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Subject: Support for Continued Fishing Ban off Manhattan Beach Pier
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I would like to know if there is a petition, ballot measure or other process I can engage in to try to make the current temporary ban of fishing off the Manhattan Beach pier permanent. As an 18-year resident of Manhattan Beach, I have avoided the end of the pier because of the stench, aggregation of seagulls and pigeons, and filth produced from fishing. It has been so wonderful to be able to hang out at the end of the pier in a clean, quiet environment. People linger now instead of rush by. It seems really unfair that the tyranny of the few (i.e., fisherpersons) ruins enjoyment of the end of the pier for all MB residents and the increasing number of visitors to our town. The pier is small, so it is hard to really co-exist. I used to live in Santa Cruz, CA where the pier is huge and could accommodate both fisherpersons (who have their own segregated area) and residents/visitors. I invite all of you commissioners to visit our pier now and then imagine it swarming with screeching birds, covered in slime from fish guts and blood and stinking to high heaven. Nothing against fishing, but it is so in your face on our pier and really destroys the ambiance of a beautiful, historic pier.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Eileen Neill

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Subject: re: Proposed regulations for Manhattan Beach pier by the Manhattan Beach City Council
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Commissioners: I ask you to support the current regulations being proposed by the Manhattan Beach City Council to try to reduce the danger caused to swimmers, sharks and others by persons who fish off the end of the Manhattan Beach pier. I have seen them chum waters (I think they get bored just standing or sitting there all day and want to stir things up, frankly), extend their lines way beyond the 100 ft. limit, and throw their trash on the ground, which attracts pigeons and seagulls. There is little respect for the folks who want to walk around the pier for enjoyment as they spread out their buckets and gear and leave little room for pedestrians to walk around the end of the pier, which is a very small area. I am thoroughly enjoying the current ban and suspect all my fellow Manhattan Beach residents are as well. This is a beautiful, historic pier and we appreciate the revenues visitors to our town provide. The pier is a draw until they walk around the end and encounter the filth and stench of the fishing activities. Please consider those of us who live with, and care for, this lovely landmark. Allow the City Council to exercise their duty to us citizens by making the pier safer for all who want to enjoy it and the surrounding waters.

Sincerely,

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