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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2022

J.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

From: Stop BCHD
To: Michael Webb; CityClerk
Subject: Public Comment - Brown Act and Comments to Planning Commission
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 4:19:48 PM

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On page 12, of the Brown Act Handbook (2019) by RWG Law, it states "[t]he Brown Act mandates that every agenda for a regular meeting provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. § 54954.3(a)."

There is no further elaboration regarding whether addressing the body is oral, recorded, printed, by email or some other process. As such, it would appear that the City of Redondo Beach is in violation of the Brown Act by failing to allow the public to address the Planning Commission by withholding public comments from them regarding the BCHD development project.

If the City has a different view, this is a formal request for documents that support the City's position.

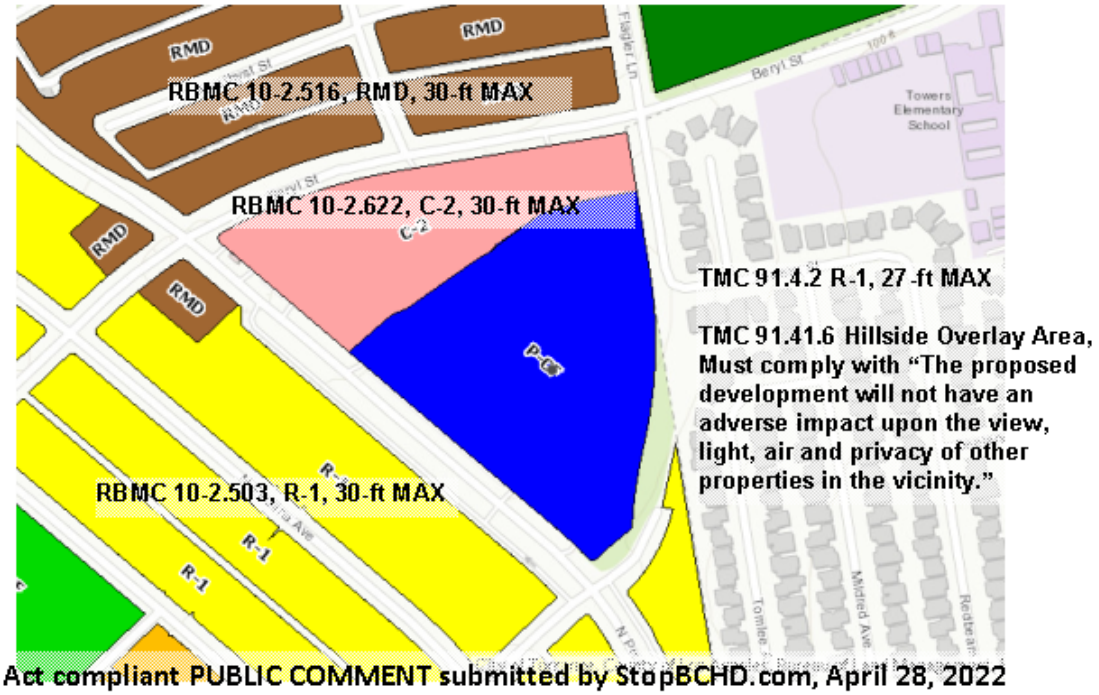
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From:	Stop BCHD
To:	CityClerk; cityclerk@torranceca.gov
Subject:	Public Comment - City Councils and Planning Commissioners
Date:	Thursday, April 28, 2022 9:34:04 PM
Attachments:	image.png

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Brown Act compliant Public Comments for next available public meeting of the City Councils and Planning Commissions of Torrance and Redondo Beach.

BCHD Planned 109.7-ft Above Beryl & Flagler Streets Perimeter Location Design is Incompatible and Inconsistent with Surrounding Property as Demonstrated by Torrance and Redondo Beach Municipal Codes



Brown Act compliant PUBLIC COMMENT submitted by StopBCHD.com, April 28, 2022
For Torrance and Redondo Beach City Councils and Planning Commissioners

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From:	Stop BCHD
To:	CityClerk
Cc:	Brandy Forbes; Michael Webb
Subject:	Public Comment - Mayor and Council
Date:	Sunday, April 24, 2022 10:12:22 AM
Attachments:	SAMPLE - Gmail - Public Comments - BCHD Pre-Conditional Use Permit.pdf Missing Comments in the 4-21-22 Planning Commission Public Record.PNG

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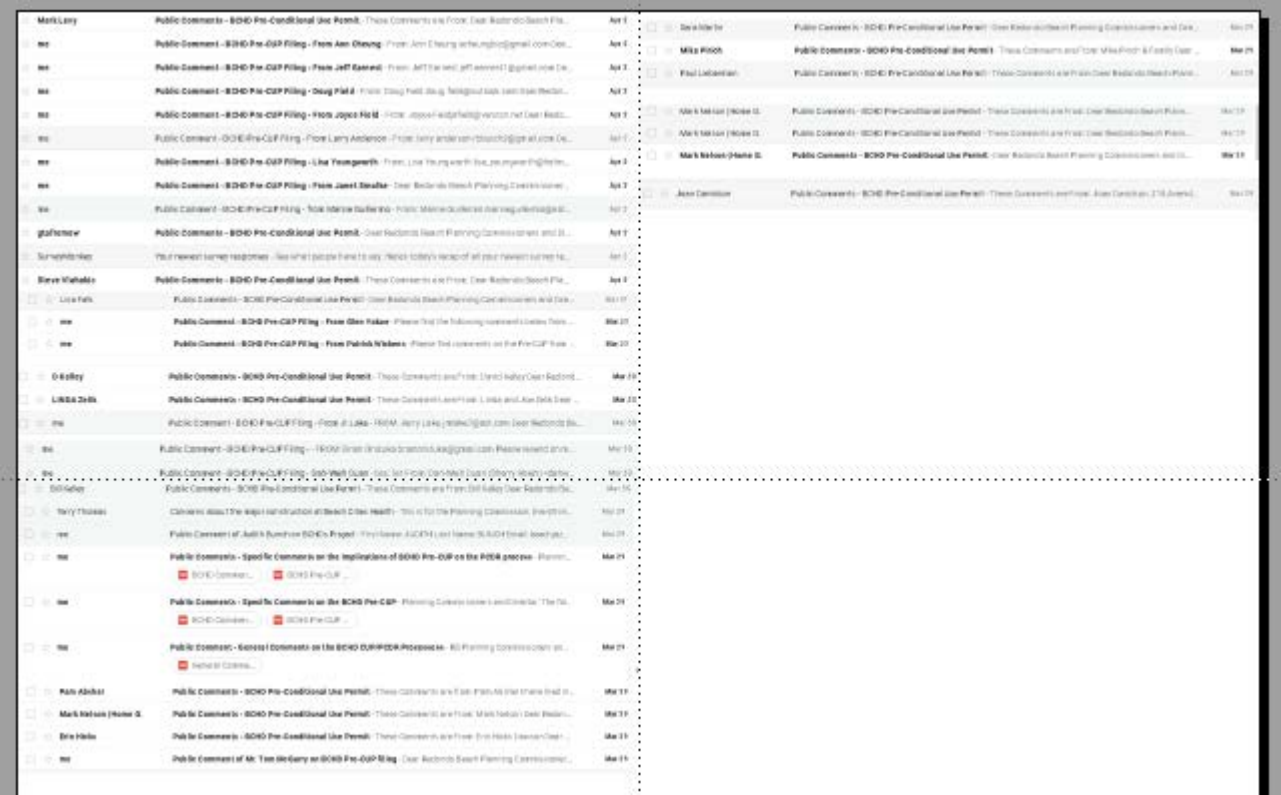
The following are public comments from members of the public regarding the commercial development on the publicly owned BCHD site provided as a non-agenda item to the upcoming City Council meeting.

The following links are to: 1) One sample set of comments that was provided to the Planning Director and Commissioners by Email following the prior meeting in March and 2) a screen print of bcc's and other copies of emails to the Planning Commission. These comments need to be entered into the formal record, provided to the commissioners, and published.

Sample Comments although many are different or customized
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ymTMFXSwApoX5KLl--z0FYswlBwbYT3V/view?usp=sharing

Screenprints of Missing Comments (that are known as BCCs - approx 37 known - we expect there are more) https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cntw7Lq7Jm5o6zo2RNOw0e_fSAF13cUL/view?usp=sharing

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Gmail Stop BCHD <stop.bchd@gmail.com>

Public Comments - BCHD Pre-Conditional Use Permit

1 message

William Sams <ajsams12@gmail.com> Mon, Apr 4, 2022 at 4:07 PM
To: Brandy.Forbes@redondo.org
Bcc: stopbchd@gmail.com

These Comments are From: Jennifer Sams, concerned neighbor impacted by this over building.

Dear Redondo Beach Planning Commissioners and Director:

I have the following comments on the BCHD pre-conditional use permit filing that contained project details the public had never seen before.

Overall, the project is not compatible or consistent with the surrounding property, it does not protect property values, and the elevated site that is 30-feet above surrounding properties is not being respected. As a result, the site is not suitable for the project as proposed.

Please add my comments to the public record and use them to reshape the project, or if need be, to deny the conditional use permit entirely.

Thank you.

My comments are at the following links to avoid having to send large PDFs by email. If however you cannot download them, please email me and I will have the PDFs sent to you one at a time to assure my voice is heard.

Detailed Comments on BCHD Pre-CUP Filing
https://bit.ly/BCHD-CUP-1

Detailed Comments on BCHD Pre-CUP PCDR Filing
https://bit.ly/BCHD-PCDR-1

RBMC CUP Ordinance Comments Grid
https://bit.ly/BCHD-PreCUP-Grid-Comments-1

RBMC PCDR Ordinance Comments Grid
https://bit.ly/BCHD-PCDR-Grid-Comments-1

General BCHD Policy Comments
https://bit.ly/BCHD-General-Comments-1

From:	Mark Nelson (Home Gmail)
To:	CityClerk; Brandy Forbes; Michael Webb
Subject:	Public Comment - Shielding Public Comments from the Planning Commission
Date:	Sunday, April 24, 2022 1:49:41 PM

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Mayor, Council, Planning Commissioners, City Attorney:

It has come to my attention that the Planning staff plans to allow only 10 days of review for all accumulated public comments by the Planning Commission regarding the BCHD CUP and PCDR, while Redondo Beach General Planning Advisory Committee Chair Biro, who is also the holder of a $300,000 no-bid advocacy contract from BCHD will have unfettered, non-public access to the Planning Commission, as well as illegitimate influence on GPAC. Planning staff has stated "[a]s such, our office will follow the standard practice for all project applications of compiling public comments and including those in the agenda packet for the Planning Commission meeting at which time the matter will be considered."

That asymmetry in influence and information flow is far, far outside the intent of the Brown Act.

Planning staff apparently needs to be directed to enter public, non-agenda comment into the public record on a meeting by meeting basis to remain in compliance with the intent of the Brown Act.

From:	Barbara Epstein
To:	CityClerk; Bill Brand; Todd Loewenstein; Nils Nehrenheim; Zein Obagi
Cc:	Cameron Harding; Kelly Orta; Mike Witzansky; Hal Light
Subject:	J-1 Public Participation On Non-Agenda Items
Date:	Tuesday, May 3, 2022 1:50:05 PM

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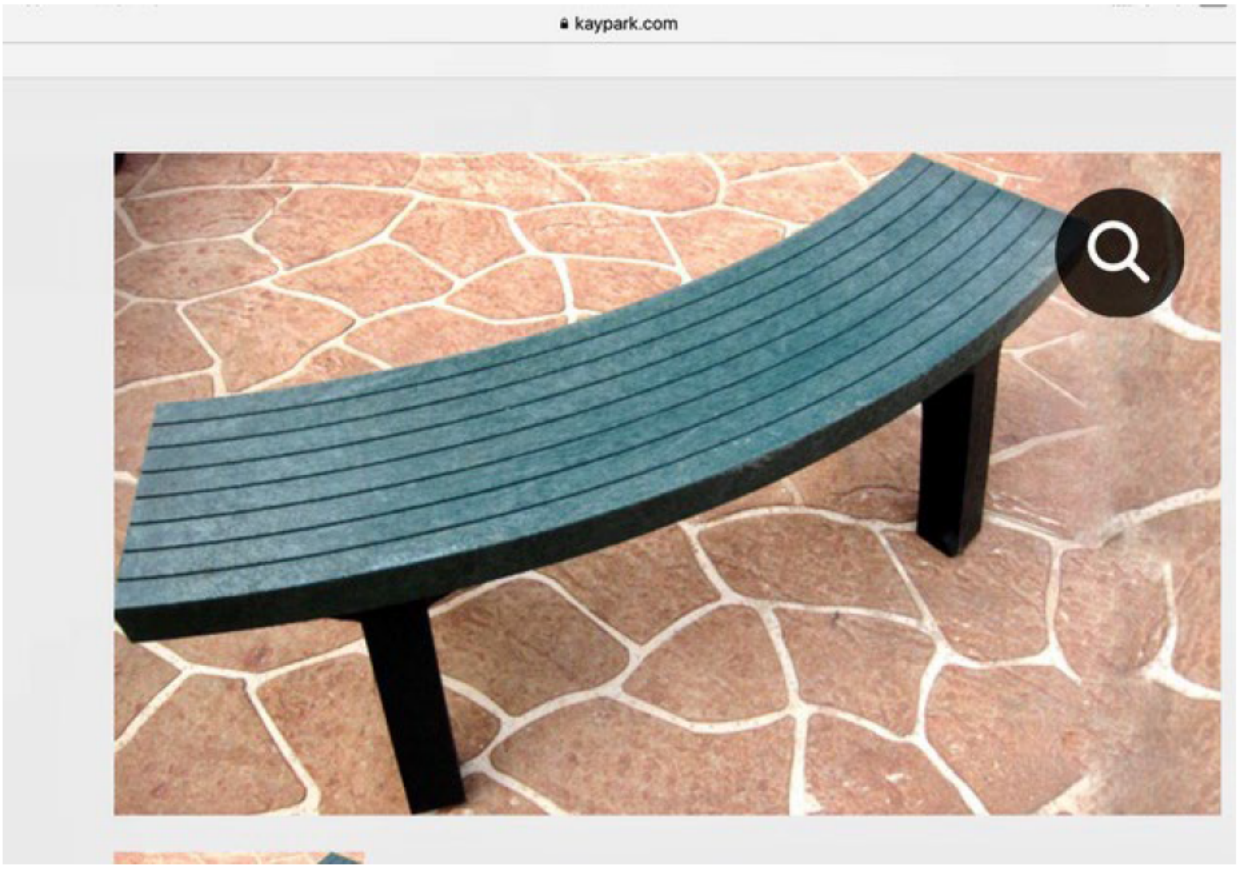
Dear Mayor Brand, Councilman Loewenstein, Councilman Nehrenheim, Councilman Obagi, Community Services Director Harding, Recreation and Parks Staff Leader Orta, and City Manager Witzansky,

Back in the1980s I was the founder and president of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Horseman's Association, advocating for the preservation of trails and equestrian zoning. In this role, I joined in association with all the other local environment and ecology organizations in the South Bay, where I met the president of the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society, Lillian Light. By the time the 1990 Earth Day was looming, Lillian had formed the "Environmental Priorities Network," appointed me to the Board, and asked me to be the co-chair of the big Earth Day celebration we were planning at Palos Verdes High School. You just didn't turn Lillian down.
As the years went on I helped Lillian at the many events she organized to benefit the environment, such as our yearly Solar Energy Fair in Palos Verdes, and countless seminars.
One time she asked me to give a lesson in her monthly education program, "Sharing Nature With Children" at Wilderness Park here in Redondo. You just don't say "no" to Lillian.
That was the first time I had been to Wilderness Park. I did my lesson on "Pet Rocks" under the trees at Sycamore Camp. There were many lessons that day under the trees, given by many environmental experts.

So why am I sharing all this?

It is because I wanted to donate a bench to Wilderness Park in Lillian's honor for all the years she held "Sharing Nature With Children" there, under the trees.

We started before Covid. John LaRock, Lillian's son, Hal, and I, settled on a design like this, because John said any bench we donated could not have a back. We thought we'd donate a few to provide seating in a semi-circle.
Right then John left our city, Covid came in and locked us out, so our plan stalled.
When Covid lifted, we were between Community Services Directors, but Staff did their best to try to help.



When the park opened again, we contacted the City again, but were told this design was no longer available because they were not using that company any more.
Public Works said that we only use the company that makes cement benches. But, we did not believe that ordinary cement benches would be aesthetically appropriate for Wilderness Park. We suggested wooden, or wood-like benches, to fit the "wilderness" of the park ambience.

I saw these, and thought they would be more appropriate.
The second one has the benefit of carrying the inscription right on it, instead of having to create a separate plaque nearby. I hope all three photos come through. The third might have disappeared.

My "ask" today is to help Hal and I to complete our bench donation to the park in Lillian's honor. All who ever knew Lillian would understand why this is so important to us.

Many Thanks,

Barbara Epstein

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