

RESOLUTION NO. 21-0042

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY  
COUNCIL EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE  
GASCÓN

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan Beach places the utmost priority on public safety and protecting its community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan Beach has a history of supporting legislation and ballot initiatives that increase public safety and protect the community; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón unilaterally issued a series of Special Directives in December 2020 including Special Directives 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-06: Pretrial Release Policy, eliminated cash bail for any misdemeanor, non-serious felony, or non-violent felony offense; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-07: Misdemeanor Case Management, lists numerous misdemeanor charges that will be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless “exceptions” or “factors for consideration” exist. These misdemeanor charges include trespassing, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, drinking in public, drug and paraphernalia possession, under the influence of controlled substance in public, public intoxication, resisting arrest, driving without a valid license or with a suspended license, minor in possession of alcohol, loitering, and loitering to commit prostitution; and

WHEREAS, Special Directive 20-08: Sentencing Enhancements/Allegations eliminates several sentence enhancements, including the Three Strikes Law, gang enhancements, and violations of bail; and

WHEREAS, some of the Special Directives issued by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón contradict state laws that were enacted through the state legislature as well as the legislative ballot initiative process to prevent and prosecute crime and protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, policies that aim to restructure or amend prosecutorial directives need to be consistent with state law and issued with reasonable intent and priority to enhance public safety and protect the general public and victims’ rights; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Manhattan Beach City Council expresses a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón and hereby directs staff to transmit the resolution to applicable and interested offices and organizations.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED on May 18, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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SUZANNE HADLEY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LIZA TAMURA  
City Clerk