To whom it may concern

We are very annoyed that a Board Member continues to use the dais for his political bashings and rantings. The law prohibits using public resources for political purposes, why is the Chair of the TCA Board not shutting down this inappropriate political dialogue?

We have heard that the TCA supported two candidates in the last San Clemente City Council election so the TCA would have influence over the city’s policymaking. The TCA has NO BUSINESS meddling in local elections, as it goes against our great democracy and is against the law.

Just so you know Rancho Santa Margarita has a population of roughly 48,000 people yet, the TCA Director Tony Beall slams and smashes our elected highly qualified and effective elected officials that represent over 500,000 people in Orange County. It is astonishing that the TCA attorney and the other board members allow this bully to spew misinformation and his own hateful political agenda on our public dime.

This needs to stop. A complaint will be filed with the FPPC and we hope that the TCA cleans up this illegal and highly inappropriate behavior.

Eyes for Good

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.
June 12, 2020

Re: Problems Related to 4th of July

Dear city council,

4th of July is around the corner, I’m concerned about two problems.

FACE COVERING

Yesterday the County removed the face covering requirement, talking about its timing: reopening and 4th of July. Can Dana Point have a local policy? Nine Cities, including Laguna Beach, have local policies. What the County had was similar to Seal Beach’s and Costa Mesa’s.

BALLOONS

Many people are not aware of the environmental impacts of balloons. It’s an annual topic at the ocean water quality subcommittee. I appreciate the social media post.

This week I was talking about it with someone. He looked up the post, said it was in 2017, as if the problem doesn’t exist anymore. I hope the City can make another post before the 4th to remind people the problem.

On 2/24, OC Register article Trashed Valentine’s Day balloons show no love for the ocean or its wildlife mentioned a petition Ban the Balloon in Laguna Beach to Protect the Ocean & Marine Wildlife. It has 3,851 signatures. More and more Cities have banned balloons. I drafted one for Newport Beach, it was approved and supported by the water quality committee and harbor commission, is in the city attorney’s office:
http://ecms.newportbeachca.gov/Web/O/edoc/2360672/NBMC%206.26%20BALL OONS.docx

Thank you!

Hoiyin Ip

City of Dana Point - Government
Just Say NO to the balloon!

Did you know that marine life will eat plastic litter thinking it’s food? This is very harmful to them and it impacts our food chain! There was an exorbitant amount of plastic water balloon litter found on the 5th of July, right here in Dana Point! Please help us prevent marine litter by opting for super soakers or other squirt guns – instead of balloons which leave an impact on our environment.

The sea creatures and the City thanks you!

Hoiyin Ip 6/16/20
MANHATTAN BEACH BALLOON REGULATIONS

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

Balloons are meant to be a symbol of joy and of celebration, but pose dangers to wildlife long after celebrations have passed.

The City of Manhattan Beach is committed to reducing marine debris that harms ocean life. Manhattan Beach City Council passed ordinance 19-0003 which reduces the impacts of balloons in the environment. The regulations on balloons became effective in 2019. Under MBMC 5.80 Environmental Regulations, the ordinance:

- Prohibits the release of balloons anywhere in the City
- Restricts the use of Mylar/foil balloons in outdoor spaces like beaches and parks
- Prohibits the sale and distribution of Mylar/foil balloons in the City

BALLOON IMPACTS

- Birds, turtles and other animals often mistake balloons for food
- When ingested, a balloon can block the digestive track of the animal, often resulting in death by starvation
- Ocean and beach wildlife often get entangled in balloon ribbons
- Sea turtles are the most at-risk, as balloons floating in the sea look like their favorite food: Jellyfish!
- During International Coastal Cleanup Day, nearly 100,000 balloons were picked up on beaches around the world

HELP PROTECT OCEAN WILDLIFE

- Never release a balloon into the air
- Celebrate without balloons, choose edible or plantable items, which are less likely to end up in the trash
- If for any reason you end up with a balloon, when done with it, please make sure to pop it and dispose of it properly (cut the string/ribbon off, cut it up and put it into a trash container)
- Pick up any balloons or ribbons you find and dispose of them properly

DON'T LET GO

- Light and buoyant, balloons can travel many miles in the water and air
- Mylar/foil balloons do not break down, and rubber balloons can take up to 4 years to degrade
- Free-flying balloons can travel as far as 1,300 miles away
- Mylar/foil balloons cause hundreds of power outages in L.A. alone every year

www.citymb.info/sustainableMB
Hello,

I would like the following to be addressed in tomorrow's meeting:

What is being done to defund the police and re-allocate those funds to support the BIPOC of Dana Point and address the motivators of crime (such as socio-economic and housing instability, and child care and education access)? What is being done to address the racism that permeates the country's society and politics down to Dana Point?

I look forward to hearing your response during tomorrow's city council meeting.

Thank you,
Sam Crane
samcrane@photography@gmail.com
Dear City Council,
Once again, I would like to remind the Council of the harmful effects of balloon waste on our environment. Newport Beach is considering a ban on balloons as an effort to protect its ocean and marine life. I think Dana Point should do likewise. Letting balloons go randomly into the air to land, “who knows where” is reckless and irresponsible. Education and possibly regulation is necessary.
Thank you for your consideration,
Bill Lane
Dear City Council,

After talking with my fishermen and fisherwomen neighbors, it appears the balloon issue is a very real problem. Quoting my friend, “it is prevalent. I could easily fish out 40 to 50 balloons each time I go out.” I have attached a photo taken by my neighbor, Peter Flath. He counted 50 that he collected a few weekends ago. Yesterday, he saw 40.

Thank You,

Bill Lane
To: The Mayor, the City Council, and to the citizens who experience Dana Point, and to the citizens that will hopefully come.

Subject: Homeless

Homelessness is a fundamental problem

Affordable housing and supportive services help to prevent homelessness.

How does the city plan to utilize the new, 2020-2021 budget to address the issues of homelessness in Dana Point.

What can citizens do to respond to this issue?

Are there specific actions citizens can take, and what are they?

Is there a person working with the city members and the City Council to address any concerns regarding homelessness?

Please provide a name of the person and contact information

6/15 – A photo at the Ocean Institute, several children approached the restroom and a homeless citizen was bathing at the outside sink.

Dana Point’s mission is to set the standard for an exceptionally livable city.

Thank You for your time and consideration,

A Compassionate Citizen

Public Comment
6/16/20
Wayne Yost, Dana
Point

As we soon celebrate the 244th birthday of our Nation, I implore you to educate your children and grandchildren as to what the genesis of this holiday is. What the fireworks and the parades WE ONCE HAD, truly represents. Our Declaration of Independence was not simply a parchment document; for the first time in history, our colonies united and declared that our freedom would not be subjugated.

Today, our enemies must be rolling on the ground laughing or more than likely, slapping their foreheads, saying - "What were we thinking? For the past 244 years, we were attempting to destroy the Americans people and everything their Country stands for, with bullets, bombs, and propaganda. In just 244 hours they managed to accomplish that by themselves."

How could we have allowed our governments, at all levels, to usurp every ideal that we so dearly cherish? "LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"