and over. 'I don't need a leash, my dog is friendly'; 'My dog is trained'; 'He's just playing'; etc. Too many dog owners just cannot think outside their own box and beyond their own dog, so they need to listen up if this is ever going to work:

You let your cute fluffy dog run all over, then the girl with the aggressive husky will do the same. Then EVERYONE is letting their dogs run. The leash law doesn't exist to keep you or your bundle of joy from having a good time. It exists to keep you SAFE. Everyone has to follow the same rules in this situation or it's a free-for-all nightmare of fast, aggressive dogs running side by side with your harmless lap dog. People have been hurt. Dogs have been hurt. Think about it!

It's the responsibility of every dog owner to know the leash law - to stop the excuses, stop the entitlement, stop laughing it off, stop the attitude when caught in the act. Until all dog owners can get it through their heads that dogs in parks is a compromise, NOT a free-for-all, opening up our parks to dogs remains a bad idea.

Gigi Hinsley

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 05-15-21

There are clear signs of no dogs in the parkettes but people disregard them and my child cannot play freely at Sneary parkette. The dogs are big, they are off the leash or on a long leash. In addition to welcoming all the poop that owners already leave on the streets will come into the park. I have to be extra careful when my child plays. Many of us live in a tall and skinny so the parkettes are places for us to stretch out. I feel that if we allow dogs in parks and parkettes without their own section, we will just take away a place that kids and parents can go and play freely without worry.

Fernando Garcia

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 05-15-21

We frequent our park almost every day and every single time we are there, dog owners let their dogs off their leashes, allowing them to run into areas where children play, including basketball courts, green spaces and play structures. Some dogs intimidate people enjoying the park and the owners ignore them, believing their dogs would never bite or hurt anyone. I have confronted some of these individuals and they refuse to leash their dogs, despite those whose dogs charge at me and my family. I cannot guess the intention of a dog running towards us so we have to assume any dog rushing towards us intends to attack.

There is also a problem of dogs defecating in our parks and owners who will not and do not pick up after them. We cannot actively enjoy our own park because we have to be on constant lookout for dog feces. This is a health hazard and unacceptable, given that our parks are so frequently used by children and given that the city itself admits it cannot enforce the requirement that dogs remain on-leash and in control of their owners. Leaving "dog bag" stations in parks won't solve the problem; the problem is many dog owners feel entitled to let their dogs defecate on public property—they would not use those stations in the first place.

Allowing dogs on parks, even on-leash, invites more bad actors than good to our parks. Please rescind this ordinance.

Carine Cooper

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53am 05-15-21

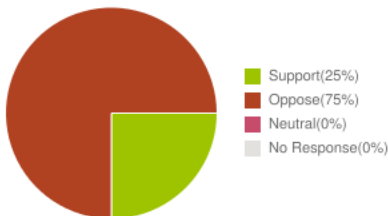
The dogs need to go to the dog park.

The responsible owners don't make up for the ones that let their dogs off lash and poop and walk away from it.

Also I'm tired of having a picnic and an off leash dog around.
That's what the dog park is for..

Agenda Item: eComments for N.2. 21-2515 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACTING TO PROVIDE PROSECUTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

Overall Sentiment



Lee Coller

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 05-18-21

I support this as long as the City of Manhattan Beach is able to pay for these services and there is no impact on our ability to handle Redondo Beach cases.

Monique Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 7:31pm 05-18-21

This can't be. After MB came down so hard to fight having the shelter at Aviation Park. I oppose. We have our own issues to attend to over here in RB.

Gary Shammass

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04pm 05-17-21

What is the benefit to Redondo Beach? Our city already provides shelter, services, and food for the homeless from the surrounding areas. It is time past time for the other beach cities to do their fair share. NOT JUST SEND MONEY. The county needs to also help facilitate this. Redondo Beach should not be the only beach city in the south bay providing services.

MJ Shammass

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54pm 05-17-21

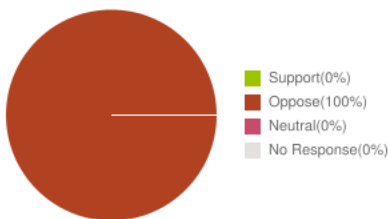
Why does RB continue to provide homeless services for other Beach Cities? What would the benefit to the Redondo Beach community be, hearing & trying cases of crimes committed in Manhattan Beach? Hermosa Beach already contracts out to RB for this service, (sold out for \$16,000 per month, not worth our public safety & our growing homeless population) let's not take on another beach city's problems because they give us money. Manhattan beach already pays and sends volunteers to several RB churches for meal programs, so MB doesn't have to serve homeless in their community. Nice compassion. When does it end? When do we stop taking on neighbor's problems, and start making them step up? Stop taking money from other beach cities, and stop taking money from Janice Hahn, to provide for REGIONAL homeless in our community.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.3. 21-2393 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 2021-2026 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET, THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2026 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND BUDGET RESPONSE REPORTS

SET JUNE 1, 2021 AS THE DATE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

Overall Sentiment



Mark Nelson

Location:

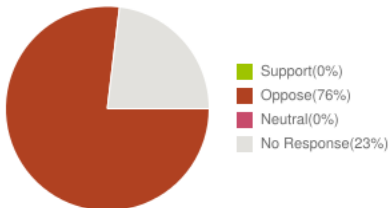
Submitted At: 9:09pm 05-18-21

Any budget items for payments from the City of Redondo Beach to BCHD need to explicitly benefit the residents of Redondo Beach. During Covid, Per BCHD, they spent about \$3M of taxpayer-owner funds on Covid activity from March-to-March 2020-to-2021. BCHD expects to recover about \$1M from FEMA. BCHD services were predominantly for non-residents of the 3 beach cities, with the County of LA reporting that BCHD Covid testing was for 84% non-residents. As such, any payments from the City to BCHD need to be earmarked for Redondo

residents or those that work in Redondo Beach, since left to its own questionable management practices, 6 out of every 7 taxpayer-owner dollars was spent on non-residents by BCHD CEO and Board during Covid per public records responses.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.4. 21-2335 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH LAND USE PLAN AND MAP

Overall Sentiment



Alexander Martin

Location:
Submitted At: 12:28am 05-19-21

In regards to last week's motion--which was approved by Mayor Brand, Obagi, Nils, and Loewenstein--North Redondo would be getting over 1,000 units in the VONS area, Artesia and Kingsdale, and Kingsdale and 182nd.

1. Folks ARE aware that Adams MS, Lincoln ES, and Washington ES are going to be overcrowded because of this.
2. We can't do anything about Franklin ES because Friendship Foundation is building a new community center on the former school site.
3. While Redondo Union HS is already overcrowded at ~3,000 kids (which has been this way since the late 2010s), North Redondo is already in need of a new high school ever since Aviation HS closed down in the 1980s. In fact, North Redondo should have a new 6-12 joint middle and high school in that Adams MS, Mira Costa HS (MBUSD), and RUHS will not be overcrowded in the next 20 years. Suggested location of new 6-12 school: Tech District.

Colleen Otash

Location:
Submitted At: 11:12pm 05-18-21

As a 34 year resident of D4. I oppose the plan that my councilmember has proposed to meet RHNA housing requirements. He has disregarded over 500 emails and hundreds of comments on Nextdoor and his Facebook page in opposition to his housing plan. He even deleted his Nextdoor post because he was getting so many negative comments.

It is inconceivable that our D4 councilmember would put the majority of the RHNA housing in his own district when D4 is already the most crowded district in Redondo Beach. This does not make sense to anyone.

We have stressed continuously that equity is needed in Redondo Beach. New residents moving into our community do not want to live on Artesia Boulevard or by a cemetery and train and bus station. They want to live as close to the beach as possible which is why South Redondo is the best location for the majority of the RHNA housing.

Transportation is of no concern to people that want to live by the beach. They know that there's a sacrifice to living in this area and are willing to add an extra 10 minutes in commuting in order to live in a desirable area.

I see no new housing being proposed in South Redondo at any of these meetings and only additional housing being added to North Redondo.

The council's treatment of North Redondo residents and land is appalling. We deserve the same respect and treatment as you give to those living in South Redondo. We are overcrowded and traffic is already very stressful for us. Unfortunately, if you continue on this path, this plan will be voted down by the residents.

You are putting the entire city at risk by continuing down this road. When the residents vote down your plan, the state will have the option to take control of allocating housing in our city.

We are all better served by having you negotiate and equitably share housing throughout the entire city.

Oren Yuen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32pm 05-18-21

I am registering my opposition to yet another proposal by the councilman (mis)representing my district (D4). The RHNA requirements need to be equitably distributed between North and South. Creating a ghetto in the Tech District is ridiculous. Why is the City even bothering with GPAC & the Planning Commission if they're going to be ignored and the South Redondo cohorts (including Obagi) repeatedly get their way?

Pennie Fien

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22pm 05-18-21

I oppose the plan proposed by city council which inequitably distributes new housing in NR. This will add more density and congestion to an area that's already too crowded. Please listen to your constituents to come up with a more balanced plan.

Mariam Butler

Location:

Submitted At: 9:05pm 05-18-21

I completely disagree with this proposed plan with all the burden put on North Redondo. District 4 is already the most dense populated district along with district one. There should be zero new housing in district 4. I cannot believe this is even legal. Our district 4 councilman, Mr. Obagi, is not doing his job to represent the interests of his constituents. This is highly concerning to me and my neighbors.

Paul Moses

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52pm 05-18-21

Would each Councilmember and the Mayor please explain why it is fair to zone twenty four new homes in North Redondo and zero zero new homes in North Redondo. Please explain why that is fair.

Monique Mitchell

Location:

Submitted At: 7:44pm 05-18-21

I 100% oppose the GPAC land use plan. This whole deal needs to wholeheartedly pivot to fighting state level calculator generated mandates. After everything this city has fought in the recent years and won, I'm surprised I even need to say this.

What would be of best benefit to offset all of the carbon, pollution and congestion is adding trees to create a bird sanctuary for the great horned owls, hawks, falcons, parrots, finches, jays, crows, mockingbirds, hummingbirds, doves, and whatever other birds want to come and nest. GO GREEN. Add beauty.

Mary-Louise Quinn

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 05-18-21

I, too, oppose the plan as currently proposed with all of the burden placed on North Redondo. Mr. Obagi does not seem to be representing the views and interests of his constituency.

Brian Clark

Location:

Submitted At: 3:46pm 05-18-21

There is disparity in the currently proposed plan. I support equal distribution of the units across all districts. Statements about how certain condo buildings are extremely dense are valid. But the additional information that these have no public transportation are reasons to add a bus line, not a reason to avoid any new zoning. I also think that those living in multi-million dollar ocean front condos are not the people who are taking public transport to work. Not all development belongs by public transportation. Nor does a few buildings or pockets of high density mean an entire district is more densely populated. Please determine an accurate population density for each district and find equity. Additionally, use social media as a resource. My sense from reading online is that those in D4 are not happy with their council member's proposed plan. I also have concerns that this plan which placed most units in districts 4 and 5 was added onto by the council member for D1, who only reduced density along PCH in D1. This is a thorny issue and the Council needs to reach a consensus that works for all. Any other outcome will breed division in the community and Council.

David Russell

Location:

Submitted At: 2:09pm 05-18-21

I strongly object to the inequitable plan for housing that CM Obagi introduced at the last council meeting, which was seemingly rubber stamped by the CMs from districts 1 and 2. I was also disappointed that the council did not take a harder look at CM Emdee's proposal, which would have actually shared the burden across Redondo.

The Obagi proposal would cram all the new housing in North Redondo. This would overwhelm already crowded schools and resources. And North Redondo is not in favor—from talking to people in Ds 3, 4, and 5 and looking at the strong reaction on FB and ND it is clear that it has minimal (if any support) in the districts in which the housing will be added. I would ask the council to take a harder look at this issue before signing off on this proposal. It has completely divided the city and needs to be reevaluated.

Susie Kim

Location:

Submitted At: 1:52pm 05-18-21

I am writing to vehemently oppose the unequal housing that is being distributed to D4 and D5. Obagi is not representing our district with the residents best interest. He is NOT listening to his D4 constituents, saying that most of the complaints are from D5, and it seems he has ulterior political motives. He is more concerned about the possibility that the new housing could end up in south redondo than the overcrowding in our schools and not listening to his own D4 residents!!! I am a working mom to 3 young kids that will all attend Washington Elementary and I rely on the CDC there for childcare. Every year they tell us that there is an overcrowding issue and that it could go to a lottery basis. How will the schools and CDC handle all the children when they can barely handle it now? I will be letting all my neighbors and other moms/families know that this is unacceptable. Many are young families like myself and have no idea but are completely outraged when informed of the situation. Obagi is ignoring the complaints, deleting his post on nextdoor due to the amount of complaints, and is not representing our district. I am pleading with the city to distribute the housing equitably. Just because South Redondo is a 'more desirable' place to live (Obagi's own words, not mine.... look at his facebook post... unless he deletes that too) we D4 residents and North Redondo residents do not deserve any less.

Mark Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 05-17-21

To save time, here's a bullet list:

1. Oppose redefinition of PUBLIC land use to include RCFE
2. Oppose RCFE on public land even by CUP unless the RCFE is 100% public owned and operated and charges cost-of-service rents
3. RCFE at market price rent is Commercial land use
4. All RCFE should continue to require a conditional use permit
5. Consider rezoning Kensington to Commercial

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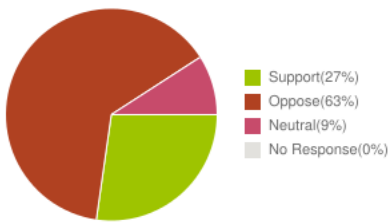
Location:

Submitted At: 5:16pm 05-17-21

There are 297 signatures as of 3pm 5/17 collected in only 5 days helping to voice the discord & opposition to the unequal housing being placed both in District 4 & 5. This will only continue to grow. You cannot ignore the number of persons opposing this atrocity. The residents of NR do not feel they are correctly being represented by all council. We consistently feel our opposition & voice are not being heard & regularly dismissed. We are willing to do our share but not to have this amount of housing added to our area. Galleria was lowered to 300 only to have Obagi recommend & add additional housing right back. Residents made it clear we did not want this housing. This is counterproductive to the wants & more importantly the needs of our community. This much dense housing in one area will cripple our neighborhoods & make it impossible to have any quality of life. It's difficult now with the amount of traffic & lack of parking. It's only getting worse & with the amount of housing proposed will be unlivable. We plead to reevaluate where this housing will be located as many long-standing residents have invested their whole lives, sometime multi-generational into this community. Residents are unaware that this is coming & more needs to be done to bring about awareness of this problem before making these decisions. This was even clearer to me when I started walking door to door with my own neighbors, many who are older & don't have access to things like Facebook, etc. I feel a lot more effort should have been made to inform the residents of an issue with such life-changing ramifications. Residents do not feel they are being represented. They are saying not only to have the person who they thought would fight to keep housing down in NR dismiss their concerns in a very patronizing & egocentric manner. I have never felt so betrayed by my city as in the last meeting. To say that the council members are riling people up because they informed their constituents is appalling. We all have a right to be informed & a right to be heard & a right to have council members vote in alignment with their district's needs. When your district needs protection, you don't offer them up on a silver platter

Agenda Item: eComments for P.1. 21-2510 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2105-045, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

Overall Sentiment



Michael Sachs

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11pm 05-18-21

I could support no-confidence votes and recalls for many elected officials. But, I don't. We have elections for a reason. Please don't waste time and money on recalls and no-confidence votes. Share your views in the marketplace of ideas and work to elect a different candidate next election.

Roosevelt Scales

Location:

Submitted At: 7:15pm 05-18-21

I strongly oppose this resolution. The people have used their voice to elect someone with the fortitude and imagination to try and move away from excessive punishment and old ideas. To build a safe community every needs a voice, resources and options. We are long overdue for something new and we should be supportive.

Kimberlee Isaacs

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06pm 05-18-21

The people voted in George Gascon. Why is this an issue? He was voted in because he is progressive and because of his agenda. There is no need for this process to remove him. In fact it's not Democratic to try and reverse the decision that the people made.

Do not be on the wrong side of history on this one. It is time for change and the people want it and they voted for it. It is not your job to undo that. It is your job to listen to what your constituents want. And they've already told you. So listen and leave Gascon where he is and allow how to make the changes the people want.

Thank you,

Kim Isaacs

Janelle Scales

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44pm 05-18-21

It's unfortunate but not surprising that a city council member in Redondo Beach has issued a motion to vote "no confidence in DA George Gascon." After watching many of you heavily resist just building a few pallet shelters in Redondo for our unhoused neighbors, its clear that progressive ideas, community care and criminal justice reform are not often your cup of tea.

There is a clear link between crime and lack of resources. The safest communities are communities that care for the most marginalized people. They are communities that support the poor. Our current criminal justice system is not just. Poor people face far more severe consequences for "crimes" than people with greater resources, even for the same infractions. Gascon is trying to make a justice system that isn't only just for the rich, but also for the poor. In a time when people are suffering, incomes lost, housing insecure it is no surprise crime is rising. But rather than use time and resources to help people, city officials at the ushering of law enforcement are trying to discredit a district attorney who is trying to make our current unjust system, more just. Don't vote no confidence in George Gascon.

So please have some courage. This is a historic time and you have an opportunity to be on the right side. You don't have to follow the legacy of people who were against progress like confederates and segregationists. You can be on the right side. The side that says " I would rather spend time and money supporting people, not jailing them." Progress will happen with or without you but what legacy do you want to leave. Don't vote no confidence in George Gascon. Be courageous.

Lachmi Malhotra

Location:

Submitted At: 5:41pm 05-18-21

I strongly oppose the City Council expressing a vote of no confidence against DA Gascon. DA Gascon was voted into office for his perspective and desire to change the current system. As a Redondo Beach resident, I hope our City Council would not waste any further time on a no-confidence vote against a District Attorney who has the support of many.

Karen Roseberry

Location:

Submitted At: 5:32pm 05-18-21

Thank you so much for taking up the Mayor and Council agenda item P.1., the consideration of Resolution No. CC-2105-045 a vote of No-Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. While this is largely a symbolic vote being considered, the symbol that it represents is a step of protection for a system of government that holds elected officials accountable.

Much talk is often given about Gascón having been elected. In that discussion it is imperative to identify that for which he was elected. He was elected to the office of District Attorney to prosecute offenders of crime. While he

does have discretion over which cases will face prosecution, that is supposed to be based upon the evidence brought forth in each particular case. His discretion does not extend to a refusal of blanket unwillingness to prosecute any number of crimes found in the penal code – including resisting arrest, prostitution, and trespassing. These laws have been passed to protect law-abiding citizens and ensure a quality of life that all Angelenos should be able to enjoy.

The directives issued by Gascón unilaterally and summarily dismiss prosecution of any number of crimes that the legislature and the voters have enacted, and such is a grave abuse of power. As such, it is essential that other elected officials serve as check and a balance upon this abuse. Gascón was elected to office to enforce the law, not to change the law and selectively determine which laws are to be enforced. If he believes the law needs to be changed then he needs to become legislator, but as a District Attorney his job is to ensure equitable enforcement of the law as written.

As city council members you have been elected, and are committed to the Mission Statement, “to providing the finest services to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, visit and play in our community.” The policies of George Gascón undermine these objectives and warrant a vote of “No-Confidence.”

Please help us to send a powerful message that this is not what a District Attorney is supposed to do and please vote “No-Confidence” in George Gascón and his perilous policies.

Muriel Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 05-18-21

I strongly oppose this resolution. Gascon was elected because people like his positions and want something different, not the same old status quo.

Lee Coller

Location:

Submitted At: 3:34pm 05-18-21

I strongly support this resolution. Gascon's policies have encouraged criminals and are contrary to California law. They have made us less safe. Criminals know that they will not be prosecuted for certain crimes, and in fact even if arrested will be let go before the arresting officer even finishes filling out the paperwork. We've seen numerous cases in the last few months of criminals being arrested multiple times in the same day due to zero bail policies of this DA, which were rejected by the voters via the defeat of Prop 25 in the same election Gascon was voted in. I also note that he did not win any of the south bay cities. Officers in our own police department have stated that the policies of this DA have resulted in an increase in criminal activity. While a DA does have discretion in individual cases based on evidence and circumstances, he does not have discretion to violate his oath of office as this DA has done. Please provide a vote of no confidence.

Lee Coller, Redondo Beach Resident, District 3

Wendelyn Julien

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 05-18-21

I am a resident of Redondo Beach, a parent of a child in RBUSD, and an expert in youth development and criminal justice reform. I strongly oppose the City Council expressing a vote of no confidence against DA Gascon. DA Gascon was elected by a clear majority of the voters of the County and his positions on criminal justice reform are based on research and science, not to mention his decades of experience in law enforcement. It is far overdue that we move towards a society where we address people's basic needs, address victim's needs (which he is actively doing), and focus on rehabilitation instead of vengeful, ineffective, expensive, racist incarceration strategies. Let's follow Gascon's lead and build a community where we invest in schools, mental health services, housing, and jobs. The City Council should focus on those crucial topics and not waste time and effort with meaningless no-confidence votes against a DA who is intent on making our County a safer place for everyone. Let's make Redondo Beach a city moving toward a future that is stronger and safer for everyone, not stuck in policies of the past.

Lisa Falk

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52pm 05-17-21

I support the RB City Council expressing a vote of no confidence in LA Co DA George Gascon. His directives that support criminals over victims make our County less safe for regular, law abiding citizens. Thank you for considering a vote of no confidence.

Mark Nelson

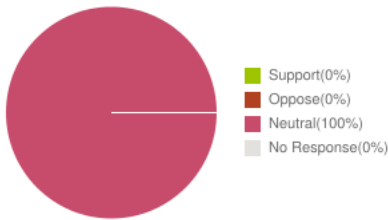
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Submitted At: 3:34pm 05-17-21

I do not take a position, however, I encourage the Council to use its best collective judgement and support whatever outcome is determined to best serve Redondo Beach residents.

Agenda Item: eComments for P.2. 21-2511 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE APPEAL REQUIREMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION OR HARBOR COMMISSION TO COUNCIL

Overall Sentiment



Matthew Hinsley

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11pm 05-18-21

The time for someone to appeal should be increased from 10 business days to 20 business days and the fee to appeal reduced from \$500 to only \$250 or \$100.