

# City Council on 2021-08-03 6:00 PM - VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Time: 08-03-21 18:00

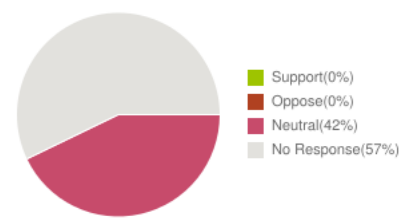
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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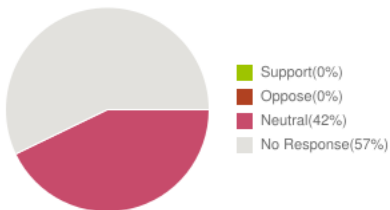
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H.9. 21-2748 APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT 21-22/4-A WITH BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000 AND FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,813 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2021 THRU JUNE 30, 2022	1	0	0	0
J.1. 21-2829 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public	5	0	0	2
O.1. 21-2832 STATUS REPORT ON CITY SERVICES AND PHASED REOPENING OF CITY FACILITIES DUE TO COVID-19	1	0	0	1

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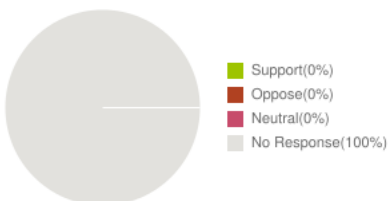
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### Laura Zahn

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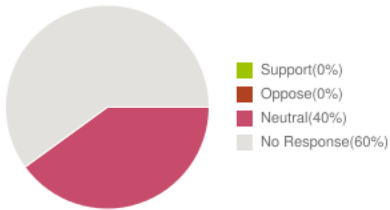
Submitted At: 11:27am 08-02-21

Interesting that... BCHD is "Awarding" GRANTS utilizing TAX PAYER funding, AS the major portion of BCHD's Budget comes FROM property taxes in the THREE Beach Cities and THEN... awards them TO a property tax financed department? Does this make ANY sense? Does BCHD also "award" Grants to Manhattan and Hermosa

Police/Fire Departments OR at least to Departments that are not operated by Los Angeles County? Are WE the PROPERTY TAX PAYING residents of Redondo Beach supposed to BE IMPRESSED that BCHD is “awarding” grants with OUR money even IF it is for our Departments/residents?

Agenda Item: eComments for J.1. 21-2829 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

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**Erin Fleming**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57pm 08-03-21

Has anyone considered modifying the lights at Artesia Blvd and Rindge Ave? There are so many accidents at this intersection and probably due to north and southbound Rindge traffic. If you would consider having just southbound turn and go straight and then have northbound Rindge Ave take their turn for turning and straight traffic.

I ask you to assess this intersection and alter the lights for more safe traffic movement in this intersection.

**Chris Voisey**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25pm 08-03-21

It was very troublesome to hear this week about the seven charges filed by the California Bar against Councilman Obagi.

It reminds me of a time about two years ago when Mayor Brand and Councilman Nehrenheim prematurely accused me of violating an ethical issue that was not finalized by the court, demanding my removal and ultimately requesting my resignation from the GPAC. The “ruling” they referred to at the time was preliminary, not finalized. The same ruling that the Los Angeles Courts later struck down by a panel of three Judges. It turns out the wording was not that of the court but instead crafted and written by the team representing Mayor Brand. Any use of these false allegations is now considered defamation and an inappropriate attack against me.

Fast forward, and now we have the case of Councilman Obagi. To be clear, a Judge has already found Obagi guilty and ordered the repayment of the misappropriated funds plus attorneys fees, plus expert witness costs (BC667767) to the amount of \$710,000. Further, the State Bar has now charged Obagi with moral turpitude and SEVEN counts of ethical violations (SBC-21-O-30528). These charges are significantly more than the false allegations publicly accused by Obagi’s key endorsement and running mate, the Mayor. I demand the resignation of Councilman Obagi immediately, and I hope this be a lesson that moral turpitude is not acceptable within any of our elected or appointed positions. It is time for Redondo Beach to stand up and not take this and other actions by our fragmented Council that think they rise above not just morals but the law. We are one community that should be getting along. But be clear, if you violated the law, you should suffer the consequences. Likewise, the question of ethics is clearly spelled out in this case and is not tolerable.

Let’s bring Redondo Beach together to create ONE Redondo! Together. Unified and with proper representation from a Council that speaks for the people, not their self-interests.

**Lezlie Campeggi**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:21pm 08-03-21

Since there is a comment intending to solely cast Council Member in bad light, please give equal time by reading the Blue Folder item submitted by Mr. Obagi. Here are some of the salient points he makes:

It is important to note the Bar website: DISCLAIMER: Any posted Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Conviction Transmittal or other initiating document, contains only allegations of professional misconduct ... presumed innocent until charges have been proven.

The allegations are that I did not disburse monies to an individual who was a former client (which is defensible), and instead wired monies to my client's new attorneys' client trust account on his demand, that I represented one client against a former client without informed written consent. I vehemently deny the Bar's characterization and charges, and have retained a career State Bar prosecutor to defend me.

The events transpired between 2017 and 2019. Partners in one aspect of a cannabis dispensary hired me to represent the dispensary in a sale. I did ... eventually, the buyer breached the agreement. While gearing up to file suit, the partners had a split. One partner told me to continue represent the other. I did, not having any confidential knowledge that would give unfair advantage by having me as his counsel. After the most rigorous, active litigation of my career, the case settled on the record before the judge presiding over it.

In the leadup to the deadline, I got married and went on my honeymoon. During that time, senior counsel at my firm consummated the dispensary sale ...

With disputes as to whom the money belonged, I deposited \$532,000 with the Superior Court in an interpleader action. The rest I remitted to the person to whom Cullen said it belonged.

In the Dominguez suit, my insurance-appointed counsel was ineffective: did not do discovery and did not designate an expert. Dominguez was awarded a \$700,000 judgment which insurance paid. I filed suit against my former counsel but the State Bar seeks to use the state court decision that resulted from my prior counsel's ineffective representation against me in this proceeding. We will fight this to the end, and expect to prevail.

**Erika Snow Robinson**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:10pm 08-03-21

I call for the immediate resignation of Mr. Obagi, who has been found by a Superior Court Judge to have committed serious ethical breaches (SEVEN OF THEM!) in Case#BC700046 Dominguez v. Obagi, et al., so much so, that in the Statement of Decision,

at one point it says (and I quote): "Here, Dominguez has proved that Obagi breached his fiduciary duty of loyalty. In fact, it is difficult to

conceive of a greater breach of the duty of loyalty than an attorney who sues his former client in the SAME MATTER in which the

attorney formerly represented the client." It also states: "More significantly, Dominguez has suffered damages because Obagi

put the interests of Cullen and himself above those of Dominguez and failed to pay Dominguez the \$515,000 he was owed."

This act of moral turpitude (a phrase which describes an offense or crime that is vile or an insult to morality and typically involves fraud,

dishonesty or anything that goes against the norms of society) is most disturbing and if this is how Mr. Obagi conducts himself

professionally, then in my opinion, he cannot be trusted to act in the best interest of our residents and I ask that he step down

immediately as a city councilman.

**Michael Sachs**

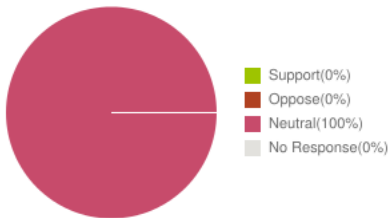
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Submitted At: 2:51pm 08-02-21

I hope you are all having a good and healthy summer. From 8: 00 pm July 11 to 4 :00 am July 12, approx. 17 million gallons of raw sewage were spilled into the ocean from the Hyperion Plant in El Segundo. The Department of Public Health did not send out a formal public notice until around 5:30 p.m. July 12. Please add your voices to the chorus of others in demanding answers of how the failures relating to the release from the Hyperion Plant and the delayed notification from the Department of Public Health occurred. Please let the LA County Board of Supervisors know that these failures are unacceptable and our city and other cities in the South Bay request timely results and solutions from the investigation so these failures never happen again. Thank you for your service to our city.

Agenda Item: eComments for O.1. 21-2832 STATUS REPORT ON CITY SERVICES AND PHASED REOPENING OF CITY FACILITIES DUE TO COVID-19

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**Lina Portolese**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 08-03-21

This week, the phased reopening included City staff being asked to come back into the office daily. However, with COVID case numbers now surging back to the high levels seen last winter, City Council and Management should consider reimplementing staggered office schedules for staff, as we had been doing throughout the pandemic. Should an employee be COVID positive, staffing City Offices at full capacity increases the exposure risk across the organization. It would be a wise decision to return to reduced office capacity. Offices do not need to be staffed at full capacity to serve the public. Additionally, it will truly not serve the public if a significant number of employees in a division become infected and cannot work. Lastly, by requiring staff to come in daily rather than allowing remote work, staff will now likely take leave if they need to stay home to care for family members, rather than working from home as was afforded to them previously. This results in reduced productivity. I encourage you to consider returning City offices to staggered scheduling for employees, to not only protect employees, but to ensure that you'll actually have employees healthy enough to continue serving the public.

Lina Portolese

City Hall Employee

RBPSA Board Member