

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION**
Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk 
DATE: 4/21/2014
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE APRIL 21, 2014, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/PFA MEETING

Attached are the Supplemental Communications to the City Council (received after distribution of the Agenda Packet):

Study Session

PowerPoint communication dated April 21, 2014, entitled *Downtown Task Force Recommendations*.

COUNCILMEMBER ITEMS

#13. Communications received regarding City Council Placed Ballot Initiative to repeal the Plastic Bag Ban:

Merle Moshiri	Hildy Meyers	Richard Moore
Dolores Hill	Thor Faber	Cari Swan
Steve Labins	Ray Hiemstra	Mary Lundin
Scott Meyer	Anonymous	Judith Wisenbaker
Erik Peterson	Norm Westwell	Phillis Lane
Frank Wissel		

DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Joint City Council and Downtown
Task Force - April 21, 2014

General Overview

- ▶ Downtown Task Force created by the City Council in July 2013
- ▶ The purpose of the Task Force was to make recommendations to the City Council on how to create a sustainable and vibrant downtown economy while maintaining a safe and high quality of life for the Downtown's residential neighborhoods.



Members



Councilmember Connie Boardman (Chair);
Council Member Joe Carchio; Council Member
Jim Katapodis (Vice–Chair); Brett Barnes, Meg
Bernardo, Domenic Iorfino, Ron Newman,
Ralph Palomares, Cesar Pena, Dave
Shenkman, Susie Smith, Michael Wentworth,
Cathy Werblin, Stephanie Wilson

Recommendation	Staff Comments
<p>Paint inside of the Main-Promenade Parking Structure bright white so as to provide increased security and visibility, deter crime, and potentially make patrons feel safer.</p>	<p>Options include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strategically painting areas - \$100K. 2) Like for like upgrade - \$350K. 3) A comprehensive lighting system - \$700K.
<p>Reduce size and scope of US Open of Surfing to eliminate concerts, expo and non-competition related items</p>	<p>Completed – Specific Events meeting in April.</p>
<p>Consider providing additional security in public parking lots within District 1.</p>	<p>Police Department will be working with the BID and business owners in an effort to identify funding for additional use of private security</p>



Recommendation	Staff Comments
<p>That a mechanism be developed to increase the use of the public parking structure for employees that work late night shifts in the downtown.</p>	<p>Current fee for monthly employee parking is \$20.00. Staff can research options, such as reviewing work hour patterns and reducing monthly parking fees for the late night employees.</p>
<p>That City Council Resolution 2013-24, establishing conditions of approval for eating and drinking establishments with alcoholic beverage sales and live entertainment in District 1 become a zoning text amendment with the exception of those items already contained within the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.</p>	<p>Currently, only the Council has the discretion to modify the conditions. If the conditions are integrated into the DTSP, a LCPA would be required to be approved by the Coastal Commission to modify the conditions. Depending on how the Coastal Commission categorizes the LCPA, this process could take 6-24 months.</p>

Recommendation	Staff Comments
<p>HBDRA will attempt to acquire the required support of those within the proposed new parking permit district(s) by following the procedures identified by the Public Works Department. After costs are established, late-night businesses within District 1 will be asked to discuss the possibility of participating financially in the cost of establishing the district.</p>	<p>There are 3 processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outside coastal zone –requires the process through Public Works Dept. 2. Within coastal zone/outside DTSP- requires CDP 3. Within coastal zone/within DTSP- requires LCPA approval first then CDP <p>Note: any CDP approved within appealable area would likely be appealed by Coastal Commission</p>
<p>Consider increasing the number of cameras in the downtown, pursuant to input by the Police Chief.</p>	<p>The Police Department is currently working with IS on adding some new cameras and will be bringing a comprehensive plan to Council in May to significantly enhance the system.</p>

Recommendation	Staff Comments
Consider increasing the number of trash receptacles during special events, including lining local streets around Main Street with temporary containers.	As part of the Special Events process, additional trash receptacles will part of the conditions.
Review formatting of existing signage in the downtown to increase visibility, more organized and consolidated and updated where possible.	City staff will work with the Visit Huntington Beach and the Downtown BID to explore options.
Hold a City Council study session to explore and discuss regulation (limitation) of various business types in the downtown.	Staff can provide examples of similar regulations adopted in other cities – specifically, Laguna Beach and Pasadena.
Consider designating the top level of the Main Promenade Parking Garage for employee parking after 3:00 or 4:00 PM on Friday and Saturday.	Businesses could provide a staff list and schedule to confirm who should be parking in reserved area; may require a staff person to monitor.

Recommendation	Staff Comments
<p>That a Zoning Text Amendment and Local Coastal Program Amendment be processed to amend the Downtown Specific Plan so that residential permit parking can be allowed.</p>	<p>The process would require Council and Coastal Commission approval. In 2011, the Coastal Commission adopted an update to the DTSP that included language to prohibit preferential parking districts. Recent discussions with Coastal Commission staff have indicated that staff would not support such a request.</p>
<p>That meters be enforced until 2:00 AM in residential neighborhoods in the downtown and add signage to existing meters to promote flat-rate Fri/Sat night parking in the Main Promenade Parking Garage.</p>	<p>Different times at different meters will cause public confusion and adding additional hours of parking meter enforcement would not be cost effective for possible promotion of garage parking.</p>
<p>Establish a permanent Downtown committee that meets on a quarterly basis, consisting of three (3) City Council members, three (3) downtown resident representatives, one representative from the Downtown Business Improvement District, and one representative of a Downtown restaurant that holds a valid liquor license.</p>	

Current Efforts in Downtown

- ▶ City Council Approved Resolution 2013-04 – Establishing Conditions of Approval for eating and drinking establishments and Conditions of Approval for Entertainment Permits for businesses located in District 1
 - ▶ City Council Approved Zoning Text Amendment to prohibit the sale of alcohol for off-site consumption for any use in District 1 (Downtown Core) of the Downtown Specific Plan (DTSP)
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Current Efforts in Downtown

Police Department Efforts:

- ▶ Added bike patrols to downtown area
 - ▶ Started the process to acquire two horses for mounted patrols during peak times and events
 - ▶ Had first community meeting to engage residents on public safety issues, more will follow
 - ▶ Hosted training for 180 ABC licensed establishment owners, managers, and employees
 - ▶ Increased uniformed and undercover operations inside alcohol establishments
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Current Efforts in Downtown

- ▶ Initiated conversations with businesses about future partnerships to increase security in public areas downtown
- ▶ Issued several Entertainment Permit violations
- ▶ Implementation of new Entertainment Permit Requirements nearly complete
- ▶ Implemented temporary changes to late night staffing by adding dedicated proactive resources for bar crowd . Results in last three weekends have been 30 arrests, 12 DUI's, and 191 citations

Current Efforts in Downtown

- ▶ Installed additional brighter LED street lights
 - ▶ Worked with the post office to energize the street light in the pocket park behind the post office.
 - ▶ New LED lamps were installed on Pier Plaza around the Great Lawn.
 - ▶ Started selling Employee Monthly Pass at the parking structure (more convenient and accessible for employees). Increased number of purchases by 100%
 - ▶ City partnered with Downtown BID to provide 2 hr free parking incentive during Holiday season and Valentine's Day for customers
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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 10:03 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 17941 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Merle Moshiri

Description: From: PARS11@aol.com [mailto:PARS11@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 9:27 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Bag Ban

My family and I totally support the ban on plastic bags. In fact, we are hoping it will be extended to fast food containers.

There is no retreating on this issue, unless we are to be left with egg on our faces in a progressive society. HB has been at the vanguard of this toxic issue and we should be proud.

The oceans are amok in trash, most of it plastic.

The entries and exits to our city are lined, especially in summer, with plastic bags hanging like ghosts to the fencelines. It looks trashy because it IS trashy.

Don't take a step backwards. Progress is painful for some, but not as painful as a future with plastic and trash laden recreation areas. Plastic bags are havens for roaches and vermin.

Do the right thing and be brave.

Merle Moshiri

Expected Close Date: April 16, 2014

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Request: 17953 Entered on: 04/15/2014 5:56 PM

Customer Information

Name: Hildy Meyers
Address: 201 20th Street
Huntington Beach, CA
92648

Phone: (714) 969-8873
Alt. Phone:
Email: hmeyers001@verizon.net

Request Classification

Topic: City Council - Agenda & Public
Hearing Comments
Status: Open
Assigned to: Agenda Alerts

Request type: Comment
Priority: Normal
Entered Via: Web

Description

I oppose any effort to repeal the Reusable Bag Ordinance. This ordinance is an important step in protecting our environment from the damage inflicted by the use of plastic and paper bags. Using reusable bags may be an initial inconvenience for some, but it is a necessary change we must make to contribute to a livable and sustainable future.

Reason Closed

Date Expect Closed: 04/16/2014

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Meeting Date: 4-21-14

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Request: 17958 Entered on: 04/15/2014 9:10 PM

Customer Information

Name: Richard Moore
Address: 6921 Canterbury Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA
92647

Phone: (714) 905-4679
Alt. Phone:
Email: poginc@aol.com

Request Classification

Topic: City Council - Agenda & Public
Hearing Comments
Status: Closed
Assigned to: Agenda Alerts

Request type: Comment
Priority: Normal
Entered Via: Web

Description

We want the voters to be able to decide this issue, not the City Council members. We will be paying attention to how you vote on this in November.

Reason Closed

Thank you for taking the time to send your thoughts to the City Council. A copy of your comments has been entered into the Pipeline system and will also be forwarded to the City Clerk to be included in the record on this item. Thank you very much for writing.

Sincerely,
Johanna Dombo
Executive Assistant

Date Expect Closed: 04/16/2014

Date Closed: 04/16/2014 08:00 AM **By:** Johanna Dombo

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Notes Taken By: _____

Date: _____

Meeting Date: 4-21-2014

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Request: 17969 Entered on: 04/16/2014 2:59 PM

Customer Information

Name: Dolores Hill	Phone: (714) 536-1205
Address: Huntington Beach, CA 92648	Alt. Phone:
	Email: Hillslife53@yahoo.com

Request Classification

Topic: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments	Request type: Comment
Status: Closed	Priority: Normal
Assigned to: Agenda Alerts	Entered Via: Web

Description

We are HB homeowners and want the plastic bag ban approved for our city. Most cities surrounding us are helping the environment this way and HB should join in and make this permanent change.

Reason Closed

The Bag Ban was passed last year on a 4-3 vote (Shaw, Boardman, Katapodis, Hardy - YES) (Sullivan, Harper, Carchio - NO). Your message will be kept in the record for this item. We do appreciate that you took the time to send in your comments.

Sincerely,
Johanna Dombo
Executive Assistant

Date Expect Closed: 04/17/2014

Date Closed: 04/16/2014 3:19 PM **By:** Johanna Dombo

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Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 8:43 AM
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Request # 17986 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Thor Faber

Description: Repeal the bag ban I shop in Westminster now because of this

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Request # 17989 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Cari Swan

Description: I cannot attend Monday's City Council meeting due to other commitments but wish to go on record as STRONGLY SUPPORTING that the City Council ALLOW THE CITIZENS OF HUNTINGTON BEACH TO VOTE on whether we be allowed to keep or ban plastic bags in the city. It is certainly not the role, and arguable not the right of City Council to make these type of over-reaching decisions for the citizens of ANY community. It is shameful that we should even have these discussion but for the actions of two current sitting councilmembers! For the record, I have been taking my business to Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa because I use plastic grocery bags for many household uses. THIS CITY COUNCIL HAS OVERSTEPPED THEIR ROLE!!!

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To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
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Request # 17991 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Complaint

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Steve Labins

Description: I buy less and shop less in Huntington Beach because of the bag ban. Fountain Valley and Westminster have been receiving more of my tax dollars.

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Request # 17996 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Ray Hiemstra

Description: Dear Councilmembers,

Attached is a comment letter from Orange County Coastkeeper expressing our opposition to the proposal to put a repeal of the city's plastic bag ordinance on the November ballot.

Thank You ,

Ray Hiemstra
Associate Director
Orange County Coastkeeper
714-850-1965 x 304
www.coastkeeper.org

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ORANGE COUNTY
COASTKEEPER.

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Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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www.Coastkeeper.org

April 17, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Huntington Beach City Council
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648
city.council@surfcity-hb.org

Re: Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Plastic Bag Ban-Oppose

Mayor Harper and Councilmembers,

Orange County Coastkeeper ("Coastkeeper") is a nonprofit clean water organization with the mission to protect and promote sustainable water resources that are swimmable, drinkable, and fishable. As an organization that frequently hosts cleanup events at Huntington State Beach, Coastkeeper has a unique perspective on the plastic bag issue and appreciates the opportunity to comment on the City of Huntington Beach's bag ban. We hope that the City Council will take our comments into consideration and oppose placing a repeal measure on the November ballot.

In March 2013, the City Council voted to approve the Reusable Bag Ordinance, found at Chapter 5.95 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code. The Reusable Bag Ordinance took effect on November 1, 2013. After the ordinance took effect, a group of City residents began collecting signatures for a measure on the November 2014 ballot that would repeal the bag ban. In order to put the measure on the ballot, the group must collect the signature of 10,940 registered voters. This effort has fallen well short of gathering the required number of signatures. With the apparent failure of this grass roots effort City Councilmember Sullivan, who was one of the dissenting voters when the ordinance was adopted, has now decided to sponsor a City Council proposal to put the repeal measure on the ballot. He states that reusable bags pose health risks because people do not wash them before reusing them, Huntington Beach residents do not like reusable bags, and it hurts the affected stores' business.

Coastkeeper has seen no evidence that there is widespread opposition to the bag ban in Huntington Beach or that the opposition is significant enough to hurt businesses. Further, Coastkeeper feels that the health risks of reusable bags are minimal and avoidable. The studies that Councilmember Sullivan is citing are likely the ones conducted in Toronto, Canada and by Loma Linda University and University of Arizona, which showed that reusable bags tested positive for E. coli, salmonella and coliform bacteria. The accuracy of these studies have been questioned. They were funded by the plastics industry and are thus likely biased. Further, most strains of E. coli are harmless, according to Dr. Susan Fernyak, director of San Francisco's Communicable Disease and

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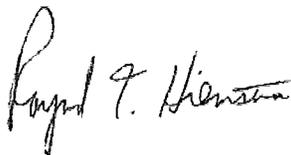
Control Prevention division.¹ The average, healthy person would not get sick from most strains of E. coli, and the studies do not state which strains of E. coli were found in the tested reusable bags. Even if the health concerns are valid, it is not difficult to overcome the minimal health risks that those studies found reusable bags may pose. The California Department of Public Health released a publication² with health tips to ensure the safe use of reusable bags, such as: frequently washing and drying the bags, washing the countertop where the bags were placed while unbagging groceries, using plastic produce bags, carrying the bags at checkout instead of placing them on the conveyor, and placing meat, poultry and fish in separate bags from produce. These are simple, common-sense suggestions that should not be difficult for residents to follow.

Coastkeeper hosts monthly beach cleanups on the second Saturday of each month at Huntington State Beach. Hundreds of volunteers attend each of beach cleanups. In March 2014, 250 volunteers picked up 285 pounds of trash, and in April 150 volunteers picked up 136 pounds of trash. Plastic products make up the majority of trash picked up from Huntington State Beach. The consistent high turnout at our beach cleanup events demonstrates that Huntington Beach residents have seen that plastics pose a huge threat to marine life and impair their enjoyment of the beaches. It also demonstrates that residents feel passionate about keeping the beach clean.

Because marine animals eat plastic bags and plastic products and become sick or die, plastics impair water quality, and plastic litter makes Huntington Beach aesthetically unappealing, Coastkeeper supports government incentives to reduce the use of plastic bags. Coastkeeper feels that, while plastic bag bans do not completely solve the plastic problem, requiring businesses to offer reusable bags and to stop carrying plastic bags helps raise awareness and helps to reduce the environmental impacts of plastic by reducing the use of plastic bags.

Coastkeeper strongly urges the City Council to consider the issues that we have identified in this letter and oppose a ballot measure to repeal the bag ban. We believe that the current bag ban is beneficial, that the health risks posed by reusable bags are minimal and avoidable, and that Huntington Beach residents support the ban.

Regards,



Raymond Hiemstra
Associate Director
Orange County Costkeeper

¹ <http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2010/06/25/128105740/plastics-industry-funded-study-finds-bacteria-in-reusable-grocery-bags>

² <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/pubsforms/Documents/fspnu04ReusableBags.pdf>

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Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Mary Lundin

Description: Passed by a narrow margin of ONE, the City Council has decided to throw another tax and penalty at Huntington Beach Citizens. Even though HB residents are not the cause of any so called plastic bag pollution, we are the ones penalized. This law is unfair and comes down to extortion by the City. This law should be overturned or at the very least put before the voters to decide!

Expected Close Date: April 19, 2014

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Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Scott Meyer

Description: Reusable canvas bags harbor bacteria. Recyclable plastic bags do not. Litter from recyclable plastic bags has never been a problem in Huntington Beach; this ban is simply politically correct environmentalism run amuck. You are dictating behavior to me as a consumer, denying me choice, and you are dictating behavior to retailers, harming their businesses. Virtually every cashier in Huntington Beach hates this ban as they receive the brunt of unhappy consumers' comments.

This needs to be put before the voters. If it is not, you can be certain the votes against putting it to referendum will be remembered and those Council members will be defeated in their next election.

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Request # 18006 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name:

Description: As of November of 2013, I have engaged in a boycott of all taxable purchases in Huntington Beach because of your crazy so-called plastic bag ban (you can still get plastic if you pay \$0.10 a bag, fools). I will NOT support liberalism in ANY form! Worship the earth if you will but leave me out of the moronic practice of using junk science to support your worship of Mother Earth.
I will be voting against every incumbent from now on!!

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Request # 18012 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Judith Wisenbaker

Description: I am totally against the Plastic Bag ban. I've started shopping at the Pavilions, which is actually in Westminster, to avoid the problems - my friends have also. If I shop in HB, I've got to bring my own bags, which may be less sanitary than the banned types, or if I forget, I have to pay for them, which really upsets me and my husband. I think this ban lost HB tax revenues, and credibility in the City Council as the voice of the people.

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Erik Peterson
5122 Bolsa Ave. suite 107
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

4/21/14

Huntington Beach City Council

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Erik Peterson. I am the Chair of the Huntington Beach Panning Commission. These views are not that of the Planning Commission but my own. I am writing in support of Councilmember Sullivan's submitted agenda item to place a ballot initiative on November 4, 1024 ballot to repeal the plastic Bag Ban. As a resident and business owner in Huntington Beach, I have not seen an issue that has polarized so many in our community. This ordinance has affected practically every citizen in the City along with almost every visitor to our city. I feel an issue with such a large impact on the community should be voted on by the citizens of the community. Though I agree that the pollution caused by the bags needs to be addressed, I believe in educating the public, not impeding choice and imposing fees and taxes to change behavior.

Regards,
Erik Peterson

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Request # 18027 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Complaint

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Phillis Lane

Description: I cannot make the City Council meeting, however, want to VOTE for putting the plastic bag issue on the ballot. Those who voted for this should ALL be voted out of office. Making an deals for their vote is not something to be accepted by the citizens. Again like Washington DC you think we work for you. YOU WORK FOR US. Many of you commit economic terrorism weekly when you vote for deals that are detrimental to the quality of life in our city.

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From: Flynn, Joan
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 9:34 AM
To: Esparza, Patty
Subject: Fwd: LATE COMMUNICATION - SUPPORT ITEM 13 - Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Plastic Bag Ban

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Norm Westwell <normw@modernpublic.com>
Date: April 21, 2014 at 9:26:07 PM PDT
To: <jflynn@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: City Council - HB <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: LATE COMMUNICATION - SUPPORT ITEM 13 - Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Plastic Bag Ban

Norm Westwell
and his 3 family,
and most of HB all

SUPPORT ITEM 13

The Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Plastic Bag Ban

LET THE PEOPLE'S VOICE BE HEARD!

Thank you.

=====
Norm Westwell
normw@modernpublic.com
www.modernpublic.com

There is a price for being Free
It is the eternal vigilance of our government

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Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Frank Wissel

Description: Please pass this so that the residents of Huntington Beach can decide if they want to ban plastic bags from their community. This ban means nothing when one can go to Westminster and other neighboring cities to shop. HB is losing money because of this ridiculous ban.

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