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To: "Ron Sharkeez" <ron@sharkeez.net>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:46:13 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov>; Suja Lowenthal <suja@hermosabeach.gov>; Carrie Tai <CTai@hermosabeach.gov>
Subject: Last night...

Ray, Justin, Mike, Rob, Dean, Suja and Carrie,

I've attended a lot of City Council meetings over the last few years (almost every meeting this year). I've been called names on public comment, shamed for what I was wearing, accused of hurtful and wrong claims... and yet last night was the most devastating meeting of my Hermosa residency. I woke up today completely empty. I'm crying as I write this and not ashamed of it.

I know it's just about 50 people who mostly don't know what they're talking about. Next time I'm bringing the renters to the meeting. I'm enraged. I know you all know me well enough to know how I feel about this. I'm grateful for your leadership, but I hope that when you discuss this again with residents, that you remember the NIMBYism that's happening here and not cave to the idea of "not here, but maybe over there." My generation lacks housing, period. Our City staff, business staff, and community of volunteers cannot afford to live here. If we surveyed the people in the nonprofits, the people who volunteer at events, the parents, the people who spend their money in our businesses... they are mostly people who cannot afford to buy here. If we continue to give platform to people arguing property values, we are sending a message to the people who make the character of this town.

Anyway, I posted the below on Facebook. I hope you think of me EVERY SINGLE TIME you talk to a homeowner who is mad about a church trying to build some place for a person to live. **That person might be me.**

Last night sucked. I am EMPTY.

If you missed the City Council meeting discussing the housing element, go watch it.

I know people in here are mad about me saying your disagreement with the POTENTIAL of putting multi-unit housing on the St. Cross properties is NIMBYism, but it is!

Many Hermosa home owners showed up last night to say "not in my back yard." Why? Because a multi-unit building will affect their property value. It will bring in too much traffic. It will congest parking. It's not what they want in their idyllic neighborhood.

Guess what folks, you live in a 1.4 sq mile town. You cannot avoid the future and protect your block from growth. You cannot say "not here, but how about over there."

Our town is 55% renters. We have a majority here... but none of them showed up last night. Why? Because we all know that property values are what matters most to the people screaming "not in my back yard."

I appreciate the good points council members made (and past council members) but we still caved to the argument of "not in my back yard" simply because people wanted it to be in someone else's backyard. We gave them two more weeks to see if they can find someone else's backyard to check the state's boxes. Isn't that infuriating? I LIVE ON **REDACTED** and I want this to happen and we're so lucky to have St. Cross not only offer to keep their property and keep giving to this community but also want to build housing for someone like me.

Yes, there's charm to Hermosa. Why? Because this was home to surfers, musicians, young people, volleyball players, farmers, dreamers, and TONS of people who lived here because they love the land, but not always because they could afford to buy here. There's a reason in 2023 we're still a mostly renters town. The culture here is eclectic, community-driven, and precious.

The average age of a Hermosa resident is 40. I think only one person who spoke last night was 40 or younger and he was on the right side of the conversation.

What's even more frustrating is that I didn't recognize a single person who ranted about St. Cross building a multi-unit building. None of those people serve on the handful of nonprofits I know. None are donors to the community events we organize. None have run for Council or sit on commissions. None are Chamber members. I've never even seen any of them at Council meetings. If community is so important to you, how come you're not involved in your community?

I DESERVE TO LIVE HERE. I cannot believe I have to say that out loud. BUT I DESERVE TO LIVE HERE. I'm livid.

WE MUST BUILD MORE HOUSING.

<https://fortune.com/.../housing-market-affordability.../>

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City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:30 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)

Meeting Time: 08-08-23 17:30

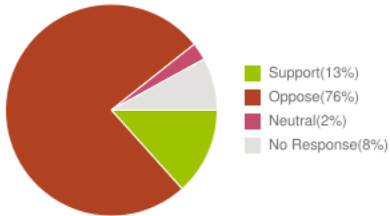
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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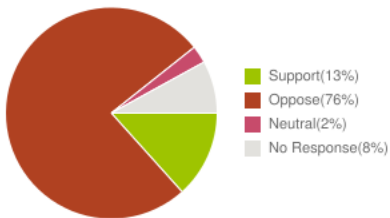
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Sentiments for All Agenda Items

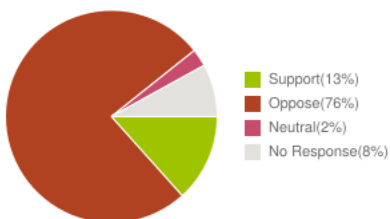
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Overall Sentiment



Laura Pena

Location:

Submitted At: 2:58pm 08-08-23

Is More Housing GOOD or BAD for Hermosa Beach? YES

The reason why this question is so confusing or hard to answer is because it depends on who you ask. The better qualifying question is WHERE is more housing GOOD or BAD for our city. The Housing Element attempts to satisfy the states required Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers of 558 units, but WILL it move the needle in a positive direction on our housing crisis? It has the potential to help alleviate the demand for housing but it also has the same potential to change the landscape of our residential neighborhoods.

I am a resident and business owner who has attended every single meeting in the last 2.5 years on the housing and zoning topics. I've read all the updates to the policy plan, technical report, draft text amendments, etc until my head explodes. It's a lot for any one person to consume and fully understand at the last moment. With that said, I am so glad to hear and see my fellow community members come out and voice their opinions on such an important matter. Housing affects ALL of us! The housing crisis we are in today is an accumulation of policy decisions that have artificially restricted housing development in many of our California cities. We can change that tonight, if we provide thoughtful feedback with meaningful context:

1) DENSITY: I've heard from many community members how we are "all built out" or "too dense" in our city. Considering we rank as the 21st dense city in California that would almost make sense to come to that conclusion and state it as a meaningful data point. But here is where we need context. According to the Hb Economic and Market Study Update (2021), our daytime population as a percentage of our residential population has declined by 13% compared to Manhattan Beach (+12%) and Redondo Beach (-10%). Our downtown commercial business feel this density decline especially during the off season. If the question on WHERE to advocate for smart, responsible housing development than look no further than our commercial districts. But, its not enough to support mixed-use we need building standards that don't encourage teardowns.

2) CONSERVATION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES: Unfortunately, the current draft zoning text amendment that is not included on tonights agenda item does not incentivize commercial property owners to retain their existing structures. It applies R-3 building standards to the residential portion of commercial structures. We would like to avoid the need for major disruptive construction or demolition of entire buildings in our downtown by allowing the existing structure to retain setbacks and building standards of the underlying commercial zone.

3) HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: What about the concept of "filtering?" New construction is more expensive and allows for more housing in the luxury market. The old take on filtering is we will build expensive units and then in 20-30 years it will be cheaper and undesirable. We need a more robust understanding of filtering. More often than not, the individuals who are moving into these units are people that live in the community. Thus, they leave their home that allows for others who live in the community to upgrade their living conditions, creating additional vacancies. Considering our rental population is 55%, we have the potential to allow filtering to take place, but we just need to more build units where our community can all benefit.

An issue is that we see the high luxury units being built and the high prices but we don't see the chain of moves being released all the way down, that relieves pressure on the lower markets and when you talk about housing as far as shelters its absolutely essential. Research has shown the effects of this chain of movements...There is a real seen and unseen component to this issue. If you were to allow 10-12 units of market rate houses to be built...then 5 years later you say, "see it didn't help more affordable housing units to be built." But what you don't see is the pressure that has been released at other levels of the housing market.

I could go on and on, but I will stop here. Thank you all for listening and making your voice be heard!
Laura Pena

Todd Mackey

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 2:53pm 08-08-23

I urge the city rescind the proposed R-3 designation for St. Cross Church. Please find other more suitable sites for low-income housing in the city. Realtors and residents had just two weeks to find alternate sites and located three potential sites. There are more out there. More than 2,100 local residents have signed a petition asking the city to block any high density apartment complex at the St. Cross site. A project like this will increase traffic, density and parking issues in our residential neighborhood. We do not have enough road infrastructure to support adding 66 additional units / an estimated 120 additional cars coming in and out on Gould or Pier Ave. Please do

not ignore the concerns of residents and stakeholders, and the voters that you were elected to represent.

St. Cross Allocation is Not Realistic and Shouldn't be Accepted by the HCD

St. Cross Church is on record saying they will maintain a fully functional church so the City's RHNA allocation of 66 units on their site is impossible and unrealistic. An allocation of 66 units would require use of every square inch of St. Cross' 2.5 acre site for development. This constitutes an Existing Use that the city must factor-in to the Housing Element. There is no getting around this. State HCD clearly demands realistic solutions saying: If the inventory identifies non-vacant sites to address a portion of the regional housing need allocation, the housing element must describe the additional realistic development potential within the planning period.

Utilize Sites Less than 0.5 Acre for Realistic Solutions to Housing Needs

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board to justify sites in commercial corridors with less than 0.5 acres (small sites) as a core strategy to meeting the RHNA numbers. Manhattan Beach's Housing Element was just approved with small sites. Hermosa Beach simply does not have enough greater than 0.5 acres sites. We are the 21st most densely populated city in the state. We are 1.4 square miles.

Stand-up to unreasonable one size fits all state low income housing requirements by developing a housing plan based on realistic solutions not empty promises. The city should rescind its plan to upzone St. Cross to R3 and come up with realistic RHNA low income housing numbers as required by law.

Concerned Resident

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 2:45pm 08-08-23

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th.

Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,100 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone. Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

Rita Gerace

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 2:37pm 08-08-23

Hello Mayor Jackson and members of Council. I speak from a few different perspectives on this agenda item. First as a homeowner, my wife and I were fortunate enough to purchase our home 12 years ago this month all thanks to a down market. Being able to afford to buy a home now in Hermosa is not an option! Even with us being a double income household. Why? Because we have a lack of inventory. Another perspective I speak from is being a landlord. The home my wife and I live in is a 4plex...we rent out the other 3 units as a way to help offset our mortgage and add additional income to our monthly. Sadly, even with double income and rental income, that still does not provide us the opportunity to purchase an actual home to raise a family in. We have managed to live in a small two bedroom 615 sqft apartment for 12 years and we have accepted that in order for us to purchase a home here, we would have to sell...which is not an option. I have helped 3 of my tenants purchase homes over the past few years, however, those homes weren't anywhere near Hermosa. Keep in mind, my tenants have well paying jobs in engineering. Why because we have not only an inventory problem, but we have an affordability problem. Lastly, I speak as a Realtor, who has first hand knowledge and experience dealing with buyers struggling to afford to purchase and struggling to find inventory. Year over year it's only getting worse, WE NEED MORE INVENTORY. We need more mixed use. We need more creative ways of adding to our housing supply. Here's a fact, LA County is 800,000 housing units short of what we need to provide housing for our current population. Frankly, I find it disturbing that there are several comments both written and public from "agents" who are opposed to more housing. How can we be in this industry and be against opportunities for people to be able to not only afford to buy, but to have the inventory to do so? I'll end with saying I am in full support of this housing element as proposed. Hermosa is supposed to be an inclusive beach city open to all. Not a NIMBY elitist that only allows for the ultra privileged or those who inherited to be homeowners.

john smith

Location: 90254, hermosa beach

Submitted At: 2:34pm 08-08-23

We applaud your collective work, over decades, to make Hermosa Beach a truly magical place to live. In that context, we are shocked by the proposed changes to zone and code rules which will have a very detrimental effect on many southern Hermosa Beach residents and change the lovely character of our city.

While we have no objection to more housing, nor live/work spaces, it seems to us that the proposed changes around Cypress Avenue, as drafted, are hugely inconsiderate to local residents, homeowners, and business owners alike, and will materially worsen the character of the area. The proposed changes to Clause 17.28, together with lot consolidation and density bonus rules, will result in:

- Incongruous, tall buildings with high density,
- Loss of the craft, skills-based small businesses around Cypress, like art galleries, design studios and hand-crafted surfboard makers,
- A significant increase in traffic, acutely concentrated in this area, and
- High pressure on parking in the surrounding residential streets.

The proposal to actively breach the principle of the 30/35 feet height cap, which was fought over and established after very wide consultation over 30 years ago, and has since become cherished and regularly enforced, is very likely to represent the start of a gradual erosion of this principle over the entire City.

And consider the inequity of allowing this now, for a few developers, when having denied it to thousands of homeowners for 40 years. The suggested new limit of 45 feet for the Cypress area should be withdrawn outright.

Further, the drafting changes to clause 17.28 which seek to strike out existing requirements which force developers to care about residents' lives should stay in place for Cypress Avenue, like they do everywhere else.

We urge City officials, Planning Commission and Council to reject these proposals, as drafted, and take time to consult more widely with those who live and work in Hermosa Beach.

Howard Laddendum

Location:

Submitted At: 2:23pm 08-08-23

ADDENDUM:

In regards to the following earlier e-comment, I have Today, received a reply to the email submitted to Hermosa Beach City Attorney Patrick Donegan and as mentioned, if I received same I indicated I would post such. Mr. Donegan's reply is thus copied below my email to him at the end of this e-comment. Please review.

Howard L.

Hermosa Beach City Council and Others:

All should understand that there is available a Referendum process, whereby the City's electorate who may not agree with the City Council's vote approving a particular 'legislative act', do have available to them the 'Referendum' process (which is different from and much simpler than the 'Initiative' process).

The people have 30-days after the so-called 'Adoption' by the City Council of a legislative act by their City Council to obtain signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters on a Referendum petition, which then when completed and submitted to and verified by the City Clerk will require the City Council to soon-after take up an item at a council meeting to either repeal the subject 'Adopted' legislative act, a Resolution or Ordinance, or to submit same to the city's voters for an up or down vote.

Quite often one might say, well if the Council's vote is reversed by the people, then the people will be stuck with a

state imposed law or mandate causing something much worse than the action of the City's Council by reason of given time restraints or other.

While that may or may not be true, such debate after a successful Referendum may well result in a far more useful outcome regardless of its net result.

The people should never throw in the towel because of politics of one political option being worse than the other. The city government and the state government is in fact still the people's government, but you'd hardly know it anymore.

Nonetheless a couple of days ago I sent the following message to the City's young Hermosa Beach City Attorney, Patrick Donegan. He's supposedly well-versed in zoning and land use issues per the BBKlaw website, and in the past when I'd send brief questions to former City Attorney Michael Jenkins, I would receive a prompt reply. Why I have not received a prompt reply from Mr. Donegan to these two simple questions (copied below) I have no idea.

Nonetheless I believe the answers to the two questions I asked of Mr. Donegan in the email are simply, Yes.

Following then is a copy of the email I sent to City Attorney Patrick Donegan. Perhaps he will send me a reply on Today, August 8, and if he does I will post an addendum e-comment. Perhaps Mr. Donegan could also briefly indicate to both the Council and the public the process of Referendums in the interest of transparency as there apparently is an interest in the subject.

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Early Sunday, August 6, 2023

To: Hermosa Beach City Attorney Patrick Donegan.

Re: General Law City Legislative Acts / Referenda

Mr. Donegan,

It is my understanding that the Adoption by the City Council of amendment(s) by Resolution to the City of Hermosa Beach Housing Element (HE) are legislative act(s) and therefore subject to Referendum(Referenda).

Could you please confirm that this is correct.

Also, it is my understanding that while Adoption of Resolutions do not require "Introduction", but only Adoption, nonetheless the subsequent zoning change text-amendment ordinance(s) to meet the objectives of the adopted Housing Element (HE) do require both a 1st-reading 'Introduction' and a 2nd-reading 'Adoption' (to be a minimum of 3 days later), and with the Adoption of such ordinance(s) also being subject to Referendum(Referenda).

Could you please confirm that is also correct.

Thank you,

Howard Longacre (Hermosa Beach resident)

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----- Hermosa Beach City Attorney Patrick Donegan's reply email start -----
(possible typos – as received)

Mr. Longacre,

So I am not going to answer the below questions directly as in my opinion in constitutes providing legal advice. That being said, I will posit that I am not aware of any authority that exempts legislative acts related to the Housing Element from the referendum process. However, there could be some nuance there so the City reserves the right to review and analyze and referendum as they come in.

Yes, the Zoning Code amendment will be done via ordinance and unless it is done via urgency ordinance, a first and second reading will be required. Thanks

-Pat

----- Hermosa Beach City Attorney Patrick Donegan's reply email end -----

Denise Anello

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 2:21pm 08-08-23

Please listen to the community and get this right and don't move forward with what you have now!!!! The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone. Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa! Do not approve the Housing Element tonight as currently proposed. It needs to be modified and updated to address the community's concerns. Don't rush a decision. Get this right for the future of our city!

Truman Polich

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 2:18pm 08-08-23

I strongly oppose the rezoning of the Holy Cross church property.

Tara McNamaraStabile

Location: 90254
Submitted At: 2:16pm 08-08-23

Hi, I'm not completely informed about this issue, but from a resident POV, the St. Martin's project is at odds with community wishes. I think most people here would agree that we'd love to meet the challenge to find more housing that is affordable, which will keep Hermosa true to its nature as a chill, unpretentious beach town where the community is a cross section of economic diversity. On the other hand, this particular location will bring too much density in a small area and unlocking the height limit is a Pandora's box the residents would like you to KEEP CLOSED. Living in the southwest corner of Hermosa, we have plenty of apartment complexes and townhouses, and from a people perspective, it's not an issue -- we generally get along, are friendly to each other, and try to keep the noise down; And, when I bought my house, I knew that I was buying into an area where there was multifamily housing, so when one house is razed and two or three put up in its place, I don't feel the rug is being pulled out from under me, as the residents in the proposed area are feeling. Where there are problems comes from car traffic and parking -- and that's the product of the continual allowance of putting two or three housing units on one lot in an area not set up for it. That's where the density creates chaos and even rage. You have to consider the "footprint" of adding bodies, even if that footprint means wheels.

I was participating in conversations and ideas two years ago to the state's mandate for affordable housing solutions, and at that time, those solutions included allowing Pier, PCH and Aviation businesses to allow housing above. That's a solution! Or, what about rezoning office buildings on PCH and Aviation to allow them the ability to transform into apartments? Perhaps you've looked into this, and I'm just not aware -- but at a minimum, allowing a developer to build up 5 stories in the middle of a historically single-family residence area is not what city residents want, and this should be eliminated from the conversation.

In the meantime, if the church lots are for sale, is it possible to do something creative with this space that would bring joy to the surrounding neighbors and the city as a whole? For instance...and you know where I'm going with this....put it on the ballot for the city to buy it from the church and transform it into a pool for our community? That would be a problem solver on many fronts, including providing a safe place for our kids to learn to swim, our athletes to practice, and our seniors and neighbors with disabilities and injuries to get exercise that does NOT require a car to get there. If that's a road you'd be willing to go down, please let me know -- I'm happy to do some work on this front to find out how we could make this happen! Thanks Councilmen, I know you'll make the right decision!

Marla Clemens

Location: 90254, HERMOSA BEACH
Submitted At: 1:55pm 08-08-23

To all members of the Hermosa Beach City Council,
Please hear and heed the message voiced by so many residents in this community, who you were elected to represent, by rejecting the version of the "Housing Element" under consideration tonight. The plan shows a lack of wisdom in protecting and maintaining the unique character of our community while trying to meet a state-directed need for housing. We can and should do better for the future of Hermosa Beach!

Sarah Hwa

Location:

Submitted At: 1:43pm 08-08-23

I am opposed to the Housing Element in its current form.

Please come back with an updated plan the community supports.

Dunham Stewart

Location:

Submitted At: 1:34pm 08-08-23

Please oppose the Housing Element as drafted.

Please listen to your constituents who live here in Hermosa Beach. Don't be pushed around by Sacramento. There are plenty of cities in the State that are pushing back!

Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,100 people have signed a petition against the current plan. The City has time to complete, as long as the city shows it is working in good faith to respond to HCD.

Other cities have pushed back and not been fined.

Do not let this happen on your watch. Once rezoning takes place in a "spot" manner, it will change the city and can't be undone!

The results of your choices, will be reflected by the community response in the next election (referendum or recall).

Your community is counting on you.

dulin erickson

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 1:09pm 08-08-23

It has come to my attention that the City Council is voting to upzone residential properties to meet State Mandates for increased housing. The St. Cross property is an example allowing overbuilding in an already dense area of the City. 4 and 5 story structures just would not work and cause traffic and parking problems which are already at maximum.

Believe you should vote no on the upzoning and fight the State as Hermosa Beach is already one of the most dense cities in California. The State could add housing in less developed areas such as Riverside, San Bernardino etc.. Fight for our community and we will back you. Great opportunity to make a stand with other Cities (Huntington Beach, Palos Verdes etc.).

If you want to add housing you can use the Dresden Model of building retail on the street level and residential above along PCH. This will bring more revenue to the City. There are numerous properties available. You could

achieve the 558 requirement with this Model. You should not rush into this. You could add as opportunities come up.

The entire City should ban together to do the right thing.

Thank you for your service.

Dulin Erickson

ps: been a resident for over 40 years and have run or contributed to Baseball, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Schools, Sister City etc.. Have three kids and now working with the grandkids.

Aubrey Brown

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 12:57pm 08-08-23

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Andrew Gawdun

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53pm 08-08-23

Aloha Mayor Jackson and members of the City Council. My name is Andrew Gawdun and my husband Bryce Toney and I are the owners of curious... gift shop and current renters here in Hermosa Beach. Bryce has been a resident of Hermosa for 30 years and I have been a resident for 11 years. Besides our business being run in town we shop locally and dine locally 90% of the month. Now that we have our growing family, we have of course been on the house hunt to purchase something of our own here in town. As we all know the house market is ruthless. The cost of a single family home is laughable and most of the the time gets swooped up by someone outside of the community. SO we rent. Which we are totally fine with.

However over the last few years we have watched as many properties have either a change of ownership that brings extremely higher rents or are purchased and torn down for another concrete box for a personal family home. The best part is many of these newly built homes are not for full time residents, which is fine but then we should be looking at having space for renters to continue to reside in our community. We can point out many homes on our very own street that have not had people in them beyond a totally of 1 month this entire past year. With all these basic observations it only makes sense that we need changes to the housing elements here in Hermosa Beach. It is true that we are a very densely populated community already. But that does not mean we should continue on the path we seem to be going where we are pricing out families and making it impossible to live as renters and not owners with huge bank accounts? Again there is nothing wrong with being financially comfortable but that doesn't mean you get to run the show.

On the island of Kauai, HI there is a negative inventory of housing. You might not think that's possible, but it has happened. Many people who once could afford or even grew up there have had to leave the island and find homes else where. This has happened for many reasons but the number one is the amount of rentable housing has been neglected and not created.

One of the best parts of living life is diversity. Making changes to the housing element in town can allow families like us who contribute daily to the city to continue to do so. It will also allow the diverse cultural landscape we say we support and want to be here as well.

Again we ask you support more housing as we do fear that in the future we will be priced out of Hermosa. Please

think of me when you make housing decisions. We want to live in Hermosa forever and continue to be a part of a community that we love. Thank you for consideration.

Leonardo Rodriguez

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 12:43pm 08-08-23

Dear Hermosa City Council,

Please do not move forward with the proposed height limit change in the M1 zone from 35' to 45' as it would be extremely damaging to surrounding residential properties and sets an unacceptable precedent. As an example, at 725 Cypress (immediately behind my home at 702 Loma Drive), if a new 45' structure was built there, it would tower over our home that is 30' high. The height increase came out of nowhere since the last draft and should be removed from the zoning text amendment. This height is not allowed anywhere in town. Why is it being suggested here?

Lot consolidation:

Approving and allowing lot consolidation could have terrible consequences for the character of our community. It would create situations where over height buildings could be built virtually anywhere in R3 or commercial zones to the detriment of surrounding property owners. It's ripe for abuse, needs to be removed as an incentive and only granted in the case of full review by the Planning Commission.

State laws grant projects containing 5 or more units density bonuses (which don't have to conform to height limits, setbacks, parking etc). Current City ordinances say State law supersedes local law, including density bonus lot size minimums. Therefore, it appears that 2-3 lots with a total of 6,600 sf (5 units x 1,320 sf per d.u.), if combined in an R3 zone, would qualify for density bonuses by including just one affordable unit under State law, and therefore be allowed to go over height by two stories. This isn't possible now because Hermosa's typical individual lots are too small to put 5 or more units on them. You'd be enabling random over height buildings all over town by promoting lot consolidation. 5 story buildings next to 3 story buildings? You might as well throw building standards out the window and let people build whatever they want!

As an Emergency Healthcare Worker in this community and working just a few miles from our Hermosa Beach home and interacting with members of our community every single day, it's disheartening to see some people proactively promote drastic measures which are detrimental to property owners and the character of our community. Especially those that aren't even mandated by State law. State preferences or guidelines are not law.

Hermosa is one of the most densely populated cities in the entire state: #21 of 1,517 cities. We're already doing our part to house people.

Please protect Hermosa, get us back on track and represent the voices of property tax paying residents who have invested in our town. Residents don't want mid-rises!

Leo Rodriguez, MD

Scott Frantz

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 12:37pm 08-08-23

To all Hermosa Beach City Council Members:

Parking, driving, biking, e-biking and even walking within Hermosa is already a major concern but you're putting forward that we add to our problems by adding density. Doesn't seem like a well thought out plan. Hermosa Beach is dense enough.... And you're proposing to become more dense, why?

Why bother with zoning? If we are just going to warehouse people then we might as well make the whole city one zone. The overreaching with regards to zoning is extraordinary and must be tempered with much more input. The rewording is being done with a very broad brush. Please slow down and involve the good people of Hermosa Beach, not just the developers and money grabbers to have a voice. Zoning in the past had mandates and

precautions to protect residential areas and clearly defined those boundaries. Now it seems that there are no mandates or protections for residence whatsoever.

Height restriction should be limited to the 30 feet, possibly 35 feet that is already on the books and should not be open for further discussion. No loopholes, no special exemptions. The height limit is the height limit.

Maybe this HB should join the other HB (Huntington Beach) in telling the state no that this should be in the hands of local legislature.

We said No to Oil maybe it's time we say No to Sacramento.

Scott Frantz
310-383-9767
scottish9000@earthlink.net

Eric Fleury

Location: 90254
Submitted At: 12:21pm 08-08-23

I oppose the rezoning of the St Cross properties. If the church wants to sell any or all of their properties so be it, its their right as property owners. That said to allow their properties to be rezoned to R3 will only encourage large developers to come in and buy them and then build some monstrosity that will negatively affect the surrounding community. Please do not approve the housing element in its current form.
Sincerely HB resident 30+ yrs and South Bay resident since birth.

Jennifer Pankow

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 12:15pm 08-08-23

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Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,100 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

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N Markota

Location: 90254, HERMOSA BEACH
Submitted At: 11:54am 08-08-23

Dear Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed exemption of large residential housing units from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a concerned resident of Hermosa Beach, I believe that maintaining the application of CEQA to large housing developments is essential for preserving our community's well-being, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life.

The potential negative effects of increased population density resulting from large residential housing developments cannot be underestimated. High-density housing projects have the potential to strain our existing infrastructure, including transportation systems, schools, and healthcare facilities. This strain can lead to increased traffic congestion, overcrowded public services, and decreased access to essential resources for both current and future residents.

Moreover, large population density can have detrimental impacts on our environment. Open green spaces, clean air, and access to nature are crucial components of Hermosa Beach's unique charm and appeal. Increasing population density through exempted housing developments could lead to the depletion of these green spaces, loss of biodiversity, and disruption of local ecosystems. The increased demand for resources could also intensify pollution, contributing to air and water quality degradation.

Exempting large residential housing units from CEQA oversight would send the wrong message about our city's commitment to environmental stewardship. CEQA serves as a crucial tool for ensuring that development projects are undertaken responsibly, with careful consideration of their potential impacts on our environment and community. By exempting these projects, we risk undermining the principles of transparency, accountability, and sustainability that CEQA upholds.

Instead of circumventing important environmental safeguards, I urge the Hermosa Beach City Council to prioritize smart and sustainable development that aligns with the city's long-term vision. It is possible to strike a balance between meeting housing demands and safeguarding our environment. I encourage the council to explore alternative approaches that encourage responsible growth and respect the principles of environmental protection.

In conclusion, I implore the Hermosa Beach City Council to reject the proposal to exempt large residential housing units from the California Environmental Quality Act. Let us stand together to ensure that our community's future is characterized by thoughtful, sustainable, and environmentally conscious development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Julie Curtis

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 11:50am 08-08-23

As a Hermosa Valley homeowner beneath the classroom building of St Cross By the Sea for more than 20 years, I can tell you that every sound made in that building carries across all of Hermosa Valley. We can hear conversations, choir practice, applause from meetings...the acoustics of this valley are unique. Of course we don't mind the happy sounds of church activities. But we have an understanding among the neighbors that sound is an issue and we try to be considerate of one another in that way. A high density housing situation would impact the lives of all the human, animal, insect and bird residents in our valley quite negatively through noise pollution. The ancient sand dune that separates us from the church hosts owls, herons, migrating ducks, and a variety of other birds, butterflies and native plants that would likely be forced out by high density housing.

Also, we already lose our light earlier than other residents of HERMOSA BEACH because the dune is high. Expanding building height limits would cause us to lose our light by 3pm most of the year. In addition, the dune is made of sand. Construction would cause erosion of the dune, and it would likely tumble into our yard. Planting trees to create separation would create even more loss of light, potentially affect the ecosystem of the dune, and it would demand irrigation--in at a time when we're all looking for ways to conserve water resources.

An Environmental Impact Report must be completed to study the unavoidable environmental impacts to the hillside and the neighborhood before any Housing Element is approved.

Terri Dunn

Location: 90266, Manhattan Beach

Submitted At: 11:44am 08-08-23

"I am opposed to the Housing Element in it's current form. Please come back with an updated plan the community supports."

Joanna Holtmeier

Location: 90254, hermosa beach

Submitted At: 11:26am 08-08-23

My husband and I are opposed to the Housing Element in its current form. Please come back with an updated plan the community supports, one that is more sensible and pragmatic.

Julie Christensen

Location: Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 11:13am 08-08-23

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Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. Please, at the very least, put off the vote this evening and take some time to really understand what is at stake here and look at some of the alternate sites for building that staff has not shared with the council. Also, please take some time to look at the Housing Element Report recently APPROVED in MB...there are a lot of APPROVED ideas in that report that are not being communicated to you (City Council) that could also be used in Hermosa Beach. Thank you.

Julie Christensen

Sheri Harding

Location: 90254, hermosa beach
Submitted At: 10:51am 08-08-23

I am opposed to the Housing Element in its current form. Please come back with an updated plan the community supports.

Deanna Bradshaw

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 10:35am 08-08-23

Please do NOT approve the House Element plan. Comprehensive community input is needed. If you care about Hermosa's sense of community, then don't rush into this ill-conceived notion that isn't a real plan.

Trifko Polich

Location: 90254, Hermosa beach
Submitted At: 10:31am 08-08-23

I am writing to respectfully request a reconsideration of the approval for the Housing Element scheduled for August 8th. Our local neighborhoods are currently experiencing high population density, coupled with a recent surge in criminal activities such as robbery and vandalism. Regrettably, the HBPD lacks sufficient resources to adequately address these concerns. Our primary worry revolves around the safety of residents and the safeguarding of properties. It is our fervent hope that the preservation of Hermosa's unique character takes precedence, along with the best interests of our community encompassing residents, business proprietors, and property owners. We kindly urge you to prioritize the distinct identity of Hermosa and the well-being of our town, considering the challenges we already face due to our dense population. It's important to note that the bureaucrats in Sacramento may lack firsthand knowledge of Hermosa's situation and its current population density.

Tim Vick

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 10:28am 08-08-23

This proposal will permanently change the quality life in Hermosa. Additional density will result in more pollution, more noise, more traffic, less parking - more people filling the remaining open spaces, and more people competing for services. Keep Hermosa Hermosa.

Lori Polich

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 10:22am 08-08-23

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Chris Keene

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 10:11am 08-08-23

I am opposed to the Housing Element in its current form.

High density, low income housing should not be located in an area with multi million dollar single-family homes. If this plan proceeds, the \$10+ million collective diminution in value those property owners will suffer should be recognized as and compensated by the city as a taking under eminent domain.

Instead, the project should be located where the city was planning to put the oil drilling infrastructure (the city yard), on the site of one of the mobile home parks, adjacent to the Civic Center, or in another area with a higher density housing (adjacent to Herondo, for example).

Please come back with an updated plan the community supports.

Stephanie Kelley

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 9:54am 08-08-23

I am opposed to the Housing Element in it's current form. Please come back with an updated plan the community supports. Our parking is already extremely limited especially during the summer, I can't imagine having to find parking if this gets passed. There has got to be a better option!

Tim Bettes

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 9:08am 08-08-23

We need way more information on this ... and what happens if we decide to block this ?

Brad Holtmeier

Location: 90254, Manhattan Beach
Submitted At: 9:03am 08-08-23

I am opposed to the Housing Element in it's current form.

Please come back with an updated plan the community supports.

Megg Sulzinger

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 8:46am 08-08-23

Dear Council & Staff,

Please consider the implications of the new housing element. While residents understand this has been handed down by the state, as with many things one size does not fit all, especially in Hermosa. Hermosa Beach is already the 21st most densely populated city in the state! There are no other beach cities that are more densely populated than our 1.4 sq mile city. Adding 558 more units to our tiny town makes absolutely no sense. Also I do not support 64% of these new units to be low or low low income. I pay \$3400 a month for a 2 bedroom 1 bathroom less than 1000 sq foot apartment. How is it fair that new units need to be built for someone who doesn't care about our town to move in at 1/2 that price? Looking at the map of proposed areas for additional housing I am seeing a large majority are on Pier Ave, what? So we just build 5 story complexes all along the one Main Street in town? Please do not approve this as is and keep our town for what everyone loves.. the best LITTLE beach city. We cannot accommodate almost 600 additional units, while I support additional housing where it makes sense the way it's laid out currently does not make sense. Thank you.

Mindy Minkus

Location:

Submitted At: 8:43am 08-08-23

I oppose building 50 unit housing at the side of Monterey and near the Saint cross church. Please city Council listen to the people of Hermosa beach and do the right thing. Our city is so crowded already and parking has always been a problem and will only get worse.

Nicole Radcliffe

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 8:42am 08-08-23

Do I love what is being proposed, not entirely. However, we do need to comply with State guidelines and the proposal that we have in front of us is probably the best option. If we don't comply, we're likely to get something forced on us that we're going to like much less than anything in this proposal.

I'm understand why people oppose this, but opposition without an alternative is unproductive. We need to find a solution, and we can't just dig our heels in the sand because we don't like what we have to do. Without a viable alternative to this plan, we need to move forward with this.

Susie LeMay

Location: 90254, HERMOSA BEACH

Submitted At: 8:37am 08-08-23

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SAVE HERMOSA!

Susie LeMay

Jon David

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20am 08-08-23

I understand the concern about the densification of our residential neighborhoods. Hermosa feels just right at this point in time, and we should not be forced to stuff more housing into our already dense neighborhood. However, we also can not preserve Hermosa in amber, frozen in time, and constrain housing development at the expense of renter residents and would-be property owners. Where we would be if all development in Hermosa Beach stopped in 1907? Not here! Suppressing housing development in favor of maintaining the status quo is no better than dropping high-rises into small neighborhoods. What a pickle!

I can not see how the City pleases everyone. I sense they are trying. But they will ultimately fail because it is an impossible task. The state is forcing us to rezone in order to increase housing development opportunities. Rezoning has to happen...and it has to happen in someone's backyard. We are simply in an uncomfortable position or being forced to change, as have the many generations that preceded us.

I hear some community members calling for the City to for fight for us. I love the idea of a good fight. But this is one we can't win. Towns up and down the coast are being sued by the state.... advocacy groups...and by developers. The towns are losing. They simply do not have the law on their side...as we simply do not have the

law on our side. And honestly, I don't think we should. Again, it is not right that we preserve our town in amber at the expense of others.

I do not expect the City to fight the law. I do, however, expect them to act in the interest of the greater good. They are elected by all of us. I expect them to do their best to add housing in the most thoughtful manner, in a way that retains our local charm for as long as possible and minimizes negative impacts to ALL residents. But just as important, I also expect them to represent a group who did not elect them...future Hermosians! We all have an obligation to the next generation. Hermosa is our town only for today, not tomorrow. We need to allow it to evolve.

Carrie Smith

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 8:06am 08-08-23

Please City Staff save our Community Center and adjacent activity fields. Please do this by justifying sites in commercial corridors/on PCH with less than 0.5 acres (small sites) as a core strategy to meeting the RHNA numbers. Manhattan Beach's Housing Element was just approved with small sites. Hermosa Beach simply does not have enough greater than 0.5 acres sites. We are the 21st most densely populated city in the state. We are 1.4 square miles.

Karynne Thim

Location:
Submitted At: 7:37am 08-08-23

Part 1 of 4

At the July 11th City Council meeting, it was great to see democracy at work. Residents offered solutions and the community came together to voice their opinions and concerns about the Housing Element. Very few residents were engaged or aware of the Housing Element before that night, and didn't know how it can change our town and our neighborhoods forever. Progress has been made in the last month, but there's still work to do. The Housing Element is not ready for your approval tonight.

As elected leaders of our City, you bear the responsibility of the future of our town. Please preserve Hermosa's unique character, current height limits and the overall scale of our community. The decisions you make now on the Housing Element will impact the future of our community forever. Please say no to rezoning that will allow out-of-scale 5 story buildings in Hermosa. Once properties like St. Cross are rezoned, it can never be undone.

Over 2,100 people have signed a petition against the current plan. City Staff needs your direction to arrive at a plan that will be supported by the community. You cannot rely on them to do this on their own. They have proposed 45' height limits and an unnecessary citywide 100% density bonus program - both of which would be extremely damaging. This flippant approach shows a lack of regard for the character of our town, its property owners and the voices of its residents. Please don't yield to staff proposals that will negatively impact our community far after they've moved on to another city.

As you can see from the list below, there are simply too many unknowns and factors to consider before the Housing Element can be approved in good conscience.

Concerned Neighbor

Location: 90254
Submitted At: 12:27am 08-08-23

Dear City Council

Please reconsider allowing the church to add 50 units as not only will it be completely out of character for our neighborhood but we have a young daughter that will be driving soon. Parking is such a premium right now, we can't imagine how many more cars would need to park. The idea of our daughter having to park far away and walk home at night after work is huge concern. There just don't space in the church area to add that many people or cars. Please reconsider and find other sites that can sustain the project. Thanks.

Howard L

Location:
Submitted At: 12:07am 08-08-23

Hermosa Beach City Council and Others:

All should understand that there is available a Referendum process, whereby the City's electorate who may not agree with the City Council's vote approving a particular 'legislative act', do have available to them the 'Referendum' process (which is different from and much simpler than the 'Initiative' process).

The people have 30-days after the so-called 'Adoption' by the City Council of a legislative act by their City Council to obtain signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters on a Referendum petition, which then when completed and submitted to and verified by the City Clerk will require the City Council to soon-after take up an item at a council meeting to either repeal the subject 'Adopted' legislative act, a Resolution or Ordinance, or to submit same to the city's voters for an up or down vote.

Quite often one might say, well if the Council's vote is reversed by the people, then the people will be stuck with a state imposed law or mandate causing something much worse than the action of the City's Council by reason of given time restraints or other.

While that may or may not be true, such debate after a successful Referendum may well result in a far more useful outcome regardless of its net result.

The people should never throw in the towel because of politics of one political option being worse than the other. The city government and the state government is in fact still the people's government, but you'd hardly know it anymore.

Nonetheless a couple of days ago I sent the following message to the City's young Hermosa Beach City Attorney, Patrick Donegan. He's supposedly well-versed in zoning and land use issues per the BBKlaw website, and in the past when I'd send brief questions to former City Attorney Michael Jenkins, I would receive a prompt reply. Why I have not received a prompt reply from Mr. Donegan to these two simple questions (copied below) I have no idea.

Nonetheless I believe the answers to the two questions I asked of Mr. Donegan in the email are simply, Yes.

Following then is a copy of the email I sent to City Attorney Patrick Donegan. Perhaps he will send me a reply on Today, August 8, and if he does I will post an addendum e-comment. Perhaps Mr. Donegan could also briefly indicate to both the Council and the public the process of Referendums in the interest of transparency as there apparently is an interest in the subject.

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Early Sunday, August 6, 2023

To: Hermosa Beach City Attorney Patrick Donegan.

Re: General Law City Legislative Acts / Referenda

Mr. Donegan,

It is my understanding that the Adoption by the City Council of amendment(s) by Resolution to the City of Hermosa Beach Housing Element (HE) are legislative act(s) and therefore subject to Referendum(Referenda).

Could you please confirm that this is correct.

Also, it is my understanding that while Adoption of Resolutions do not require "Introduction", but only Adoption, nonetheless the subsequent zoning change text-amendment ordinance(s) to meet the objectives of the adopted Housing Element (HE) do require both a 1st-reading 'Introduction' and a 2nd-reading 'Adoption' (to be a minimum of 3 days later), and with the Adoption of such ordinance(s) also being subject to Referendum(Referenda).

Could you please confirm that is also correct.

Thank you,

Howard Longacre (Hermosa Beach resident)
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Concerned Resident

Location:
Submitted At: 8:37pm 08-07-23

The Staff Recommendation and Proposed Resolution fail to Comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

When the City first adopted the 2021-2029 Housing Element in 2021, it did not propose to make any changes in land use designations in the General Plan; thus, because it left land use as-is, it determined the adoption of the Housing Element was exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

Now, the City is updating the Housing Element and also changing land use designations. Yet the City is attempting to rely on the same CEQA exemption and ignoring the land use designation changes. See "Environmental Determination" Section of the Staff Report:

"During the initial adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element on December 21, 2021, the City found that the proposed Housing Element would not approve any development or change any land use designations; therefore, the City determined that it was exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061."

For the purposes of CEQA, the City attempts to characterize its action as simply an update to the Housing Element to incorporate the modified RHNA list and other changes in response to the HCD identified deficiencies, which may – in isolation – qualify for the cited CEQA exemption. But the proposed resolution and staff recommendation will do much more.

As the recommendation at the top of the staff report makes clear – they are also recommending land use changes:

"The Planning Commission recommends City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 23-01 consisting of revisions to the previously adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element and associated changes to the Land Use Element of the General Plan and determine that the revised Housing Element is exempt from the California Environmental Quality." The Report goes on to explain that "as part of the Housing Element adoption, the Land Use Element must be updated to ensure that respective land use designations allow residential development."

Sec. 2 of the proposed resolution states that the Housing Element "includes programs to ensure that the Land Use Element of the General Plan and the Zoning Map and Ordinance will be amended in order to accommodate programs in the Housing Element and to ensure internal consistency amongst the different elements in PLAN Hermosa." These changes to the land use element are not exempt from CEQA and contradict the City's repeated statements that no land use changes would occur with the adoption of the Housing Element. To be sure, the proposed resolution is far from precise and clear as to what actions the Council is taking.

CEQA must be integrated into planning processes and guide development of the plan itself – not tacked on at the end as a post-decision rationalization. Pub. Resources Code § 21003(a). Here, the City is finalizing its decision to change the zoning designation on certain parcels and memorializing that decision in the General Plan, but claiming CEQA is not necessary until it makes zoning ordinances changes, which will now be required to maintain conformance with the General Plan. This is clearly an unlawful post hoc rationalization of decisions that have already been made. *Laurel Heights Improvement Assn. v. Regents of University of CA* (1988) 47 Cal. 3d 376, 395.

By statute, zoning actions must be consistent with the general plan, Gov. Code, § 65680, and "the propriety of virtually any local decision affecting land use and development depends upon consistency with the application general plan and its elements." *Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Board of Supervisors* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 553, 570. Once the general plan designations are changed, the City has already decided what zoning decisions must be made – even if it hasn't finalized the process of amending zoning ordinances.

CEQA must not be used to rationalize or justify a decision already made, and that is exactly what the City's proposal to perform CEQA analysis only after the adoption of the Housing Element and General Plan land use

designations will do. Here, the land use designation changes (including the new high density residential zoning) will fundamentally change the use and intensity of numerous parcels throughout the City and will have significant impacts including air quality, climate, traffic, and noise that must be analyzed.

The General Plan updates will make changes to the land use map, modify land use designations, and modify allowed uses and densities – clearly triggering CEQA. The City's attempt to move forward with these changes – while promising to perform its environmental review later (when it amends zoning ordinances) is unlawful and will undermine the entire Housing Element adoption and approval process. While the City may feel pressured to expedite the process because it has missed State deadlines, the answer is not to create more legal risk for the City by failing to comply with CEQA.

Hermosa Resident

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05pm 08-07-23

As other citizens have repeatedly stressed to the Staff, Planning Commission, and Council, Site 1 is too small to be included in the Housing Element to satisfy lower income housing needs. Site 1's continued inclusion on the RHNA list and the associated general plan land use changes (and future subsequent zoning changes) jeopardizes the City's ability to receive HCD approval and simply provides a windfall for the property owner without advancing the City's stated objectives. Further, the City can meet its RNHA obligations without Site 1.

California Government Code Section 65583.2(c)(2)(A) is clear – sites must be at least 0.5 acres if they are to be included in the RHNA list for lower income units. If a city wants to include a site smaller than half an acre it must “demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing.”

Nowhere in the record has the City provided evidence that it has successfully developed 7 or more lower income housing units on a 0.2 acre site. The proposed resolution makes no finding, and the staff has provided no support for such an assertion.

The record also does not support an assertion that the City has provided, or is prepared to provide, “other evidence to [HCD] that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing.” The staff may attempt to assert that common ownership of Site 1 and Site 2 somehow demonstrates that the 0.2 acre non-contiguous Site 1 can accommodate lower income housing, but this argument also fails. HCD's Housing Element Site Inventory Guidebook acknowledges that common ownership is one factor that can support a demonstration that a less than 0.5 acre site may be eligible for lower income credit because of its consolidation potential. See https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/sites_inventory_memo_final06102020.pdf at page 16. However, nowhere does HCD suggest that common ownership demonstrates that a small site that is not contiguous with other parcels – and quite plainly cannot be combined to create a larger site – may be counted for lower income units. Site 1 is separated by streets and single family homes from the rest of the St. Cross parcels.

If the City has some other theories or evidence that Site 1 can meet the statutory requirements outlined in Section 65583.2(c)(2)(A), it must document them in the record and submit the reasoning with its Housing Element. The Housing Element Technical Plan fails to provide sufficient support or evidence of Site 1's eligibility – providing nothing more than conclusory assertions in the site inventory list. As HCD has warned other cities, the element must provide actual analysis and support not bald assertions. (The lack of support for the City's determinations of eligibility for the St. Cross parcels is particularly egregious as it fails to provide the “factors for selection” for each parcel and instead treats all of the 15 parcels comprising Site 1 and Site 2 as a uniform block or site – with the same FAR, ILR, and factors for selection.)

Continued inclusion of Site 1 – which also presents significant and serious concerns related to its location in the coastal zone and the fact that it is surrounded by R1 parcels – is unlawful, not supported by the factual record, and jeopardizes HCD's approval of the entire housing element.

Heidi J. Swan

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54pm 08-07-23

Sacramento is working hard to take away local control in more areas than just one. We should absolutely fight back.

A 5 story building will utterly change the character of our city. And parking will be a disaster.

Denni Kopelan

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 7:15pm 08-07-23

Do not want these 5 Story 5 Buildings in our neighborhood. We have all spent alot of money to live here and pay alot of taxes to maintain the character and beauty of our beach town..these buildings would be a horrible eyesore to pass by everyday, use up alot of street parking and further crowd our town. We already are seeing a rise in crime in Hermosa Beach which lower income housing would add to. We donot want this in our neighborhood which would also bring down the value of our own properties!!!

Elizabeth Dye

Location: 90255, Hermosa beach

Submitted At: 6:28pm 08-07-23

I say no 5 story building.

michael Clemens

Location: 90254, HERMOSA BEACH

Submitted At: 5:56pm 08-07-23

Dear Council Members,

I am a 37 year resident, homeowner and taxpayer in the City of Hermosa. I strongly oppose the rezoning of the St. Cross property to appease the ridiculous mandate from the State. This quick fix to an issue that SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED by you when the issue first arose a few years back is not the answer. I am definitely opposed to relaxing the height limit that affects all properties adjacent to this site.

Seems to me, that you are elected to represent the views, wishes and requests of the citizens of Hermosa, not take the easy way out to forward what truly appears to be a council wide personal agenda.

Please do what's right for the people who live here and will be affected by this irresponsible solution.

Mariann Scolinos

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 08-07-23

Please help us maintain our quality of life. Be creative and find an equitable solution.

Rosemarie Woerner

Location:

Submitted At: 2:38pm 08-07-23

I have lived on Monterey Boulevard for more than 50 years. I am opposed to a massive development in my residential neighborhood. It seems like the city tried to push this project through with as little public notification and input as possible. But when the neighbors heard about the St. Cross upzoning, they protested. Please listen to their concerns. Remove St. Cross from the Housing Element and look for other sites. Realtors found three alternate sites in just two weeks. Imagine what they could do if they had more time.

Joel Smith

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 1:43pm 08-07-23

I have been a homeowner and taxpayer in Hermosa Beach for over 40 years.

It is a wonderful place to live - a coastal town with good services and a high quality of life. The 30' building height limitation has helped maintain a small town feel and the sense of community. This plan to add more density and

wreck our local controls will only bring problems rather than whatever solutions the state bureaucrats envisioned. This is a nasty step from beach town to urban beach - like Venice.

Traffic is already heavy on Pier Avenue - which is the primary access point for our city. There will be more parking problems, more congestion and added danger at the primary crossing points used daily by our schoolchildren.

Hermosa has active tourism, dining and entertainment venues. These will be adversely impacted by increased congestion.

The State of California is LOSING residents. It is a different situation than that which spawned the State overreach exemplified in this housing plan. Indeed, we are losing businesses and taxpayers and gaining freeloaders arriving from out of state for easier handouts. I see no need to provide them with services they did not earn or pay for. Take a look at San Francisco to see how State policies have destroyed quality of life. Take a look at nearby Venice to see the "benefits" of a low-income housing project. Take a drive from the coast along Culver and Jefferson Blvds and see all the out of state indigents living in the RVs and Vans and Cars and Tents and sending tons of untreated sewerage directly into Santa Monica Bay.

Has anyone looked to see what has happened, especially with crime, in places that have docilely gone along with this state overreach?

How many other communities are faced with the same problem Hermosa now faces? Can we band with them to stop this destructive plan?

Qui bono? Not the residents of Hermosa Beach.

Perhaps some financial transparency is needed from those who support this type of development.

This needs to be fought by every elected official who serves our area. Refuse to submit to this ill-conceived and unnecessary plan. Lawsuits may be necessary. I will certainly oppose and vote out any official who will allow Hermosa Beach to be compromised by faulty regulations.

Respectfully, Joel T. Smith

Edwin Ong

Location: 90503, Torrance

Submitted At: 1:21pm 08-07-23

Hermosa home prices are rising extremely fast and I fear gentrification will cause the town to lose its vibe and culture when many of its residents become displaced due to cost of living. I don't feel the current housing element is sufficient in addressing the problem but it is a start, and I hope city leadership will continue taking further action to preserve the lifestyle of its residents. They also shouldn't fight the state stepping in to find solutions to the housing problem.

I understand nobody likes having more traffic but please remember Hermosa is able to turn Pier Ave and Hermosa Ave, the downtown cross streets, from double lane to single lane permanently. That shows that density may not be as big a problem as some may think. It is something to keep in mind.

Jeff Kernochan

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 1:13pm 08-07-23

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. The local neighborhoods are already too crowded and there has been a rash of recent crimes, including robbery and vandalism that the HBPD are not adequately staffed to address. We are concerned about personal safety and protection of property. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Thank you in advance for your sincere consideration of our local concerns.

Jeff Kernochan (310) 466-9739

Michelle Crispin

Location:

Submitted At: 1:05pm 08-07-23

Hello, I first moved to the South Bay in 1995. My husband and I rented a home for 5 years that we then purchased from our landlord in 2000. In 2004 my 2 kids and I tragically lost their father and I had to sell our home. As a newly single-income single-parent, I was unable to afford rent in Hermosa Beach, so I moved out of the area to a more affordable neighborhood.

I was finally able to move back to Hermosa in 2012, but purchasing a home on my single income with 2 dependents was way out of reach. I was fortunate to find a rental property that's within my budget, but my landlord has informed me it will be torn down soon and I'll be on the hunt again for something affordable.

I may never be able to be a homeowner in Hermosa Beach again, but I truly love it here and want to stay! I'm an active member of the community on the Board of Directors for Leadership Hermosa, I'm a Hermosa Historical Society docent & Development Committee member, I produced and wrote "Jazz v. Punk," a documentary about Hermosa's music history, I produce the Songwriter Showcase at Saint Rocke that features local songwriters, I'm an active member of the Hermosa Chamber of Commerce, and I've raised 2 very active kids in the Hermosa Beach school system.

I've been priced out of Hermosa Beach in the past and I hope it doesn't happen again. I want the opportunity to continue to contribute to the community that I love!

William Morris

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 12:33pm 08-07-23

No to 5 story buildings. There are too many reasons why to write here. You know exactly what they are so PLEASE reject this proposal.

Joey Farrales

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 08-07-23

Sure, I can help you make that better. Here is a revised version:

Dear Hermosa Beach City Council,

My name is Joey Farrales, and I have lived in Hermosa Beach for 22 years. I am a sales consultant and a renter, and I hope to one day be able to afford to buy a home here. Hermosa Beach is my home, and I am involved in the community through Leadership Hermosa and various volunteer work for the Chamber of Commerce. I believe that I contribute to the character of Hermosa Beach.

I am writing to express my support for more housing in Hermosa Beach today. I fear that in the future, I will be priced out of my community if we do not take action to increase the supply of housing.

The cost of living in Hermosa Beach has been rising steadily in recent years, and wages have not kept pace. This has made it increasingly difficult for people like me to afford to live here. I am not alone in this situation. Many of my friends and neighbors are also struggling to make ends meet.

I believe the best way to address this issue is to increase the housing supply in Hermosa Beach. This will help to make housing more affordable for everyone, including people like me who are working hard but still struggling to make ends meet.

I urge you to take action to increase the supply of housing in Hermosa Beach. This is an important issue for our community, and I believe that it is something that we can all work together to address.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joey Farrales

Catherine Vernon

Location: 90254, Hermosa beach
Submitted At: 12:08pm 08-07-23

Hello Council. My name is Katie Vernon and I have lived in Hermosa Beach for 5 years and I love it here. I'm a nurse practitioner and a homeowner here in Hermosa Beach and I support a plan to build low cost housing here in Hb. I'm involved here locally: I'm on the board of Leadership Hermosa Beach, I volunteer every Fiesta Hermosa in the Medical Tent for free and I recently brought Lemonade Day to Hb to support young entrepreneurs. I believe I contribute to the character of Hermosa. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please think of me when you make housing decisions. I want to live in Hermosa forever.

Tony Higgins

Location:
Submitted At: 12:05pm 08-07-23

Dear City Council,

Re: Hermosa Beach Housing Element Approval

I call your attention Section 3 of the Housing Plan Approval Resolution.

Please pay special attention to the red highlighted area.

SECTION 3. Based on the analysis in Appendix B, Sites Inventory, detailing substantial evidence of the likelihood of redevelopment on non-vacant sites with lower-income housing units in the RHNA allocation, with the substantial evidence consisting of physical site criteria, recent development trends, and property owner intent/interest, the City Council finds that there is substantial evidence and information provided in the record that the existing uses on the Sites Inventory sites to accommodate the RHNA low-income allocation are likely to be discontinued during the 2021-2029 planning period, and therefore do not constitute an impediment to additional residential development.

St. Cross's has publicly stated in writing that a functional church will NOT be discontinued and Section 3 of the Housing Plan completely ignores this fact.

St. Cross's has articulated its strategic direction saying:

<https://www.stcross.org/blog/art-of-the-possible-update/>

Up front, we want to quell rumors that St. Cross intends to demolish the church and build a large apartment complex in its place...

There is simply no way the city can interpret the church's statement to mean that the existing-use of the church sanctuary is likely to be discontinued during the 2021-2029 planning period.

A functional church by any reasonable definition would include a chapel, school, parking lots, rectors an administrative office or two and so on but the city did not consider this in its RHNA counts.

Accordingly, the city significantly inflated low and very low income RHNA units counts because the city did not subtract the acreage to be used by the chapel, school, parking lots, rectors quarters and administrative offices

needed to maintain a fully functional church from the available ~2.32 acres listed in the St. Cross site inventory.

Instead, the city just multiplied the total site acreage by 28.44 units per acre:

2.32 acres X 27.44 units per acre = 66 very low & low income units.

Moreover, I believe when the HCD Housing Accountability unit has these facts laid before them they will again reject the city's housing plan

Once again I point your attention to HCD guidance on existing uses that clearly state the city must describe the additional realistic development potential within the planning period and evaluate the extent these uses would constitute an impediment to new residential development.

HCD Guidance is cut and dry. The issue before you is equally cut and dry.

If you approve this Housing Plan resolution including Section 3 then each member of the City Council that votes to approve this plan will be knowingly participating in a boldface lie AND supporting City Staff in their efforts to mislead and defraud the HCD.

Anthony Higgins

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

Once again I provide HCD GUIDANCE for your consideration:

If the inventory identifies non-vacant sites to address a portion of the regional housing need allocation, the housing element must describe the additional realistic development potential within the planning period. The analysis must describe the methodology used to establish the development potential and consider ALL of the following: 1) the extent existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development....

Existing Uses: The housing element must describe all existing uses (such as surplus school site, operating business, nursery, etc.) and evaluate the extent these uses would constitute an impediment to new residential development.

If a housing element relies on nonvacant sites to accommodate 50 percent or more of its RHNA for lower income households, the nonvacant site's existing use is presumed to impede additional residential development, unless the housing element describes findings based on substantial evidence that the use will likely be discontinued during the planning period. In addition to a description in the element, findings should also be included as part of the resolution adopting the housing element.

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/housing-elements/building-blocks/analysis-sites-and-zoning>

Jennifer Cervelli

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 11:53am 08-07-23

Hello Council. My name is Jen Cervelli and I have lived in Hermosa Beach for 11 years and I love it here. I'm a self employed jeweler who works from home and a renter because I cannot yet afford to buy but I do hope to own a home here someday. Hermosa is my home and I'm involved here locally: active member of the Chamber, Vice President of HERmosa Circle, and active community member . I believe I contribute to the character of Hermosa. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please think of me when you make housing decisions. I want to live in Hermosa forever.

Jessica Accamando

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 11:33am 08-07-23

Hello Council. I am writing to support the housing element. I'm a 12 year resident who is deeply involved in Hermosa and I'd love for my family to call Hermosa home for the rest of our lives. I invest in Hermosa as much as I can and contribute to the character of this community. I also recognize as a California resident that there's a housing crisis and it's possible that Hermosa could turn into a place with fewer and fewer people like me who

work for nonprofits and still believe we deserve to live in this wonderful community. Success is measured in many ways and it's not always in the millions.

I believe that what Hermosa needs most to tackle the next generation is to provide more dwellings in Hermosa. We have already reduced in dwellings and this is visible on my block of Monterey Blvd. I've seen 4-8 unit buildings torn down to build two-on-a-lots and those then go for over 2-3 million. I'd love to see more creative thinking that builds more one and two bedrooms units so that the young people in this community don't have to leave the state in order to buy their first home. And for those who don't intend to buy, we'd like to make sure there's plenty of rentals in the community to satisfy our needs. Right now about 55% of Hermosa is renters. Yes, some of those are people who only stay a couple of years, but a bulk of that percentage are people like me who have just not yet been able to afford to buy. I'm in Leadership Hermosa Beach and MOST of our graduates are long-term renters here. There are so many of us with six figure incomes who still don't make enough (see math at bottom of this letter).

While I'd love more affordable housing, I'm not under any delusion that building more will reduce prices. But I do think building will not only ensure there's enough housing for our successful young people, there will also be opportunity for our City staff, business staff and nonprofit workers to live in the City they love so much. I know so many people who have recently had to leave the City and move to neighboring communities. Not because they bought, but because they are renting and there just wasn't enough here in Hermosa.

Thank you for tackling this incredibly difficult process. I have been watching it for two years and completely support the project and the church, who has been so wonderful at demonstrating their investment in Hermosa. I will be here when the next housing element comes up, I hope. And I hope at that time we have increased our dwellings instead of reduced them. I also hope mixed use is brought to life and demonstrated in value to our businesses who need more off-season foot traffic. Please listen to local legendary leaders like George Schmeltzer and Jim Rosenberger who shared with you that they had these issues come up before them many decades ago and they tried to preserve Hermosa and in turn it created this problem. We need you to not make the same mistakes. We need to maintain local control by submitting a plan and then thinking about how we can creatively build housing here the way we want. Let's encourage development in a Hermosa style!

For your information, I did some research and at the time that I looked, the lowest price dwelling for sale in Hermosa was 1.4 million. In order to afford that price point, and assuming I would get approved for only needing 10% down, here's what I'd need to buy in Hermosa: 140,000 down payment + 335,000 annual household income. That's assuming I wouldn't be competing against other buyers and that's not considering property taxes or HOA fees. While I hope someday my wife and I made that much money as a household, I fear for those who aren't in dual income situations and they will FOREVER be chasing that number as it grows faster than inflation.

Hermosa needs more small dwelling housing, period. It's in our nature, it's the bulk of our residents, and we want to preserve our eclectic beautiful town.

Scotty Steele

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 9:39am 08-07-23

The City Council should not adopt the housing element which will begin the process of tearing apart our small town character. The council's job is to protect our future, protect our neighborhoods and protect the businesses that service our community.

Tell the City Council to say NO to adopting the Housing Element. We are the 21st densest town in California. When the rest of the cities approach our level of density, then we can talk.

Alysa Brennan

Location:
Submitted At: 11:43pm 08-06-23

Developing dense housing at the St. Cross site will not be possible without a severe impact to our neighborhood. Parking is already very limited, and it would also result in too much car traffic. Already cars race down Manhattan Ave. and Monterey Blvd. I've lived here years and have never seen a car pulled over. We understand that our police is needed elsewhere, but let's just alleviate the issue and put the dense housing in areas more suitable for

the increase.

Rafe Sacks

Location: 90278, Redondo Beach
Submitted At: 10:25pm 08-06-23

Building large five story buildings in the heart of Hermosa Valley at 18th and Monterey, overlooking Hermosa Valley School, would change the city forever! Please do not allow this! The height and size of these buildings, and the parking needed, do not belong in this area!

There are other locations, such as off PCH east of The Green Belt, that could facilitate the space, traffic and not put current residents in the shadow of these large buildings.

I grew up there, and now my daughter attends Hermosa Valley School. I do not have a direct stake as a resident of the block however, so please understand my comments are out of a pure concern for the city's integrity.

Chris Butler

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 7:56pm 08-06-23

I oppose including the St. Cross Church site in the housing element. My family and I live directly across the street from the proposed site and I believe Monterey Blvd is already crowded enough. Increasing the density would have catastrophic ramifications on the neighborhood. In the short amount of time that the community has found out about the church site, many suitable alternatives have been identified. Please appeal to your senses and vote NO.

Peter Carter

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 4:19pm 08-06-23

Strongly oppose increasing population density of our small town, already too built up /dense little community. I have sacrificed much to live here as a responsible and tax paying citizen and want to preserve Hermosa's character.

kathy dunbabin

Location: 90254, hermosa beach
Submitted At: 3:05pm 08-06-23

First I am opposed to the state of CA's mandating that CA cities, especially Hermosa Beach, must increase their zoning codes to provide more density. According to the state of CA, Hermosa Beach is #11 in population density and has over 21 residents per acre.

However if all else fails and Hermosa Beach does have to increase zoning in some areas, zoning and building height must be separated. If zoning is increased in an area, retain height limitations at current (8/8/2023) heights in those areas. For example if R-3 is imposed on an R-1 zone, the new R-3 zone would have a 25 foot height limit. It would become a Special Height Overlay zone. This rule would apply to all areas where the zoning is increased.

Thank you for your consideration...

Ed Hart

Location: 90254, Hb
Submitted At: 11:39am 08-06-23

The "housing element" Fight it, Make the best of it or do both?

The facts are....While many cities struggle against state regulations in the Affordable Housing realm. Recent cases like OC and RB legal challenges on AffordableHousing was rejected by appellate justices. Additionally, more Housing Bills such as CA Senate Bill SB 4 aims to streamline affordable housing construction for faith-based institutions despite local zoning restrictions yet to come!

Considering the housing crisis, with almost half of Hermosa's population being renters, it might be more

reasonable to make the best of the situation at hand, rather than continuing to put all the focus on “fighting the state.”

However, creating affordable housing in Hermosa is extremely challenging due to expensive land, soaring construction costs, unaffordable interest rates for new projects, high costs for below-grade parking and City’s new in-lieu fee called “Land Value Recapture” for not making “low income” housing!

Therefore Two possible outcomes emerge from this situation: Firstly, it’s nearly impossible for small property owners or developers to make any affordable housing projects for locals financially viable under these conditions. Secondly, larger developers with attorneys ready to sue will take advantage of the situation, building high-rise projects to maximize profits.

However, the worst scenario for Hermosa Beach is not even that! if the current Housing Element cycle passes without adequately addressing housing needs, the State may intensify its control and regulations in the next cycle, making it even harder for the city to maintain any local control.

At ending, while circumstances like these charges up our emotions telling us to fight back! however the prudent thing also to consider is following a simple old wisdom “when life gives lemons, get busy making lemonade”

Thank you, Ed Hart

Randy Kendall

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 5:39pm 08-05-23

Hermosa Beach is already one of the densest cities in California. This specific area is not designed to handle the additional traffic and parking load. It will destroy the character of our beloved city. Do Not destroy Hermosa Beach!

Carolyn Petty

Location: 90254
Submitted At: 3:38pm 08-05-23

Mayor and Council,

Please say NO to adopting the housing element and stand up for our community against Sacramento. You were elected to represent OUR interests, not the interests of politicians in Sacramento who seek to urbanize our small beach town. Our residents have made our position regarding density crystal clear via the ballot measure limiting height in commercial zones to 35’ as well as through our general plan, which spells out land use – what is permitted and what is not.

Staff seeks to upend the will of our residents, and only you can stop them from implementing their vision which is incongruent with our community. They have no right to undo our vision as laid out in Plan Hermosa – and you should not allow this to happen.

It appears that you are all throwing up your hands, saying there is nothing you can do. That is wrong. You can fight for us and our future. You do not need to simply acquiesce to Sacramento because you are afraid of them. Shouldn’t our interests outweigh your (unfounded) fear of Sacramento?

This isn’t just about stuffing another approx. 600 residential units in our town, the 21st densest town in California. It is about rezoning THROUGHOUT our town – not just Monterey Blvd, but the rezoning of CITY properties for residential, the proposal to rezone Cypress to 45’ which would easily turn into 65’ when developers cash in on density bonuses. It is also about rezoning Aviation to turn that corridor into a 45’ (but actually 65’) corridor of mixed use, creating a wall of dense dwellings – similar to what you see across LA.

This is a deliberate strategy by city staff to rezone area by area, hoping nobody notices. They seek to divide and conquer. Surely you must realize what they are doing and you must say NO and remind city staff that they work for you and for us, not the other way around. Staff should follow your direction, and you need to dictate to them what is acceptable. That is your role as councilmembers.

Lastly – that HE overlay has “assigned” residential dwelling units to property owners. I do not believe the property owners have been individually notified that they will be part of an overlay which mandates residential uses. While staff claims this is not a mandate, that is simply untrue. An overlay is a mandate. Before you simply accept what she says, you owe it to all of us to get a legal opinion from a land use attorney (not our city attorney but someone who specializes in this) and really understand the consequences of the language she is proposing before we are mired in lawsuits by property owners.

Lastly, anyone who believes that higher density leads to lower housing costs does not understand what has been happening across LA. The handful of units that are “affordable” are subsidized by the other units in the property, leading to a further stratification of housing costs. One only needs to look at the high rises popping up across LA – obviously, properties with density bonuses. Starting rents of one bedrooms are \$4k. These density bonuses benefit developers and nobody else. Yes, there are a handful of affordable, but imagine the waiting list and the paltry chances of even getting one of the units. The end result is 80% to 90% of the remaining units become even more expensive.

Say NO and join the lawsuits of other cities who care enough about their community's future to push back. Say NO and stand up for our future.

Our Future, Our Choice.

Michele Hampton

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 5:12pm 08-04-23

If you truly love Hermosa Beach as much as I do all of you at the city planning and city commission should NOW be helping our community to dig down harder to find better suited properties and take St. Cross off the zoning map.

Since the July 25, 2023 meeting at city hall our NOW informed community, on their own with no help for our city government, have reach out to property owners who have stepped up to offer their properties. The 1/2 acre minimum is a ridiculous ask for Hermosa Beach. Manhattan Beach accepted less than 1/2 acres for their Housing Element and so should Hermosa Beach.

I understand that all California city must be apart of the Housing Element. But can you also explain to me why Laguna Beach only has to have 394 units with a California density ranking of 535 (9.86 sq. miles). Hermosa Beach is at 558 units and number 21 (1.43 sq. miles) on California density rank. Does not make sense. We need to fight the unit numbers we have been given.

Let's get back on track with you serving your residents you are supposed to be serving.
Thank you.

clarke mallery

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 4:53pm 08-04-23

i oppose

Zully Lara

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 2:29pm 08-04-23

Please do not adopt the housing element. Hermosa Beach is a beautiful city the names says it Playa Bonita! By adopting this housing element the city will lose it's charm and you will be creating another congested city.

Joseph Adams

Location: 90254, Hermosa beach
Submitted At: 2:27pm 08-04-23

I request that you do not approve the housing element. Everyone here knows that Hermosa housing is sufficiently

dense already. The efforts of our city would be better focused on stalling, ignoring, and/or fighting the latest stupid Sacramento mandate -- rather than simply bowing down to it.

Gary Toy

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 8:08am 08-04-23

No! Absolutely not. I do not want tall buildings in my neighborhood. There are so many negatives about having a 5 story building near me - obstruction, parking, congestion, view, etc

Heather Harris

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 7:40pm 08-03-23

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,000 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone.

Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:30 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)

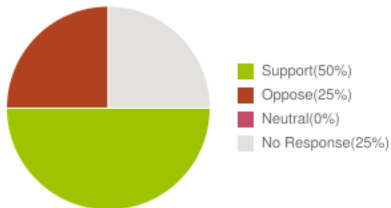
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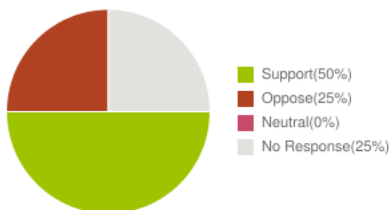
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Overall Sentiment



Agenda Item: eComments for PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Overall Sentiment



Ann Gotthoffer

Location:

Submitted At: 2:45pm 08-08-23

I am writing in support of completing our Housing Element, and in support of more housing in general. I've watched many multi family units be replaced by huge SFR's over the past decades. I am in favor of more market rate units and also even a dedicated affordable housing development if possible someday. (Of course I prefer smaller structures blending in with the community.). Our community lifestyle will benefit from people who work locally being able to live locally in my opinion. A LA Times article yesterday (?) discussed home values and affordable housing - I can't find link now - but to summarize in most cases it seems home values haven't been impacted . I am fortunate to be a homeowner via inheritance; I feel strongly it is not enough to care about the housing problem, we have to be willing to help solve it - even in our own backyard. Thank you.

Scott Frantz

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach

Submitted At: 12:28pm 08-08-23

To all Hermosa Beach City Council Members:

Hermosa Beach is dense enough.... And you're proposing to become more dense, why?

Why bother with zoning? If we are just going to warehouse people then we might as well make the whole city one zone. The overreaching with regards to zoning is extraordinary and must be tempered with much more input. The rewording is being done with a very broad brush. Please slow down and involve the good people of Hermosa Beach, not just the developers and money grabbers to have a voice.

Zoning in the past had mandates and precautions to protect residential areas and clearly defined those boundaries. Now it seems that there are no mandates or protections for residence whatsoever.

Height restriction should be limited to the 30 feet, possibly 35 feet that is already on the books and should not be open for further discussion. No loopholes, no special exemptions. The height limit is the height limit.

Parking and driving within the city is already a major concern but you're putting forward adding density, adding to that problem not subtracting from it.

Maybe this HB should join the other HB (Huntington Beach) in telling the state no and that this should be in the hands of local legislature.

We said No to Oil maybe it's time we say No to Sacramento.

Scott Frantz
310-383-9767
scottish9000@earthlink.net

Tonya Stenlake

Location:
Submitted At: 3:08pm 08-07-23

Hello Council.

My name is Tonya Stenlake and I have been a resident in Hermosa Beach for over 16 years . I'm a Health and Fitness Coach and a renter because I cannot yet afford to buy, maybe someday. Hermosa is my home and I'm involved here locally: I am a small business owner, Leadership Hermosa Beach Alumni, HERmosa Circle Origination member, Hermosa Beach chamber Member and I've volunteer for many events over the years that happen here in my home town. I believe I contribute to the character of Hermosa. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please think of me when you make housing decisions.

I love Hermosa Beach, it is my home and I want to be able to plant my roots here for the rest of my days.

Julie Denny

Location:
Submitted At: 2:21pm 08-07-23

Dear Council. My name is Julie Denny and I have lived in Hermosa Beach for 15 years. It is my home and I truly love it here. I'm an HR Manager and a renter because I cannot afford to buy, but I truly hope to own a home here someday. Hermosa is my heart and home. I am writing to support more housing as I fear that in the future I'll be priced out of Hermosa. Please, please think of us when you make housing decisions. I can not imagine not living here. It is my heart!!

Michelle Crispin

Location:
Submitted At: 12:05pm 08-07-23

Hello, I first moved to the South Bay in 1995. My husband and I rented a home for 5 years that we then purchased from our landlord in 2000. In 2004 my 2 kids and I tragically lost their father and I had to sell our home. As a newly single-income single-parent, I was unable to afford rent in Hermosa Beach, so I moved out of the area to a more affordable neighborhood. I was finally able to move back to Hermosa in 2012, but purchasing a home on my single income with 2 dependents was way out of reach. I was fortunate to find a rental property that's within my budget, but my landlord has informed me it will be torn down soon and I'll be on the hunt again for something affordable. I will most likely never be able to be a homeowner in Hermosa Beach again, but I truly love

it here and am an active member of the community - I'm on the Board of Directors for Leadership Hermosa, I'm Hermosa Historical Society docent & Development Committee member, I produced and wrote "Jazz v. Punk," a documentary about Hermosa's music history, I produce the Songwriter Showcase at Saint Rocke that features local songwriters, I'm an active member of the Hermosa Chamber of Commerce, and I've raised 2 very active kids in the Hermosa/Redondo school system. I've been priced out of Hermosa Beach in the past and I truly hope it doesn't happen again. I want the opportunity to continue to contribute to the community that I love!

Susie Casty

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 11:25am 08-07-23

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Mary Benson

Location:
Submitted At: 9:51am 08-07-23

To Hermosa Beach Council Members and City Manager:

I was prompted to write you after reading the request by the leadership of the St. Cross Episcopal Church (the "Church") to upzone their property from R-2 to R-3 to help Hermosa meet its State of California's mandate for the required housing plan.

While the Church has stated they have no "current" plan to rebuild or sell any of the property, the 2000 residents that signed the petition against rezoning, are concerned rezoning inevitably will lead to building of a dense multi-family property, causing impact to the R-1/2 community, with limited egress options (congested Gould and Pier). In fact, the Episcopal Church in San Diego just redeveloped their church property and built a 204-unit multi-use property after having requested and getting approval a few years earlier for rezoning, including a 25 percent additional height allowance. The San Diego property density increase was significant and is detailed in the two links below, one link is by their Planning Commission.

<https://timesofsandiego.com/business/2022/08/11/525-olive-tallest-residential-building-in-sd-celebrates-grand-opening-in-bankers-hill/>

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/pc-18-072.pdf>

St. Cross Episcopal Church is surrounded by six square blocks in a Hermosa residential community of R-1 properties:

- North - R-1 for six blocks (to 25th Street)
- West – R1- to Palm drive (just east of Hermosa Avenue)

- East – R-1 to Valley Drive and most of Ardmore.
- South – R-1/R-2 for 3 blocks, until 16th street.

While we understand the city needs to come up with locations for multi-unit development, we believe there should be another look for alternate and more appropriate locations to consider. As representatives of your residents, we ask that you pursue the following actions before voting or approving tonight's rezoning request by the church:

Consider an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- The location of the Church, located on 19th and Monterey Boulevard, is part of our city-designated "Safe Route to School" network for both Hermosa Valley and Vista Schools.
- The city also delegated Bike lanes on Monterey Boulevard which surround the church.

Provide residents time to review the consultant's recommendations and propose alternative sites for rezoning that meet the state requirements, via committee or some other forum.

If no other sites are determined available, restrict the density and impact of any potential R-3 property as a part of the rezoning,

I ask that you look at the above items and delay today's vote so that all options are considered. Your vote will have long last implications. Please conduct thorough diligence to protect residents as well as the city's interests before adopting any zoning change.

Mary Ann Benson – one of the 2000 petitioners

Myra Maravilla

From: tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2023 6:37 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Re: Written supplemental # 2 to 8/8 Housing Olan agenda item. Please acknowledge. Edit. Disregard previous version.

On Aug 6, 2023, at 6:12 PM, tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com> wrote:

St. Cross church officials have dragged their feet and to date refused to make any commitments that future very low income housing plans won't exceed 3 stories, that there will be adequate on-site parking for all future tenants AND that the architectural style will comport with the architectural style of the surrounding neighborhood.

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From: tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 12:03 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Additional written supplemental to 8/8 housing element agenda item

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From: Caren Read <caren.read@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 9:46 AM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Subject: VOTE NO TONIGHT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen of Hermosa Beach writing to request that the City Council do its job to protect the neighborhood and its residents. In order to do this, City Council must NOT approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. In the recent election, each of the Council Members claimed to stand for preserving the local character of Hermosa Beach and vowed to do whatever necessary to protect the residents and the community. Only a few months after these alleged pledges by the Council Members, you are now blatantly going against your campaign promises and potentially voting for something that will permanently change the landscape of this town and your actions will forever compromise this City and its residents. I urge you to stand by your campaign platforms and prioritize the preservation of Hermosa Beach's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa Beach and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already. You already have ruined North Hermosa Beach by building the school on Park Avenue which you claimed would not impact traffic or otherwise negatively impact the surrounding residents. This was a BLATANT lie and as a resident who lives near the school, I can tell you that the streets in the vicinity of the school have become like the 405 freeway. Cars whizzing by at all speeds, cruising through stop signs and endangering the lives of the residents every day. Now you are proposing to add a ridiculous number of units on a street that is already so heavily impacted by traffic and noise, you will create further traffic jams and put the lives of your residents in jeopardy. How can you do this as a public figure who swore to protect the residents of the community? The answer is, YOU CAN'T. Stop ignoring the concerns of residents and stakeholders who elected you on now what appears to be fake assurances and agendas.

You need to vote NO on this proposal.

You need to direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross Church site, and adopt a plan the community supports. You need to demand that the City rescind the proposed R-3 designation for St. Cross Church. You should be requiring the City Staff and the other elected officials in Hermosa Beach, yourselves included, to do their jobs and find other more suitable sites for low-income housing in the City. Realtors and residents had just two weeks to find alternate sites and located three potential sites. So do your job! More than 2,100 local residents have signed a petition asking the City to block any high density apartment complex at the St. Cross Church site.

Furthermore, the rezoning of the St. Cross Church Site to R3 is in violation of law, and should not be accepted. St. Cross Church is on record saying they will maintain a fully functional church so the City's RHNA allocation of 66 units on their site is a violation of the HCD, must be reduced and is a blatant misrepresentation to assert that it has "realistic development potential" as required by the HCD. Since it can't be justified to remain on the list, there's no reason to rezone it to R3. From the HCD's guidebook: "If the inventory identifies nonvacant sites to address a portion of the RHNA, the housing element must describe the realistic development potential of each site within the planning period. Specifically, the analysis must consider the extent that the nonvacant site's existing use impedes additional residential development." Since the St. Cross Church is remaining operational on the site, it is impossible to ever build the 66 units given that an allocation of such units would require use of every square inch of St. Cross' 2.5 acre site for

development. This constitutes an Existing Use that the City must factor-in to the Housing Element. There is no getting around this. Stop trying to circumvent the law and take the easy way out.

Do the job that the people of this community elected you to do and VOTE NO.

The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone. Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

Myra Maravilla

From: Chris Brown <chris@campsurf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:38 AM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Cc: Randy Balik; Tom Carter; Eric Read; Eric Fonoimoana; Mom
Subject: Housing Element...

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I'm writing on behalf of the entire Brown family. We are imploring you not to approve the housing element in its current form.

In much the same way Hermosa residents who lived near the city yard rallied to defeat the proposed oil drilling, the neighborhood around St. Cross Church is united in opposition to this radical proposal.

As a lifelong Hermosa resident, I can't remember any other city council action which would negatively affect so many resident's property values.

If the housing element is approved as proposed, you will be igniting a firestorm. I sincerely hope we can avoid that.

Respectfully, Chris Brown
310-766-7234
chris@campsurf.com

From: [Debbie Fogel](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:01:42 AM

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I am opposed to housing element in current form pls include in Aug 8th
Debbie Fogel
Sent from my iPhone

Myra Maravilla

From: Doreen Dice <ddice@tdaltd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2:20 PM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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I vote against and oppose the site.

Doreen Dice
869 8th Street
Manhattan Beach

Myra Maravilla

From: Maximus Salon <419maximus@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2023 8:54 AM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Cc: Carrie Tai; Ed Hart; President HB Chamber
Subject: Housing Element

Responsible Maximization of housing in commercial downtown zones!

For years, the city of Hermosa Beach has faced challenges in striking a delicate balance between preserving its unique charm and embracing growth. The recent negative publicity surrounding the housing element has fueled debates.

Hermosa Beach has a population of 19,650, but during the day, it experiences a worrying decline of 13%. In comparison, neighboring Manhattan Beach, with almost twice the population at 35,573, sees a 12% increase during the same time frame. This glaring disparity places Hermosa at a disadvantage in the competitive landscape, pitting its businesses against neighboring powerhouses like El Segundo and Redondo Beach with population of 67,700. (study by Economic & Planning Systems for Hb 2022)

Affordable housing is an integral component of local economic development, vibrancy, and sustainable communities. It influences various aspects of a community's well-being, including economic growth, social cohesion, environmental sustainability, and income mobility. Without affordable housing options, individuals and families may be forced to leave the area in search of more affordable living, negatively impacting the local economy and overall community health.

Shifting from a parking-based community (bigger housing structures and needs for multiple car parkings) to an Affordable Local Way of Life (Smaller footprints with only parking for golf carts or bike racks!) and the residents excluded from Hb residential parking permits!

A sustainable community that embraces and promotes a "Affordable Local Way of Life" can be achieved through the provision of affordable housing for those who work from home or have easy access to workplaces on foot or by bike. This type of community design offers numerous advantages that contribute to environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

- **Reduced Carbon Footprint:** A community where people can live close to their workplaces and amenities significantly reduces the need for daily commuting by cars. This, in turn, leads to a substantial reduction in carbon emissions, contributing to the fight against climate change and air pollution. Emphasizing walking and biking as primary modes of transportation also supports cleaner and greener alternatives to conventional automobiles.
- **Enhanced Health and Well-being:** Encouraging walking and biking for daily activities fosters a healthier lifestyle for residents. Regular physical activity improves cardiovascular health, reduces stress, and enhances overall well-being. Moreover, having easy access to amenities like grocery stores, restaurants, and recreational areas promotes a sense of community, increases social interactions, and reduces feelings of isolation, positively impacting mental health.
- **Revitalized Local Economy:** Emphasizing a local way of life encourages residents to support nearby businesses. As people walk or bike to work, grocery stores, restaurants, and local shops, they are more likely to spend money within their community. This, in turn, boosts the local economy, stimulates job growth, and contributes to a resilient and self-sustaining economic ecosystem.
- **Preserved Green Spaces:** A community that prioritizes walking and biking reduces the need for extensive roadways and parking lots, allowing for more green spaces to be preserved. Parks, community gardens, and natural areas offer numerous benefits, such as promoting biodiversity, improving air quality, and providing recreational opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

- Cultural Identity and Sense of Place: Emphasizing a local way of life helps preserve Hermosa's unique cultural identity and character of the community. By supporting local businesses, residents contribute to maintaining the distinct charm and character of the neighborhood. This sense of place fosters community pride and a deeper connection to the area, which leads to increased community involvement and civic engagement.
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In conclusion, a sustainable community based on a "local way of life" with affordable housing for remote workers and easy access to workplaces, amenities, and recreational areas through walking or biking offers numerous benefits. It addresses environmental concerns, promotes health and well-being, boosts the local economy, preserves green spaces, enhances resilience, and fosters a unique cultural identity. By designing communities with a focus on sustainability and local living, we can create vibrant, thriving, and environmentally conscious places where people can truly enjoy a high quality of life.

Thank you for your time and serving our community

Ed Hart
Chair of EDAC

Myra Maravilla

From: gary brown <thesmithy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 12:39 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk; Suja Lowenthal
Subject: August 8th council meeting regarding additional housing requirement

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

August 7, 2023 The Bureaucracy is Strangling Us!

Will Rogers once said. "Buy land, they ain't making any more of it!" This is supply side economics in its simplest form. 100 years ago, you couldn't sell sand for \$100/lot, even with a view. Affordability was something more personal. It can't be dictated by some government entity. The "invisible hand" of market forces creates the conditions along with a willing buyer and a willing seller that determines the outcome. That's how communities and cities are born.

Hermosa Beach is one of those communities, but we are beset by forces who are not concerned with our quality of life. A Bureaucracy or I should say Bureaucracies, always begin with an idea to improve performance, whatever that may be. Like an addiction, once is not enough.

In 1965 SCAG [Southern California Council of Governments] along with MOP [Metropolitan Planning Organization] was formed with the Federal Government to become the largest in the nation.

RHNA [Reginal Housing Needs Assessment] is another organization requirement of State Housing Law.

SCAG organization also has a special committee on Equity and Social Justice, or DEI. Sorry I'm tired of spelling out what it means. That would require a special dictionary. I would be remiss not to add that Caucasians are now a minority so maybe we would benefit? Maybe not...

SCAG'S organizational chart is shocking to me in that they have at least 44 heads of departments, most all managers which I assume have staff! Their 2024 budget is a whopping \$342,245,885! The 2023 budget is \$140,193,229. This doesn't include the other organizations mentioned.

I remain troubled by these seemly arbitrary requirements of 558 units of some type, and no definition of what "low income" is? And who would be moving into these units, and would Section 8 housing be a requirement? In other words, would we be subsidizing others so they could live at the beach at our expense?

What about our supposed concern with the environment? An additional 500 houses would require an additional 1000 toilets to flush; thousands of gallons of water that we don't have! Additional strain on our electrical Grid System that is woefully under siege from the fossil fuel alarmists, demanding more wind and solar energy. I hate to break it to you, but wind and solar will never supply the energy required!

And what about our "quality of life" which is why most of us moved here?

This council has been nothing but a rubber stamp for Sacramento! I still think we should consider becoming a Charter City though it won't help us in this situation.

One last parting comment. If we get rid of all fossil fuels we will lose the taxes generated that are used to repair and maintain our streets and highways. Electric vehicles don't contribute to this fund. Now what?

Respectfully,

Gary Brown Hermosa since 1971

"according with the Hermosa Beach 2021-2029 Housing Element Appendix B-Land inventory ,we have 795 units the state is asking for 558 ,why we have more than the state is asking?Saint Cross site and properties if is zoning R3 they can build 73 units but The Church are saying " We going to preserve the church and the school " if is true they only build 18 units on the parcel that they own but because the state requirement is 1/2 acre min , thats a problem for the site because the parcels are in two locations and can not comply with state requirements of 1/2 acre,the church is lying to the Hermosa Residents or to the State if they going to preserve the church and the school ,the other churches in Hermosa are in situated on the main corridors like PCH. ARTESIA, PROSPECT, (2),HERMOSA AV are on a commercial corridor and can be included on the inventory and they can leave saint cross as is ,not disturbing,traffic ,property values etc. all the cities are doing this on commercial corridors with very little impact.if they remove the church site from the inventory (73) units we will end with 712 and the state are asking 558 we are over 154 without the church,and if we need they are several properties on commercial areas willing to do it and will increase the value of the property without affecting the city,if the Saint Cross is done ,they going to leave with a lot of money and leave the problem to Hermosa Beach"



HERMOSA BEACH
CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE
and VISITORS BUREAU

August 7, 2023

City of Hermosa Beach
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach CA 90254

RE: Mixed-use Housing Standards

Dear City Council,

The Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce fully supports mixed-use development in our non-recreational commercial zones, which we believe will enhance vibrancy, foot traffic, and investment into our commercial corridors throughout the year. As an advocate body of Hermosa Beach businesses, we request minor changes to the Housing Element Draft Zoning Text Amendment that would serve to increase housing supply in our commercial districts while preserving the character of our small coastal town and protecting our existing businesses.

Our commercial properties are primarily small lots that contain diverse and eclectic buildings built over time. This creates a unique challenge to mixed-use developments where structures abut each other in our small downtown. To address these challenges and maximize the potential benefit of rezoning major portions of our commercial corridors to mixed-use, please consider the following recommendations:

Conservation of Existing Structures

The current draft zoning text amendment does not incentivize commercial property owners to retain their existing structures. The current version of the Draft Zoning Text Amendment applies R-3 building standards to the residential portion of commercial structures. We would like to add clear language that will avoid the need for major disruptive construction or demolition of entire buildings by allowing the existing structure to retain setbacks and building standards of the underlying commercial zone.

We recommend existing commercial structures where residential use is permitted retain the existing commercial zone building standards and will be considered legal, non-conforming.

Parking and Transportation Storage:

The city's zoning consultant, Martha Miller, recommended reducing the residential parking requirements in the mixed-use zone because the one-size-fits-all approach does not support a pedestrian-oriented, walkable downtown. She stated, "there just isn't room to provide that parking and that really is a barrier to investment and it actually encourages tear downs and a lot of parking on the ground floor." Also, the limited off-street parking of these small lots

translates to fewer residential units. Instead, reduce parking requirements and allow spaces to be substituted with bike parking which will encourage a walkable downtown.

We recommend bicycle storage be included for 50% of the residential units and reduce the parking requirement by one space per 4 bicycle storage spaces. Parking Plans of developments outside the parking impact zone are approved by the Community Development Director.

Parking Impact Zone

Many of the downtown sites on the Housing Element are outside the Parking Impact Zone, which makes those properties ineligible for both residential and employee parking permits. Residential development in those areas do not impose parking demand on-street or off-street parking, and would attract the ideal future resident of our downtown (those that do not rely on cars). Instead, we recommend parking requirements be limited to guest parking on those sites.

We recommend on sites in the downtown that are outside of the Impact Zone, the Development Director may waive parking requirements, including only requiring guest parking for residential units.

The Chamber of Commerce believes the above changes will significantly lift housing production barriers and increase economic vibrancy while minimizing negative impact on residents and the existing businesses. Though the Draft Zoning Text Amendment is not on the agenda of the August 8 public hearing, we believe it is essential for City Council to use that time to opine on these recommendations and provide Planning Commission insight into its thought process.

We appreciate the collaborative relationships the City of Hermosa Beach has with its Chamber of Commerce and look forward to hearing your thoughts at the meeting.

Best regards,

The Board of Directors
Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

Myra Maravilla

From: HBresident <HBresident@twc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 12:55 AM
To: Myra Maravilla; City Council
Subject: Supplemental Submittal for Public Hearing on Housing Element (HE) City Council Meeting of August 8, 2023

City Clerk and others:
Supplemental Submittal for Public Hearing on Housing Element (HE) City Council Meeting of August 8, 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Hermosa Beach City Council and Others:

All should understand that there is available a Referendum process, whereby the City's electorate who may not agree with the City Council's vote approving a particular 'legislative act', do have available to them the 'Referendum' process (which is different from and much simpler than the 'Initiative' process).

The people have 30-days after the so-called 'Adoption' by the City Council of a legislative act by their City Council to obtain signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters on a Referendum petition, which then when completed and submitted to and verified by the City Clerk will require the City Council to soon-after take up an item at a council meeting to either repeal the subject 'Adopted' legislative act, a Resolution or Ordinance, or to submit same to the city's voters for an up or down vote.

Quite often one might say, well if the Council's vote is reversed by the people, then the people will be stuck with a state imposed law or mandate causing something much worse than the action of the City's Council by reason of given time restraints or other.

While that may or may not be true, such debate after a successful Referendum may well result in a far more useful outcome regardless of its net result.

The people should never throw in the towel because of politics of one political option being worse than the other. The city government and the state government is in fact still the people's government, but you'd hardly know it anymore.

Nonetheless a couple of days ago I sent the following message to the City's young Hermosa Beach City Attorney, Patrick Donegan. He's supposedly well-versed in zoning and land use issues per the BBKlaw website, and in the past when I'd send brief questions to former City Attorney Michael Jenkins, I would receive a prompt reply. Why I have not received a prompt reply from Mr. Donegan to these two simple questions (copied below) I have no idea.

Nonetheless I believe the answers to the two questions I asked of Mr. Donegan in the email are simply, Yes.

Following then is a copy of the email I sent to City Attorney Patrick Donegan. Perhaps he will send me a reply on Today, August 8, and if he does I will post an addendum e-comment. Perhaps Mr. Donegan could also briefly indicate to both the Council and the public the process of Referendums in the interest of transparency as there apparently is an interest in the subject.

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Early Sunday, August 6, 2023

To: Hermosa Beach City Attorney Patrick Donegan.

Re: General Law City Legislative Acts / Referenda

Mr. Donegan,

It is my understanding that the Adoption by the City Council of amendment(s) by Resolution to the City of Hermosa Beach Housing Element (HE) are legislative act(s) and therefore subject to Referendum(Referenda).

Could you please confirm that this is correct.

Also, it is my understanding that while Adoption of Resolutions do not require "Introduction", but only Adoption, nonetheless the subsequent zoning change text-amendment ordinance(s) to meet the objectives of the adopted Housing Element (HE) do require both a 1st-reading 'Introduction' and a 2nd-reading 'Adoption' (to be a minimum of 3 days later), and with the Adoption of such ordinance(s) also being subject to Referendum(Referenda).

Could you please confirm that is also correct.

Thank you,

Howard Longacre (Hermosa Beach resident)

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Myra Maravilla

From: John Wallace <wallyjohnmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 4:52 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk; Mayor Ray Jackson; Councilmember Dean Francois; Councilmember Rob Saemann; Councilmember Michael Detoy; Mayor Pro Tem Justin Massey; Suja Lowenthal; Carrie Tai; John Wallace
Subject: HCD Housing Element-City Council Meeting August 8, 2023

Dear Hermosa City Council and Staff:

These comments are addressed to the City Council and Staff of Hermosa Beach and will be forwarded to the

[California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over the unreasonable forced quota of unknowledgeable government officials in Sacramento. These state officials have never visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already, our miniscule lot setbacks, how geographically small our town is and the absence of open land and large lot plots.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, certify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,000 people have signed a petition against the current plan. We are asking that Council delay submission of Hermosa's current St Cross housing element Plan to HCD at the August 8 Council Meeting

“Preserve our neighborhood” is a group of 2100 long term residents from all corners of the Town who are deeply concerned about the development plans that the Council is moving towards without alternative as being highly damaging to our quality of life and placing undo stress on our Town's infrastructure globally throughout the town, not just in one neighborhood. “Preserve our neighborhood” is not a “vocal minority” as asserted by Ms Tai. It

is a plurality. It is not special interest, private equity or outsiders looking to turn a buck at the expense of the residents. We are tax paying residents who, as such, fiscally support this town and its budget who will not stand for major compromise in quality of life to satisfy a State mandated algorithm or the personal political manifesto of one of Hermosa's Council.

1. We oppose lot "upzoning" and construction of a massive mid rise at the St Cross site. We oppose height limit increases as much as double to existing Code anywhere in the Town.
2. We view the steps that the City Council and Staff have taken without proper notice to its residents to be in violation of HCD statute California Government Code 65583 Article 10.6 b-9 for resident inclusion in housing element planning and will report as such to the State.
3. We will consider Legal action against the City Council to block submission of the St Cross housing element plan until Council and staff consider alternative solutions and stand down from submitting St Cross as its housing element solution at the conclusion City Council meeting of August 8, 2023.
4. We oppose waiving parking requirements on any Housing Element project which will only worsen the current parking shortage within the town with the only current plan being to increasingly limit parking for residents and their guests.
5. We believe Council and Staff are ignoring negative downstream effects on community quality of life of large scale housing

element projects including on parking, traffic, infrastructure requirements, policing/public safety and municipal fiscal solvency.

6. We believe Hermosa Beach current high density rating at 21/1500 when compared to other towns in California is actually an understatement of its true high density/overcrowding and ignores day visitors, vacationers, and a number of heritage special events which all cause a large increase in our true town population and therefore even higher density and resource use.

7. We believe the Council and Staff's approach over the past 3 years on the State's HCD housing element allotment has been sluggish, flawed in strategy and lacking transparency:

a. no push back on 558 allotment by HCD

b. no participation in SB 9 lawsuits with other towns across the state

c. no contact with Huntington Beach on the constitutionality issue and how to respond to HCDs forced unreasonable increased density measures.

d. late to game on local control measure

e. insufficient involvement in "Our Neighborhood Voices" without signature campaigning to attain 1.5 million signatures for a 2022 ballot issue which failed.

f. Insufficient and late notice to residents regarding St. Cross project.

g. A one property solution once private equity-centric as with STR and Cannabis

In contrast, Council and Staff sought to fast track their own Plan past residents w/o proper noticing with dismissive commentary: "I doubt you will find anything"

"You have made enough money in real estate"

And the Community Development director who repeatedly refers to Preserve Our Neighborhood as a "vocal minority" ignoring 2100 petition signatures.

Council and Staff inappropriately blame residents for delay in their development of a housing element plan, ironic given the inadequate and late notice to residents whose involvement has been the last 4 weeks.

Council and Staff have a blind spot for downstream outcomes of the current plan to comply with the State's allocation for its "Housing Element". 227 very Affordable housing units translates into a total of 2270 more high dense units in the City which will translate into as many as 5000-10,000 additional new residents in the town, an increase of up to 50% plus the addition of friends, family and Amazon delivery trucks. Private equity will build these projects and to turn their necessary profit, only 10% of units built will be affordable.

It is sad when residents consider their own City government the enemy. This government is constantly overreaching advocating for outside special interests and self dealing. It's now become a yearly occurrence for residents to mobilize to prevent our own City government from making decisions that would negatively affect our community. First, Short term rentals, then a slack line park, followed by Cannabis retail and now high density housing

and population compression without preparation for the downstream.

We, as residents who represent a plurality of public opinion are exasperated and have lost trust in City government and demand our Council and Staff to govern the town for the benefit of its residents and the community.

If Council submits the St. Cross plan to HCD as it's housing element, we will seek legal action to block it. Additionally as residents, we will file for a referendum to block St Cross submission to HCD by the Hermosa Beach Council and Staff

We will plan recall campaigns on all Council members who vote for the St Cross Plan.

We will consider supplying our own housing element proposal to HCD.

We demand all future Council Members and Staff be sworn in with their hand raised that their actions as Council/Staff are in the best interests of the town and its residents, not the State of California or outside interests and that Council and Staff be held accountable to this standard. We are asking for better out of our local government. We are asking to restore trust in our elected officials and staff. We are asking that it not be necessary for residents every year to take on a new job at the expense of our families, jobs and sleep as watchdog for the Council and Staff that

has habitually lacked judgement in governance and acted against the interests of the residents of Hermosa Beach with unconsidered downstream consequences of eroding the character of our unique town.

John G. Wallace, Jr.,MD

30 year Hermosa Beach Resident

Co-Founder Providence Little Company of Mary Emergency
Medicine Group

Board Member, Beach Cities Health District Medical Advisory
Board

Myra Maravilla

From: Karynne Thim <kt@ktbeachproperties.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:11 AM
To: City Council; City Clerk; Planning Commission; Suja Lowenthal; Carrie Tai
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting
Attachments: Screenshot (830).png; 200 Pier existing floor plans (1).pdf; 200 Pier sample conversion to affordable housing unit (1).pdf; MB Low Income Small Sites.pdf

You don't often get email from kt@ktbeachproperties.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Mayor and Councilmen,

FYI, the e-comment link is down right now. See attached screenshot.

At the July 11th City Council meeting, it was great to see democracy at work. Residents offered solutions and the community came together to voice their opinions and concerns about the Housing Element. Very few residents were engaged or aware of the Housing Element before that night, and didn't know how it can change our town and our neighborhoods forever. Progress has been made in the last month, but there's still work to do. The Housing Element is not ready for your approval tonight.

As elected leaders of our City, you bear the responsibility of the future of our town. Please preserve Hermosa's unique character, current height limits and the overall scale of our community. The decisions you make now on the Housing Element will impact the future of our community forever. Please say no to rezoning that will allow out-of-scale 5 story buildings in Hermosa. Once properties like St. Cross are rezoned, it can never be undone.

Over 2,100 people have signed a petition against the current plan. City Staff needs your direction to arrive at a plan that will be supported by the community. You cannot rely on them to do this on their own. They have proposed 45' height limits and an unnecessary citywide 100% density bonus program - both of which would be extremely damaging. This flippant approach shows a lack of regard for the character of our town, its property owners and the voices of its residents. Please don't yield to staff proposals that will negatively impact our community far after they've moved on to another city.

As you can see from the list below, there are simply too many unknowns and factors to consider before the Housing Element can be approved in good conscience.

For the good of our town, please consider the following requests:

- Do not approve the Housing Element tonight as currently proposed. It needs to be modified and updated to address the community's concerns.
- Don't rush a decision. Get this right for the future of our city!
- Staff hasn't presented an updated list of sites and allocations - it's still a work in progress. As mayor or Councilman, you wouldn't even know exactly what you are voting on! Adjusted allocations for new sites and for the St. Cross site are pending. In the interest of transparency, Housing Element documents must be updated, properly noticed to the public, and new drafts be brought back at a future date for consideration.
- Please direct staff to go back to the drawing board on the additional sites to be added:

- Add 26 units at 200 Pier without the unnecessary/subjective strings, rezoning or citywide negative consequences proposed by staff. Staff provided an alternative to rezoning, which the owner agreed to. Please see separate paragraph below regarding staff's determination on 200 Pier below.
- add 7 units at 1706 & 1734 PCH based on Manhattan Beach's success in getting small sites approved by HCD.
- The new sites brought forth by the community should add 51 units to the list, including the much needed low income category.
 - 18 low income units - Mitsubishi site
 - 26 low income units - 200 Pier
 - 44 Sub-total low income units (enough to replace the church's low income allocation of 38)
- 7 units 1706 & 1734 PCH (request that staff reevaluate this site for inclusion)
- 51 Total
- Reduce the St. Cross Church allocation (currently 66 low income) based on the fact that new sites comprising 51 replacement units have been brought forth by the community. In addition, results from a discussion the church plans to have with its vestry members at its next meeting is pending. Don't agree to rezone it to R3 - it's not necessary. The church has capacity to add units to their site under their current zoning of R1 and R2. It would be reasonable and justifiable for the church to stay on the list for a total of 15-30 low income units with current zoning if they agree to deed restrict affordable. Any property, regardless of zoning, can be on the list if the owner agrees to deed restrict affordable.
- The current allocation of 66 units to the St. Cross site won't fly with the HCD and must be reduced. 30 of the units are attributed to the parcel of land upon which the church sits. The church has stated publicly that the church itself isn't going anywhere so it would be a misrepresentation to assert that it has "realistic development potential" as required by the HCD. **Since it can't be justified to remain on the list, there's no reason to rezone it to R3.** From the HCD's guidebook: *"If the inventory identifies nonvacant sites to address a portion of the RHNA, the housing element must describe the realistic development potential of each site within the planning period. Specifically, the analysis must consider the extent that the nonvacant site's existing use impedes additional residential development."*
- Please direct staff to accept sites less than 0.5 acre based on MB getting them approved. There are more out there that we haven't contacted.
- Request that staff review Manhattan Beach's newly approved Housing Element for other nuggets we can use.
- Do not agree with staff's proposed new 45' height limit in M1 zone (on zoning text amendment presented to the Planning Commission on July 18th).
- Request that staff clearly states the height limit for the new HE Overlay and PF Zone before the Housing Element is approved, not after.
- Consider changing HCD consultants and hire Manhattan Beach's consultant. The current consultant proposes subjective findings that are bad for our city and apparently doesn't have a "can do" attitude. An example is not qualifying "small sites" less than 0.5 acre. Manhattan Beach's consultant got small sites approved by the HCD.

Legal remedies residents will consider if the Housing Element approved on Aug. 8th

- letter to HCD Accountability Dept. to inform them the church allocation is unrealistic and impossible due to existing use
- referendum and recall of all council members that vote yes on August 8th.
- legal action to stop rezoning

Staff determination on 200 Pier:

Last week I met with Carrie Tai to review her determinations on the additional sites brought forth by the community. For 200 Pier, she outlined two options for qualifying the site, but her staff report only included one option. The first option, which has punitive negative consequences, and she knows won't be acceptable to the community, is quoted below.

Staff report:

"2) Add to Sites Inventory – Lower Income RHNA - 200 Pier Avenue – The site is 0.4 acres and last improved in 2008. The property owner submitted a letter of interest and indicated interest in converting existing office condos to residential units.

a. Based on 52 small (280-400 square feet) office condos with no bathrooms or cooking facilities, it is estimated that every two office condos could make one residential unit sized between 600-650 square feet. This would make 26 residential units. The inclusions of 26 residential units on 0.4 acres is equivalent to 65 dwelling units per acre, twice the density of the R-3 which is 25.1 to 33 dwelling units per acre. There currently is no zoning designation in the City that allows for 65 dwelling units per acre. As such, the City would need to create a Citywide 100 percent density bonus program (which is above and beyond State law's allowance of 80% density bonus) to allow this conversion to occur. This assumes 100% lower income units.

b. Add the following program into the Housing Element, "Add a program to incorporate a standard into the Zoning Ordinance that grants up to 100% density bonus (exceeding the State's allowance) on projects on offering conversion of existing buildings (including office spaces) into 100% lower income residential units, in order to achieve unit sizes within the range of typical unit sizes in the City. This also entitles the property owner to any allowances in State Density Bonus Law."

In the meeting Carrie outlined a more palatable, second option which isn't in her staff report. Zoning can remain the same if the owner agrees to 100% affordable. The owner of 200 Pier agreed to deed restrict affordable provided a conversion wasn't mandatory, which was communicated by email. There is therefore no reason to rezone the site.

Other inaccuracies: Her report also says the units don't have bathrooms - they do have bathrooms. Showers just need to be added. See attached existing diagrams and the proposed new layout of a sample unit.

Finally, staff made a determination that unit sizes of 300-350sf are too small. Another subjective finding that Council should look into.

Regarding 1706 & 1734 PCH & "Small Sites"

The City of Manhattan Beach recently received HCD approval of their Housing Element. Their consultant and staff were able to get "small sites" with less than 0.5 acres approved for low income housing (please see attached Table 7) by using the justification below. It sets a precedent Hermosa can use to qualify small sites. Our lot sizes are similar, if not smaller on average. Based on this, there is no reason staff can't qualify this property and other sites for low income. This will open up more sites for consideration.

Furthermore, in a letter to Ken Robertson in October, 2021 HCD said "Sites smaller than one-half acre in size are deemed inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income housing unless it is demonstrated that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower-income housing units as projected for

the site or unless the housing element describes other evidence to HCD that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing."

Please direct staff to modify their findings and update the plan and sites inventory list accordingly to include 1706 & 1734 PCH to meet the low income allocation.

"4.1.1 Size of Sites and Lot Consolidation State guidance indicates that sites that are too small or too large may not facilitate developments affordable to lower-income households. Government Code Section 65583.2(c)(2)(A)(B) requires sites identified for lower-income units be limited to 0.5 to 10 acres. To meet the minimum acreage, a site may include two or more smaller parcels that have a realistic potential to be consolidated and developed into one site. In selecting sites for lower-income units, given the criteria, the City experienced various limitations and challenges identifying sites that met the size criteria. As previously mentioned, although the City has five zones that permit a minimum of 30 dwelling units per acre, the median parcel size is approximately 0.06 acres. Therefore, opportunities for identifying contiguous and underutilized parcels that can reasonably be expected to be consolidated as one site are limited. Sites smaller than 0.5 acres are deemed inadequate to accommodate development for lower-income housing unless evidence or recent trends can prove otherwise. As shown in Table 3, 15 of the 16 development projects over the last 3 years have been located on sites smaller than 0.5 acres, which is reflective of the average parcel size in the City being far below 0.5 acres. Although not all of the projects built in the last 3 years have included an affordable housing component, it can be assumed, based off these trends and existing opportunities for small site development, that developer interest in building housing affordable to all income levels on sites smaller than 0.5 acres will continue into the 6th Cycle. Furthermore, a recent planned development, 1701 – 1707 Artesia, has an affordable housing component and is built on a 0.30- acre site. This small site combined two parcels to achieve the 0.30 acres. Therefore, this site supports the assumption that lower-income sites in the City will be developed on sites smaller than 0.5 acres. The three sites identified do not meet HCD's minimum acreage criteria and are just under 0.5 acres (see Table 7) and are considered adequate for lower-income development based on the median parcel size in the City, development trends on small sites, and planned projects with affordable housing built on consolidated sites less than 0.5 acres. Further, a study of current properties on the market zoned for multifamily development in the City and surrounding cities including Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and El Segundo, revealed that the median parcel size for multifamily development lots is 0.06 acres. Lot acreages ranged from 0.03 acres to 0.17 acres. A notable multifamily development on the market located in El Segundo, included a 31-unit development on a 0.13-acre lot. Through market trends, it is clear available properties have small parcel sizes and can be assumed that development for lower-income sites will be built on sites smaller than 0.5 acres and developed at densities higher than the realistic capacity of 20 dwelling units per acre. The following subsections below (4.1.3.1 - 4.1.3.3) provide site specific details of how the City will ensure small sites can adequately accommodate the lower-income RHNA. The analysis also considers the likelihood that sites with multiple parcels can be consolidated. Two sites identified for lower-income development (Table ID 1 and 2) include multiple parcels and are identified as consolidated sites. Since most parcels in the City are small, it can also be assumed that developers will consolidate parcels, as is supported by recent planned projects, Verandas and 1701 – 1707 Artesia, which include consolidated parcels. The City also provides several incentives to encourage and facilitate Page | E-10 City of Manhattan Beach Appendix E: Sites Analysis and Inventory the development of lower-income housing through various programs. Through Program 16, the City provides an additional density bonus in exchange for lot consolidation on sites greater than 0.5 acres, and sites greater than 0.3 acres that are identified to accommodate the RHNA in the Sites Inventory. Again, this incentive was utilized by Verandas planned development project to increase their density. And as part of Program 16 the City will also assist affordable housing developers in identifying opportunities for lot consolidation using the City's GIS system and property database. Through Program 11,

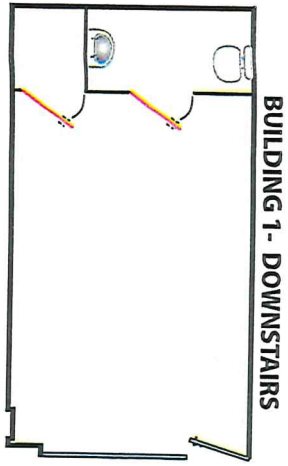
developers may also increase their density in exchange for affordable housing, pursuant to State law. The following subsections below (4.1.3.1 - 4.1.3.3) provide site specific details of how the City will ensure sites identified for consolidation can adequately accommodate the lower-income RHNA.”

Thank you for your consideration,
Karynne Thim

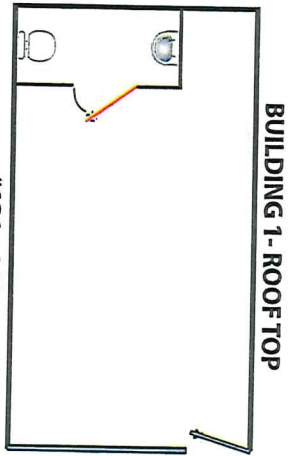
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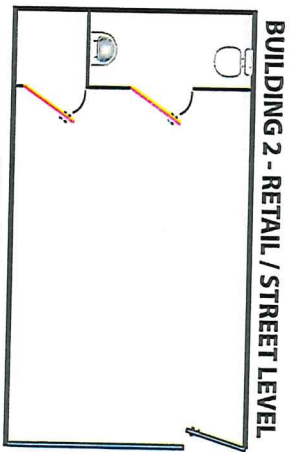
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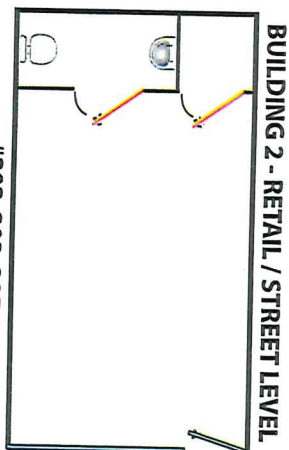
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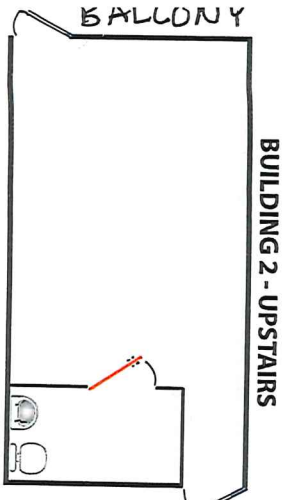
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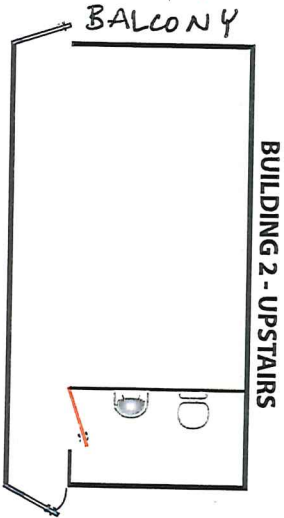
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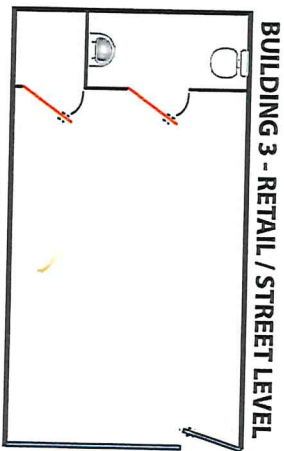
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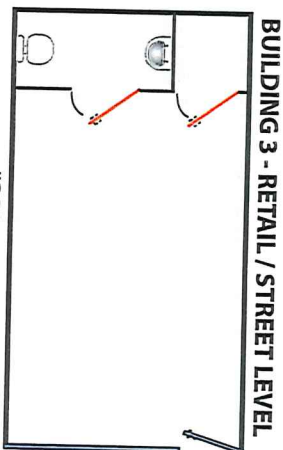
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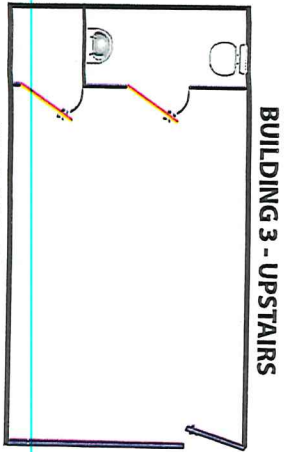
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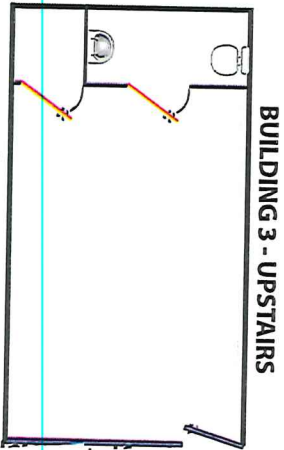
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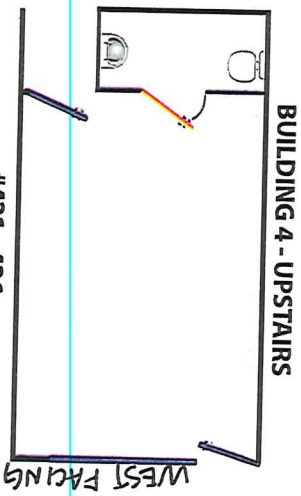
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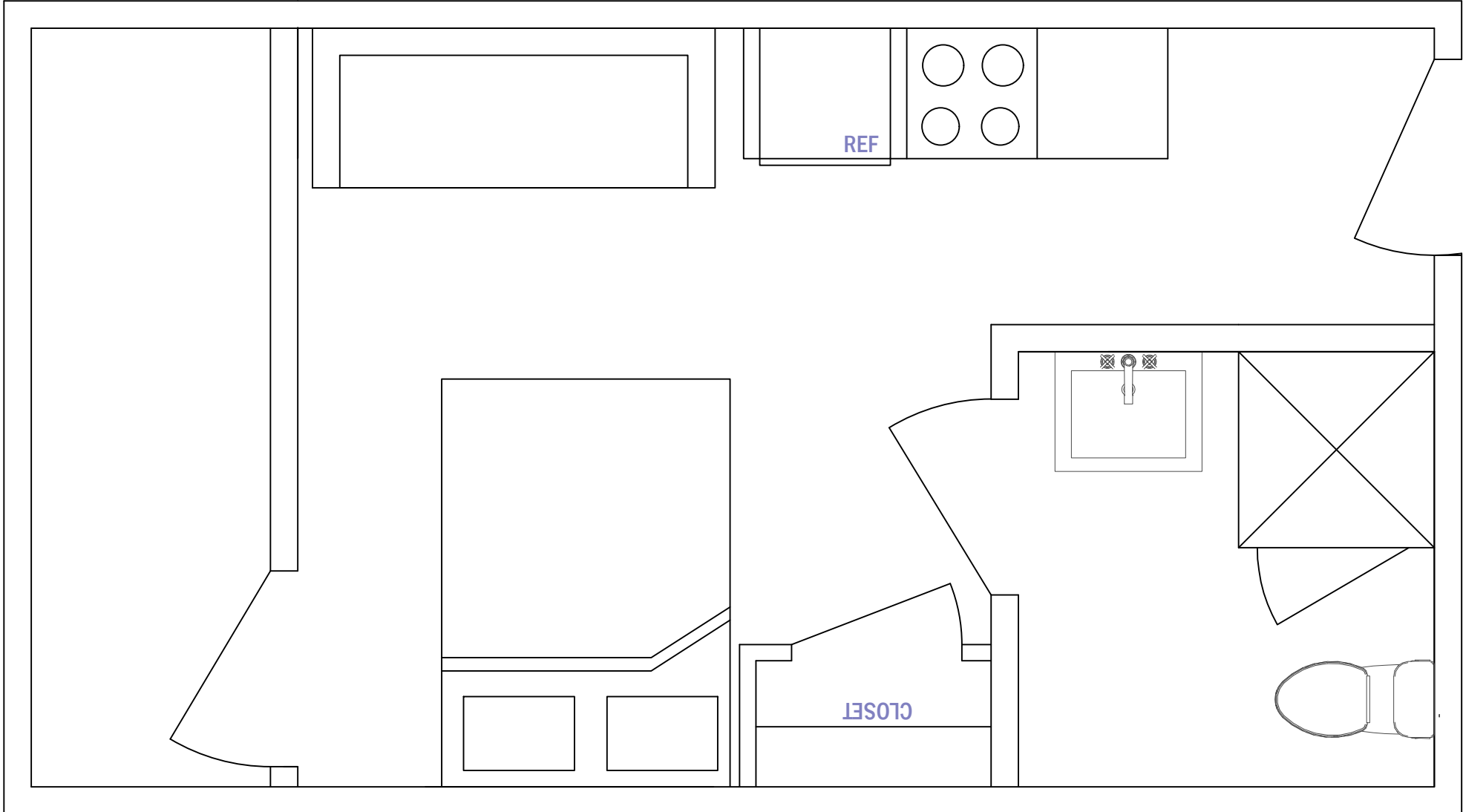


Table 7. Lower-Income Sites Identified

Table ID	APNs	Consolidated Site Letter	Address	Zone	Area District	Acres	Existing Uses	Net New Units
1	4137-001-900* 4137-001-904 4137-001-905 4137-001-906	A	Rosecrans Ave./ Highland Ave.	CNE	III	0.33	City-owned parking structure (APNs 4137-001-900, 4137-001-904, 4137-001-905, 4137-001-906).	6
2	4170-026-003* 4170-026-004*	B	1026–1030 Manhattan Beach Blvd.	CL	I	0.49	Remax offices, stand-alone building with a surface parking lot (APN 4170-026-003, LTI ratio 0.30, built 1953) and two-story stand-alone vacated Pilates studio with surface parking lot (APN 4170-026-004, LTI ratio 0.38, built 1964).	9
3	4163-024-028	N/A	1535 Artesia Blvd.	RH	I	0.46	Masonic Center with surface parking lot (LTI ratio 0.97, built 1963).	9
Total	—	—	—	—	—	1.28	—	24

Notes: Parcels with an asterisk (*) are non-vacant parcels identified in the 5th Cycle Housing Element.
APN = Assessor’s Parcel Number; LTI = land-to-improvement

4.1.3.1 Site 1

Site 1, labeled as “Table ID 1” in Table 7, is composed of four parcels reasonably expected to be consolidated into one site and totals 0.33 acres to identify 6 net new units. The use is a parking lot facility made up of four City owned parcels (APNs 4137-001-900, 4137-001-904, 4137-001-905, 4137-001-906).

The parking lot facility is not considered to be an impediment to development as the location is at the intersection of an area prime for redevelopment and recent development trends indicate parking lot redevelopment is feasible. For example, a proposed project in the City of Pasadena is slated to replace a parking lot with 105 residential units and also includes provisions for a semi-subterranean parking for 162 vehicles. Other examples of an increasing trend to redevelop parking spaces in Southern California include north of the City in the City of Santa Monica. The project includes the replacement of a parking lot facility in Downtown Santa Monica with an affordable housing component. The City of Mountain View in northern California has also recently approved a project from the nonprofit Alta Housing that would bring 120 affordable housing units to a city-owned parking lot. As vacant land has become scarcer, cities in California are looking to their city-owned parking lots as a mean to provide much needed affordable housing. Further, parking will not be lost as new development will require parking subject to the standards in the City’s Zoning Code. While the City does not currently have plans to sell the land, and the land is not designated as surplus land; if developer interest would arise, the City would work with the developer to analyze the feasibility of development, and comply with the guidelines and regulations outlined in Assembly Bill (AB) 1486, Surplus Lands Act. As part of **Program 30, Surplus Lands**, of the Housing Element, the City will identify and prioritize local surplus lands available for housing development affordable to lower-income households and report on these lands annually through the Housing Element Annual Progress Report in accordance with the requirements of AB 1486 (2019). If the City identifies any public land that they intend to declare as surplus land at any point, the City will send notices about available, surplus local public land to HCD, local public entities within the jurisdiction

EXHIBIT A

Table A: Housing Element Sites Inventory, Table Starts in Cell A2

Jurisdiction Name	Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Consolidated Sites	General Plan Designation (Current)	Zoning Designation (Current)	Minimum Density Allowed (units/acre)	Max Density Allowed (units/acre)	Parcel Size (Acres)	Existing Use/Vacancy	Infrastructure	Publicly-Owned	Site Status	Identified in Last/Last Two Planning Cycle(s)	Lower Income Capacity	Moderate Income Capacity	Above Moderate Income Capacity	Total Capacity	Optional Information1	Optional Information2	Optional Information3	
MANHATTAN BEACH	3714 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4137001906	A	North End Commercial (CNE)	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.03	City owned parking	YES - Current	YES - City-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	6			6		LTI ratio 0.00	N/A	
MANHATTAN BEACH	see above	90266	4137001905	A	CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.05	City owned parking	YES - Current	YES - City-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A	
MANHATTAN BEACH	see above	90266	4137001904	A	CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.16	City owned parking	YES - Current	YES - City-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A	
MANHATTAN BEACH	see above	90266	4137001900	A	CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.03	City owned parking	YES - Current	YES - City-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1030 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170026003	B	(Local Commercial) CL	CL, Area District I	0	46.6	0.36	Remax Offices, stand	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant	9			9		LTI ratio 0.30	Built 1953	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1026 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170026004	B	CL	CL, Area District I	0	46.6	0.13	Two-story stand-alk	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Used in Prior Housing Element - Non-Vacant				see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.95	Built 1964		
MANHATTAN BEACH	1535 ARTESIA BLVD	90266	4163024028		High Density Residential (RH)	RH, Area District I	0	46.6	0.46	Masonic Center wil	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element	9			9		LTI ratio 0.97	Built 1963	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1756 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4164016002	C	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.11	Stand alone buildin	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		11		11		LTI ratio 0.70	Built 1952	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1750 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4164016003	C	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.11	Stand alone buildin	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.27	Built 1952	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1762 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4164016001	C	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.11	Stand-alone real es	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.21	Built 1952	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1716 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4164016010		CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.11	Stand-alone real es	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element			4	4		LTI ratio 0.11	Built 1955	
MANHATTAN BEACH	939 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170010014		CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.09	Two-story beauty s	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				3	3		LTI ratio 0.20	Built 1958
MANHATTAN BEACH	917 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170011014	D	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.09	Dentistry with surf	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				6	6		LTI ratio 0.70	Built 1964
MANHATTAN BEACH	921 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170011015	D	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.1	Law office with sur	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.51	Built 1952	
MANHATTAN BEACH	901 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170011010	E	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.1	Stand-alone tax att	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element		10		10		LTI ratio 0.65	Built 1963	
MANHATTAN BEACH	909 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170011012	E	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.09	Two-story real esta	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.00	Built 1958	
MANHATTAN BEACH	905 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170011011	E	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.09	Vacated stand alone	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.42	Built 1948	
MANHATTAN BEACH	828 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170023007		CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.17	Stand-alone dermal	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				7	7		LTI ratio 0.43	Built 1971
MANHATTAN BEACH	1633 ARTESIA BLVD	90266	4163009020		HDR	RH, Area District I	0	43.6	0.3	Single Family Resid	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				9	9		LTI ratio 0.15	Built 1950
MANHATTAN BEACH	910 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170025010	F	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.12	Single family reside	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				9	9		LTI ratio 0.13	Built 1941
MANHATTAN BEACH	920 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170025008	F	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.12	Two-story real esta	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.93	Built 1978	
MANHATTAN BEACH	916 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170025009	F	CD	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.12	Triplex with 3 exist	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.25	Built 1949	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1216 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4179004001		(Downtown Commercial) CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.15	Stand-alone two-st	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				6	6		LTI ratio 0.35	Built 1946
MANHATTAN BEACH	212 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4179020012	G	CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.03	Retail clothing stor	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				4	4		LTI ratio 0.28	Built 1947
MANHATTAN BEACH	1120 MANHATTAN AVE	90266	4179020001	G	CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.03	Ice cream shop	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.40	Built 1940	
MANHATTAN BEACH	208 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4179020013	G	CL	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.03	Stand-alone gift sh	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.10	Built 1923	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1419 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4179028001		CL	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.08	Real estate agency	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				3	3		LTI ratio 0.29	Built 1956
MANHATTAN BEACH	3515 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4175024023		CNE	CNE-D5/RH, Area Distr	0	51.2	0.09	Stand-alone hair sa	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				3	3		LTI ratio 0.98	Built 1965
MANHATTAN BEACH	4005 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4137009058		CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.13	Stand-alone vacate	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				5	5		LTI ratio 0.79	Built 1970
MANHATTAN BEACH	953 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170009800		CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.59	Telecommunication	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				20	20		LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN BEACH	1426 12TH ST	90266	4166009008		HDR	RH, Area District II	0	43.6	0.24	Duplex, 2	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				6	6		LTI ratio 0.31	Built 1942
MANHATTAN BEACH	1324 12TH ST	90266	4166010006		HDR	RH, Area District II	0	43.6	0.16	SFR, 1	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				4	4		LTI ratio 0.27	Built 1953
MANHATTAN BEACH	1314 12TH ST	90266	4166010008		HDR	RH, Area District II	0	43.6	0.16	SFR, 1	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				4	4		LTI ratio 0.33	Built 1956
MANHATTAN BEACH	852 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170024008	H	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.09	Mixed-use lot with	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				5	5		LTI ratio 0.24	Built 1952
MANHATTAN BEACH	848 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170024009	H	CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.09	Stand-alone vacate	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.42	Built 1959	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1141 N POINSETTIA AVE	90266	4170014009	I	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.05	SFR, detached, 1	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				3	3		LTI ratio 0.10	Built 1940
MANHATTAN BEACH	1145 N POINSETTIA AVE	90266	4170014008	I	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.11	SFR, detached, 1	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.27	Built 1928	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1451 12TH ST.	90266	4166008016		RH	RH, Area District II	0	43.6	0.17	Duplex, 2	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				4	4		LTI ratio 0.60	Built 1954
MANHATTAN BEACH	1011 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170008027	J	CL	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.19	design studio office	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				13	13		LTI ratio 0.14	Built 1963
MANHATTAN BEACH	1019 MANHATTAN BEACH BLV	90266	4170008028	J	CNE	CL, Area District II	0	43.6	0.2	restaurant with larg	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.44	Built 1952	
MANHATTAN BEACH	3520 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4175017007	K	CNE	CNE-D5, Area District II	0	51.2	0.04	Stand-alone two-st	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				3	3		LTI ratio 0.81	Built 1965
MANHATTAN BEACH	3514 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4175017009	K	CNE	CNE-D5, Area District II	0	51.2	0.04	Commercial buildin	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.88	Built 1946	
MANHATTAN BEACH	3608 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4175016022	L	CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.04	Restaurant/Pub	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				6	6		LTI ratio 0.48	Built 1948
MANHATTAN BEACH	312 ROSECRANS AVE	90266	4175016027	L	CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.16	El Porto Building, cl	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.30	Built 1953	
MANHATTAN BEACH	3614 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4175016015	L	CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.04	Real estate and esc	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element					see capacity above	LTI ratio 0.31	Built 1939	
MANHATTAN BEACH	1711 ARTESIA BLVD	90266	4163008038		CL	CL, Area District I	0	43.6	0.3	Graphic design offic	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element			10	10		LTI ratio 0.39	Built 1959	
MANHATTAN BEACH	315 12TH ST	90266	4179004005		CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.06	Surface parking lot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				2	2		LTI ratio 0.01	Built 1965
MANHATTAN BEACH	1213 MANHATTAN AVE	90266	4179022029		CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.03	Stand-alone dentis	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				1	1		LTI ratio 0.52	Built 1924
MANHATTAN BEACH	1409 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4179028025		CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.07	Stand-alone real es	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				3	3		LTI ratio 0.27	Built 1989
MANHATTAN BEACH	3917 HIGHLAND AVE	90266	4137010006		CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.04	Surface parking lot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				1	1		LTI ratio 0.02	Built 1957
MANHATTAN BEACH	MOONSTONE ST/HIGHLAND A	90266	4137008057		CNE	CNE, Area District IV	0	51.2	0.06	Surface parking lot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				2	2		LTI ratio 0.01	Built 1966
MANHATTAN BEACH	316 ROSECRANS AVE	90266	4175016005		CNE	CNE, Area District III	0	51.2	0.06	Stand-alone restaur	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				2	2		LTI ratio 0.08	Built 1939
MANHATTAN BEACH	HIGHLAND AVE/38TH PL	90266	4137002016		CNE	CNE, Area District IV	0	51.2	0.04	Empty parking lot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				1	1		LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN BEACH	EL PORTO ST/OCEAN DR	90266	4137010022		HDR	RH, Area District IV	0	51.2	0.03	Empty parking lot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				1	1		LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN BEACH	815 MANHATTAN AVE	90266	4179014013		CD	CD, Area District III	0	51.2	0.06	Office building, clot	YES - Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not Used in Prior Housing Element				2	2		LTI ratio 0.26	Built 1972
MANHATTAN BEACH	1407 12TH ST	90266	41660																			

Table B: Candidate Sites Identified to be Rezoned to Accommodate Shortfall Housing Need, Table Starts in Cell A2

Jurisdiction Name	Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Very Low-Income	Low-Income	Moderate-Income	Above Moderate-Income	Type of Shortfall	Parcel Size (Acres)	Current General Plan Designation	Current Zoning	Proposed General Plan (GP) Designation	Proposed Zoning	Minimum Density Allowed	Maximum Density Allowed	Total Capacity	Vacant/Nonvacant	Description of Existing Uses	Optional Information1	Optional Information2	Optional Information3
MANHATTAN	503 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4169006006	Capacity captu	10			Shortfall of Sites	0.15	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	10	Non-Vacant	Two -story offic	A	LTI ratio 0.37	Built 1977
MANHATTAN	407 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4169006005	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.23	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Small commer	A	LTI ratio 0.14	Built 1954
MANHATTAN	509 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4169006007	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.15	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	State Farm res	A	LTI ratio 0.67	Built 1987
MANHATTAN	2909 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027026	Capacity captu	23			Shortfall of Sites	0.19	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	23	Non-Vacant	Smog check st	B	LTI ratio 1.06	Built 1989
MANHATTAN	2809 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027020	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Surface parkin	B	LTI ratio 0.06	Built 1969
MANHATTAN	2905 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027022	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Picture frame	B	LTI ratio 0.00	Built 1947
MANHATTAN	2809 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027019	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.19	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Medical offices	B	LTI ratio 3.09	Built 1946
MANHATTAN	2701 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027024	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Standalone bul	B	LTI ratio 0.42	Built 1948
MANHATTAN	2705 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027027	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.39	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Standalone bu	B	LTI ratio 0.22	Built 1974
MANHATTAN	2809 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4173027021	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	surface parkin	B	LTI ratio 0.06	Built 1969
MANHATTAN	2401 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171013041	Capacity captu	29			Shortfall of Sites	0.41	MU	CG/RS-D6	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Coreolgy Plate	C	LTI ratio 0.51	Built 1961
MANHATTAN	2405 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171013036	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.1	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	One-story buil	C	LTI ratio 0.99	Built 1954
MANHATTAN	2301 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171013030	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.19	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Vacated Enter	C	LTI ratio 0.34	Built 1957
MANHATTAN	2317 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171013034	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.05	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Printing office	C	LTI ratio 0.22	Built 1947
MANHATTAN	2301 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171013029	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Parking Lot fo	C	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN	2309 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171013039	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.2	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Real estate gr	C	LTI ratio 0.54	Built 1957
MANHATTAN	1701 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171014034	Capacity captu	13			Shortfall of Sites	0.24	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	13	Non-Vacant	Auto repair and	D	LTI ratio 0.66	Built 1968
MANHATTAN	1721 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171014020	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Two-story buil	D	LTI ratio 0.33	Built 1923
MANHATTAN	1725 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171014021	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	surface parkin	D	LTI ratio 0.00	Built 1950
MANHATTAN	1717 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4171014035	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.24	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Auto service a	D	LTI ratio 0.31	Built 1972
MANHATTAN	1505 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170006017	Capacity captu	21			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	21	Non-Vacant	Duplex with 2	E	LTI ratio 0.22	Built 1949
MANHATTAN	1509 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170006018	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone m	E	LTI ratio 0.06	Built 1950
MANHATTAN	1413 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170006015	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.28	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone co	E	LTI ratio 0.26	Built 1955
MANHATTAN	1501 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170006022	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0	MU	CG/RS-D6	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Two-story com	E	LTI ratio 0.39	Built 1964
MANHATTAN	1405 N Sepulveda Blvd	90266	4170006028	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Ingress and eg	E	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN	1401 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170006013	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.1	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Veterinarian of	E	LTI ratio 0.34	Built 1948
MANHATTAN	1405 N Sepulveda Blvd	90266	4170006027	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Auto service st	E	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN	1601 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170006019	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone sh	E	LTI ratio 0.27	Built 1965
MANHATTAN	1213 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170007016	Capacity captu	9			Shortfall of Sites	0.1	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	9	Non-Vacant	Hair salon and	F	LTI ratio 0.38	Built 1949
MANHATTAN	1309 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170007022	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.19	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Self-service ca	F	LTI ratio 0.42	Built 1965
MANHATTAN	1301 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170007017	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Auto repair sh	F	LTI ratio 0.19	Built 1949
MANHATTAN	1315 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170007021	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.1	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone m	F	LTI ratio 0.43	Built 1947
MANHATTAN	917 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170037001	Capacity captu	9			Shortfall of Sites	0.32	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	9	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone co	G	LTI ratio 0.40	Built 1956
MANHATTAN	1048 10TH ST	90266	4170037002	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Surface parkin	G	LTI ratio 0.01	N/A
MANHATTAN	708 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4167026012	Capacity captu	10			Shortfall of Sites	0.34	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	10	Non-Vacant	Corner lot with	H	LTI ratio 0.87	Built 1955
MANHATTAN	1116 8TH ST	90266	4167026011	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Two-story offic	H	LTI ratio 0.43	Built 1968
MANHATTAN	201 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4169014016	Capacity captu	12			Shortfall of Sites	0.09	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	12	Non-Vacant	Garden center	I	LTI ratio 0.27	Built 1954
MANHATTAN	207 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4169014048	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.53	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone ga	I	LTI ratio 0.33	Built 1974
MANHATTAN	200 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4167023013	Capacity captu	13			Shortfall of Sites	0.28	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	13	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone ch	J	LTI ratio 0.05	Built 1941
MANHATTAN	222 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4167023032	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.37	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Auto repair sh	J	LTI ratio 0.13	Built 1964
MANHATTAN	224 S SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4168025008	Capacity captu	13			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	13	Non-Vacant	Two-story com	K	LTI ratio 0.75	Built 1952
MANHATTAN	204 S SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4168025011	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Pet supply stor	K	LTI ratio 0.46	Built 1980
MANHATTAN	208 S SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4168025010	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Auto repair sh	K	LTI ratio 0.20	Built 1953
MANHATTAN	210 Sepulveda Blvd	90266	4168025009	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Large surface	K	LTI ratio 0.04	N/A
MANHATTAN	975 N AVIATION BLVD	90266	4164003027	Capacity captu	12			Shortfall of Sites	0.34	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	12	Non-Vacant	Small commer	L	LTI ratio 0.52	Built 1984
MANHATTAN	909 N AVIATION BLVD	90266	4164003022	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.16	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Small commer	L	LTI ratio 0.39	Built 1972
MANHATTAN	1853 9TH ST	90266	4164003030	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.15	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Single Family	L	LTI ratio 0.50	Built 1952
MANHATTAN	1853 10TH ST	90266	4164002032	Capacity captu	13			Shortfall of Sites	0.34	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	13	Non-Vacant	Cleaners, Smd	M	LTI ratio 0.20	Built 1957
MANHATTAN	1075 N AVIATION BLVD	90266	4164002001	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.34	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	One-story com	M	LTI ratio 0.25	Built 1953
MANHATTAN	1021 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170027001	Capacity captu	9			Shortfall of Sites	0.13	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	9	Non-Vacant	Two-story stan	N	LTI ratio 1.49	Built 1948
MANHATTAN	1048 11TH ST	90266	4170027003	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Surface parkin	N	LTI ratio 0.05	N/A
MANHATTAN	1015 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4170027023	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.19	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Stand-alone re	N	LTI ratio 0.15	Built 1992
MANHATTAN	600 N SEPULVEDA BLVD	90266	4167026014	Capacity captu	10			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	10	Non-Vacant	Surface parkin	O	LTI ratio 0.00	N/A
MANHATTAN	1117 6TH ST	90266	4167026016	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	Auto repair sh	O	LTI ratio 0.14	Built 1970
MANHATTAN	1111 6TH ST	90266	4167026015	Capacity captu	0			Shortfall of Sites	0.17	CG	CG	See Program 2	See Program 2	20	TBD during Overl	see above	Non-Vacant	One-story stan	O	LTI ratio 0.61	Built 1944
MANHATTAN	1416 17TH ST MANHATTAN BEACH	90266	4166007013	Capacity captu	5			Buffer	0.16	MDR	RM	See Program 2	See Program 2	0	TBD during Overl	5	Non-Vacant	Duplex, 2 - Bu	P		

Myra Maravilla

From: Kristen Roath <kristenroath@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 8:34 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Please reconsider

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,000 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone. Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

Kristen Roath
2010 Bayview Dr
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Sent from my "smart" phone. Please excuse any typos. Sometimes my autocorrect thinks it knows better than me....

Myra Maravilla

From: Lisa Meenan <lisameenan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 3:30 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Please Preserve our neighborhood

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To City Council:

I'm writing to request that you Please DO NOT APPROVE the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how **densely** populated we are already are.

I live 1 block away from the church and the only way I can avoid the horrible traffic on Pier Ave which is only 1 lane now is to go down Monterey the back way to get to Valley and Ardmore or Pacific Coast Highway. Adding 50 units on the corner of Monterey and 19th Street at St. Cross Church will crate a huge traffic jam.

PLEASE direct City Staff to consider going back to the drawing board and find smaller sites. Thank you.

Lisa Meenan
1615 Bayview Drive, Hermosa Beach

Myra Maravilla

From: CORMAC WIBBERLEY <wibberley@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 11:21 AM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Heard it through the grapevine...

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Hello again,

We heard through the rumor mill that tonight's vote is a fait accompli. It's going to be 3 to 2 in favor of passing the current Housing Element plan to up-zone the St. Cross Church property because "it's been mandated by the state." We hope the rumor is wrong, but we doubt it.

Since we are powerless to stop you, we are instead writing you to say two things:

1. We hope you **acknowledge** that you let the community by not making us aware of this situation two years ago. Running a legal ad in the back of a newspaper and emailing a select group of residents on a Planning Commission site is not informing the community. Clearly the city did not do their jobs in making a diligent effort to achieve public participation.
2. We hope you have plans to **fight Sacramento** on this because it's clearly not good for our already overcrowded city and also not what the people of HB want. For example, can we institute height limits on re-zoned properties? No one should be able to build 4 to 5-story buildings anywhere in HB, especially on the church property which sits atop an ancient sand dune that supports wildlife ecosystems that could be negatively impacted by new, giant construction. Where was the EIR?

Help us fight this. Let's keep Hermosa Hermosa and stop the greedy developers from lining their pockets.

Thanks for hearing us out,
Marianne & Cormac Wibberley
2162 Circle Drive

Myra Maravilla

From: CORMAC WIBBERLEY <wibberley@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 3:02 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Time Machine: The Future of Our Beach Town

Hello,

After the huge turnout at the last City Council meeting and the collection of more than 2,000 signatures against the proposed Housing Element, you're all probably wishing you could go back in time and handle things differently.

After all, it's been two years since this demand from Sacramento first hit your desks, and still the majority of Hermosa residents and business owners have no idea about one of the most important issues facing our community in years. How did this happen?

Maybe it was because everyone was still focused on COVID and no one was really paying attention. Or maybe our city leaders didn't think the issue was important enough for citizen involvement. Either way, our city government failed to inform and involve the community and let us decide.

A flyer should have been placed in EVERY CITIZEN'S MAILBOX explaining the situation in clear and simple terms instead of sending a link to a select few people (those who signed up for the Planning Commission email blast)—a link to a 222-page Byzantine document that seems to have been written to either scare people away or bore them into complacency.

There should have been FRONT PAGE ARTICLES about the potential up-zoning of St. Cross Church and the impact that four to five-story developments would have on the surrounding neighborhoods so the residents had a chance to react.

The Housing Element discussions should have been listed as ITEM NUMBER ONE on the agenda at every council meeting—instead of buried at the end. Why was it buried there on 7/11? Did you assume it wasn't important? Or were you hoping that residents got bored or tired or fed-up and leave before they have a chance to comment?

But we can't go back in time. We can only ask, what can we do now and going forward to safeguard our city?

Because once you up-zone these areas, THERE IS NO TURNING BACK. The inevitable changes that will follow will destroy our small beach town's character by massively increasing density and blotting out the sun with high-rises while LINING THE POCKETS of developers and the owners of St. Cross Church, who claim to "have no plans for development" on their property.

If this is true, then there is no need to re-zone St. Cross which only opens up the potential for development in the future.

By approving the current Housing Element Proposal, you—our city's leaders—will be saying that you only care about appeasing Sacramento TODAY and that you don't care about Hermosa's TOMORROW.

The upcoming meeting on August 8th is your chance to re-instill our confidence in you. Please put the BEST INTERESTS of Hermosa's residents, business owners, and property owners over demands of the bureaucrats in Sacramento who clearly have no understanding of how densely populated we already are.

Even if Sacramento penalizes us for not making their arbitrary deadline, we need to say "NO" to the current proposal. We need to go back to the drawing board and either:

- **Fight this mandate.** We are already the 21st most densely populated city in the state. At only 1.4 square miles, Hermosa Beach simply does not have any room to add that much housing. Or...
- **Find alternative sites.** We need to eliminate unrealistic options like the 66 units on the St. Cross site and adopt a plan the community supports.

On August 8th, we're hoping our city leaders do the right thing this time so we don't all find ourselves a few years from now wishing we could go back in time and save what used to be our charming, little beach town.

Thank you for hearing us out.

Best,
Marianne & Cormac Wibberley
2162 Circle Drive, HB

From: [Mark Ford](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 1:39:50 PM

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General Objection

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,100 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

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Take the church off the list

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element on August 8th if it includes rezoning of the St. Cross Church site to R3 high density zoning. The consequences could alter our neighborhood forever with 5 story buildings. The community has brought alternative sites to staff that are better suited locations. Please direct staff to utilize them and smaller sites to meet the State required mandates. Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

Regards,
Mark Ford
310-793-6855

Myra Maravilla

From: Mary Ann Benson <mabenson3@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 11:41 AM
To: City Council; Suja Lowenthal
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Addendum to my August 2nd letter regarding Church Rezoning on the August 8 City Council Agenda

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Friday, August 4, 2023

Dear City Council Members and City Manager,

After sending my first letter to you concerning your agenda item to vote on the rezoning of St. Cross Episcopal Church from R-2 to R-3, I realized that there are a couple of city-designated programs that may prohibit you to do that. Here they are:

- *The location of the property of St. Cross Episcopal Church, located on 19th and Monterey Boulevard, is part of our city-designated "Safe Route to School" network for both Hermosa Valley and Vista Schools.*
- *The city also delegated Bike lanes on Monterey Boulevard which surround the church.*

Please consider these additional items and its future impact of this location before your vote.

Best Regards,

Mary Ann Benson

August 1, 2023

To Hermosa Beach Council Members and City Manager:

I was prompted to write you after reading the request by the leadership of the St. Cross Episcopal Church (the "Church") to upzone their property from R-2 to R-3 to help Hermosa meet its State of California's mandate for the required housing plan.

While the Church has stated they have no "current" plan to rebuild or sell any of the property, the 2000 residents that signed the petition against rezoning, are concerned rezoning inevitably will lead to building of a dense multi-family property, causing impact to the R-1/2 community, with limited egress options (congested Gould and Pier).

In fact, the Episcopal Church in San Diego just redeveloped their church property and built a 204-unit multi-use property after having requested and getting approval a few years earlier for rezoning, including a 25 percent additional height allowance. The San Diego property density increase was significant and is detailed in the two links below, one link is by their Planning Commission.

<https://timesofsandiego.com/business/2022/08/11/525-olive-tallest-residential-building-in-sd-celebrates-grand-opening-in-bankers-hill/>

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/pc-18-072.pdf>

St. Cross Episcopal Church is surrounded by six square blocks in a Hermosa residential community of R-1 properties:

- North - R-1 for six blocks (to 25th Street)
- West – R1- to Palm drive (just east of Hermosa Avenue)
- East – R-1 to Valley Drive and most of Ardmore.
- South – R-1/R-2 for 3 blocks, until 16th street.

While we understand the city needs to come up with locations for multi-unit development, we believe there are alternate and more appropriate locations to consider. As representatives of your residents, we ask that you pursue the following actions before voting or approving the Church's rezoning request:

1. Consider an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
2. Provide residents time to review the consultant's recommendations and propose alternative sites for rezoning that meet the state requirements, via committee or some other forum.
3. If no other sites are determined available, restrict the density and impact of any potential R-3 property as a part of the rezoning,

I ask that you look at the above items and delay today's vote so that all options are considered. Your vote will have long last implications. Please complete thorough diligence to protect residents as well as the city's interests before adopting any zoning change.

Mary Ann Benson – one of the 2000 petitioners

Myra Maravilla

From: Megan Arora <meganarora@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:41 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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Hi there:

As a condo owner for the past 9 years, I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th.

Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's amazing & unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,000 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone.

Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in beautiful Hermosa!?

Thank you,
Megan Arora

Sent from my iPhone

Myra Maravilla

From: Michael Clemens <mike.h.clemens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 5:59 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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I am opposed to the zoning change of the St. Cross Church property to appease the ridiculous State requirement. I am also opposed to raising the height limit ANYWHERE in the City. We all live here and have abided by the City's downzoning requirements when we built our homes. An upzone and height limit relaxation is a slap in the face to all existing homeowners. DO THE RIGHT THING PLEASE

Myra Maravilla

From: Michael Garvey <mgarvey@dumbellman.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 12:00 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Objection to Use of St. Cross Church

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I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element on August 8th if it includes rezoning of the St. Cross Church site to R3 high density zoning.

Please direct staff to review alternative sites to meet the California State required mandates.

Please preserve the Loma Drive neighborhood and the safety of our first responders', elderly residents, and school children.

The increased street traffic will be a liability for those in need of extra consideration.

Michael Garvey
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"Doing well by Doing good."



Myra Maravilla

From: Michael.L.Molnar <michael.l.molnar@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 2:33 PM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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Spend tax dollars on homeless tweakers NOT increasing density.

Michael L. Molnar
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Michael.L.Molnar@GMail.com

Myra Maravilla

From: mlhca1 <mlhca1@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 5:09 PM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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If you truly love Hermosa Beach as much as I do all of you at the city planning and city commission should NOW be helping our community to dig down harder to find better suited properties and take St. Cross off the zoning map. Since the July 25, 2023 meeting at city hall our NOW informed community, on their own with no help for our city government, have reach out to property owners who have stepped up to offer their properties. The 1/2 acre minimum is a ridiculous ask for Hermosa Beach. Manhattan Beach accepted less than 1/2 acres for their Housing Element and so should Hermosa Beach.

I understand that all California city must be apart of the Housing Element. But can you also explain to me why Laguna Beach only has to have 394 units with a California density ranking of 535 (9.86 sq. miles). Hermosa Beach is at 558 units and number 21 (1.43 sq. miles) on California density rank. Does not make sense. We need to fight the unit numbers we have been given.

Let's get back on track with you serving your residents you are supposed to be serving.
Thank you.

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Myra Maravilla

From: Peter Indelicato <peter_indelicato@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 4:15 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Please - just don't do it (A customize letter from a long time resident)

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Hi everyone -

I typically trust the council to make wise decisions without getting involved, but in this case of the plan for additional "Housing Element" development around town needs to be shut down. We don't need more people or more density, and it will change the character of our little beach town. I've been living in Hermosa since 98. Im raising my family here. We're very involved in the community and have a huge local hermosa network. But if this goes through and changes the nature of our city, I (amongst others) will leave.

Please do the right thing here and other ways and places to expand.

Thank you -

From: [Rich Healy](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Do your job and respect your constituents
Date: Thursday, August 3, 2023 12:57:59 PM

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I urge Hermosa Beach to rescind the proposed R-3 designation for St. Cross Church. Please find other more suitable sites for low-income housing in the city. Realtors and residents had just two weeks to find alternate sites and located three potential sites. There are more out there. More than 2,000 local residents have signed a petition asking the city to block any high density apartment complex at the St. Cross site. A project like this will increase traffic, exacerbate parking issues, and endanger children in our already dense residential neighborhood. Stop ignoring the concerns of residents and stakeholders!

St. Cross Allocation is Not Realistic and Shouldn't be Accepted by the HCD

St. Cross Church is on record saying they will maintain a fully functional church so the City's RHNA allocation of 66 units on their site is impossible and unrealistic. An allocation of 66 units would require use of every square inch of St. Cross' 2.5 acre site for development. This constitutes an Existing Use that the city must factor-in to the Housing Element. There is no getting around this. State HCD clearly demands realistic solutions saying: *If the inventory identifies non-vacant sites to address a portion of the regional housing need allocation, the housing element must describe the additional realistic development potential within the planning period.*

Utilize Sites Less than 0.5 Acre for Realistic Solutions to Housing Needs

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board to justify sites in commercial corridors with less than 0.5 acres (small sites) as a core strategy to meeting the RHNA numbers. Manhattan Beach's Housing Element was just approved with small sites. Hermosa Beach simply does not have enough sites greater than 0.5 acres. We are the 21st most densely populated city in the state. We are 1.4 square miles.

Stand-up to unreasonable one size fits all state low income housing requirements by developing a housing plan based on realistic solutions not empty promises. The city should rescind its plan to upzone St. Cross to R3 and come up with realistic RHNA low income housing numbers as required by law.

Lack of Community Engagement

Community engagement is vital to the Housing Element process. According to the Housing and Community Development website, housing issues affect the entire community – residents, employers, and the public and private sectors. The public participation requirement of housing-element law presents an opportunity to engage constituents in a dialogue – defining problems and creating solutions. That has not occurred in Hermosa Beach.

Residents have been shut out of the process. Our concerns have been ignored. Most residents have never even heard about the Housing Element.

City Staff, City Council and Planning Commission should take a closer look at the HCD website, which states clearly: "Broad participation and true engagement of the public increases the likelihood that the community members involved in the discussion and planning processes will support new housing strategies and housing development." We want to be involved in the discussion and planning processes. The question is...does the city want us to be involved?

Running a legal ad in the back of a newspaper and emailing a select group of residents on a Planning Commission site is not informing the community. Clearly the city is not making "a diligent effort...to achieve public participation."

Do your job! Represent Hermosa Beach residents. Stand up and fight to preserve our unique beachside town. Push back against the bureaucrats in Sacramento with their one-size-fits-all ridiculousness!

Sincerely,
Rich Healy
2040 Loma Dr

Myra Maravilla

From: Rob Kole <Rob@koleimports.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2023 4:40 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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I am Rob Kole and live at 1900 the strand in hermosa and we are 22 year residents of beautiful Hermosa...My wife is Mindy Kole and she also feels the same way as me.

I'm writing to request that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Please prioritize preservation of Hermosa's unique character and the best interests of our town, its neighborhoods, residents, business owners and property owners over demands of bureaucrats in Sacramento. These bureaucrats have not visited Hermosa and have no understanding of how densely populated we are already.

Please direct City Staff to go back to the drawing board, justify new sites brought forth by the community, include "small sites" of less than 0.5 acre, eliminate unrealistic allocations like the 66 units on the St. Cross site, and adopt a plan the community supports. Over 2,000 people have signed a petition against the current plan.

The decisions you make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone.

Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

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From: Rosemarie Woerner <rmwoerner39@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 1:04 PM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Subject: St. Cross site

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Dear Councilmembers,

I have lived on Monterey Boulevard for more than 50 years.

I am opposed to a massive development in my residential neighborhood. It seems like the city tried to push this project through with as little public notification and input as possible. But when the neighbors heard about the St. Cross upzoning, they protested.

Please listen to their concerns. Remove St. Cross from the Housing Element and look for other sites. Realtors found three alternate sites in just two weeks. Imagine what they could do if they had more time.

Thank you.

Myra Maravilla

From: Stephanie Kelley <stephkelly1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:18 AM
To: City Clerk; City Council
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting

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Dear Council & Staff,

I am opposed to the Housing Element in its current form. Our parking is already extremely limited especially during the summer! I can't imagine having to find parking if this gets passed. There has got to be a better option. Please come back with an updated plan the community supports.

The best thing about Hermosa is that it is a little beach town that is so unique - adding 50 units will begin the process of tearing apart our small-town character. The council's job is to protect our future, protect our neighborhoods, and protect the businesses that service our community! Please do not pass this as there will be no going back for Hermosa!

Thank you for your time in reading and reconsidering!

Best,
Stephanie Kelley

Myra Maravilla

From: Stephen Magoffin <smagoffin@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2023 12:37 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting on the Rezoning of St. Cross Church and School

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I am not able to attend the meeting on August 8th but will be there in spirit and send this message with my considered opinion. I expect our city council to represent the will of the people of Hermosa Beach and therefore include my message to the council below:

To: The City Council and City Clerk of Hermosa Beach:

I am writing to you, the city council of Hermosa Beach requesting that you do not approve the Housing Element in its current form on August 8th. Changing (or more likely ruining) Hermosa Beach's current quality of life, albeit in a crowded beach city would harm all residents' quality of life (renters and homeowners alike). I have both rented and owned property in this city; I moved here from San Diego in 1989 and chose Hermosa Beach for its quality of life – despite having to leave San Diego to get a job in LA. (I can tell you many a story of how development ruined many parts of San Diego in the 1980's and 90's)

The current housing density with current zoning makes Hermosa Beach what it is today. Tinkering with the density through zoning changes and/or height limits will permanently harm that quality of life all Hermosa Beach residents cherish.

The 550 odd required additional housing units mandated by Sacramento is a top-down number and does not reflect what our city can or should provide. The rezoning/increased density of the St. Cross property would ruin the entire neighborhood and would set a bad precedent for further rezoning in the rest of Hermosa Beach.

If the city must "find" 550 odd more housing units to satisfy Sacramento's demands, they should look at areas where the density of an apartment house would fit better. How about along Aviation or Pacific Coast Highway where there are more than several empty or under-utilized commercial sites. How about the Hermosa Mall north of Vons? (one of our city's embarrassing developments that never added to the charm of our town).

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Beach to the south or the 5+ story "canyons" along Lincoln in Santa Monica. We do not want to be another Santa Monica or "Recondo" Beach!!

Regarding St. Cross, the zoning there should be no different than the surrounding neighborhood if the church chooses to convert its school buildings and apartments into residential areas.

The decisions we make now will impact the future of our community forever. Once properties are rezoned, it can never be undone.

Please Preserve Our Neighborhood and Say No to 5 Story Buildings in Hermosa!

Sincerely,

Steve Magoffin

From: [Thomas Schelly](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Comment regarding the Housing Element. Please include in the record for the Aug 8 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:15:30 AM

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Sincerely,

Thomas Schelly

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Carrie Tai](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: FW: Misinformation on RHNA < 0.5 acre lots
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 9:29:03 AM

Public Comment for CC 8/8 Meeting

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City of Hermosa Beach
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From: tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 9:11 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov>
Cc: DG_PlanningCommission <DG_PlanningCommission@hermosabeach.gov>; Suja Lowenthal <suja@hermosabeach.gov>; Carrie Tai <CTai@hermosabeach.gov>
Subject: Misinformation on RHNA < 0.5 acre lots

Dear City Council.

Dear Planning Commission

I would like to draw your attention to misinformation being circulated by city staff regarding the feasibility of using less than 0.5 acre lots to satisfy RHNA low income housing requirements.

The fact is Manhattan Beach in their recently approved Housing Element relied on <0.5 acre commercial corridor lots to meet its RHNA allotment and the same justifications used by Manhattan Beach likely apply to Hermosa.

This must be investigated.

I've taken a quick look at the Manhattan Beach 6th Cycle Housing Element focusing on Table B on page 320.

<https://www.manhattanbeach.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/49139/637811344209330000>

Table B on pg. 321 identifies 1573 total Low Income Units.

75% of parcels in Table B are less than 0.5 acres and these sites account for 14% [223] of the total low income units.

25% of the parcels in Table B are greater than 0.5 acres and these sites account for 86% [1350] of the total low income units.

Note: Table B [pg 321] Identifies Candidate Sites Identified to be Rezoned to Accommodate Shortfall

Housing Need

Counting these less than 0.5 acre lots would allow the city to put forth realistic low income housing numbers for St. Cross and the HCD demands *realistic* numbers.

City Staff's plan of allocating 66 low income units to St. Cross would require every inch of St. Cross's 2.3 acres and is a simply scandalous act given St. Cross's public statements that they will retain a fully functioning church and there will be no large scale low income housing projects.

Including > 0.5 acre lots in the RHNA count would also open the door to rescinding the wildly unpopular R3 upzoning at St. Cross while allowing the city to pursue a sensible strategy of putting low income housing in mixed-use commercial corridors near major transportation hubs.

Anthony Higgins



City of Hermosa Beach

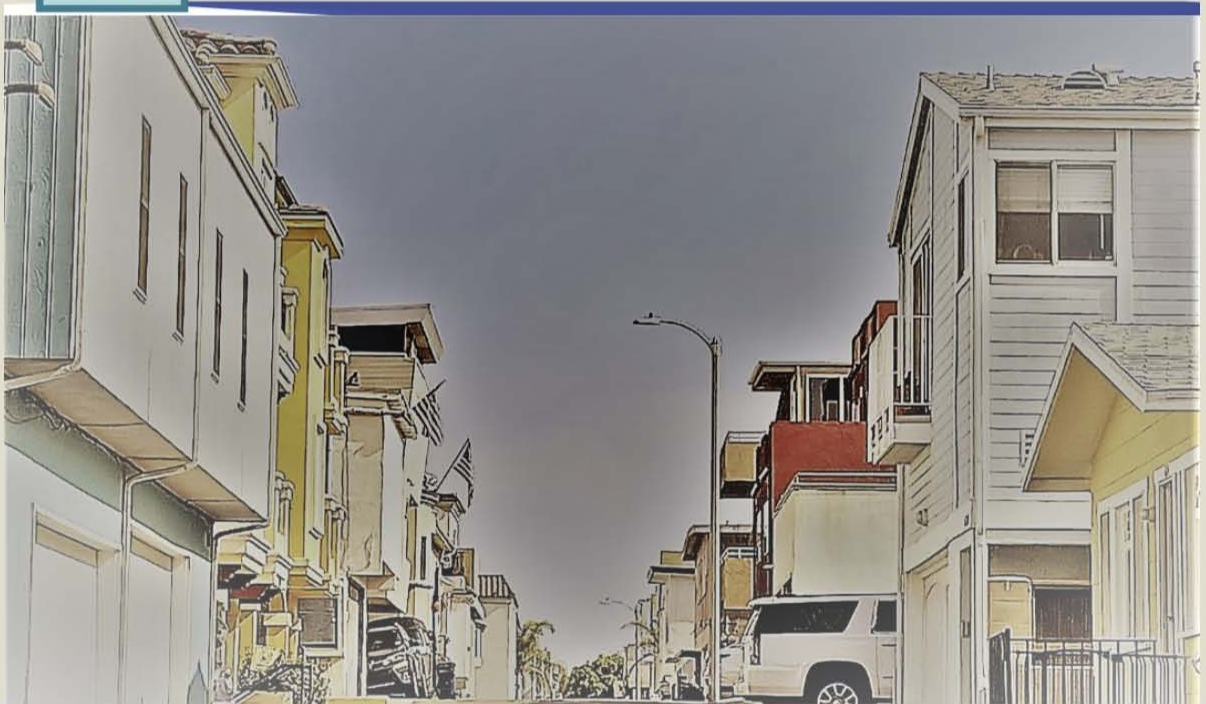
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