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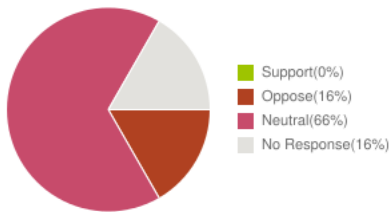
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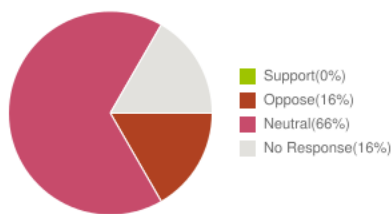
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J.1. 21-2234 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public	2	0	0	2
N.1. 21-2244 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CALENDAR SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH DRAFT LAND USE PLAN AND MAP AND THE DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT	3	0	1	1
O.1. 21-2271 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY'S LOCAL EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO COVID-19	1	0	0	1

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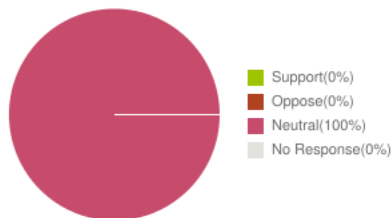
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Agenda Item: eComments for J.1. 21-2234 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

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Matthew Hinsley

Location:
Submitted At: 6:57pm 04-06-21

Congratulations to newly re-elected Mayor Brand, Councilmember Nehrenheim, Councilmember Loewenstein and City Attorney Mike Webb. Over the next 4 years you have the time to see through your priorities and continue to advocate for the residents of Redondo Beach. Congratulations to city attorney Mike Webb on your re-election to another term protecting the city.

For city council member Gran thank you for your service to the city and the residents of District 4. It has been a pleasure getting to know and interact with you and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. I am sure

you will continue to do great things.

To newly elected city councilmember Obagi congratulations on your your well earned victory and election to represent District 4. I look forward to your contributions to the city and the fresh perspective on the council. Best of luck to all of you and know that the residents of Redondo Beach are looking to you all and counting on you to do what is right for the city.

Michael Sachs

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 04-03-21

I'd like to thank all the candidates for their participation in the March 2nd election and congratulations to those who's ideas resonated in the marketplace of our political debate.

I was honored to receive 8% of the vote which equated to \$1.17 per vote (I only spent \$1300 on the candidate statement) as opposed to others spending \$3-5 a vote and more. My main message is that we can have political campaigns without the influence of money. I'm sure all the candidates would agree they would rather be working on solving the issues facing their constituents than dealing with the process of raising campaign money, documentation relating to campaign money, and responding to charges from the opposition of illicit use of campaign money. Continue to work to get money out of our politics and, in the near term, improve the transparency of campaign finance.

Many issues deserve your attention. Here are a couple-

Aligning our elections- We should align our elections. SB 415 was well intentioned. 43K Redondo residents voted in the Nov. 2020 national election but only 14K voted in our city election on March 2, 2021. If we don't align our elections, we are disenfranchising the majority of Redondo Beach voters. Please find a path forward to align our elections.

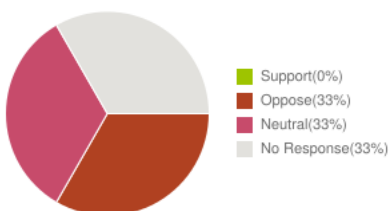
Cannabis- In 2016, 65% of Redondo Beach voters approved Prop. 64 (The Adult Use of Marijuana Act). In January 2018, cities all around us licensed dispensaries which are experiencing relatively few negative affects while generating substantial revenues. Our city could use this cannabis generated revenue. Please license a couple cannabis dispensaries so we may implement the will of the people.

Thank you all for your service to our city, I've interacted with all of you and I believe you all want what is best for our city. You all understand the honor the voters have bestowed upon you and the responsibility you shoulder relating to public safety and managing sacred tax payer money. Please continue to respect each others views and promote a collegial environment even when discussing our most contentious issues. Your words and actions influence many.

I wish the Mayor and the City Council much success and good health.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.1. 21-2244 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CALENDAR SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH DRAFT LAND USE PLAN AND MAP AND THE DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT

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Bob Pinzler

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02pm 04-06-21

The problem with Item N1 is that it assumes that the GPAC process has reached the point where it has in a fair and open manner. It has not.

At the last meeting, after more than two years of work seeking consensus, the staff "helicoptered in" an alleged resolution of an issue that we had been dealing with all along: that of how our zoning might deal with the issue of affordable housing. It is an issue that has plagued California for decades.

Suddenly, in a knee-jerk response to alleged threats from state officials, the staff indicated that zoning changes needed to be made without further consideration. This is a classic staff ploy. Let the public play while they figure out what the ultimate result will be. (You might want to watch an old BBC show called "Yes, Minister" to see this in action.)

I understand that the question in this agenda item is whether two or three meetings will be necessary to unravel this issue and come up with what the next steps will be. I believe it will be three at a minimum, if it is going to be part of a regular agenda since the details of these issues will be complicated and, frankly, contentious.

I would suggest, in its place, that you hold a special meeting just for this. No other agenda items. No closed sessions. That would allow us all to air our opinions and you can best decide the proper direction for the future.

Thanks.

Robert Gaddis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 04-06-21

As a member of the GPAC, I can tell you that we were ambushed at the December meeting. We spend two years carefully negotiating the future land use across Redondo Beach, real planning, and all of that was thrown away at the December meeting.

A consultant was brought in to run the December meeting, and subjected our prior, set decisions to a series of up or down votes to allow high-density residential development into our neighborhoods. Such decisions impact our city forever into the future, generating traffic congestion, stressing city services and finances, including police, fire, and infrastructure, overcrowding our schools, blighting our neighborhoods, and causing a myriad of other problems.

Such important, permanent decisions for the future of Redondo Beach should have been subject to proper public notification, but they weren't. They were forced as up-or-down votes in the dark of night, many past the scheduled end of the GPAC meeting, when some members had already had to leave to attend to family responsibilities.

We spent two years and many hours of our time and hard work to agree upon workable plans for Redondo Beach, and one night of forced votes pushed on us by some consultant we have never heard of turned all of our efforts to illegitimacy. I cannot endorse or recommend the results of the GPAC or the staff report that claims to be the results of our work.

Let me suggest that the City Council devote 3 meetings to carefully review the real work we did as the GPAC, and not the slapped-together, rushed, and ill-considered document reflecting that one night in December when these votes trashing our work were pushed through.

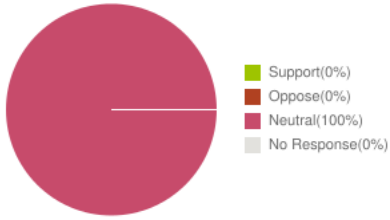
April Kubby

Location:

Submitted At: 2:54pm 04-06-21

What is the City Council's role regarding the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)? I am particularly interested in the GPAC decisions that will affect businesses on 182nd St & Kingsdale Ave.

Overall Sentiment



Lina Portolese

Location:

Submitted At: 2:28pm 04-06-21

This comment is submitted on behalf of both the PSA and CEA unions. Re-opening City offices to the public requires careful deliberation regarding not only public access but the general office environment for city staff. We recommend that in-person services be a two-phased approach. The health and safety of staff should be the priority. The first phase should include staggered work schedules, clear protocols for masks, social distancing, sanitizing, and the proper use of shared spaces. Internal protocols should be consistent between departments and diligently monitored. Consideration needs to be given to those staff members who have been unable to obtain the vaccine, have health concerns, or care for vulnerable individuals. The second phase should include appointment-based public access with a specific point-person managing the City office lobbies and libraries. Visible signage, floor stickers, and enforcement of safety procedures by either a Management team representative or law enforcement, needs to be addressed. Public waiting areas should be created outside the City offices. City offices should not be open to the public until we have established and tested the schedules and protocols for City staff. The PSA and CEA Boards recommend that office schedules and protocols be established in the month of May, with a re-opening to the public on an appointment-only basis not occurring until June, at the earliest.