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**From:** Julie Profet <julieprofet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:54 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda #16

Dear Council members,

Council members, Hersman and Montgomery's request may provide an opening to the California Coastal Commission to take over our local control and affect our short-term-rentals ban in residential neighborhoods. Ensure the ban stays under our local control and vote no.

Furthermore, for such a hot-button issue, I think this item should not have been placed on the agenda the day after a long holiday weekend when many residents are out of town.

Please vote no on agenda item 16.

Thank you,

Julie Profet

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**From:** Gary McAulay  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:10 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** 19-0029 Donations Policy and Programs

Hello Council

I am writing regarding the proposed donation policies, a subject which you may know has been of interest to me since the earliest days of the Strand Bench program. That program began with the community's expressed desire to *not* line the Strand with memorial benches, and the development of an art bench program with strict donation plaque guidelines. It did not go well.

So to tonight's draft proposal:

### Strand Benches

I strongly support the Parks and Rec Commission recommendation to eliminate this donation program. The Strand is now almost completely lined with private memorials and cenotaphs, with only a couple of exceptions. There are only seven benches left upon which one might sit that simply do not need a plaque dedicated to somebody's lost loved one. Please follow the commission's recommendation and leave the benches unmarked.

### Park Amenities

I am not in favor of the rather maudlin practice of putting "in memory of" style plaques, however worded, on everything. I am also not in favor of selling every public space and every public amenity for private monuments. Really, does every picnic pad, water fountain, tree, bench, and trash can need a sign on it? It's just tacky. At the very least, because you will of course approve this money-making program, the signage should, *this time really*, be limited to a simple "Donated by the Smiths" or "Gift of the John Doe family." As soon as you add "For Jimmy" or "Celebrating the Life of Our Mother," it becomes a private memorial to proclaim a loss. Memorials on public land and public facilities should be reserved for truly public community figures.

### The Mosaic Mural and Paver Programs

I can support these community projects that are site-focused and open to all (*vs* the \$10K buy-yours-on-the-Strand benches).

### Military Banner Program

This program should be about the City of Manhattan Beach honoring those currently serving in the military, but instead it is the City selling banners for a 3rd party company (that has found a great niche) to folks willing to pay for the privilege of having a banner on MBB.

Those on duty in the military serve us all, and they should all be honored. Actually, the City already has a monument to ALL veterans (and there have been hundreds) at 15th and Valley.

My research found some 24 Manhattan Beach soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines that gave their lives in military service to our country, starting in 1918, and although they perhaps are also honored by the monument on Valley (they are actually war dead, as opposed to veterans) they really deserve something more, I think.

But the military banners? They should be reserved for active duty personnel (as many cities do) and the City of MB should honor them all, rather than just those whose families are willing to purchase the banners for sale.

There are people in Manhattan Beach, past and present, that have contributed above and beyond to our community, and who deserve recognition and remembrance, but I don't think we need to cover the town in donor plaques for a few dollars.

Respectfully,  
Gary D. McAulay

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**From:** Edward Gajdicar <edward.gajdicar@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 12:02 AM  
**To:** City Manager; List - City Council  
**Subject:** 19-0361 Consider Request by Mayor Hersman and Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery to Direct the Planning Commission to Consider Revisions to Use Permit Requirements for Short-Term Rentals in Commercial Zones

I am opposed to any revision or loosening of the STR ban even if any in Commercial zones.

Ed G

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**From:** vicky.purvis@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 12:01 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** 19-0361 Direct the Planning Commission to Consider Revisions to Use Permit Requirements for Short-Term Rentals in Commercial Zones (Interim Community Development Director Gibson)

I am opposed to any revision or loosening of the STR ban even if any in Commercial zones.

Why is this coming up again? Did not we just have this discussion a few months ago.

Vicky P

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**From:** Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 2, 2019 10:33 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** Re Council Meeting Agenda Item #16

I am so disappointed to find out that this is an agenda item:

Consider Request by Mayor Hersman and Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery to  
Consider Revisions to Short Term Rental Ban

I thought all of you were committed to a ban on short-term rentals. And, Nancy, that was one of your campaign promises. So, so disappointing!

This ban should not be weakened as it will open the door for the Coastal Commission to invoke jurisdiction on our general plan. Do not let this happen!

Lyn Fisher  
473 28th St.

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**From:** Phillips Lee <leephillipsmd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 1, 2019 1:03 AM  
**To:** City Manager; List - City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item; Consider Adoption of a Resolution 19-0348

First and foremost, I would like to Thank Lt Knickerbocker, MBPD and George Gabriel for all the work they perform. They all do a great job.

I write this e-mail as a resident of MB, and am expressing my opinion not that of any city task force or private group

I spend 20-40 hours a week reviewing legislation and local ordinances, speaking with resident groups and police, attending meetings, monitoring the impact of other cities actions on the movement of homeless to Beach Cities.

Offering more services is not the answer to moving homeless off the streets. Offering services does the opposite; it attracts homeless, enables the homeless to become comfortable on the streets and prolongs homelessness.

There should be a City Council person who dedicates his/her 4 year tenure to focusing on the homeless issue. There must be a comprehensive plan with City Leadership at the table, this is one of the most pressing issues facing cities today.

The Grant is good but:

LASHA is not effective and LA County will not solve the problem.

- <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-27/homeless-audit-lahsa-outreach-performance>
- [https://laist.com/2019/08/28/la-controller-outreach-lahsa-audit.php?fbclid=IwAR2kw2phjRB3yPrYOJiArxv5XXMeSHOC\\_K0kXrBkWUMWo\\_FE1ski5dSFwgk](https://laist.com/2019/08/28/la-controller-outreach-lahsa-audit.php?fbclid=IwAR2kw2phjRB3yPrYOJiArxv5XXMeSHOC_K0kXrBkWUMWo_FE1ski5dSFwgk)

It does not address residents' concerns.

- Homeless sleeping in Parks, Beach, Pier, under Sepulveda etc.
- Residents are concerned about mental and public health issues in the homeless

The city needs a day to day plan that makes sense to residents:

- An example might be a security officer who walks the strand, downtown, parks and green belt, Sepulveda underpass, Pier every day/night. Reports any homeless sleeping/camping/trespassing to MBPD. This security person can also have other duties.



- The number one priority of the city should be finding and funding shelter beds.

The city needs to have at the ready an emergency plan to address any encampment that forms within city limits. That plan must include a shelter bed.

The city must maintain a single accountable knowledgeable city official available to answer concern/questions from the community.

Lee Phillips