

Public Comments on Items Not on Posted Agenda

Written Comments Received By 12pm on 06/10/2024



June 10, 2024

City Council Meeting

From: ANDY PATTERSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 5:57 PM
To: _City Council; Public Comment
Subject: LCLUP COMMENTS

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Dear Council,

We agreed on a LCLUP several years ago. We want that plan. The absolutely ridiculous changes that the California Coastal Commission (CCC) is making are absurd at best. They would destroy this town, for which we pay dearly in taxes and protect with the structures (BERMS, WALLS, ETC). But, to the surprise of most of us an unelected bureaucracy who is unaware as of last year, has decided that they do not want us to protect this great city. All of the Residents and Business in this City are affected by the nonsensical restrictions and requirements of the CCC. Please, don't rush to satisfy these absurd demands, if you want this City to remain as a FREE City and not taken over by the GOVERNMENT and these totally Inhumane demands by the State CCC.

We respectfully request that you put this matter on the back burner, so that we as a Free People can find a way to exist without being unrealistically burdened by the demand of the CCC.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Respectfully and meaningfully,
Andy and Kerry Patterson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 10:18 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Pacifica City Council Special Meeting June 4; SF Public Golf Alliance OBJECTS to irregular rushed process
Attachments: Ltr.SFPGA.to Pac.Ci.Cil.Object.Rushed.Process.5.31.24.pdf

From: Richard Harris Jr. <richard@sfpublicgolf.org>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:19 AM
To: Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacificagov>; Vaterlaus, Sue <svaterlaus@pacificagov>; Beckmeyer, Sue <SBeckmeyer@pacificagov>; Bigstyk, Tygarjas <tbigstyk@pacificagov>; Boles, Christine <CBoles@pacificagov>; Bier, Mary <mbier@pacificagov>; _City Council <citycouncil@ci.pacificaca.us>
Cc: Woodhouse, Kevin <kwoodhouse@pacificagov>; Murdock, Christian <cmurdock@pacificagov>; Cervantes, Stefanie <SCervantes@pacificagov>; Phil Ginsburg (phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>; Potter, Spencer (REC) <spencer.potter@sfgov.org>
Subject: Pacifica City Council Special Meeting June 4; SF Public Golf Alliance OBJECTS to irregular rushed process

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Pacifica City Council Special Meeting June 4; SF Public Golf Alliance OBJECTS to irregular rushed process

Pacifica City Clerk Sarah Coffey, Mayor Vaterlaus, Councilpersons, et al.
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Thanks and Best Regards All Around

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May 31, 2024

Pacifica City Council
Mayor Susan Vaterlaus
540 Crespi Dr.
Pacifica, CA. 94044

Re: City Council Special Meeting calendared for June 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

OBJECTION TO RUSHED, SHORT-NOTICED SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, CALLED ON IRREGULAR AND EXTRAORDINARILY SHORT 4-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE , AND WITHOUT PUBLISHED AGENDA OR AGENDA PACKET, APPARENTLY TO CONSIDER FINAL ADOPTION OF A HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL PACIFICA LOCAL COASTAL LAND USE PLAN THAT, AS OF COUNSEL'S MAY 23 MEETING ON THE MATTER HAD SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT UNRESOLVED ISSUES OF LAW, KEY FACTS MISSTATED IN STAFF'S RESPONSES TO COUNSEL'S WRITTEN QUESTIONS, AND UNANSWERED COUNSEL QUESTIONS. THIS PELL-MELL PROCEDURE WOULD VIOLATE BOTH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF COASTAL ACT SECTION 30006 (WHICH DECLARES THE PUBLIC'S "RIGHT TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS AFFECTING COASTAL PLANNING" AND THE NEED FOR "THE WIDEST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION". AND MOREOVER WOULD CONTRADICT THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S OWN MISSION STATEMENT COMMITMENT TO "STRONG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION".

Dear Mayor Vaterlaus and Councilmembers,

We noticed for the first time this morning (Friday, May 31) that a Special meeting has been noticed on Council's Agenda internet website: <https://pacificacityca.igm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>. The notice was not up on the Agenda website on May 29 or 30. This is apparently the follow-up meeting – discussed hypothetically with the City Manager and Planning Director near midnight at the close of Council's 6-plus hour May 23 meeting -- for Council to again consider adoption of a Resolution to approve Pacifica's April 2024 Draft Local Coastal Land Use Plan.¹ There was no explanation from Staff or discussion by Council as to an "emergency" justification for hyper-rushed process. At that time, the City Manager said that if a June 4 meeting were to go forward, the City would publicly notice it on May 24, and the Planning Director noted that the City would be unable to publish its Staff Report for the hypothetical June 4 meeting with its customary 1-week advance public notice.

Neither the City Manager, Planning Director, nor City Attorney mentioned, and there was no discussion at that time (at the May 23 Council meeting) by Council of the Coastal Act's mandates for the public's "right to fully participate" and for "the widest opportunity for public participation" in coastal planning matters. Nor was there discussion of the Coastal Commission's own Mission Statement's commitment to "strong public participation" in "careful planning" and other Commission affairs.

So we provide these mandates here now for Council's unhurried and serious consideration before a final decision is made whether or not to proceed on June 4 in such an irregular manner.

Coastal Act, California Public Resources Code Section 30006²

The Legislature further finds and declares that **the public has a right to fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning**, conservation, and development; that **achievement of sound coastal conservation and development is dependent upon public understanding and support**; and that the continuing **planning and implementation** of programs for coastal conservation and **development should include the widest opportunity for public participation**. (emphasis added)

California Coastal Commission, Mission Statement³

The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, rigorous use of science, **strong public participation**, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination. (emphasis added)

At several points in Council's May 23 meeting, Councilmembers expressed that (1) the Pacifica public and/or (2) Councilmembers themselves did not understand the factual and legal

¹ The April 2024 Revised Certification Draft LCLUP is found at Attachment G of the Agenda of Council's May 23, 2024 Special Meeting, at p. 56ff; Subsection 6.6 is found at Page 6-17 (Packet pg. 244): <https://pacificacityca.igm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1535&Inline=True>

² California Public Resources Code 30006
https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC§ionNum=30006

³ California Coastal Commission Website, Mission Statement: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/whoweare.html>

complexities and risks presented in the April 2024 Draft LCLUP, including uncertainties about the Special Resiliency Area policies, the extent of flood and Tsunami coastal hazard zones, the accuracy of maps, and the legal issues of property rights and “takings” under the U.S. and State of California Constitutions. These issues and more remained undecided and unvoted-upon by Council as of the close of Council’s May 23 meeting.

Should Council proceed with a short-noticed Special Meeting on June 4, we will have more to say in a follow-up letter or letters. But for now, we remind Council of the Legislature’s wisdom expressed in the Coastal Act Section 30006 (above), that the public has a right to “fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning,” and that “sound coastal conservation and development is dependent upon public understanding and support.” A June 4 meeting would short-shrift the public’s right to know and participate.

We submit that the proposed June 4 Special Meeting, on extraordinarily shortened notice and without even a published agenda as of the time of this writing, does not meet the standard of the Coastal Act Section 30006. And we respectfully request that the Special Meeting calendared for June 4 be regularly scheduled, with Agenda posted simultaneously, for a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Harris

President, San Francisco Public Golf Alliance

cc: City Manager Kevin Woodhouse, Planning Director Christian Murdock, Deputy Planning Director Stefanie Cervantes, Planning Commission and Commissioners, City Clerk Sarah Coffey, Phil Ginsburg, Gen. Mgr., San Francisco Recreation and Parks Dept., Spencer Potter, Esq., San Francisco Recreation and Parks Dept.

From: Amber [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2024 6:19 PM
To: _City Council; Public Comment; Chuck Waters
Subject: West sharp park and CCC

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear City Counsel,
My husband and I demand a clear description of all pending CCC regulation and cost
mpacts on my home on [REDACTED]. We demand an **answer** in
writing.

Thank you,

Amber and Chuck waters

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From: Satar Zarrinnam [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 2:24 AM
To: _City Council; Public Comment
Subject: Questions about West Fairway Park

[CAUTION: External Email]

Staff and Council members,

We live at [REDACTED] and are concerned about restrictions on remodeling our property once the updated LCLUP is certified.

In the last planning meeting, I recall that homes built before the Coastal Act (nearly the entire West Fairway Park neighborhood) have some grandfathered rights to repair, remodel and maintain that are not guaranteed to homes built after 1976.

Could someone point us to the new rules pertaining to repairing, remodeling and maintenance of homes located in the Coastal zone? Is there a link to the specific language we can read through?

I don't believe our Coastal Zone neighbors know the Pacifica City Council is close to finalizing a LCLUP that would impact their property rights among many other things. Folks are just busy and disengaged.

Best regards

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From: Remi Tan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 11:48 AM
To: Public Comment; _City Council
Subject: Public Comment. Fwd: IMPORTANT: Manor Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Coming to Planning Commission tomorrow, Monday, June 3rd

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear planning department and city council, here are my comments:

1. The deletion of parking on Palmetto near Esplanade intersection is problematic as this is overflow parking for the beach access point adjacent to Ocean Aire nearby. Coastal Commission may also object as this loss of parking restricts beach access.
2. There should be a raised crosswalk on Esplanade opposite the beach access point at Ocean Aire.
3. All crosswalks should be be raised for traffic calming.
4. Bike path should be between parking spaces, where occurs, and the curb with some space between parked cars and bike path to allow passengers to open door and step out without interfering with bike traffic. This is best practices for safest bike paths.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Remi Tan, AIA LEED AP BD+C

Architecture, Green Building
Real estate investment and brokerage

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christine Boles [REDACTED]
Date: June 2, 2024 at 6:29:35 PM PDT
To: Christine Boles [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: Manor Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Coming to Planning Commission tomorrow, Monday, June 3rd

A lot of emails have bounced because the photos were too large, so resending with a google drive [link](#) instead.

On Sun, Jun 2, 2024 at 6:02 PM Christine Boles [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi everyone,

Quick update especially for Manor residents that the plans for bicycle and pedestrian improvements to Palmetto from Westline Drive to Paloma as well as the entire length of Esplanade are coming before the Planning Commission Monday night (7pm, 2212 Beach Boulevard). The agenda can be found [here](#). It is item 3 that starts on packet page 97.

I marked up some google map images (attached in a pdf) to give you a simpler idea of the scope of work from Westline to Avalon without needing to look at all the technical drawings. I have met with many residents with concerns about speed of cars, ability to cross Esplanade from east to west, and oversized vehicle parking in the area, and these questions are not all answered in the staff report. There is also a considerable amount of existing parking to be taken out to make room for the bike lanes, primarily on Palmetto near OceanAire. I have sent my questions (reflecting many of yours - traffic calming measures, potential for an additional east/west crosswalk near Monterey or Bill Drake) into city staff and asked for clarification at the meeting tomorrow.

It's really important for the city staff and planning commission to hear your questions and concerns directly as well so I encourage you to participate, in person or on [zoom](#). You can also send in any questions or comments by email before noon Monday to: publiccomment@pacificagov and in the subject line say PC meeting Item 3.

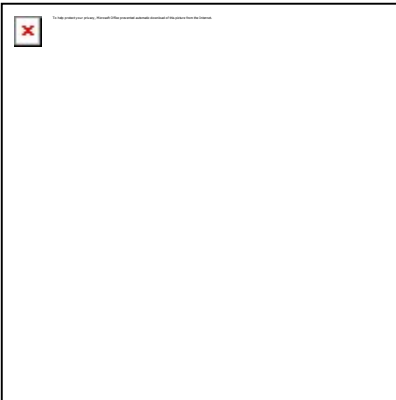
City Council members are discouraged from attending Planning Commission meetings so as not to appear to assert undue influence, so I'll be watching on zoom tomorrow. Do reach out if you have any questions.

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Christine Boles, Architect

Pacifica City Councilmember, District 2

Caring for the People and Environment of Pacifica



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From: Jeff Guillet [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 11:13 AM
To: [REDACTED] Bier, Mary; Bigstyk, Tygarjas; Boles,
Christine; _City Council; Public Comment
Cc: Coffey, Sarah
Subject: OPC 2024 Sea Level Guidance

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Dear Mayor Vaterlaus and council members,

As expected, [Ocean Protection Council](#) (OPC) adopted new sea level guidance yesterday that predicts a much lesser amount of sea level rise by 2100. See [State of California Sea Level Rise Guidance: 2024 Science & Policy Update](#). OPC's guidance reflects the best available science and is used by the State of California as the basis for sea level rise planning. As such, this affects all the sea level rise maps, policies, and planning used in Pacifica's current draft LCLUP.

OPC's previous 2018 guidance stated that the medium-high risk (0.5% chance of probability) of sea level rise was 5.7 ft by 2100. The new guidance predicts 3.1 ft of sea level rise for the Intermediate scenario by 2100 – a 54% decrease. OPC's policy states, "*This scenario provides a reasonable upper bound for the most likely range of sea level rise*" [page 6]. Further, OPC removed the H++ extreme sea level rise scenario presented in the 2018 sea level guidance, because it "*is not physically plausible*" [page 22]. The new guidance offers an opportunity to revise and improve our plan and policies based on the latest science and best practices.

ESA used the 2018 OPC sea level guidance to produce the vulnerability and hazard maps used throughout Pacifica's LCLUP draft. City staff and California Coastal Commission repeatedly reference these maps to form the policies and restrictions used throughout the LCLUP. City planners and home and property owners rely on these maps to determine which policies apply to them. It is important for these maps and policies to be current.

It is stated **eleven times** in the LCLUP that the planning document is based on best available science, therefore **the vulnerability and hazard maps and the policies that rely on them must be updated to reflect this new guidance before resubmitting anything else to the California Coastal Commission.**

We appreciate your attention and cooperation on this matter.

Respectfully,

Jeff Guillet
West Fairway Park

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From: Jennifer Kraljevich [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 2:26 PM
To: _City Council; Public Comment
Subject: Need CCC answers

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hello!

I have been trying to keep up on the progress of the Coastal Commission regulations and the Land Use Plan, but I work out of town quite a bit.

I live west of Highway 1 - near the golf course.

Could you please let me know what the proposed restrictions for my area are?

Thank you!
Jen

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Jennifer Kraljevich
[REDACTED]

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From: Coffey, Sarah
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To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Pacifica City Council Special Meeting June 4/Request Clerk's Office include SFPGA May 31 letter in the Correspondence File
Attachments: Ltr.SFPGA.to Pac.Ci.Cil.Object.Rushed.Process.5.31.24.pdf

From: Richard Harris Jr. <richard@sfpublicgolf.org>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:37 AM
To: Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacificagov>
Cc: Woodhouse, Kevin <kwoodhouse@pacificagov>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Pacifica City Council Special Meeting June 4/Request Clerk's Office include SFPGA May 31 letter in the Correspondence File


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Request City Clerk's Office include SFPGA May 31 letter in Correspondence File for City Council's June 4 Special Meeting (cancelled)

Office of Pacifica City Clerk Sarah Coffey

Dear Sarah –

- 1) This request is for the purpose of keeping the record straight for City Council's cancelled June 4 Special meeting, which meeting is on the City's online Calendar of 2004 Meetings (<https://pacificacityca.iqm2.com/Citizens/calendar.aspx>), with a notation that the meeting was cancelled. Here's a screenshot of how it appears on the online calendar:



Jun 4, 2024 5:30 PM
City Council - Special Meeting

- 2) On City Council's online Council Agendas page (<https://www.cityofpacificagov/government/city-council/city-council-agendas>),
June 3:
6-4-2024 City Council Special Meeting - NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
(i) there appears a formal Notice of Cancellation, dated
(ii) The Council Agendas page also has, at the bottom of the page, "See . . . a compiled list of written public comments received for the record for City Council Meetings." However, that "compiled list of public comments" does not include public comments for the cancelled June 4 meeting.
- 3) Since the public comment letter of San Francisco Public Golf Alliance was submitted by e-mail to your office on May 31 – three days before the date of the Notice of Cancellation of the June 4 meeting (see below) – we request that for accurate recordkeeping our May 31 letter should be filed as public comment to that June 4 meeting.

- 4) Because it appears that as of this writing (the morning of June 10), no public correspondence file for the June 4 cancelled meeting yet exists, we respectfully request that such a file be created and included with all the other Public Correspondence files for City Council meetings, and our May 31 letter be included in it.

Thanks to you and your office for your diligent public service. And Best Regards

- Richard Harris, San Francisco Public Golf Alliance, 415-290-5718

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Public Comments
Item 14 - 310-330 Esplanade Avenue FEIR
Written Comments Received By 12pm on 06/10/2024



June 10, 2024
City Council Meeting

From: Julie Starobin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:04 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Item 14

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I do not support the plan to build a steel and concrete wall on the base of the bluff off of Esplanade or the base of any bluff for that matter. You will just end up with steel and concrete ultimately littering the beach, adding to the pollution of the ocean. This plan will not prevent the cliffs from eroding. So-called 'armoring' the coast has not been proven to be an effective solution to anything. A number of years ago there was a construction project in that same area. It took a long time and involved the laying of a large network of pipes under the sand and many huge rocks were transported down to the water and buried. There were construction vehicles taking up parking spaces and the beach was inaccessible for months. Was that effective? Does anyone even know? And now you are proposing to do that all over again. And for what?

People come to the beach at Esplanade from all over the Bay Area. It doesn't matter if it's sunny or foggy or windy. Weekends are always crowded at Esplanade beach. I've talked to people who came from Palo Alto and from Tracy who really appreciate being able to spend the day on the beach and when they come, **they spend money.**

Who is going to pay for this proposed project that even by your own estimates will only last 30 years? Studies have shown that sea level rise is real and happening faster than originally thought.

Please rethink this proposed project. It is just the wrong way to address our eroding cliffs.

Julie Starobin, Pacific Manor

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From: Cynthia Kaufman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Coastal Armoring

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Dear Pacifica City Council Members,

Thank you for all the work you do to care for our city. I am concerned with the proposed sea wall at Esplanade. And Rosanna Xia argues so eloquently in her book *California Against the Sea*, it is time for us to learn to live with the reality of an ocean that wants to move. The science is very clear that armoring is an expensive and temporary solution to coastal erosion and leads to loss of beaches. Please don't waste our precious and limited money and staff time on this futile, expensive, and counterproductive approach.

Thanks for listening, Cynthia Kaufman, Pedro Point

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Cynthia Kaufman

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Most recent book:

[Consumerism, Sustainability, and Happiness: How to Build a World Where Everyone Has Enough](#)

Author webpage: <https://www.cynthiakaufman.net>

Director, Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action, De Anza College

Work email: [REDACTED]

Web page: <https://www.deanza.edu/vida>

Another world is possible, on a quiet day I can hear her breathing
- Arundhati Roy

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