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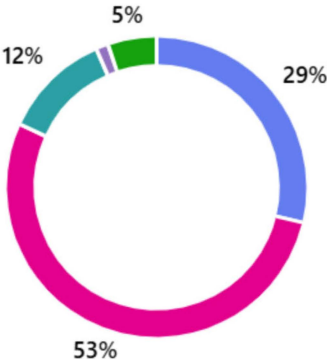
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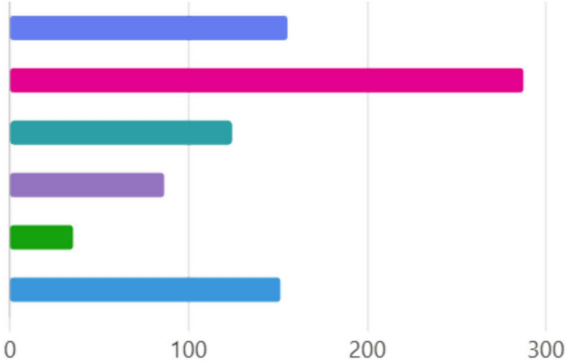
1. Which category do you fall under (check all that apply)?

- I live in Downtown or North Manhattan Beach 154
- I live in Manhattan Beach (outside of Downtown or North Manhattan Beach) 284
- I own a business in Downtown or North Manhattan Beach 62
- I own a business in Manhattan Beach (outside of Downtown or North Manhattan Beach) 7
- Other 28



2. What **Portable Signs** would you like to see allowed in the **public right-of-way** (check all that apply)?

- Plastic with solid face 155
- Aluminum or wood with solid face 287
- Signs with chalkboard or marquee faces 124
- Signs with hanging elements 86
- Signs more than 4-feet tall (e.g. feather signs) 35
- Pedestal/standing signs 151



3. Comments or concerns on **portable signs** in the **public right-of-way** (please be specific):

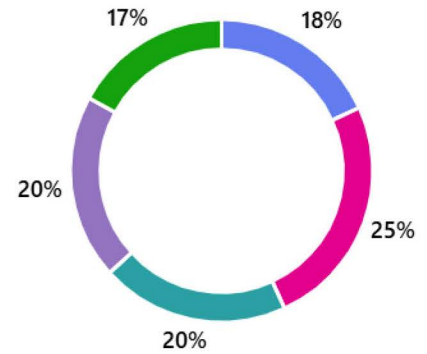
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"I like the signs they add to the town"
"These signs are a good way for businesses to get attention an... "
"I would prefer that portable signs don't impeded on walkways ... "
...

4. Which **Benches** would you like to see allowed in the **public right-of-way** (check all that apply)?

● Temporary, moveable benches	187
● Benches with arched backs	257
● Backless benches	207
● Benches with multiple materials and design integrated	203
● Benches with arm rests	175



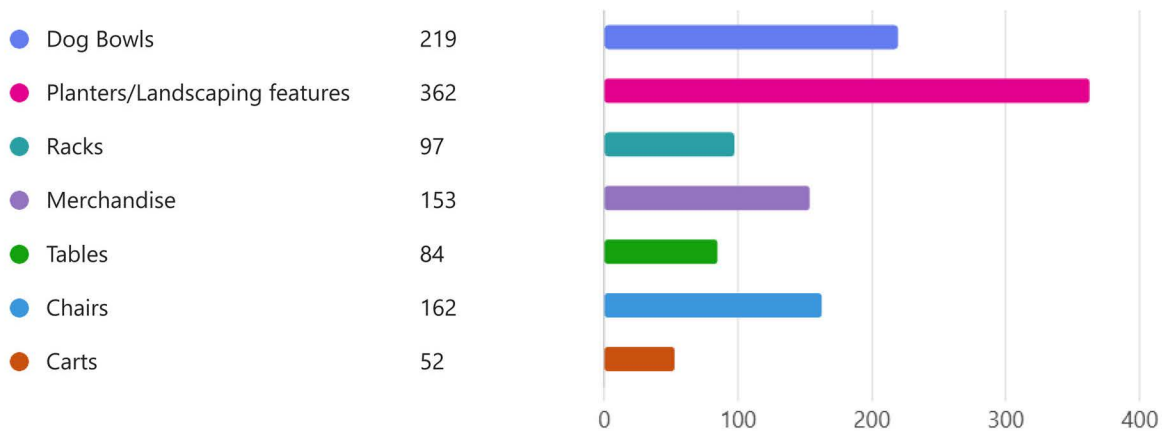
5. Comments or concerns on **benches** in the **public right-of-way** (please be specific):

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"I have the same comment about the benches as the portable si..."
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6. What **OTHER items** would you like to see allowed in the **public right-of-way** (check all that apply)



7. Comments or concerns regarding **OTHER items** (please be specific):

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8. What items should be prohibited in the **public right-of-way**? Please specify.

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"Rental bikes and scooters, should they ever be allowed, should... "

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9. What items should be prohibited on **private property**? Please specify.

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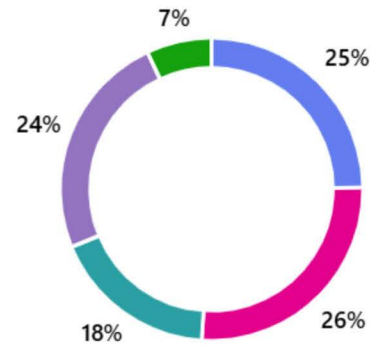
"You shouldn't be able to tell people what they can and can't d... "

"Property owners should decide what goes on their property."

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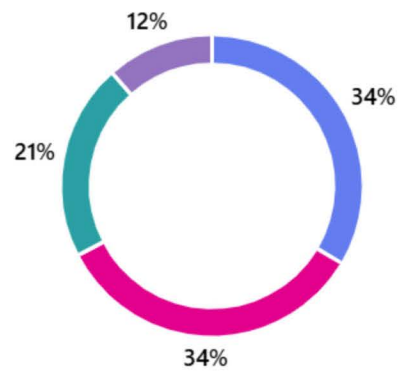
10. What development standards should be considered when allowing portable signs and benches in the **public right-of-way**? (check all that apply)

● Limit on the number allowed	308
● Width, height, and depth	325
● Material	220
● Location (adjacent to biz or furniture zone)	301
● Other	86



11. What development standards should be considered when allowing portable signs and benches on **private property**? (check all that apply)

● Limit on the number allowed	236
● Width, height, and depth	238
● Material	148
● Other	81



12. **What other relevant ideas or concerns would you like to share? Please specify.**

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"Would love for the community to continue to have a warm, sm..."

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3. Comments or concerns on portable signs in the public right-of-way (please be specific):

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1	anonymous	Businesses should have the ability to place creative signs in front of their shops/restaurants to draw in customers as long as they comply with ADA access.
2	anonymous	I like to see them because I learn about specials.
3	anonymous	I love seeing extra info on these signs for buy- they do not impede in anyway
4	anonymous	As long as the signs don't block traffic, they should be allowed.
5	anonymous	Make sure no one will trip over one or somehow interfere with the walkway.
6	anonymous	None
7	anonymous	I want no portable signs in the public right-of-way.
8	anonymous	None. Signs are advertising and clutter. Public right of way should not be impeded.
9	anonymous	Wood only.
10	anonymous	I want no portable signs in the public right-of-way.
11	anonymous	The MB Barber Shop near 12th Street is the best example of a sign in the public right of way. They should be set so they are parallel to the street, only between meters and not perpendicular to the street.
12	anonymous	No signs
13	anonymous	There are so many people on downtown sidewalks. Difficult to walk around signs. Maybe posr on windows of shops.
14	anonymous	The first consideration should be how much space they take up as opposed to consistency of sign type.
15	anonymous	Need to be within a few inches of building - out of the right of way.

16	anonymous	None of the above. It's bad enough that the realtors have their signs blocking sidewalks (violating ADA) and medians. Let's see some enforcement of existing municipal code ordinances and ADA regulations.
17	anonymous	Other than the aluminum and wood, the others look cheap and cheesy. I do not think that these signs should be used at all times by all businesses otherwise the street will be crowded and unwalkable.
18	anonymous	The sidewalks are already pretty narrow. All those signs will narrow it further.
19	anonymous	They shouldn't get in the way of or block foot traffic.
20	anonymous	should not be too large to narrow the sidewalk or obstacles / trip hazards.
21	anonymous	The business / person who puts up the sign should be responsible for supervising the sign's placement — making sure it doesn't blow over or tip down and fall into the road. I see this often with real estate open house signs..they end up on sidewalks or in the road until a pedestrian finally stops to pick them up. It can be a hazard.
22	anonymous	as an older couple that walks, there is already too much overgrown vegetation and bikes and ebikes and people. If you give businesses the ability to also put up signs, it will become madness and a safety issue as it is difficult enough to pass by people on MBB between highland and the pier as it is. And if you give the biz owners the right to put up signs now, you'll have a bigger legal battle when you say no more signs.
23	anonymous	Signs in right of way create a hazard for all pedestrians but especially blind and elderly pedestrians. Signs also create a lot of unnecessary visual chaos in an already dense place. I am against signs in public right of way.
24	anonymous	I would prefer not to see signs. They block the pathways in already congested walk areas. They also tend to be an eyesore.
25	anonymous	Should not impede walkways.
26	anonymous	These signs could be fun and creative and informative!
27	anonymous	No signs. They only clutter an already crowded walkspace
28	anonymous	They were fine before they were not allowed - bring them back

29	anonymous	I'd prefer no portable signs in the public right of way. We have many older people in our town who need the space to navigate sidewalks. Why would we clutter up public right of way spaces with signs?
30	anonymous	Pedestal takes up the smallest footprint and look very upscale and professional
31	anonymous	Why is this even needed? Is primary purpose to earn permit fees for the City? Concerns: visual pollution, clutter and already limited space on sidewalks for pedestrians, plus theft/vandalism and inappropriate messages
32	anonymous	No portable signs
33	anonymous	You guys are overthinking this.
34	anonymous	Ugh...none
35	anonymous	I don't want any portable signs in the public right of way. There are already so many fixed obstacles on the sidewalks (fire hydrant, street signs, traffic lights, parking meters) and the sidewalks are quite narrow so that when there are a lot of pedestrians it is hard to navigate. Especially if people are walking dogs, using baby strollers, or are elderly and need to use a cane or walker. Not to mention that portable signs are subject to blowing in the wind or being pushed out of place and creating even more of an obstacle.
36	anonymous	Please-NO PORTABLE SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT WAY.! they are unsightly, impede pedestrian traffic, and will be burdensome to enforce
37	anonymous	No signage that impedes pedestrian sidewalks. People will inevitably injure themselves or others navigating the gauntlet. Moreover, signs will be knocked down by people, scooters, bikes and wind, among other things and cause tripping and/or slipping accidents on occasion.
38	anonymous	I would tend to focus on the *number* of signs rather than the type—something like one sign per business.
39	anonymous	For safety/tripping reasons, clutter, and especially during high wind events, at first thought I don't think I would generally support portable signs

40	anonymous	I would like to see no portable signs at all. This isn't Clearwater Beach or Third Street Promenade.
41	anonymous	1. On the third example above, I like the "chalkboard" style, not the individual letter style shown in picture. 2. The boards should be placed near to the business door/wall - or- on the curbside of a tree median but NOT in middle of sidewalk which can impede pedestrian flow
42	anonymous	Don't want any
43	anonymous	Since the Sign Ordinance says you cannot have Real Estate leadin signs in the right of way... for safety concerns.. This could be a problem! Signs size would need to be regulated !!! I see so many signs now in Manhattan Beach that are not following the rules... Like Feather Signs... Like For Sale signs on a building on Highland that covers the entire width of the Duplex... The problem with signs is they also need to be enforced!!! That is not happening now.. Alas
44	anonymous	I am not in favor of portable signs. They impede the flow of traffic in the walkways, are a nuisance and wind up in the streets or blown around damaging cars, etc during windy days
45	anonymous	none - they are a hazard, might lead to city liability
46	anonymous	I think our sidewalks are crowded enough without adding any signage.
47	anonymous	Just something to block the sidewalk. Would like to see no signs.
48	anonymous	I prefer to have NO signs on public right of way, but if we must, they should SMALL, be homey and small town feeling.
49	anonymous	I think this is a decision on the retailer or restaurant owner
50	anonymous	I think that the less real estate the sign takes up the better. We do not have wide sidewalks so signs could become a tripping hazard, especially if they are below eye level.
51	anonymous	I'd prefer no portable signs in public right-of-way areas. In other cities, I experience these are causing pedestrian impedances and eye sores as they age.

52	anonymous	Only as necessary and with BIG LETTERING that you can read from a car!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
53	anonymous	None
54	anonymous	The ordinance is unlikely to be enforced and violations will be rampant. As an example, the portable signs at the entrance to the Pier are always out of place, knocked down, or damaged. Prohibit by law any such signs.
55	anonymous	Sidewalks already tight. No signs
56	anonymous	I'm concerned that they could block foot traffic and become a choke point for people walking on the strand or sidewalk.
57	anonymous	Would rather have none. Can't recall any other beautiful downtowns with many of these. We have existed so far without them.
58	anonymous	No signs, they all look cheap and trashy and clutter our narrow sidewalks
59	anonymous	Concerned such public signs will impede pedestrian traffic, including strollers, wheelchair & mobility chair users by taking up too much of sidewalk. Also certain types of signs are distracting to drivers and difficult to read so of marginal benefit.
60	anonymous	I don't have a preference
61	anonymous	They should not be too obtrusive or have sharp edges. They should be informative without being too distracting.
62	anonymous	There needs to be enough room on the side walk so people can walk side by side.
63	anonymous	They should be off to the side, weighted down and/or attached to something substantial so they aren't easily moved by pedestrians or blown away in a wind event.
64	anonymous	Please set rules on where they can be placed and do not allow them to block the sidewalks.
65	anonymous	There's no need for them

66	anonymous	I think they're fine if they are close to the curb and not on the sidewalk impeding the flow of pedestrians on the sidewalk.
67	anonymous	Signs should not impede circulation and look nice the 2 that I chose are nice, sophisticated and open to artistic messages. No cheap looking or large, visual blocking. Pedestal/standing type could be used for valet parking. Hanging element sign is light weight and may need sand bags to stabilize.
68	anonymous	There is not enough room on the sidewalk for a bunch of signs blocking the pedestrian way. Think about people carrying large items to get to and from the beach, kids on bikes, wheelchairs etc. Please, no signs on the sidewalk.
69	anonymous	I would prefer signs that take up the least amount of space.
70	anonymous	No signs please . Creates a hindrance to the walkable area and a risk when it's windy . This should be inside the mall.
71	anonymous	Signs should not be allowed in pedestrian spaces.
72	anonymous	I prefer shorter signs as opposed to feather signs to keep a clear view of the city and sidewalks. I'm not a fan of marquee signs but chalkboard signs are nice especially when artistically decorated by businesses. Please let Right Tribe keep the bicycle sign for their shop.
73	anonymous	None of these portable signs
74	anonymous	This is a manipulative survey: It does not provide a choice for not allowing any signs on public walk ways. I'm against any signs (or benches) that reduce the width of any public walk way.
75	anonymous	Ones that are reusable and not an eye sore
76	anonymous	They couldn't impede traffic, cause tripping hazards.
77	anonymous	None. It's a moronic idea... it creates an obstacle to the public and disabled walkers. It opens businesses and the city up to litigation from accidents. Lastly it's ugly / cheap looking.
78	anonymous	No feather signs!!!

79	anonymous	Already hard to walk streets on busy days. Also public advertising cheapens the ambiance
80	anonymous	Why would we need these?
81	anonymous	Is it ordained that there will be signs? If so, I have made my choice above. If not, I don't want any. Right now there seem to be a few scattered around; e.g., Beach Pizza always seems to have one. And that is fine because there are not too many and they look kind of cute at some businesses. However, if every business decides to use one, our sidewalks are going to look very cluttered. And, the, of course, there safety issue. If someone trips over a sign, who is responsible: the store owner or the City?
82	anonymous	I'd rather have free-flowing sidewalks than any signs at all.
83	anonymous	No portable signs. Manhattan Beach sidewalks are not so wide. Signs in sidewalks or plazas make it more difficult for elderly and handicapped to get around.
84	anonymous	Don't be ugly or too tall
85	anonymous	Whatever sign style you choose, make sure it's not in pedestrian right of way.
86	anonymous	No signs downtown . Sidewalks not wide enough
87	anonymous	Sidewalk space in MB is very limited and I'm sure not ADA compatible as is. Signs create additional challenges. If they are able to be displayed without impeding movement then I have no issue, but this seems unlikely.
88	anonymous	My concern would be the actual footprint on the signs and how much of the public right-of-way they might intrude upon. Perhaps there should be size limitations to ensure that the footprint is appropriate for the space.
89	anonymous	All signs should be within stores' properties and not on public spaces.
90	anonymous	I prefer the sidewalks to be clear of advertising materials. There is not enough room. Also please don't promote the use of plastic. It is not environmentally friendly.
91	anonymous	None
92	anonymous	NO portable signs! Period!

93	anonymous	Tall signs on single pedestals could come down in wind. Signs with hanging elements could possibly lure little kids or even dogs to jump into the sign area. We need signs at times, but stability is a main concern.
94	anonymous	None
95	anonymous	No signs
96	anonymous	Make them tasteful and slightly off to the side so they aren't directly in the way
97	anonymous	Aluminum
98	anonymous	It's not a good idea to place portable signs in public right-of-way because pedestrians might trip on them. It poses a fall risk.
99	anonymous	With narrow sidewalks, if any, these shouldn't block the way. Also only informative signs. Not ones like "keep the love flowing" on a tacky like like that
100	anonymous	None
101	anonymous	Great way to get the public's attention just would put guidelines around it so we don't turn into sign town
102	anonymous	I'm not wild about having any such signs.
103	anonymous	None
104	anonymous	No more signs, no more advertising
105	anonymous	None!
106	anonymous	I don't support signage or other obstructive items in the public right of way.
107	anonymous	Please STOP making rules that hurt/stifle local businesses!
108	anonymous	They obviously shouldn't be obstructing the walkway, but for special events and announcements, I think they're fine.

109	anonymous	Portable signs should be temporary and only permitted while the business using them is open.
110	anonymous	I prefer no signs!
111	anonymous	We shouldn't allow portable signs
112	anonymous	There should not be any portable signs in the public right-of-way. They impede the flow of pedestrians.
113	anonymous	I'd like to see NONE
114	anonymous	As long as they are positioned so that they do not impede public right of way, I do not see a problem with them.
115	anonymous	Must be mindful about signs that need more space and limits walk area. My elderly mother-in-law caught her foot on an easel type sign and fell hard. Broke her shoulder, wrist and never was the same. This would become a public liability issue.
116	anonymous	Signs shouldn't block the walk path of a sidewalk - so I don't care what they look like as long as they they can be relatively flush against a wall.
117	anonymous	I do not support any of these options. The sidewalks in MB are already too narrow. Why would we want to add tripping hazards?
118	anonymous	no plastic. wood or something that looks aesthetically unique. handwritten is good
119	anonymous	some of the sidewalks are narrow and the signs can interfere with walking
120	anonymous	As long as they do not interrupt the walk way or business traffic
121	anonymous	This would be a concern for people with limited mobility or children in strollers. In seeing folks like that navigate the sidewalks in some parts of El Segundo, I have great sympathy for them.
122	anonymous	No signs!

123	anonymous	Would not like to see feather signs as in a strong wind they could fall over. Feather signs also have movement due to weather conditions and I perceive them to be more prone to walkers bumping in to them
124	anonymous	Just so the signs are close to building not blocking the sidewalk.
125	anonymous	Should not impede walking
126	anonymous	They should be small enough that they don't impede walk traffic. They should be only during daylight hours.
127	anonymous	The size needs to be limited so that pedestrian traffic is not blocked. Also, the number of signs needs to be limited so there are not signs every 10 feet. Our local businesses do need the ability to advertise and we as a city will benefit from sales tax revenue.
128	anonymous	It helps business!!
129	anonymous	Small footprint for supporting the sign is important. The pedestal provides a single area. The feather signs are too large.
130	anonymous	I am against any sign. It distracts from the nature of our city!!
131	anonymous	Portable, freestanding signs are an important tool for small businesses because they allow us to communicate directly with the general public and draw attention to the store in a way that fixed signage cannot. They help highlight promotions, new arrivals, events, or seasonal messaging, and can be easily updated or repositioned depending on foot traffic and visibility. We also spend time thoughtfully designing our signs, turning them into beautiful, hand-crafted pieces that add character to our store front. Many of our customers genuinely enjoy walking by and seeing what we've created each day - it has become part of the charm and personality of the business. In addition, it gives local businesses a special unique feel as compared to larger corporate conglomerates that have less character.
132	anonymous	None of these should block any portion of the sidewalks forcing pedestrians to bunch up to get around them.
133	anonymous	want to make sure there is still room for 2 way pedestrian traffic
134	anonymous	I think it is very important for cities and local government to not overly intrude into people's and businesses' freedoms of everyday living and everyday business. I

		<p>understand that every new administration (whether at the local, county, or state level) want to feel useful by passing NEW laws. But after a few generations, there are too many regulations & laws on record that are overly constrictive, especially when overlaid on each other. I yearn for the freedoms of Manhattan Beach offered from decades ago which have been taken away. Now we cannot even cut down our own trees without asking for approval. Please do not go further down that path; I'd rather not live in an HOA.</p>
135	anonymous	<p>If a sign is serving a Safety / Health message then I would approve of any location. Advertising for businesses I don't think should be permitted.</p>
136	anonymous	<p>No bikes on Strand. Bikes have their own path.</p>
137	anonymous	<p>I am opposed to all portable signs in the public right-of-way.</p>
138	anonymous	<p>chalkboards are OK but I dislike marquee faces.</p>
139	anonymous	<p>blocking sidewalks. i use a walker and many times the sidewalks are blocked even though no signs... it's crowded enough in n. manhattan and kowntown</p>
140	anonymous	<p>Would prefer no signs</p>
141	anonymous	<p>Put a size maximum. No political statements. Any message specific to the related business. No permits or insurance required. Maintenance required and provided by the related vendor.</p>
142	anonymous	<p>As MB continues to attract new residents and visitors, our public spaces and sidewalks are increasingly crowded. I, for one, do not support cluttering up public right of way access with advertising</p>
143	anonymous	<p>I don't see a pressing need for signs</p>
144	anonymous	<p>As long as it doesn't take up sidewalk space.</p>
145	anonymous	<p>Cute signs that aren't too big.</p>
146	anonymous	<p>These signs too often are an additional impediment to walking. It's bad enough we have restaurant tables blocking the path (Slay italian kitchen), let's NOT have these signs ANYWHERE on the PUBLIC right of way.</p>

147	anonymous	I don't like signs in the public right of way. It is too windy on some days and the signs are a hazard for pedestrians because they can move (and often do!).
148	anonymous	My only concern with the portable signs would be that flag signs can cause problems with higher winds. I have seen plenty of times in other cities that flag signs will fall over during heavier wind weather days.
149	anonymous	N/A
150	anonymous	Keep the look of the signs upscale and classy looking
151	anonymous	The flag one is an eyesore.
152	anonymous	I am not in favor of portable signs.
153	anonymous	I have lived here for over 40 years and have never had a problem or issue with signs, just crowds and tourists!!
154	anonymous	None. They are ugly and I don't want to feel like I live in Santa Monica or I would love there. Why are we even making this an option. Poor taste. Just gross. And we have disabled people in our community. No need to put more shit in their way. What is wrong with you people?! Just embarrassing on so many levels.
155	anonymous	Go back to Santa Monica
156	anonymous	None
157	anonymous	The number of portable signs should be capped per business and should not block side walks or make entering/exiting businesses difficult. Signs should be small.
158	anonymous	This survey would be more useful if it explained the implications of allowing these items in the "public right-of-way", and included a drawing showing a sidewalk and where the item would be allowed. For example, could one of these items be placed where it would make a sidewalk impassable?
159	anonymous	There should be no portable signs on public paths, sidewalks are narrow and there isn't space for them. They're also an eyesore.
160	anonymous	N/a

161	anonymous	If every store front has one, very cluttered and on busy weekends not a lot of walk space. Maybe ok just for sales
162	anonymous	Signs not giving enough room to walk by with a stroller without the caregiver having to move the sign
163	anonymous	Blocking sidewalk.
164	anonymous	No signs allowed
165	anonymous	They are fine if there is adequate space for them. Some days it is very crowded walking downtown.
166	anonymous	I don't feel strongly about the specific design. It should be limited to signs that are not overly affected by wind, and placement should be such that walkways are not unreasonably affected.
167	anonymous	I do not want any signs. The sidewalks are way too crowded and way too congested already.
168	anonymous	Concerns of blowing over, people tripping,used to hurt someone
169	anonymous	The city shouldn't allow too many portable signs (if any at all) around the downtown area. The sidewalks are very crowded in the summer months and also weekends all year round.
170	anonymous	something easy to see, not taking too much sidewalk space
171	anonymous	No concerns at all.
172	anonymous	Concern. These signs alter the accessibility for people in wheelchairs to have easy sidewalk movement
173	anonymous	I imagine people removing letters from signs with marquee faces. I worry about tall/pedestal signs falling over in wind.
174	anonymous	Already difficult navigating sidewalks especially in summer with beach crowds

175	anonymous	Metal signs will rust near the beach. Wind is another weather factor to consider. Plastic is poisoning our oceans. Wood signs?
176	anonymous	The sidewalks are extremely crowded & I do not want signs in the walkway.
177	anonymous	Signs should not in public right of way
178	anonymous	Signs cannot fully block the sidewalks. People with handicaps such as wheelchairs, canes etc. MUST be able to pass easily. How are you going to address the problem that people with a sight handicap will have with something on the sidewalk?
179	anonymous	Signs should be professional and uphold the quality of the business area.
180	anonymous	As long as the signs do not block the side walks, I have no problem.
181	anonymous	They are ok but should not look junky. A more solid appearance, including nice woods would be nice.
182	anonymous	Portable signs could block or interfere with pedestrian traffic on public right-of way.
183	anonymous	Portable signs add to clutter, especially near MBB and the beach. Businesses should be required to demonstrate a need.
184	anonymous	Aesthetically, only the pedestal or aluminum/wood solid face should be condier
185	anonymous	Not a problem in the public right away it's nice to know when a business has a sale or special items on the menu,
186	anonymous	Temporary use rather than permanent
187	anonymous	Pedestal sign is sturdier when it gets windy or during rainy season. The other signs get in the way for seniors walking with canes or with their dogs and take too much space and also can tip over. They are not aesthetically appealing. They are not easy to see by the drivers passing by in my opinion.
188	anonymous	I do not favor portable signage as they can easily be moved into the way of pedestrians. (And the sidewalks are not very wide and can get congested. We don't

		need additional obstructions to navigate.) If, as I assume, businesses want to put a message out to potential customers or clients, they can do it in their windows.
189	anonymous	No signs in the public right of way, the public way is just that the public way. Signs should be on private property. Signs clutter the streets and makes it difficult to walk on busy days. Why do shop owners get special treatment?
190	anonymous	Please DO NOT ALLOW ANY OF THESE. Our sidewalks are already too crowded with pedestrians and sidewalk eating areas.
191	anonymous	Sidewalks get really crowded so nothing too obtrusive. For example, the feather sign is way too big. Also, they must reflect the character of the small town. The marquee face sign is too cheesy and does not fit our town.
192	anonymous	None
193	anonymous	We have high winds in our area and ensuring that the signs are sturdy and won't fall over to block the right of way is essential
194	anonymous	I accidentally bumped one in heavy foot traffic it was metal and very heavy when it fell.
195	anonymous	The 4' signs are nicer looking than the others
196	anonymous	I am opposed to allowing portable signs (of any type) in the public right-of-way. Our sidewalks in the Downtown AND North End are not wide enough for the tables and chairs that already take away space, and make it nearly impossible to walk the sidewalks as it is. WHY WAS THERE NO OPTION IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO INDICATE "NO PORTABLE SIGNS"?
197	anonymous	I do not want portable signs Already too much foot traffic especially Weekends and hot days Without navigating around signs
198	anonymous	They should be allowed, but let's be tasteful.
199	anonymous	Sticking out into the sidewalk area impacting easy flow and disability. Sounds good if sign turned to face the street next to business since it takes up less sidewalk space

200	anonymous	I think they are messy and only acceptable if there are rule to how the sigange will look. i.e. no hand written, if damaged they must be replaced in 24 hours, cannot block sidewalk
201	anonymous	I don't favor any plastic signs. Would not like to see a multitude of these signs filling the spaces. One here or there is ok. They should not impede foot traffic or be in tight spaces.
202	anonymous	I'm not a huge fan of portable signage.
203	anonymous	Not to block path too much
204	anonymous	None. These take up very valuable public walking space on already narrow sidewalks and if used for private financial intent - should be placed on private property.
205	anonymous	Would like to make sure they are stable and safe and easily noticed. Should be tasteful and not take up too much space to block walkways. would like them only used for necessary communication of pop-up events, not permanent.
206	anonymous	I think that it would be great to have a video camera recording all the people who walk into them because they are looking at their phone.
207	anonymous	Any of these would detract from our city's charm and will cheapen the look of the town. They will also create a hazard for young children, seniors, pets and others. Moreover they are unnecessary. Any sign worth having should be high quality and permanent.
208	anonymous	Should only be allowed on very limited basis - find some way to allocate so that only a limited number of locations can use at any given time, and then allocated to limited occasions.
209	anonymous	both downtown manhattan beach and north manhattan beach can have busy pedestrian walkways so I don't think standing signs are helpful.
210	anonymous	Signs with small footprints that are maintained.
211	anonymous	Any A-board type sign is fine, provided they are small and don't block the sidewalks. Other signs should not be permitted.

212	anonymous	no signs. thank you.
213	anonymous	I think the other types of signs outlined above (other than wood or aluminum with a solid face) quickly run the risk of looking messy, cheap and out of character for our coastal community
214	anonymous	Stop it! This will be more unenforced city regulations (i.e. the ugly 20% off canvas sign at 2nd and Sepulveda on the Debonair Cleaners property, a "temporary" sign that has been in place for at least 2 years). Portable signs by definition will be moved in an unapproved manner to locations that are illegal and unapproved. The movable signs at the pier entrance which are always moved/knocked down are another glaring example of the impractical nature of the proposed regulations.
215	anonymous	If they aren't blocking sidewalks and pedestrian right of way, it helps businesses in a high rent market advertise their goods, sales, events.
216	anonymous	The smaller. the footprint, the better. Feather signs not preferred because wind can cause sign to interfere with pedestrian RoW.
217	anonymous	Kids. Strollers. Kids touch everything, if you make them kid friendly and interactive, but otherwise try to keep them small and out of the way.
218	anonymous	Please ensure signs do not block wheelchair/walker access and comply with ADA guidelines.
219	anonymous	I would actually prefer that we don't set up portable signs.
220	anonymous	I would rather not allow portable signs in the public right-of-way. I feel that they would be a nuisance to pedestrians and cause unnecessary congestion.
221	anonymous	I don't think any portable signs should be allowed as they are a walking hazard.
222	anonymous	No portable signs. would like potholes fixed on 6th and valley after the stop sign. it is a recurring problem. The fix is temporary! the driving street looks horrible!
223	anonymous	No portable signs
224	anonymous	NO portable signs NONE

225	anonymous	If the signs are where people need to walk, they should not be so big or intrusive that they impede traffic.
226	anonymous	City should not be able to dictate portable signs, benches or the like on Private property
227	anonymous	Would rather not see any portable signs in the public right-of-way, but if they are there, certainly not more than 4 feet tall.
228	anonymous	I would not want them to be large. 3 ft high max.
229	anonymous	Portable signs in the public right of way choke the available pedestrian areas, make walking with a stroller and/or dog more difficult and present an unnecessary hazard.
230	anonymous	As long as they don't impede walking, could be helpful.
231	anonymous	Do not want any of the signs or any kind displayed in Manhattan Beach as posted above or any other design.
232	anonymous	I vote for the cleanest look at the most cost effective price. Nothing flashy.
233	anonymous	I love seeing them and they help me to know what is going on.
234	anonymous	NONE
235	anonymous	No signs. They are trashy.
236	anonymous	No concerns people can comfortably walk by
237	anonymous	The survey is flawed because none of the choices are for "no signs at all!"
238	anonymous	As long as it does not impede pedestrian right-of-way.
239	anonymous	As long as they aren't directly in the walking path
240	anonymous	Depends on how the department is defining the public right of way. If that includes all property belonging to the City, e.g. garden strips and intersection build-outs, then maybe. BUT If we are referring to public sidewalks, including the spaces between

		parking meters, then NO to all of this. Our sidewalks are already narrow for a downtown area that has heavy pedestrian traffic; pretty much single-file walking for foot traffic in opposite directions. It is near impossible for a mother with a stroller. Little is ADA compliant. Walking side-by-side with an aging spouse, much less pushing a family member in a wheelchair, is darn near impossible. Getting from a parked car to the sidewalk is pretty difficult when the space between the meters is full of signs, benches, and planters. Make downtown actually walkable, not an obstacle course.
241	anonymous	I like seeing and reading g the signs. They convey information from the businesses to the clients and community. Ie: book signings. Or specials/sales happening
242	anonymous	I don't mind them and find them charming... Maybe limiting the number of signs or ventures each store would be allowed to have as the answer... But it helps their business and we need strong business downtown
243	anonymous	I don't want to see any portable signs as they litter the public walkway and interfere with foot traffic. The sidewalks are already congested enough as is with pedestrians and pets. They will get kicked over or bumped and fall down creating a hazard and liability for the city.
244	anonymous	Nothing in public right of way
245	anonymous	We already have too many obstructions of the public right-of-way downtown and in the North end already. We don't need such signs.
246	anonymous	I think you could use Digital Signage as well that has outdoor viewability. We sell these items and would be happy to demo them to the city and store fronts.
247	anonymous	Don't like the above designs because they impede pedestrians, especially disabled or with groups.
248	anonymous	Overcrowded sidewalks already. No room for additional signs or other obstacles.
249	anonymous	Not enough side wall space as it is. None
250	anonymous	NONE. Walkways should be clear for everyone to pass without clutter and visual noise.
251	anonymous	I'm only voting for chalkboard, not marquee They should not impede the flow of pedestrian traffic

252	anonymous	Should not block the sidewalk or be a trip or tangle hazard. The better they look the more likely I would be to look at the sign and enter an associated business.
253	anonymous	None they get in the way of our very busy downtown area.
254	anonymous	This would be super helpful to have for local businesses.
255	anonymous	Why are signs even being considered? They are a hazard to the public walking in tight spaces already.
256	anonymous	None
257	anonymous	Prefer NO SIGNS - unless related to emergencies or directional signs during special events.
258	anonymous	Signage should not significantly block the sidewalk but should be allowed if out of the way and visible enough to not be a tripping hazard
259	anonymous	standard width when signs are fully opened from front to back
260	anonymous	All of these signs are great. Please all different businesses to choose the best option for themselves.
261	anonymous	I would prefer that portable signs don't impeded on walkways and are aesthetically chosen to fit the area it's located so it doesn't take away from the the location's look and feel.
262	anonymous	These signs are a good way for businesses to get attention and keep their customers informed.
263	anonymous	I like the signs they add to the town

5. Comments or concerns on benches in the public right-of-way (please be specific):

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1	anonymous	If businesses are responsible for purchasing their own benches, they should have aesthetic choice for the bench style. If the City provides seating, it should be of a considered design plan; not necessarily uniform, but part of an overall plan.
2	anonymous	We need more!
3	anonymous	Additional context for the benches would be helpful - will they be semi-permanent or just for special events, on sidewalks or only in more open spaces, etc.
4	anonymous	Aesthetics
5	anonymous	I want no benches in the public right-of-way.
6	anonymous	None. We have enough benches where needed. Benches encourage homeless men.
7	anonymous	I want no benches in the public right-of-way.
8	anonymous	Benches should encourage people to share spaces. The arm rest, backless, multi-design and movable are less conducive for new people to connect. Similar to signage, they should be parallel to the street, facing storefronts, between meters so as to not block the pedestrian flow.
9	anonymous	No benches
10	anonymous	None... encourages more homeless people
11	anonymous	I don't believe benches in the public right of way should be permanent
12	anonymous	Any bench that is the appropriate size and fits well within the environment is great.
13	anonymous	how well do they integrate with the environment.

14	anonymous	more benches please :)
15	anonymous	Make sure benches do not appear dirty or dilapidated. Who is in charge of keeping the benches clean? Benches tend to be bigger and may block right of way, especially if there is someone sitting in them with bags or other items at their feet.
16	anonymous	not in right of way now or ever please. too crowded. bistro seats in front of manhattan creamery barely works when they are busy.
17	anonymous	Benches are needed for pedestrians to rest but should be designed to prevent places for vagrants to sleep,
18	anonymous	We have limited space in public right of ways. Too many become a hindrance for pedestrians. This also gives people something to deface if left out.
19	anonymous	Which materials last longer? Something comfortable but not a bed for homeless.
20	anonymous	As with signs, I'm not convinced that we need benches and would oppose all benches (and signs) in public right of way spaces without hearing a convincing argument as to why they are "needed."
21	anonymous	Need to be easy maintenance do to corrosive ocean air and bright sun. Wood is not good, powder-coated aluminum is light weight and comfortable. Need segments to discourage sleeping. Needs to bolted down.
22	anonymous	Concerns: space limitations, cost, and whether desirable at all
23	anonymous	Benches only if they do not impede on pedestrian passing
24	anonymous	Still overthinking this
25	anonymous	Beds for the homeless?
26	anonymous	None on the sidewalks. I suppose in wider public spaces such as parks like the photos show they are fine. In that case I like the arched backs.

27	anonymous	In general our sidewalks are too narrow, and frankly we need to take care of homeless people not let them sleep on benches that might be installed
28	anonymous	Benched should be placed in dead spaces that don't obstruct foot traffic. Materials ought not require costly maintenance beyond pressure washing.
29	anonymous	I'm in favor of people having a place to sit.
30	anonymous	Nice to have sitting options, but same tripping/clutter thought as with signs
31	anonymous	I love backless benches but they are catnip for skateboarders and get ruined quickly.
32	anonymous	Benches should not be double length like examples 3 and 5 above. They should abut the business wall or be curbside.
33	anonymous	No benches
34	anonymous	Look at my earlier answer... Where ... how big... in an actual right of way???? Enforcement????
35	anonymous	NO BENCHES. we do not need them and can promote homeless encampments - in a time where all cities are switching to public architecture that discourages encampments it is absurd the city wants to go in this direction
36	anonymous	I like the permanent benches at Manhattan Avenue and 9th, 10th & 11th street's intersections.
37	anonymous	Nothing moveable. People will drag them anywhere.
38	anonymous	Would a Bench Czar be appointed?
39	anonymous	I like benches without arms...allows for more seating. However, I would like to see the same style of bench throughout the City--maybe select something that could be specific to Manhattan Beach....something different than HB, RB or even ES. No to concrete either.....maybe use recycled materials!!

40	anonymous	Worldwide benches can be a problem because the homeless sleep on them. They should be comfortable so sitting, but should not allow someone to stretch out/sleep.
41	anonymous	Permanent backless benches designed for the specific location at which they are placed can become memorable and iconic. I experience portable backed benches as collectors of food waste and related packaging dumping areas.
42	anonymous	As a senior it is wonderful to have a place to sit when going around town.
43	anonymous	None
44	anonymous	Skateboarders will love them . No to all advertising benches.
45	anonymous	Not sure I want something where homeless people can congregate
46	anonymous	If they are movable people will move them to a place they become an obstacle.
47	anonymous	Again, not needed.
48	anonymous	Same concerns as stated above, but in addition am worried about people loitering, sleeping in public, etc. These benches should be limited to Strand, parks or perhaps scenic viewpoints (e.g., pier).
49	anonymous	They should be relatively comfortable and fit in with the surrounding area.
50	anonymous	only concern is making them unattractive to skateboarders. We need more benches
51	anonymous	There needs to be enough room so people can walk side by side.
52	anonymous	We just need more benches. Don't care what they look like.
53	anonymous	The 2 benches with concrete look like potential skateboard usage.

54	anonymous	Benches are nice so men can have places to sit while their wives shop 😊 . Any of these would look nice. And again close to the curb.
55	anonymous	Simple and sculptured looking benches are best. The three identified can all work, depending on the type of location used.
56	anonymous	I would prefer benches with good back support
57	anonymous	Some could possibly be in the shade ?
58	anonymous	Once again, the choice for “no bench” is not provided. You’re intentionally biasing your data collection toward your desired outcome. I am against any benches reducing the width of public walk ways. Benches on the strand where the walk way width was expanded to accommodate benches without reducing the average walk way width is the only solution I’d be in favor of.
59	anonymous	Ditto with impeding foot traffic
60	anonymous	The sidewalks are already crowded - they will make excellent homeless beds...
61	anonymous	People will use them to sleep on.
62	anonymous	Benches with armrests only because the homeless cannot sleep on them but I don't like the white trim. Maybe black would look better. Where are we talking here - I hope no The Strand as well as Downtown or the North End. We don't want to become too Stepfordy.
63	anonymous	Temporary benches that could be moved during times of high foot traffic.
64	anonymous	Benches should only be placed where where they will not make it difficult for wheelchairs .
65	anonymous	Benches can be beneficial for those needing rest. Backless allows for more seating. That said, they should not crowd walking spaces (consider ADA issues as previously noted).

66	anonymous	My hope is the design would discourage people from laying and sleeping on them.
67	anonymous	As with signs, how much of the public right-of-way is intruded upon is the concern - even more so with benches, as they are generally a much larger footprint. As much as I might enjoy the esthetic, they could be very problematic if encroaching on sidewalk space, for instance, in areas of heavy foot traffic.
68	anonymous	Benches should be something people cannot lay down on. Arm rests at the middle would be better so that homeless people would not stay there.
69	anonymous	Environmental friendly options only.
70	anonymous	limit the number. if too big, bums lay there
71	anonymous	NO benches! Just another place for vagrants to sleep on.
72	anonymous	Simple designs that promote stability without being too expensive and are easy to maintain.
73	anonymous	No benches
74	anonymous	None
75	anonymous	Arched backs
76	anonymous	Choose the type of benches so the homeless would not be able to lay down and sleep on them.
77	anonymous	Love the wood, but don't see it doing well . Wood fences along the strand always look in disrepair
78	anonymous	It needs to be a bench that no one can use for sleeping.

79	anonymous	They should be aesthetically attracted, but also somewhere where a person actually wants to sit
80	anonymous	concerns for people using benches as areas to sleep
81	anonymous	Arm rests for older people
82	anonymous	I don't support any benches in the public right of way.
83	anonymous	Graffiti and transients sleeping on them.
84	anonymous	More places to sit in public are desperately needed so ensure a vibrant downtown experience
85	anonymous	I don't care if they are temporary or movable as long as they are taken in at night (otherwise they will get stolen, thrown into the streets, right?), but be sure to design them so that they are comfortable and so that people cannot sleep on them (either make them short in length or put an armrest in the middle). Use common sense.
86	anonymous	There should not be any benches in the public right-of-way. They impede the flow of pedestrians.
87	anonymous	NONE
88	anonymous	Must be secured in the seating area below. Material that doesn't allow graffiti of any kind.
89	anonymous	More comfortable seating space is nice - again, just not blocking the walk path of a sidewalk.
90	anonymous	No
91	anonymous	none. no room. the sidewalks are already packed
92	anonymous	OK as long as they are not on narrow sidewalks

93	anonymous	Use careful placement. May cause loitering in unwanted areas.
94	anonymous	Same concerns as expressed above (regarding impacts on those with limited mobility).
95	anonymous	Backless benches made of concrete have been a standard in MB. They are more durable in our sea salt weather but do represent a temptation to skateboarders.
96	anonymous	Keep them close to the buildings.
97	anonymous	They should not impede walk traffic
98	anonymous	Make them comfortable. Avoid the benches that collect water and dirt as we have along the bike path/strand today. Portable/temporary benches will be moved around
99	anonymous	I don't think we need public benches!
100	anonymous	No benches. People will sleep on them .
101	anonymous	Must not take up space on sidewalks
102	anonymous	want to make sure there is still room for 2 way traffic
103	anonymous	Almost all benches should be allowed. However, those with back support would be way more comfortable than bare concrete with no back support. But private businesses should have a good amount of latitude to put what they want in front of their places of business.
104	anonymous	Wooden benches w/o arm rests are the best to accommodate more sitting persons. Wood has to be maintained (real wood) but can artificial wood be a replacement. No metal please. Metal burns the person's back or their legs.
105	anonymous	I am opposed to all benches in the public right-of-way.

106	anonymous	Any benches that are functionally sound. Put a height limit. No permits or insurance required. (As researched by the City, there have been NO injury claims on the public right-away for over 20 years.) Maintenance provided by the related vendor.
107	anonymous	make sure they are comfortable, durable and appropriate for the surroundings
108	anonymous	Do not approve of benches. The sidewalk (public right-of-way) is being used for pedestrians, strollers, dog walkers, dining, bicycles (riders and walkers) and now I have notice scooters. ADA compliant? Cost of benches, maintenance, and perfect spot for loitering.
109	anonymous	Benches that cannot easily be used for skateboarding, etc.
110	anonymous	Please keep the benches!!! It makes our little town inviting!!
111	anonymous	Benches make the town friendly and community oriented. Please keep all of them!
112	anonymous	Again, my concerns are about taking up space.
113	anonymous	I'm okay with any bench as long as it isn't in walkway.
114	anonymous	Especially for businesses that need them as crime deterrents.
115	anonymous	Love benches; useful to have a place to sit occasionally. I don't mind if they include advertising.
116	anonymous	Having benches makes the downtown feel a little less like a thoroughfare. It sends a signal that the area is meant for social interaction and will keep the downtown feel more "human" and welcoming. It is also a deterrent for shops, as cars can't just drive into the store to steal things.
117	anonymous	N/A

118	anonymous	Benches are frequently used by numerous people. It's nice to have armrests for the older people who often use them.
119	anonymous	Love the benches all of them
120	anonymous	I vote in favor of having benches on the sidewalks. I have sat in some of them after exercising/walking on The Stand. I also see people walking their dogs sit on them to rest their dogs and themselves. I also see older ladies sitting on the benches talking to each other and resting. I think the benches add to the "spirit of Manhattan Beach."
121	anonymous	I have no issues with the benches. I can shop while my husband sits outside:)
122	anonymous	I think benches help with pedestrian flow, so that people who choose to be stationary have the option to move to a bench instead of hogging up the sidewalk to walking traffic.
123	anonymous	It's a lovely way to sit and watch the world go by in nice (or not so nice) weather.
124	anonymous	See above comments. Keep the benches out of the right of way.
125	anonymous	Benches should not block side walks or make entering/exiting businesses difficult.
126	anonymous	all fine placed properly with common sense
127	anonymous	This survey would be more useful if it explained the implications of allowing these items in the "public right-of-way", and included a drawing showing a sidewalk and where the item would be allowed. For example, could one of these items be placed where it would make a sidewalk impassable?
128	anonymous	Be careful that skateboarders do not use them for tricks.
129	anonymous	Consistency is best
130	anonymous	Blocking sidewalks

131	anonymous	Make them so people cannot sleep on them.
132	anonymous	Same comment as for signage, above.
133	anonymous	If any benches are permitted, they should not be placed where they reduce the walkable area. If that is not possible , then no benches should be allowed. It is already too congested. And the benches, if any, should be backless so they are solely for limited time seating.
134	anonymous	Not to be used for sleeping
135	anonymous	be placed to maximize walking in the sidewalk and not tripping on them.
136	anonymous	As long as this doesn't increase the homeless population, which is clearly on the rise and causing issues. We are on the way to becoming the next Santa Monica/Venice Beach.
137	anonymous	Metal rusts near the beach. The city has chosen previous bad designs that at damp times of the year have puddles in the sitting area for much of the day. Not from rain but from humidity and fog. Skate boarders vandalize every bench they can. I would like more artist designed benches paid for by private benefactors. Every bench looking cookie-cutter-the-same is dreary.
138	anonymous	Please use whatever is the least intrusive to the sidewalks.
139	anonymous	Love bench's
140	anonymous	Benches that are backless without some kind of arm rail at the ends are just asking to be misused by skateboards.
141	anonymous	benches should integrate with the surroundings and minimize obstruction to pedestrian flow
142	anonymous	Benches should not block side walks
143	anonymous	I like the idea of commemorative benches too, including with custom designs, to commemorate locations or individuals who have contributed to

		the community. I know a woman who brought inclusion to Manhattan Beach schools. I would like to have a bench placed to honor her efforts.
144	anonymous	Maintenance and cleaning of benches on a regular basis would add to the city's workload.
145	anonymous	I prefer modern style. Don't care about arm or back rest. Just want to give my legs a rest. Not for lying down, homeless, or to stay a long time.
146	anonymous	Backless are the lowest profile and best for line of sight.
147	anonymous	European-style benches with seats on either side of a back. Along the Strand these would be great— views f the ocean or The Strand depending on your mood!
148	anonymous	I would select from the three benches above depending on the location and how each bench would blend in with the surrounding area.
149	anonymous	Benches, if space allows, would be nice. They should be strategically placed and probably relatively easy to relocate, as required. (Concrete (backless) benches or more modern (and probably less practical/comfortable), could wind up being more obstructive and problematic to move, depending on the location.)
150	anonymous	benches are ok as long as people can not sleep on them, consider asking the cultural arts committee for suggestions. This is a chance to incorporate art into the city.
151	anonymous	My main concern with signs and benches is the sidewalk congestion at busy times downtown. The streets are already VERY congested on sunny days and weekend nights.
152	anonymous	If they are not permanent I think they might not last.
153	anonymous	None

154	anonymous	Backless as they accommodate more
155	anonymous	Again, I think we need to determine if we truly want "walkable" sidewalks.
156	anonymous	Not too comfortable Don't want to encourage homeless sleeping
157	anonymous	Must not block pedestrian traffic, would not want to encourage homeless to camp out on them.
158	anonymous	Benches that do NOT allow sleeping on.
159	anonymous	I think the city has failed to make any cohesive rules with benches in downtown or on the strand which is unfortunate. I think benches are a great addition if you can get a game plan to make things look nice and themed. Even the bike racks dont match. I love the logo ones. Too. cute of a town to be hidge-podge.
160	anonymous	Proper placement, of course.
161	anonymous	Portable benches will get moved or stolen. Benches with arm rests will keep people from sleeping on them.
162	anonymous	Any benches should consider potential use by skateboards. If placed in the public right of way there needs to be clear signage stating public use - restaurant staff (not ownership) have historically attempted to discourage bench use by members of the public stating, they are for customers only. Even when the bench was in the public right of way.
163	anonymous	Strollers and wheelchairs can't get by. People with dogs on leashes and benches and signs make it difficult to walk in the sidewalks
164	anonymous	A few benches would be nice IF NO OBSTRUCTION to led traffic, but need to be approved locations and limited allocation/ total numbet
165	anonymous	Only associated with a business such as a restaurant for waiting customers, removed from public assess when business is closed.

166	anonymous	Just please don't allow benches with advertisements on them. That will be so ugly, so fast.
167	anonymous	Material should be durable and easily maintained. It would be nice to have some uniformity with whichever option is chosen instead of a random mix scattered throughout town.
168	anonymous	The homeless and skateboarders will love most of these bench designs.
169	anonymous	I don't care the shape as long as it doesn't become a skateable bench and keeps the MB charm. Something clean, sleek, high end looking.
170	anonymous	Need restrictions that placement of these items should not reduce the width of the sidewalk RoW allowing access for wheelchairs, baby carriages, etc. (need to specify a minimum sidewalk RoW width).
171	anonymous	Again, kids.. place for mom to sit and kids?
172	anonymous	Please ensure benches do not block wheelchair/walker access and comply with ADA guidelines. If permitted, please ensure any/all seating in the public right away is safety maintain and allowed to be used by the general public (not customer inclusive only) at all times.
173	anonymous	a few benches around might be nice. Temporary so they can be moved to different locations by the city might be nice, though if people realized they can move the it may create a chaotic mess of benches in the streets
174	anonymous	Benches attract homeless and drugged out crazies
175	anonymous	The more places to sit, the better! (I'm old.) I do not like benches clearly designed to discourage tired unhoused people from sleeping on them.
176	anonymous	Streets/sidewalks are to narrow to add benches
177	anonymous	Benches would be good as long as kept clean.

178	anonymous	Benches without backs are hazardous for young children and the elderly.
179	anonymous	Again, there must be enough room to walk.
180	anonymous	No additional benches added of any kind in our small town, too many uses not as sitting but overnight beds
181	anonymous	Wooden benches with curved backs are the best design for the human body. Concrete is uncomfortable and not supportive of the human spine.
182	anonymous	Benches with armrests will deter anyone from sleeping on them.
183	anonymous	WE NEED MORE BENCHES in downtown Manhattan beach
184	anonymous	None
185	anonymous	Less maintenance
186	anonymous	Something that homeless people can't sleep on
187	anonymous	Flawed survey. One of the choices should have been for no benches at all.
188	anonymous	Great idea as a resting spot for shoppers. So many times I see people sitting on curbs.
189	anonymous	See question 4 comments. There are some appropriate places for benches but not at the cost of removing walking space on our narrow sidewalks.
190	anonymous	Benches are an important and necessary element to our downtown. Providing rest for our elderly community members. Someone with an injury or impairment. A place for grandparents to sit with grandkids.
191	anonymous	Being on the older side and walking often... I find the benches on the strand really useful having more in other areas is a good thing

192	anonymous	Are you trying to invite more homeless to Manhattan Beach? I don't want to see any additional benches in the public right of way. There are plenty of places to sit already in downtown and north MB. These benches will attract homeless, be graffitied, require additional maintenance from city staff which we don't need to be spending money on and also create less space for pedestrians and pets to walk.
193	anonymous	Sidewalks are already jammed, especially with outdoor dining, so unfortunately no room.
194	anonymous	The same problem if you are talking about the sidewalks down town or in the North end. If anything, the backless benches would be most cost effective over the long term and possibly less likely to attract overnight visitors.
195	anonymous	The "arm rest" benches are also say rather blatantly "don't sleep here": a nasty look for our nice town.
196	anonymous	Overcrowded sidewalks already. No room for additional signs or other obstacles
197	anonymous	I'm against benches as well if this is going to clutter passage. If I had to choose one, I'd go for the concrete backless because it doesn't encourage loitering and will not need upkeep in the salt air.
198	anonymous	I believe benches help pedestrians to notice businesses and stay downtown longer. Also seating reduces the nine of people carrying food into stores
199	anonymous	I would not put many benches in as it invites homeless people to sleep on them and take them over. Also if you were to put them in along the strand adding more would be nice or open areas. The streets of downtown are already crowded to walk down especially on the weekends and in the summer. If you add benches you make it harder to move on the sidewalks.
200	anonymous	Obviously must leave enough room for wheelchairs and strollers
201	anonymous	None

202	anonymous	Keep it simple!
203	anonymous	Nice to have places to sit in town. Great for people watching, resting after walking up the hill or enjoying a cup of coffee!
204	anonymous	City staff should just use common sense. You can't codify common sense.
205	anonymous	Prefer benches that will deter sleeping
206	anonymous	These two options are timeless designs and will stand up to the salt air.
207	anonymous	I have the same comment about the benches as the portable signage. Would love to have the city provide an artistic and aesthetic look that would enhance and compliment the space/area that the bench would be located to continue the friendly and small town feel to our community.

7. Comments or concerns regarding OTHER items (please be specific): 181 responses

1	anonymous	It is hard for small businesses to compete with larger retailers and online stores. As a city, we should be supporting them in providing amenities for their customers that help distinguish small businesses from the chains. Let's prioritize helping businesses succeed in MB.
2	anonymous	No food carts
3	anonymous	Merchandise should in the public right of way be allowed for special events only. I'm concerned with too much clutter in the right of way
4	anonymous	Have to be very careful with allowing anything else.
5	anonymous	I want no other items in the public right-of-way.
6	anonymous	None. There is no reason to impede public right of ways with commercial clutter or large planters.

7	anonymous	I want no other items in the public right-of-way.
8	anonymous	None of the above; they're tacky
9	anonymous	None
10	anonymous	None
11	anonymous	Keeping the sidewalk mostly clear is important, but some temporary items should be allowed for dog and public comfort - and where it is not obstructive, it is nice to have beautiful plants.
12	anonymous	None of the above. It's bad enough that merchants and restaurants have their junk blocking sidewalks (violating ADA) and medians. Let's see some enforcement of existing municipal code ordinances and ADA regulations.
13	anonymous	We don't have a ton of space on our sidewalks so less is more. Especially on MBB which gets the most crowds.
14	anonymous	Same problem as with signs. Narrow sidewalks
15	anonymous	I only like produce items in the right of way, not non-organic like clothes and postcards, publications.
16	anonymous	Needs to be a size limit and someone who is in charge of keeping these things clean and looking presentable.
17	anonymous	Please no. Just keep the sidewalks as...sidewalks. You want to make the area look nicer, put up LED gaslamps for that retro look or hang potted plants up in the air or more. Maybe look at what bainbridge island, wa has done in downtown area. Keep it rural and cute and charming and invite more foot traffic.
18	anonymous	Landscaping or seating ONLY if doesn't interfere with pedestrian ability to walk on sidewalk.
19	anonymous	Clutter is clutter.

20	anonymous	Anything that does not take up walking space is fine with me.
21	anonymous	Let's go European!!
22	anonymous	Why on earth do we need any of these things cluttering up public spaces for people to have to navigate around?!
23	anonymous	This works on flat streets but no so good on sloped streets
24	anonymous	Prefer nothing else allowed except for racks and merchandise on sidewalk sale days and farmer's market days
25	anonymous	Still a overthinking this...
26	anonymous	Only racks and merchandise during special events like downtown shopping days, not every day a business is open. Our sidewalks are too narrow for that.
27	anonymous	No other items should be allowed in the walkways. We are going to start looking like a Third World country, and inevitably people will not follow the rules and enforcement will be a real pain.
28	anonymous	Again, obstructing foot traffic created unnecessary hazards, especially on busy warm-weather days.
29	anonymous	I do not like "merchandising" as a regular feature (as opposed to during special events, such as a weekend-long "sidewalk sale"). I can accept those sorts of special events, but do not like merchandising on a regular basis. Also, if umbrellas (or similar) are allowed, they should be tall enough that they do not obstruct traffic.
30	anonymous	None. It's already looking junky with the few things out there now.
31	anonymous	The items should not impede pedestrian traffic flow and should be made of quality materials so they look nice in keeping with our community and the business's presentation. Many of the above make our community look "friendly" and welcoming which is very nice.

32	anonymous	the city is elegant because we do not have ANY of these features. keep it this way
33	anonymous	Nothing please keep it organized and tidy. People choose to live here and not in Venice for a reason.
34	anonymous	Please why do we need any of that. On a busy day we do not want to dodge and step around this stuff.
35	anonymous	Our sidewalks are narrow. Don't be ridiculous. A bench and sign are one thing...but planters and carts? No.
36	anonymous	This is tough as some areas have ample space for these items, and in those areas I would support tables/chairs and some merchandise. In other areas, such as downtown it infringes on the sidewalk areas (ie: MB Blvd). Metlox is a lot different than city streets such as MB Blvd/Highland, etc.
37	anonymous	I like seeing things outside of store fronts as it has a welcoming feel. If approved, it should be up to the retailers if they want to participate--as it is probably a management issue for them.
38	anonymous	None of the MB streets are wide. If two people are walking there is barely room for a third person to pass. I would not be adding anything non-essential to the sidewalks.
39	anonymous	Location-specifically designed permanent and near-permanent planters and hardscaping are great opportunities to give MB-personality. Mobile, trivial 'other' I experience as clutter.
40	anonymous	Racks on the same day each month but not otherwise
41	anonymous	None
42	anonymous	Keep junk off our sidewalks!!!
43	anonymous	I would prefer not to have anything that makes a mass or congregates people in a way that you can't walk on the sidewalk

44	anonymous	Planters/landscaping only when easily fit into the area. No dog bowls (wow, that's tacky). Or find a designated downtown dog place.
45	anonymous	Same as above. People (merchants, residents, vendors, tourists & the general public) need to exhibit common sense. Public safety trumps commercial interests here.
46	anonymous	No others come to mind.
47	anonymous	Same answer as the first two.
48	anonymous	Merchandise displays can provide warmth and character Street furniture should not impede circulation. it will likely get more crowded so comfortable space to maneuver is important. Tables and chairs can be used in special occasions like a sidewalk sale. Planters are good for pedestrian and storefront protection, if desired.
49	anonymous	I am not in favor of seeing merchandise on the sidewalks other than the usual sidewalk sales.
50	anonymous	Businesses could have more window signage instead of portable signs
51	anonymous	None
52	anonymous	Cement planters at locations that have the potential of a car crashing / driving into shops or sidewalk restaurant seating
53	anonymous	Nothing restricting walking paths should be allowed. Maintain a minimum of 60 inches in width for all walking paths in all locations that currently exists, and double that minimum where any walking paths intersect.
54	anonymous	The side walks are narrow already and Elderly /Disabled have a hard time already so don't add Stuff" to their challenge.
55	anonymous	Will the merchants be paying for sidewalk space to the city coffers? Who is sponsoring this idea? Who benefits?

56	anonymous	Hey! Our sidewalks are already pretty narrow. You put much of the stuff above on them and there will be no room for the public. And absolutely no carts!
57	anonymous	Keep all of that stuff out of the public right of way .
58	anonymous	None of above except benches
59	anonymous	Nothing that impedes movement and ADA compliance.
60	anonymous	No store items should be on public spaces
61	anonymous	Eating and drinking options are great.
62	anonymous	The point is to Go Inside the store/restaurant, not put their merchandise outside - window displays is the selling point, and maybe put the store/restaurant ScanBarCode in the window so people can take a quick browse what's inside. Don't take up the sidewalks/Right of way.
63	anonymous	Nothing
64	anonymous	Definitely NO carts!
65	anonymous	Other than during city wide sale weekends or fairs I'd rather not see anything other than floral decor.
66	anonymous	None
67	anonymous	As long as there is plenty of space to walk, no issue with all these items.
68	anonymous	Landscaping
69	anonymous	We don't have room for much stuff on the sidewalk
70	anonymous	None of the above
71	anonymous	Nothing in public walk way

72	anonymous	It makes it feel more neighborhood like when there are seating areas or fruits and vegetables and flowers on display
73	anonymous	sidewalks are already crowded with people, locals and tourists and baby strollers
74	anonymous	None, our town is crowded enough
75	anonymous	I don't support any items in the public right of way.
76	anonymous	Why... did you outlaw umbrellas??? They're festive, beachy & useful to restaurants that have outside tables. Quit giving the small group of cranky old neighbors the voice! Downtown has been there longer than anyone alive! If you live downtown, you get downtown. Pre-existing condition. Please help local businesses & stop hurting them. Rent in EXPENSIVE!
77	anonymous	So long as required widths are maintained, and items on the sidewalks don't create circulation bottlenecks, we should take a permissive approach.
78	anonymous	Dining tables and chairs are fine, even encouraged! But everything else will just get in the way of busy sidewalks. Or, at least disallow during the summer months.
79	anonymous	No OTHER items should be allowed except on sales days
80	anonymous	There should not be any items in the public right-of-way. They impede the flow of pedestrians.
81	anonymous	none
82	anonymous	I think sidewalk sales should continue to be allowed. Stores that have a recessed front should be allowed to display merchandise as long as they do not impede the public right of way.
83	anonymous	Nothing to limit walking space. In the summer when beach gets crowded, sidewalks are narrow anyway and sometimes can't even walk in a certain direction because of people walking in groups rather than single file.

84	anonymous	Racks are generally fine - again, if not blocking the walking path of a sidewalk.
85	anonymous	No
86	anonymous	not so big as to block sidewalk
87	anonymous	Too much use of signs may make the area look more like an out door market place
88	anonymous	Mobility and children in strollers concerns remain with any of these.
89	anonymous	I would not like to see any of the displayed items. While lovely maintaining anything floral would require maintenance and who would be responsible for that? Salt weather also contribute to their disrepair. We did try overhead planters on light posts which were a nice addition and perhaps that could be considered. I would limit racks and merchandise on the sidewalk. They can/do inhibit traffic and can become a a visual blight as there is little control as to what is displayed.
90	anonymous	This will be hard to define policies around. There is a reasonableness factor on this stuff. Planters are nice yet there needs to be enough space to allow pedestrian traffic.
91	anonymous	As long as there is NO street vending that would take away from tax and rent paying businesses.
92	anonymous	Nothing, keep our city clean and uncluttered.
93	anonymous	None
94	anonymous	blocking 2 way pedestrian traffic
95	anonymous	I believe that outdoor clutter to advertise is an eye sore. If someone is serious about shopping for a particular item, then they will go inside. The sun, rain, gas pollutants affect the apparel for sale which would cost the business owner an extra cost. Not in favor of any of the options.

96	anonymous	I am opposed to all carts and musicians in the public right-of-way.
97	anonymous	none of the above
98	anonymous	Nothing in the walkways. Only between the trees/parking meters.
99	anonymous	Planters next to the building can be attractive and a nice visual.
100	anonymous	Serious concerns about our public spaces looking like a circus area or street fair.
101	anonymous	We need outdoor dining back!!!!!! We now leave MB to go to Hermosa, Redondo or Venice specifically so we can sit on the sidewalk and eat!!!!
102	anonymous	Not to sound like a broken record, but my major concern is taking up too much space on the streets!!!!
103	anonymous	I don't mind racks during sales times, chairs at cafes and merchandise as long as it doesn't junk up the right of way
104	anonymous	Dog bowls, like benches, provide respite. Planters help with ambiance. The rest is simply using the public right-of-way for business purposes. I'm OK with merchandise in the public right of way DURING SIDEWALK SALES (that's kind of the point), but NOT at other times.
105	anonymous	I wouldn't want the items to block a significant portion of the sidewalk such that it's difficult to pass.
106	anonymous	Where is it appropriate to lock up bicycles? Do they have to be on special structures? Or can we use parking meters, poles, etc.?
107	anonymous	Again....wtf? Who is bringing this up? I want names!
108	anonymous	No carts please.
109	anonymous	Go back to Santa Monica

110	anonymous	No other obstacles to clutter streets beyond noted items.snall tables ok.
111	anonymous	This survey would be more useful if it explained the implications of allowing these items in the "public right-of-way", and included a drawing showing a sidewalk and where the item would be allowed. For example, could one of these items be placed where it would make a sidewalk impassable?
112	anonymous	Again need clear walking space. But I like the decorative aspects. Especially plants.
113	anonymous	I think the existing City-provided landscaping is adequate but have no problem with adding potted plants near entryways. I am also ok with racks during major sale events only, not on a day-to-day basis. Also ok with single water bowls near entryways.
114	anonymous	Again, not sure if this survey is drafted by anyone walking around downtown on a nice day. Whether any of these items might be nice is irrelevant, there is no room. Just dog bowls so the dogs don't dehydrate.
115	anonymous	Tables are good if they don't hinder walking on the sidewalk
116	anonymous	Please do not turn this beautiful community into Venice Beach. Homelessness and crime is already on the rise. Just look around.
117	anonymous	Same as above creates obstacles for persons in wheelchairs
118	anonymous	Planters would be fine if they were gardened consistently. The City ignored the tiny park at the very north end of the beach (at 45th St.) and it turned into a dust bowl. Volunteers have since planted and tended it.
119	anonymous	Manhattan Beach does NOT have wide sidewalks. I do not want to have anything intruding into the space of the sidewalk as this makes it dangerous to walk to the businesses, particularly when the area is filled with tourists & customers of the businesses.
120	anonymous	I'm all in favor for making our downtown beautiful but I don't think we should make it resemble a tourist attraction just trying to sell their merchandise.

121	anonymous	Manhattan Beach is not Little Mexico. It should maintain its upscale, quality beachside image.
122	anonymous	No items that may allow children to climb on or animals to pee/poop on.
123	anonymous	Again, whatever is placed should not look junky.
124	anonymous	Like cement planters. Flowers nice. Clothes ok for sidewalk sale — once in a while, but not all the time. Feel like I'd be tripping over doggie bowls and who keeps them clean. Chairs and tables ok by restaurant s not blocking pathway. Carts might be fine if there is enough open space surrounding so doesn't block pathway.
125	anonymous	We're not Venice Beach.
126	anonymous	Only planters that are upkept. Everything else would be considered "clutter."
127	anonymous	The other items will allow the merchants to create a environment that will attract customers. For the residents it will create a community that they will identify with and enjoy.
128	anonymous	Dog water Bowl- Do not recommend due to covid, health issues/concerns and sharing the same water bowls used by sick dogs. Movable Carts, Tables, Chairs, Racks and Merchandise- too much clutter and unappealing and hard to regulate a cohesive look and can tip over when people walk, run or cannot see and tip over. These items block the access to public right of way. Our city and streets are small and narrow already.
129	anonymous	All of the above items should be considered on a case by case basis with specific attention given to available space and impact on the flow of pedestrian traffic. I would think that store owners would pay a fee to display merchandise on the street, and while I enjoy the occasional sidewalk sales, I don't think I would like to see that on an ongoing basis. (It's fine if, for example, a grocery store wants to display produce on their store's property ... but on the sidewalk would need to be examined for pedestrian impact. Similarly, tables and chairs would be fine if there is ample room, but if they are for a specific restaurant, then there should be an alternative to public right-of-way options.) I have a dog, and while I think dog bowls (near a water fountain, I assume) are

		very nice, I don't let my dog drink from them given the illnesses that dogs can pass around.
130	anonymous	Stop it already, downtown will look like a third world country, keep it classy. You know what happens possession is 9/10th of the law, No to all of this
131	anonymous	Same answer as above with regard to congestion on already busy streets. I think water bowls for dogs though are required!
132	anonymous	The key is the amount of room. We need enough room to walk down the sidewalks.
133	anonymous	None
134	anonymous	Items should be small and not a tripping hazard
135	anonymous	Having options for snacks/fruit would be great
136	anonymous	None of the photos shown look like our sidewalks in Downtown and the North End.
137	anonymous	Merchants displays close to their walls Not in the middle of sidewalk
138	anonymous	As long as items do not get in the way of pedestrians. Items put out, must be monitored by whoever puts the items out
139	anonymous	Too much clutter in the right of way will make it more difficult for the public to walk and iff the merchandise is not pleasant to look at it will detract from the beauty of downtown.
140	anonymous	People can barely manage sharing a public space these days. Why should we add more stuff for them to maneuver around?
141	anonymous	People park bikes and block sidewalks
142	anonymous	No carts, merchandise except for sidewalk sales

143	anonymous	Only during specific sidewalk sales when multiple businesses are participating and only for a city approved period of time. Never allow carts or the sale of 'street food'.
144	anonymous	They should have to be individually approved. Criteria should include keeping on theme with the store, not blocking right of way or neighboring businesses, adding attractiveness to the storefront w/o creating an eyesore. Approval should be revocable if the display changes. No carts unless a business is owned (ie. No standalone carts not tied to a brick and mortar store).
145	anonymous	Cute bistro tables or small dining tables and chairs for outdoor dining are fine. Folding and other temporary tables for setting out merchandise is not a good look. It gives yard sale vibes.
146	anonymous	None of the above.
147	anonymous	So complex, thanks for doing this. There has to be a standard, I like the uniqueness and non corporate feel of our town. Some people's nice looks like others garbage and some are safety concerns so I don't know the answer.
148	anonymous	Need restrictions that placement of these items should not reduce the width of the sidewalk RoW allowing access for wheelchairs, baby carriages, etc. (need to specify a minimum sidewalk RoW width). Racks that do not reduce sidewalk RoW should be OK during up to current number of days of organized sidewalk sales per year.
149	anonymous	There should be leniency for other items on sidewalks during retail sale weekends.
150	anonymous	Please ensure planters/plants to not block wheelchair/walker access and comply with ADA guidelines. Please ensure plants remain trimmed; do not come/hang out further than the planter.
151	anonymous	Racks only on designated sales days/weekend. Tables and chairs subject to area size limits.
152	anonymous	The fewer items in front of businesses, the better.

153	anonymous	Any items in the walkway are unnecessary and limit the flow of walking traffic.
154	anonymous	This is not México
155	anonymous	NO PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY IMPAIRED OR OBSTRUCTED.
156	anonymous	Flowers and tables and chairs are nice as long as the merchants don't restrict them to just their customers. If they are in a space the public owns, anyone should be able to use them. Any merchandise should be kept close to the business' walls and not impede pedestrian traffic or create a tripping hazard.
157	anonymous	Landscape or planters where space allows.
158	anonymous	The sidewalks are already narrow and can be difficult to maneuver when walking with strollers, young children and dogs. Keep extraneous items out of the public walkways.
159	anonymous	Not blocking the sidewalk
160	anonymous	No to all items except dog water bowls and planters if plants will be kept up once in planters 12months of the year, a very added plus to our town
161	anonymous	NO CARTS!
162	anonymous	As long as they aren't a trip hazard they are all good by me.
163	anonymous	No to carts, merchandise, dog bowls, or racks, etc
164	anonymous	None
165	anonymous	The only thing that should be allowed are trashcans, parking meters and bicycling parking (bike racks)
166	anonymous	This is tricky because the items must be of a quality that matches Manhattan Beach. We already allow racks outside stores and everyone seems to like it.

167	anonymous	Sand Bar outdoor tables block the sidewalk
168	anonymous	The racks help catch your eye to sales happening. As a shop bro gs in new inventory they need to move out sale items.
169	anonymous	Small, tasteful planters might be okay as long as they don't interfere with foot traffic or require pedestrians to dodge or sidestep. But, we do not need extra dog bowls - have you seen the strand lately and all the feces that is not cleaned up by owners? We do not need that on our sidewalks! Also, do not need any of the other stuff to litter the sidewalks and create impediments to foot traffic.
170	anonymous	Items should not be in the public right of way.
171	anonymous	I don't see a problem with dog bowls. They don't take up much walking space.
172	anonymous	NO COMMERCIAL SIDEWALK OVERFLOW OF ANY KIND. Planters only if not used to prevent parking or pedestrian flow. Planters have sometimes used to "wall off" public property for private/commercial use.
173	anonymous	Merchandise racks /signs for limited special events only. Overcrowded sidewalks already. No room for additional signs or other obstacles. Dog bowls are dangerous and may attract vermin.
174	anonymous	I don't want anything in the right of way, particularly not tables and chairs where people can possibly eat on walk streets. I'm fine with greenery or dog bowls as long as the sidewalks remain clear for pedestrians.
175	anonymous	None!! these items should be kept on private property. There is not enough space downtown to walk etc.
176	anonymous	Racks are VERY important. Sometimes the only way to get customers inside the shops
177	anonymous	Like the European market feel of things outside

178	anonymous	Many businesses have been displaying things tastefully and safely outside their doors for many years, without obstructing the right of way or causing a problem. They rely on these displays, and they are critical to drive revenue. When businesses do well, so does the city! It also adds character and interest to our town and promotes the small town look and feel that we residents and businesses don't want to lose! They help make Manhattan beach different from other places. Places to sit, water for your dog, decorative plants are all make the area more inviting.
179	anonymous	I like seeing some merchandise displayed outside businesses in town, and my dog likes the water bowls.
180	anonymous	Less restrictions if on private property; public property ok so long as regulations regarding width of clear pathways are followed. Exceptions would be permitted events such as sidewalk sales and other community events.
181	anonymous	Since this is for DAILY use, we would recommend that it is very simple. This will keep the streets from looking cluttered and junk. The SIDEWALK SALE weekends are a whole different situation. We welcome ALL of the above for the sales weekends.

8. What items should be prohibited in the public right-of-way? Please specify.

207 responses

1	anonymous	Anything that obstructs ADA access.
2	anonymous	Bikes, skate boards, surf boards
3	anonymous	Nothing
4	anonymous	All other items
5	anonymous	Clothing racks and beach toys
6	anonymous	Signs, benches, other items

7	anonymous	All of the above.
8	anonymous	Planters that block the sidewalk like in front of Noelle interior design.
9	anonymous	Signs, benches, other items. Hazardous
10	anonymous	Political/religious messaging
11	anonymous	All items prohibited
12	anonymous	Keep sidewalks clear
13	anonymous	Merchandise is best kept out of the public right of way
14	anonymous	See above.
15	anonymous	I don't see a need for a cart unless there is a promo at a food shop which should be temporary.
16	anonymous	Very large items, carts, food carts
17	anonymous	Overflowing garbage cans
18	anonymous	People with big dogs, smoking, caps that say New York on them :-)
19	anonymous	Advertising or racks of clothing out all the time that create pedestrian obstacles or visual clutter. (Special 1-2 day area wide sidewalk sales are short term and fine 1-2 times per year)
20	anonymous	Most items should be prohibited from the public right-of-way. Items left on walkways make walking difficult.
21	anonymous	Large stands that take up walking space.
22	anonymous	Political signs.

23	anonymous	Prohibit Signs, benches, chairs, planters, racks, dog bowls, merchandise, tables, and carts. Public right of way is for people to MOVE THROUGH, not be obstructed.
24	anonymous	Anything that causes slipping. Electric bikes and skateboards.
25	anonymous	Pretty much everything should be prohibited
26	anonymous	No flimsy movable items. Only structurally sound unmovable items should be allowed
27	anonymous	Political signs
28	anonymous	I think I have been pretty clear I want nothing that interferes with the ease of pedestrian traffic.
29	anonymous	Pretty much everything should be prohibited except maybe a small planter outside the door of a business. There are too many people that need to use our sidewalks and why should you create obstacles to pedestrians, wheelchair users, strollers. It's hard enough as it is to enforce the rules on scooters and skateboards and bicycles! Anything else would just create a mess.
30	anonymous	All items
31	anonymous	Miscellaneous impediments to traffic. There should be an adequate path for pedestrians at all times.
32	anonymous	Everything but tasteful benches.
33	anonymous	Items that will blow away in the wind; items which are not presentable (eg a badly rusted item not designed to look rusted), items which protrude into the sidewalk.
34	anonymous	any item in the public right of the way might lead to city liability - so none
35	anonymous	Nothing.

36	anonymous	Almost everything you proposed.
37	anonymous	Most everything. Benches should be for anyone at any time.
38	anonymous	Large carts and tables
39	anonymous	Bikes and e-bikes. These are VERY problematic in the downtown area!!
40	anonymous	Permanent and near-permanent merchandise display in public right-of-way spaces. Farmers markets or special street sales are wonderful community, seasonal and/or cultural opportunities to bring people (and commerce!) together. Making these "special" events everyday/routine makes such displaying merchandise just about the commerce.
41	anonymous	Minimize the public works time of inconvenience. They are so irritating and inconvenient
42	anonymous	All
43	anonymous	Commercial signage and anything which impedes pedestrians.
44	anonymous	Just about everything should be prohibited, except for essential directional signs (not directories), parking meters, trash cans and plantings.
45	anonymous	Portable signs, any items that minimize our already narrow sidewalk space.
46	anonymous	Merchandise
47	anonymous	Anything with a political message
48	anonymous	Anything dangerous or difficult to get around.
49	anonymous	clothes racks EXCEPT for City Sidewalk sale periods
50	anonymous	No retailers hawking their items. No political leaflets.

51	anonymous	Anything that poses a hazard or impedes flow.
52	anonymous	Any street furniture or object that impedes comfortable circulation along the sidewalk. Can a wheel chair circulate is a pretty good clearance measure.
53	anonymous	Any motorized vehicle regardless of the number of wheels
54	anonymous	Portable signs , racks, carts , tables (unless for dining), Asking people to sign things
55	anonymous	Unless the pedestrian space is at least six feet wide, objects should be restricted such that two way pedestrian traffic is not impeded.
56	anonymous	sales associates taking payment from customers
57	anonymous	Enforce the limitations to area between Strand sidewalk and bike path. Removal of fences, sprinklers, lighting, pots, signage, furniture, etc. per regulations.
58	anonymous	All of them.
59	anonymous	“Store Advertising “Stuff” and Store Personnel trying to get Public in “Their” store.
60	anonymous	All SIGNS!!!! Clothing or merchandise racks of any kind. Food carts of any kind.
61	anonymous	Advertising - promotional. Community service ok.
62	anonymous	Most of the items shown in Question 7. Dog dishes fine and maybe a planter or two (because of space). If planters are approved, there has to be a plan/commitment for keeping them beautifully maintained.
63	anonymous	Everything not needed for public use. No advertising no sales. While you are at it, get those utility poles and street signs out of the sidewalks.

64	anonymous	Food carts
65	anonymous	Please consider ADA issues!
66	anonymous	Political statements.
67	anonymous	Anything that impedes foot traffic or is a safety risk in wind
68	anonymous	Restaurants outdoor dining on the public street.
69	anonymous	Advertising signs, selling merchandise. Anything that obstructs flow.
70	anonymous	Clothes racks, big signs, signs that blow over with the daily ocean breeze, signs that kids push over/climb on it, no ridiculous colors or balloons that might distract a car driver!
71	anonymous	All the above
72	anonymous	Food bins.
73	anonymous	Signs
74	anonymous	Anything literally blocking the right of way
75	anonymous	Religious or political signs
76	anonymous	Alcohol consumed in public right of ways Out door dinning in public right of way's
77	anonymous	street vendors like tacos and fruit
78	anonymous	Sorry. Everything should be prohibited in public walk way
79	anonymous	Advertisements

80	anonymous	Cars, construction trucks
81	anonymous	Bicycles Loud game boards
82	anonymous	Everything. Benches, signs, planters, any obstructions.
83	anonymous	Grumpy neighbors.
84	anonymous	Except for sidewalk sales, no merchandise or racks should be in the right of way. They create blockages and bottlenecks -- especially with people walking to the beach and carrying chairs and umbrellas. No to carts -- that's vending and Manhattan Beach has never allowed those and shouldn't start now. If there are benches, there's no need for chairs. The downtown landscaping has provided enough foliage and taken up enough space. I'm not sure what the hang-up with dog bowls. Dog bowls are okay -- and it's not like dogs are peeing on them like why would everything else.
85	anonymous	Anything that restricts pedestrian flow unreasonably
86	anonymous	All
87	anonymous	All items should be prohibited.
88	anonymous	chairs tables signs benches
89	anonymous	Tables, racks with merchandise not unless a designated Sidewalk Sale day for local business.
90	anonymous	benches. too big
91	anonymous	planters with plants with spikes or toxic elements (such as fire sticks)
92	anonymous	Concerned about motor bikes on the sidewalks. Very dangerous. This may encourage parking them there as well.

93	anonymous	Anything that requires tricky navigation or forces pedestrians to walk single-file.
94	anonymous	Definitely feather signs, umbrellas, anything with height. I hesitate to encourage/approve of any signage on our sidewalks as they were meant for pedestrians. We already have dining on our sidewalks and there has been some reduced ease in of traffic. We have little control over bikes, bikes, dogs, strollers and pedestrians as it is. Most if not all retail/service storefronts have windows that could display information/sales signage.
95	anonymous	Merchandise
96	anonymous	This depends on where the public right of way is located. On residential walk streets allow residents to have toys outside; nothing permanent in those areas.
97	anonymous	I'm okay with benches on the public right-of-way as long as they do not unreasonably impede foot traffic (including baby carriages, etc)
98	anonymous	Benches and ads.
99	anonymous	Benches
100	anonymous	carts would create bottle neck, as do clothes racks.
101	anonymous	All
102	anonymous	items for sale
103	anonymous	None that I can think of. Just try to avoid major blockage that constricts flow of traffic too much (pedestrian or otherwise).
104	anonymous	Advertisements of all sorts. Clean up Man. Bch downtown area by prohibiting sidewalk areas from utilizing a pedestrian walkway for advertising. No advertisements on any type of boards.

105	anonymous	The public right-of-way (sidewalks, etc) should be free from anything except pedestrians and pets on leash.
106	anonymous	all
107	anonymous	Things that blink right of way
108	anonymous	Political content of any kind
109	anonymous	As pictured above, merchandise, chairs, carts, tables.
110	anonymous	Advertising, carts, vendors,
111	anonymous	All items that create a hazard for the public.
112	anonymous	Overnight signage - signs should be put away at night. Tables/chairs/benches should be moved out of the public space so that it is next to the building and out of the walk way.
113	anonymous	???
114	anonymous	n/a
115	anonymous	Garbage cans.
116	anonymous	Anything that blocks the right of way
117	anonymous	Any item NOT available for free public use - except, as above, during sidewalk sales. I'm OK with the occasional chair, table, or small cart, again - for PUBLIC use, not reserved for patrons of the business. Also, useful to remind people that e-bikes, scooters, etc, should be in the street (with bikes), not on the sidewalks. If we need space for that, please plan so, but we don't need to trip over these as we walk.
118	anonymous	dog water bowls

119	anonymous	TOURISTS with obnoxious children and huge strollers.
120	anonymous	All things should be prohibited! What are we a trash town?! The Jersey Shore?
121	anonymous	Things like taco stands, fruit stands, juice stands.
122	anonymous	Pretty much nothing except a bench and a planter. We can't make the sidewalks less accessible to many of our families that use strollers or wheelchairs. No signs!! They cheapen the city.
123	anonymous	None- calling the ADA lawyers in now! Can't wait!
124	anonymous	Carts
125	anonymous	It's not clear if this question is referring to the items mentioned above or asking for suggestions of other items to be prohibited.
126	anonymous	Carts, clothing racks, merchandise and products
127	anonymous	Anything blocking wallpaper doesn't add to the comfort or beauty of downtown
128	anonymous	Anything too large that blocks the sidewalk
129	anonymous	Signs
130	anonymous	Anything that creates crowding.
131	anonymous	Nothing beyond what is addressed in the foregoing comments.
132	anonymous	Everything. There is no room!
133	anonymous	mostly none. Businesses should keep the sidewalk clear but the city can make some exceptions if good judgement is used. Remember, this is a city for residents, not to make shopowners rich from tourist business

134	anonymous	Just keep clear of congested walkways
135	anonymous	things that are easy to miss and trip on
136	anonymous	People sleeping on our streets. Tents, encampments.
137	anonymous	bikes and bike racks
138	anonymous	tables and carts
139	anonymous	Ebikes (or any bike) on pedestrian right-of-ways like The Strand
140	anonymous	All of the above.
141	anonymous	N/A
142	anonymous	Signage. Promotions
143	anonymous	Tables, chairs, carts, racks of merchandise, bike racks, anything else that would make people stop and stand around and block the flow of pedestrian traffic.
144	anonymous	Taco/food carts and other vendor business. Items the wind could blow around, making a safety hazard.
145	anonymous	see my #7 answer
146	anonymous	Anything blocking path. Too much signage is trashy— like a carnival. I like flowers and plants. I'm sympathetic to restaurants and people wanting to eat outdoors. I prefer a clean modern look to planters, benches, signage etc. the simpler the better.
147	anonymous	Anything that is clearly defined to be a safety issue.
148	anonymous	any "unapproved" item

149	anonymous	None
150	anonymous	Do not allow- dog water Bowl - I do not recommend due to health issues/concerns and sharing the same water bowls. Carts, Tables, Chairs, Racks and Merchandise- too much clutter and unappealing and hard to regulate a cohesive look in a small city (exception- Garage sale-- should be allowed). These items block the access to public right of way. Our city and streets are small and narrow already. Keep any food and water items to be shared out due to Covid risks in a small city. Any items, products, merchandise resulting in crowds gathering and blocking foot traffic on side streets should be prohibited (except garage sales). Allowing this would result in people walking having to enter in the streets to walk and get hit by the cars!
151	anonymous	Anything that impedes the flow of pedestrian traffic. I'm not sure what the purpose of carts would be, but, if they are trying to sell something (like lotions you may see in the mall), I would be against it, since they can be pretty pushy. If they are to hand out free samples (like beach-centric items like sun tan lotion), then I might be OK with that. Unless, of course, the crowds that gather causes congestion (think Costco!).
152	anonymous	Public propoerty is public propoerty, if the city wants to put benches so be it or waywards signs but the city does it not private businesses.
153	anonymous	Carts, Racks (except for designated sidewalk sale times), planters where sidewalk space is limited, and A-frame signs.
154	anonymous	Anything people can trip over. I think carts are too much.
155	anonymous	Everything
156	anonymous	Tables and chairs
157	anonymous	Tables, chairs, portable signage should be prohibited in the public right-of-way. Maybe, just maybe, allow benches between the parking meters.
158	anonymous	Things that block pedestrian traffic should be prohibited, but within reason. The population changes dramatically down town during weekends. Ice shops,

		bakeries, etc should have space for people to consume their purchases. I really think this is already good, the way it currently is. The sidewalk sales are fine the way they currently are.
159	anonymous	anything that presents a danger to people of tripping over it.
160	anonymous	I like additional seating and dog friendly bowls but d not like the idea of clogging public pathways with clutter. So it spends on where these items are going.
161	anonymous	Anything that blocks the ability for pedestrians to walk freely on the sidewalks. In the summer especially it gets crowded and people should not be forced off into the street.
162	anonymous	everything above except planters
163	anonymous	People staring at their phones while walking.
164	anonymous	Anything that impedes foot traffic. "Hostess" stands.
165	anonymous	Anything that would cause a slippery slope to open the door to street vendors or increased vagrants.
166	anonymous	Anything that blocks safe passage.
167	anonymous	Anything that looks like we are holding a yard sale. Keep it clean, simple and upscale.
168	anonymous	Anything that restricts or narrows the public walkway.
169	anonymous	Any permanent structures, signs, tables or benches
170	anonymous	-anything that blocks wheelchair/walker access and does not comply with ADA guidelines -anything that is customer inclusive only
171	anonymous	Merch/daily sales. Creates congestion.

172	anonymous	All items should be prohibited
173	anonymous	Bikes, scooters, strollers
174	anonymous	Nothing should be allowed
175	anonymous	Anything affecting pedestrians and especially older adults
176	anonymous	Anything that protrudes into the walkway and is not obvious and could cause people to trip. There should be copious storage places for bikes and scooters so they're not in the way.
177	anonymous	Anything obstructing the flow of pedestrian traffic. It is hard enough as it is to walk around with strollers.
178	anonymous	Loose chairs
179	anonymous	All unnecessary items should be kept out of the public right of way. Merchants should not be permitted to expand their shop space by encroaching onto the public right of way.
180	anonymous	Junk and cluttering of our small open spaces we have and to avoid tripping over causing accidents of shoppers etc plus anything that allows more space for overnight sleepers as additional benches
181	anonymous	food vendors that don't have retail storefronts
182	anonymous	Any items that block sidewalk use and are unattractive; large clothing rack, large signs.
183	anonymous	carts
184	anonymous	street vending carts
185	anonymous	There should be nothing in the public walkway

186	anonymous	Rack with Merchandise, or carts unless is sidewalk sale
187	anonymous	Bikes
188	anonymous	Anything that is an eye-sore and negatively impacts the look of downtown
189	anonymous	Selling goods
190	anonymous	None of the above "other items" belong in the public right of way. The only semi-tolerable exception would be merchandise racks on very specific and limited City-approved sale days. Bike racks are another example of items that belong only in specially designated built out areas (e.g., a designated parking space) and should not reduce public sidewalk for pedestrians.
191	anonymous	Carts, racks
192	anonymous	Permanent benches and chairs as they will only attract additional homeless. Anything that interferes with foot traffic - sidewalks are for the public not merchandise. Carts and signs will interfere with pedestrian traffic. Let's keep MB looking clean!
193	anonymous	Any unnecessary items should not be in the public right of way.
194	anonymous	Downtown and the North end are already too congested. There is a lot of foot traffic which helps the downtown businesses and the sidewalk dining already obstructs the pedestrians.
195	anonymous	See above notes of "not chosen" items. Please remember the disabled and folks with baby carriages.
196	anonymous	No
197	anonymous	Everything.

198	anonymous	Anything encouraging loitering, sleeping, that takes up space preventing pedestrian traffic, or that creates visual clutter. Also anything that creates noise like radios, bands, speakers, etc.
199	anonymous	most items
200	anonymous	signs and merchandise outside, it looks cluttered.
201	anonymous	We need to make sure that people have enough space to walk safely without it being shoulder to shoulder due to items on public space.
202	anonymous	Strollers, dogs, umbrellas, tables and chairs often block the whole sidewalk in front restaurants on Highland. It's overkill. Good Boy Bob the worst for this! You shouldn't have to walk into the street just to get past because the sidewalk is completely obstructed
203	anonymous	Many businesses display things outside their doors and should be allowed to do so within reason. However, nothing should significantly block the public right of way.
204	anonymous	Clothing racks
205	anonymous	Bike racks.
206	anonymous	For DAILY use please see my note above.
207	anonymous	Rental bikes and scooters, should they ever be allowed, should have a proper and designated area. Additional areas where bikes can be locked would be great.

9. What items should be prohibited on private property? Please specify.

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1	anonymous	I don't think the city should be allowed to regulate private property regarding things like benches and signs. That is overreach with no benefit to the City.
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2	anonymous	Nothing unless dangerous, vulgar, or poses a serious safety risk
3	anonymous	Nothing
4	anonymous	Businesses should be allowed to display merchandise as long as it does not obstruct pedestrian traffic
5	anonymous	Offensive items
6	anonymous	Give an example of private property.
7	anonymous	Political/religious messaging
8	anonymous	Dog bowls become a tripping hazard.
9	anonymous	Private property should not have any prohibited items.
10	anonymous	??? Unsure
11	anonymous	Dog bowls and anything that may not be easily seen
12	anonymous	----
13	anonymous	Excessive signage.
14	anonymous	Hate-based messaging
15	anonymous	My property. People pay too much in taxes to be told what they can and cannot do. Keep music down, be respectful, and follow the golden rule.
16	anonymous	Advertising or items creating visual clutter or sidewalk obstacles
17	anonymous	Crude or lewd signs.

18	anonymous	I'm not clear that's it's appropriate or legal to permit what's placed on private property?? I wouldn't prohibit any of the objects described above from being put on private property.
19	anonymous	Not sure what is legally permissible to prohibit on private property.
20	anonymous	Campers or other overly large structures,
21	anonymous	None
22	anonymous	Anything. Isn't private private???
23	anonymous	anything that could cause injury to a passerby
24	anonymous	Same as for public property.
25	anonymous	Nonexistent
26	anonymous	This question is a bit too vague. Are we talking about "Private property" close to the public right of way? I'm rather indifferent to what someone does away from the public areas. For instance, if a person wants to display a school flag (whether UCLA or USC) on their home (away from the public right of way, why should anyone care?
27	anonymous	If private property means in front of or next to residential homes, I think I would be against any items being placed. If in front of private businesses, then I guess up to the respective owner.
28	anonymous	Neon.
29	anonymous	Cars parked on lawns
30	anonymous	Nothing. It's private property.
31	anonymous	If it's private property, I believe the owner has the right to put anything on their area they wish.

32	anonymous	Not sure this is clear....if it is private property, why is this on the survey?
33	anonymous	It's not the city's business to determine what home owners put on their private property.
34	anonymous	Private is private.
35	anonymous	Things seem pretty well controlled currently. Would resist advertising, politics after the election, private political expressions.
36	anonymous	None
37	anonymous	Items prohibited by existing ordinance.
38	anonymous	Everything currently prohibited.
39	anonymous	Temporary signs and banners as well as any long term displays
40	anonymous	Blocking sidewalk
41	anonymous	This question is too vague, as are the follow-up questions below. Why would/should the City regulate items on private property? What is an example?
42	anonymous	Anything offensive or anything blocking public access to public property
43	anonymous	Blatant advertising for private businesses.
44	anonymous	Nothing. Unless it's dangerous It's private
45	anonymous	No sales. No politics.
46	anonymous	Similar to item 8. If on private property and causes impedance in the public ROW. Food service seating with low fence/barrier and sun protection, when needed are good uses.

47	anonymous	Leave private property up to the owners
48	anonymous	Trash including empty boxes except trash days, feeding wildlife including peanuts for squirrels , fire pits that burn wood /charcoal etc to control local Air pollution, day limit on portable storage units.
49	anonymous	Advertising of anything but local adjacent small businesses. No realtor advertising.
50	anonymous	Removal of ALL signage.
51	anonymous	Businesses should manager their private property the way they see fit.
52	anonymous	Smoking and Viping
53	anonymous	No Signs
54	anonymous	Much as individuals have separate and distinct tastes, I cannot think of anything that should be prohibited on private property unless it is against code or offensive. Who defines offensive?
55	anonymous	Anything placed in a walkway, keep all walkways passable.
56	anonymous	Nothing. It's private property and we own it.
57	anonymous	Anything that impedes public access. We see may vehicles parked in front of private properties that create walking challenges without going into the street. Walk along Highland on either side and there almost is no way way you can do so without going into the street. There is NO WAY a wheelchair could go more than a block on Highland!
58	anonymous	RVs including kitchen cars
59	anonymous	Political signs.

60	anonymous	None, as long as if they are not safe, they should not be positioned permanently in the front yard area.
61	anonymous	Benches
62	anonymous	Unsure
63	anonymous	Too many advertisements
64	anonymous	no prohibition
65	anonymous	None
66	anonymous	Loud noises, garbage or trash, cars on lawns
67	anonymous	landscaping that blocks the view of the ocean, junk, trash, brokendown cars.
68	anonymous	None. Why would we prohibit any of the above on private property?
69	anonymous	There has been an increase in corner-lot properties blocking the line of sight to other streets.
70	anonymous	All
71	anonymous	Any safety hazards
72	anonymous	nothing that blocks views
73	anonymous	If it's private property can't you have whatever items property owner wants??
74	anonymous	dimensions and subtle colors and lettering
75	anonymous	nothing.
76	anonymous	Clutter and over parking

77	anonymous	Only things prohibited by zoning law or applicable certificates of use.
78	anonymous	All/any of the above
79	anonymous	Private property is private property. Best to let us know what the current code/ordnances say
80	anonymous	Benches
81	anonymous	Carts selling items of any kind.
82	anonymous	Nothing on public sidewalks
83	anonymous	I cannot think of anything. Prohibition of items on private property should be very rare occurrences.
84	anonymous	Private property in Man Bch especially on the strand yard areas have become an extension of the wealthy home owners privileges to utilize the sand area (public property) for private use. I am against any private items being located on public property.
85	anonymous	I cannot understand why this question is asked.
86	anonymous	all
87	anonymous	Things that make noise/music or smoke
88	anonymous	None. Private property.
89	anonymous	Extending the indoor products to outside of the retail space.
90	anonymous	Items that make the area look like a street fair.
91	anonymous	Nothing should be prohibited on private property. City property you can set rules, but private property is overreach.

92	anonymous	None of the above-
93	anonymous	food trucks
94	anonymous	n/a
95	anonymous	Smoking unless indoor, but I think that already is. That includes tobacco, marijuana, and vaping. Not sure what else.
96	anonymous	Private property is precisely that.....PRIVATE! No restrictions should apply unless we are turning into a communist nation.
97	anonymous	Go back to Santa Monica!
98	anonymous	Political signs, if possible
99	anonymous	I can't think of a reason why anything would be prohibited on private property.
100	anonymous	Anything that will reasonably be expected to cause overflow onto public property.
101	anonymous	ugly and tasteless signs and benches that look private. If it is on public right of way, everyone should have access
102	anonymous	People sleeping on our streets. Tents, encampments.
103	anonymous	Establish a safe set back distance from the public right of way & dimensions of signage &/or seating.
104	anonymous	Trash, paint cans, weeds, junk outside
105	anonymous	N/A
106	anonymous	Nothing. It's private property.

107	anonymous	Anything that detracts from the beach atmosphere and degrades the quality of the establishment or impedes normal pedestrian traffic flow.
108	anonymous	not sure since it is private property?
109	anonymous	Signage, except when political during elections and maybe sports team fan signs. They come and go. Not permanent. First amendment.
110	anonymous	I believe in property owners' rights. City should enforce codes, not aesthetics. Please no bureaucratic language.
111	anonymous	large, garish signage
112	anonymous	None
113	anonymous	1) People dismantling their car engine on their drive way. 2) Construction material left (not hauled away). 3) Portable signs in private property/Condo/Town houses are subject to CC&Rs restrictions (City cannot override).
114	anonymous	I'm not sure what you have in mind here, but as long as it relates to that property's business and does not cause congestion issues, I would probably be OK with it.
115	anonymous	Private property is private property so let owners and renters decide.
116	anonymous	None
117	anonymous	Racks and products for sale
118	anonymous	This is a truly frighening question, and I don't know how to answer it. I have a front patio (with a legal easement). I consider it my private property. I can walk out onto a "walk street", which I consider public property. How does this question fit with signage and benches?
119	anonymous	Obscene and offensive items/signage should be prohibited.

120	anonymous	Anything based on racism. What development standard should be considered now portable standards.
121	anonymous	Large skeletons , debris from street, Unkept homes
122	anonymous	Anything vulgar and/or that does not meet our MC
123	anonymous	Large electric signage.
124	anonymous	Dog/water bowls after hours, due to vermin attraction. Large signs, any amplified sound.
125	anonymous	Cars not in a driveway.
126	anonymous	Feather signs (unless temporarily marking an address for a party/ event), balloon arches
127	anonymous	Buildings taller than 3 storeys.
128	anonymous	Advertising and political signs, except For Sale signs
129	anonymous	If it is private property, they should be able to do what they want
130	anonymous	This should be up to the owner of the property.
131	anonymous	Private property is just that. This not an HOA area we live in
132	anonymous	Only if it intrudes onto or impedes pedestrians
133	anonymous	Nothing I can think of; if they own the space they can use it for whatever is legal.
134	anonymous	NONE - THIS IS UPTO THE PROPERTY OWNER TO DECIDE
135	anonymous	Private property should be allowed to be used as the owner/leasee desires.

136	anonymous	Items that take up a lot of the sidewalk space.
137	anonymous	Anything obscene and junk related
138	anonymous	alcohol; tobacco; marijuana or materials
139	anonymous	Not sure.
140	anonymous	that's none of my business
141	anonymous	Nothing should be prohibited on private property as long as it's legal
142	anonymous	Is property is private is there to decide
143	anonymous	No carts distributing food items or giveaways.
144	anonymous	Nothing
145	anonymous	I don't know why this question is included. Whose private property?
146	anonymous	ANYTHING that in any way impedes the public thoroughfare, either vehicular or pedestrian. Please don't "subsidize" private homes or businesses by letting them use the public spaces.
147	anonymous	Commercial enterprises like cafés, AirBnBs, shops (aside from occasional garage or estate sales), etc.
148	anonymous	none
149	anonymous	None
150	anonymous	People should be able to chose how to use their own private property
151	anonymous	The city should NOT be telling people what to do on private property

152	anonymous	It is private property. The owner of said property should decide.
153	anonymous	Not sure exactly what this means, but it is about keeping our city streets clean and uncluttered looking. We want our downtown to have a chic and sophisticated feeling, not junky.
154	anonymous	Property owners should decide what goes on their property.
155	anonymous	You shouldn't be able to tell people what they can and can't do on their private property

12. What other relevant ideas or concerns would you like to share? Please specify.

148 responses

1	anonymous	Let businesses be creative, it charming and what this town is about.
2	anonymous	Please let business in town fo whatever they need so we can support them!
3	anonymous	None of these items should ever block pedestrians using the sidewalk. There must always be space for two people with strollers to pass.
4	anonymous	Let's not clutter our city with all this junk.
5	anonymous	Maybe a working group of local businesses could be tasked with developing this? They should have a good sense of what they need and what contributes to or detracts from the overall aesthetic. I hope the City will soon turn its attention to the egregious state of its plantings and maintenance. No design, no oversight, no maintenance. What is with the space next to the post office????? Geez.
6	anonymous	Concerned with homeless people in Downtown & what social media is attracting.
7	anonymous	The city needs to proactively enforce all violations that impede/block ROWs (and ADA access) and in medians. The offending items should be removed/confiscated.

8	anonymous	Would love to see outdoor dining.
9	anonymous	As a second story business, A-frame signs provide a necessary means to get passersby to notice that our business exists. Without the sign, some people would have no idea our business is upstairs, and our landlord does not allow us to put signage affixed to the building. I know we are not the only business with these limitations.
10	anonymous	Covered it. Oh and thanks for using Microsoft Forms.
11	anonymous	I love the painted utility containers! Different and artistic!
12	anonymous	Exactly what “problem” are we trying to “solve” here? I’m puzzled as to why cluttering up public navigation spaces is even being considered?
13	anonymous	I like the MB Trash and Recycling design with decals. Add public Restrooms. Consider pedestrian only street with landscaping
14	anonymous	Most public spaces in MB afford very limited space for signs, benches and other items. Low priority issue.
15	anonymous	Don’t MB into Times Square!! Keep the small town appeal
16	anonymous	It's a frightening idea that Manhattan Beach, so neat and clean and tidy, could be cluttered up with clothing racks, ugly signs, benches and all manner of miscellaneous stuff. It can so easily get out of hand and turn us into a place that looks like a Florida vacation town. The clutter is guaranteed to get out of control! Enforcement will be very difficult or impossible and just cost us all more money in the long run for no real benefit.
17	anonymous	Concerning the last question, if someone wants to put a bench on their private property, I don’t see the harm. For example, if someone puts a bench on their private property facing 9th Place or 13th Street, why should the city care? By definition, we’re not talking about public property.
18	anonymous	We absolutely should not allowed portable signage of any kind. It’s a slippery slope to a junky and cluttered look and screams tourist trap.

19	anonymous	We need more trees - shade- charm- and
20	anonymous	This requires a lot of study, but a plan to provide enforcement... Which is missing at the moments
21	anonymous	We need to strike a balance between the desires of the downtown retailers/restauranteurs and those of us who live here. It feels like the pendulum is swinging away from the “livability” emphasis.
22	anonymous	Make sure there’s an open walk way on sidewalks.
23	anonymous	The more stuff you allow the more a Czar would be given control. Avoid at all costs.
24	anonymous	Further restrictions should be made on corners or areas in which there is high pedestrian traffic, or limited vehicle visibility of pedestrians.
25	anonymous	Would like to see stringed lighting crisscrossing our down town streets!! These kinds of lights have a very welcoming vibe and would just make downtown look beautiful at night!!
26	anonymous	If these are widely added, our sidewalks will become impassable.
27	anonymous	Please please please discern the long-term contribution of any considered elements to MB; vs. the short-term commercial and functional value which come and go with the specific business or fad of the moment. Lifelong residents and regular visitors come back for the gestalt/vibe of MB. Do disposable/trivial thingamjigs on our public walkways create memories or annoyances.
28	anonymous	I appreciate the frequent cleaning of the STRAND which get quite dirty with animal droppings.
29	anonymous	Keep everything off public right away. Sidewalks are too small in our town.

30	anonymous	The city employee(s) who is advocating for these changes needs to be fired ASAP.
31	anonymous	Maybe a business can hang it on their windows so it's not on the walkway
32	anonymous	Please quit trying to jam as much as possible into our smalltown, downtown. We have done well over the years without these considerations. Sometimes it seems these are brought up because businesses want to find any marginal incentive for extra money regardless of materiality. Unfortunately, and increase in profits or revenue seems to just increase building rental costs.
33	anonymous	No portable signs. MB is not a bazar
34	anonymous	Businesses adjacent to the public right of way should be held responsible for maintaining any items they place there, including pulling trash from planters and landscaping, maintaining signage to keep it looking nice, washing dog bowls and repairing benches.
35	anonymous	I HATE your idea of parking stations instead of meters. That's always a pain!!!!
36	anonymous	What can the city do to help us with people that don't clean up their dog poop. It's left in driveways, curbs, lawns .
37	anonymous	I support the city allowing businesses to do more to make their store more inviting/appealing. It's smart to set standards so that it doesn't detract from the atmosphere of downtown MB.
38	anonymous	Streets with center dividers with curbs. Curbs should be painted yellow instead of reflectors every 3 inches. If a painted sidewalk is sufficient so should a curb. Intersection of 2nd and Aviation should have notification that traffic from Robinson cannot cross. So many cars heading East pause not aware of right of way. Very very few vehicles make a full stop at 2nd & Rowell heading West.
39	anonymous	The city could be liable for any injuries involving obstructions on public walk ways, including sidewalk signs the city allows businesses to put on the sidewalk.

40	anonymous	As long as things stay neat and tidy without every item listed above at the same time which looks cluttered, I support each business having the freedom to put out what best represents their businesses. Having uniformity among signage and benches would definitely help.
41	anonymous	City Council should "Take A Walk" to local businesses "South of Manhattan Beach Blvd" on Manhattan Ave. and support the small coffee and Book stores etc and be seen by public.
42	anonymous	Who wants signs aside from merchants? They are ugly and a legal liability. Also - how about the public land between Strand homes and the beach? What are the regulations there?
43	anonymous	Leave private property alone unless something is offensive or against code. We do not live in a planned community and that is what makes our city so charming.
44	anonymous	This is all a bad idea. On busy days in downtown MB the crowds and narrow sidewalks make it difficult to walk around if you are old like me.
45	anonymous	Benches and signs should face city approval to not obstruct pedestrians
46	anonymous	MB needs to be Accessible. The strand is a wonderfully accessible spot, but getting there is a challenge. Almost anywhere else is effectively not accessible. A long term issue for sure, but it cannot be solved without starting to plan now.
47	anonymous	No political signs, statements or endorsements.
48	anonymous	Who will get sued when someone has an accident caused by the signs, benches, or other crap blocking the sidewalks?
49	anonymous	I don't want ANY of these things on public property
50	anonymous	None allowed

51	anonymous	No Alcohol serviced in public right of way No dining in public right of ways Are public right of ways are for egregious not clod with out door dining
52	anonymous	Property in front of homes on the strand, people put signs up, fence it, and yell at you if your dog uses it. Do they own that property? Picking up after my dog is my responsibility and I get that but where are they(dogs) to go? The strand is a very popular walk for animals as well as humans but with grass areas being taken over dogs are left with using the strand for potty breaks. This is not an easy fix..I get that , I love that people have made those areas beautiful but I am also a dog owner ...
53	anonymous	Put up community bulletin boards (similar to the post office) in places where tourists and locals gather often - put up local flyers - school goings on, events, emergency numbers, etc
54	anonymous	Use professionals who have good judgment in creating welcoming, warm spaces versus business owners, randomly placing chairs and benches that have no cohesive theme
55	anonymous	If appropriate signs are allowed for the downtown businesses it helps to advertise the local businesses, bring new clients in and add to the charm of the downtown M Bch. It's a challenging time for local businesses. The city should be encouraging ways to help our local businesses and having charming signs and benches are some ways of doing so. Thank you fur making this happen!
56	anonymous	When objects are allowed in the public right of way it obstructs the public from walking, wheelchairs, or ambulating with canes, crutches, and other walking aids. It is not safe in my humble opinion.
57	anonymous	See previous
58	anonymous	Keep it basic.
59	anonymous	I know MB benefits from revenue from business taxes; but don't let them turn down town solely into a tourist destination

60	anonymous	roadways, streets need to be power washed, repaired
61	anonymous	I'm more of a minimalist and keep things simple and clean. Not clutter that makes areas complicated and difficult to maneuver. Want to keep public walking spaces as walking spaces and not areas to watch entertainment and for groups to form which can create unlawful practices like pick pockets, etc.
62	anonymous	Keep the public right of way clear of clutter. Don't give it away to commercial interests
63	anonymous	really just some trees would be nice.
64	anonymous	Signs should have family-appropriate language
65	anonymous	If the city happens to care about this. Could the city do something about folks letting their dogs urinate on everything and poop anywhere on the sidewalks in downtown... they never properly clean up the mess (at times it gets rather stinky and not a good look for the city). Maybe make dogs wear diapers when in downtown MB?
66	anonymous	Over use of signs in general
67	anonymous	None
68	anonymous	Forgot to add in my response I would like to see a budget and maintenance plan for these additions if they were to be implemented. Also what about measures would be available for enforcement?
69	anonymous	The survey is too vague, unclear and awkward to make a decision on these issue.
70	anonymous	none
71	anonymous	I would like to see more outdoor restaurants in the summer months. Say from May - September.

72	anonymous	I love the idea of creating more seating in the public areas as this welcomes leisurely walks and people watching, especially for seniors. Thank you!
73	anonymous	I think it is very important for cities and local government to not overly intrude into people's and businesses' freedoms of everyday living and everyday business. I understand that every new administration (whether at the local, county, or state level) want to feel useful by passing NEW laws. But after a few generations, there are too many regulations & laws on record that are overly constrictive, especially when overlaid on each other. I yearn for the freedoms of Manhattan Beach offered from decades ago which have been taken away. Now we cannot even cut down our own trees without asking for approval. Please do not go further down that path; I'd prefer not to live in an HOA.
74	anonymous	Leniency allows for private businesses to utilize their props on walkways (peds), parks, and workout facilities (exercise apparatuses @ Bruce's Beach, Polliwog Park) which are all "public land." Also, tree planting on a potential sidewalk (Johnson St & 2nd St North direction) is encroaching on public land and affects the Safety & Health of peds. Very inconsistent borders and laws.
75	anonymous	The lifeguard parking lot on 27th is used by a few people to job back and forth. These people should be moved to public areas like the grass or sand.
76	anonymous	Again, keep the public right-of-way clear for walkers!!!
77	anonymous	why make these areas tacky???? it's not a carnival
78	anonymous	Keep it simple. Set guidelines. No need for permitting or insurance.
79	anonymous	I strongly suggest that there should be a concerted effort to ensure the character and atmosphere of MB remains. As more and more retail chain stores, realtors and nail salons take over, we are losing the small town feel that appealed to many residents.
80	anonymous	Please allow outdoor dining!!!! It is sorely missed!!
81	anonymous	The less space taken up, the better!

82	anonymous	We need to support our businesses downtown and make sure that cars can't slam into storefronts. As rent is so expensive, we should also support moving a few items outside for advertising/space purposes as long as they don't block the walkway. I would like to make sure that small businesses feel supported by the community and stay downtown. That's what makes MB feel so vibrant.
83	anonymous	Anything that could make the public right of way a hazard (spills, tripping) should be prohibited. This is an area where the town should speak with the attorney who handles liability for the city. The city does not want to be liable for any person who is injured by something in the public right of way.
84	anonymous	I'm sure this is no surprise, but the City needs to address the parking situation in downtown MB. I had lunch yesterday at Rock n Fish. It took me 20 minutes to find a parking space after driving around to six different parking spaces in MB. You should erect a high rise parking space in the area that was torn down. It will be better for merchants, residents and tourists.
85	anonymous	Multi function structures are preferred. Planters are not necessary since everyone is in awe of the beach already.
86	anonymous	Implementation of residential parking permits would be not only a source of revenue, as a lot of beach cities (OC cities) have found to be beneficial.
87	anonymous	I'm so over this survey. Totally disgusted. What has happened to this town?
88	anonymous	Go back to Santa Monica!
89	anonymous	Standardized format within overall pre-planned Overall design--uniformity in design.
90	anonymous	This survey would be more useful if it explained the implications of allowing these items in the "public right-of-way", and included a drawing showing a sidewalk and where the item would be allowed. For example, could one of these items be placed where it would make a sidewalk impassable?
91	anonymous	Try to keep it whimsical. Examples are the pictures selected here of fruit carts and flowers in front of businesses. Not electronics and kitch like a swap meet.

		A small table and chair outside could be wonderful for a business. My concern is I can step into the street with my stroller and dogs on leashes. So we just need to find the right balance (and ensure everyone agrees and adheres to what is decided).
92	anonymous	People crossing east and west on Highland without the walk sign. This creates more traffic backed up and is dangerous and annoying. This is primarily at the Kettle intersection.
93	anonymous	Don't fix something that's not broken!! Downtown MB is tiny and over crowded. That will not change. Don't make a difficult situation worse!
94	anonymous	Prioritize residents but keep businesses healthy.
95	anonymous	Maybe signs not used always but for certain events or sales
96	anonymous	Make business easier for our businesses. Don't make these improvements impossible by being overly specific. Support our small businesses in our community.
97	anonymous	Since early in Covid whoever gardens the Strand (the City contracts it out I think) stopped trimming the tops of an earlier civic planting of Natal Plum bushes in El Porto. They have grown to ten feet in places and blocked any view of the ocean. The gardeners also are no longer carefully trimming the growth on both sides of the Strand and scratchy plants hang over and hurt walkers. We were told once that 45 inches is the height limit on the Strand except for historic trees. The City has no memory of the past and residents suffer.
98	anonymous	Downtown & the North End of MBch are already crowded with people enjoying our city & frequenting our businesses. Please put public safety first in your decision making. Thank you!
99	anonymous	Would love outdoor dining
100	anonymous	Manhattan Beach should consider quality image, safety, and functionality in approving things like this. Being a beach city, Manhattan Beach is vulnerable to accident lawsuits which impact the city budget, taking funds from other

		desired and needed projects. If all these proposed addons are accepted, the city will be compromising on important visual, image, and safety concerns. Careful adoption of quality standards will keep Manhattan Beach a desired destination to walk The Pier, the shopping areas, and downtown.
101	anonymous	My only concern is how crowded our downtown sidewalks can get. Many people do not respect space when walking downtown. I have had to walk out into the streets to get by shoppers or people visiting MB.
102	anonymous	Don't make the requirements a bureaucratic nightmare for business by adopting numerous minute and contradictory code requirements.
103	anonymous	Manhattan Beach does not have expansive sidewalks or plazas (with the exception of the area near the Police Department and the Metlox area, and areas by the Strand), so anything that takes up space on our sidewalks (or within view of our sidewalks) should strongly consider both the physical impact to the pedestrians, as well as the aesthetics that the pedestrians will experience.
104	anonymous	Keep the sidewalks accessible they are crowded enough without signs and other stuff
105	anonymous	Please do not allow or severely limit this stuff. The sidewalks already seem crowded, even off-season. It feels hazardous for young kids, the disabled and older people.
106	anonymous	E bikes
107	anonymous	There must be enough room to walk.
108	anonymous	None of this junk to clutter sidewalks No signs no benches nothing.
109	anonymous	No clutter or tripping hazards
110	anonymous	I think controlling the number of portable signs and benches in public areas is important, and making the businesses responsible for removing signs at night.

111	anonymous	Allow as much outdoor eating space as possible.
112	anonymous	Do not want loitering or "moving in" to occur on the benches, ebikes should not be locked to the benches
113	anonymous	Keep it classy, MB
114	anonymous	the existing sidewalks in both DT and North DT are very narrow and already crowded. PLEASE limit signage to private property and keep safety, aesthetic, and walkability of primary importance. Let's keep the sidewalks clutter free.
115	anonymous	Do we really need more clutter on our sidewalks?
116	anonymous	It would be nice to allow a little discretion to biz operators, but, unfortunately impossible to allocate and manage, and many restaurants and retailers will push the envelope and abuse discretion
117	anonymous	I know it's objective, but no eyesores. I'm not sure how that would be restricted or enforced, but that's a main concern.
118	anonymous	Requiring businesses to use the same, uniform, well-researched sign would create a coherent look. What message they choose to use is where they can be creative. Without standards, businesses may go with the cheapest alternative or the most eye-popping option which could create a chaotic, messy, bedraggled appearance to the downtown area that will be the first thing to greet visitors to the community and residents. Check Santa Barbara codes for a reference. Everything there always looks charming.
119	anonymous	Please do not propose ordinances which will never be enforced or are unenforceable.
120	anonymous	Do not allow street furniture (whether permanent, moveable, or temporary (e.g., sidewalk sale street furniture)) to impede reasonable widths of wheelchair, baby carriage, etc. RoW access.
121	anonymous	The public walkways have to be passable by wheelchairs etc.

122	anonymous	Please keep a small town feel.
123	anonymous	More outdoor dining please
124	anonymous	Sidewalks and pedestrian ways mandated open i.e. Ticketed, with no vehicle obstruction. Enforcement of OPEN< USEABLE 3rd parking spots already inplace/required. NO Airconditioner, fences etc. in 3rd parking area..
125	anonymous	I would like a walkable downtown with streets closed to cars more often.
126	anonymous	Public safety should be a paramount concern when contemplating a private use of the public right of way. More importantly, private use of the public spaces should not be permitted.
127	anonymous	American flags hung at least for 4th of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other holidays celebrating our country now and in the past
128	anonymous	Downtown is very crowded. Whatever you allow should be aesthetically pleasing to the area and not be obstructive to public sidewalks. This has nothing to do with the subject, but, I really wish you would consider a neighborhood electric shuttle service within the city that residents could use to access down town with a nominal fee (\$2.00 per trip). I would go downtown more often if you had one. Operation could be limited to certain hours during the day and evenings. Please consider how this might work.
129	anonymous	Downtown is getting way too crowded. Do not limit access to walkways for pedestrians, including children in the elderly by allowing people to do business on their sidewalks.
130	anonymous	Keep our city safe, beautiful, upscale, quiet, and not trashy.
131	anonymous	We just don't want DT to look like a garage sale haha! Maybe limited times signs available on street.
132	anonymous	Absolutely no food carts or beverage carts which take away from businesses that pay the high rents. (for the record, my business is not food related.)

133	anonymous	<p>In case it was not clear in earlier comments: Keep the public ROW open. Walking downtown or in the north end is already sufficiently challenging to discourage going downtown at all, much less for a casual weekend stroll or shopping, and even less so for the disabled or elderly. This pedestrian-unfriendly state is well-known, which is why the downtown outdoor dining proposals leaned heavily on "widening" sidewalks, which sounded great but for the fact that the plan was to take the extra space right back to be commercial space for restaurants. Folk: Our space is limited and crowded. We can't give it all away for tables and chairs, merchandise, signage, potted plants, etc, etc. There needs to be space to comfortably walk.</p>
134	anonymous	<p>How about sending a survey like this to all residents about the ROD on Sepulveda and the high rise developments you are eagerly greenlighting? Why keep the public in the dark about that? Who in the City is benefitting from it? Most residents are unaware because the city is only notifying residents within a certain number of feet from a development. If you can send out a citywide survey like this then why not send out a notice to all residents regarding every high rise development?</p>
135	anonymous	<p>no additional clutter</p>
136	anonymous	<p>Please stop leaning over so far backward to "help out" commercial enterprises. The downtown area can sometimes become VERY difficult to navigate if you are a disabled person, or just someone trying to take a nice stroll without having to constantly dodge signs, furniture, or other impediments. People like to walk in groups, or just admire our beautiful town.</p>
137	anonymous	<p>This is very broad and should have a more public size voting option... I only knew because I happen to see a story on Instagram. Not everyone is on social</p>
138	anonymous	<p>Please do not add to crowding, obstacles and commercial footprint downtown</p>
139	anonymous	<p>No signs. Looks bad.</p>
140	anonymous	<p>Decorative signs and furniture are a dimension of charm for a beach town that landscaping cannot replace.</p>

141	anonymous	<p>The downtown needs to keep their items inside their own property. It creates hazard for pedestrians when walking when there are signs, benches, merchandise etc. is out. It's the same reason why we do not allow tethered dogs on meters; they create tripping hazards. Blade signs were more prevalent years ago and need to be used again if businesses want more signage. Dog bowls create hazards for dogs as well since it is unsanitary and a tripping hazard. Giardia and k9 flu are easily spread by these as well. The city gets busier and busier it seems like each year and it seems silly that as a city we would allow our sidewalks to be taken up by private enterprise. There is already a lot of the sidewalk taken up by sidewalk dining.</p>
142	anonymous	<p>More greenery and lights coming into down town, lets spruce up our town like Orange County does</p>
143	anonymous	<p>Looking a little tacky - keep it simple</p>
144	anonymous	<p>Let's keep the inviting charm of downtown Manhattan Beach by allowing businesses to maintain the practice of displaying signs, merchandise, plants and benches outside their doors in a way that is inviting and safe for the public right of way. It brings in business, adds life and interest to the streets, gives people a place to sit rest or just enjoy the town. It helps make the town special and different! Restaurants are routinely taking up the entire sidewalk but small businesses can't put a small sign or display out? Doesn't seem like common sense</p>
145	anonymous	<p>One of the things that gives Manhattan Beach the charm I appreciate as a resident is our community of small businesses. The ability of these businesses to have items like signage, merchandise, and dog bowls in the public right of way is not only beneficial to them, but also contributes to the neighborly "small-town" character of our streets.</p>
146	anonymous	<p>Bike racks - electric bikes are a hazard to pedestrians and should not be allowed to be ridden on pedestrian sidewalks. Better designated areas for bike racks.</p>
147	anonymous	<p>We want our downtown to be beautiful and accessible -- having too much on the sidewalks detracts. Our small businesses need signs and benches on a daily basis.</p>

148	anonymous	<p>Would love for the community to continue to have a warm, small town feel without it looking like a cluttered town of signs and merchandise on our sidewalks. We can still allow for all these but parameters would be great (which I understand this is what this is for). Thank you for allowing my feedback in this matter.</p>
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