

Manhattan Beach City Council

Councilmember Assignments/Committee Descriptions

City Council/Manhattan Beach Unified School District Ad Hoc Committee:

This committee is comprised of two Council members and two School Board members. The committee meets on an as needed basis, usually if there is a specific issue to deal with.

Finance Subcommittee:

This committee is comprised of two Council members and the City Treasurer. The committee meets on a quarterly basis to discuss issues such as the investment report, the annual audit, the annual budget, and other finance-related issues. The Treasurer maintains regular contact with the Finance Department staff.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)*:

This is a joint powers authority of the 16 South Bay cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles. Each member has one delegate. The group meets once a month (4th Thursday) to discuss issues of relevance to the South Bay cities such as legislation, transportation, and other such intergovernmental issues.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC)*:

This is a joint powers authority currently owned by the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach (services are also provided to the city of Hermosa Beach under contract). The Board of Directors meets twice a year and is comprised of elected representatives from each city, executive staff and users from each city.

Independent Cities Association (ICA):

ICA is a non-profit corporation established in 1961 by the full service cities (cities that provide their own police and/or fire services) in Southern California to represent the interests of the member cities collectively. ICA is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors elected by the member cities which meets once a month (1st Wednesday).

Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA)*:

Established in 1980, the ICRMA is a joint powers authority that offers member cities excess liability, excess workers' compensation and property programs. ICRMA is directed by a governing board consisting of one representative from each of the 29 member cities and meets once a month (2nd Wednesday).

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD)*:

The Sanitation Districts are a confederation of independent special districts in LA County covering approximately 800 square miles and encompassing 78 cities within the County that construct, operate and maintain facilities to collect, treat, recycle, and dispose of sewage and industrial waste. There are 24 separate Sanitation Districts, each with a separate Board of Directors consisting of the mayor of each city within that District. The Board of Directors meets once per month (3rd Wednesday).

Los Angeles County City Selection Committee:

This is an ad hoc group made up of elected representatives from each city in Los Angeles County (the mayor is the automatic delegate) that elects nominees to seats on regional boards (MTA, AQMD, etc.). The group meets on an as-needed basis.

Watershed Advisory Council of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission was established by the California Legislature in 2002 to monitor, assess, coordinate and advise the activities of state programs, and to oversee funding that affects the beneficial uses, restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds. The Watershed Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Representatives serving on the Council include local, state and federal elected officials, public agencies responsible for protecting the resources and water quality of the Bay, the business community, along with environmental and other community groups. The Watershed Advisory Council meetings take place in the afternoon (usually 1-4 PM) at least once per year, as called (usually February, March or April), at Dockweiler Youth Center, 12505 Vista del Mar, Los Angeles.

League of California Cities:

The LA County division of the League is made up of the 86 cities in LA County and provides information to assist in providing high-quality services to the cities and their citizens. All City Council members, City Managers, City Clerks and other staff are invited to attend the LA County Division meetings which take place on the 1st Thursday of every month.

Southern California Association of Governments:

SCAG functions as the metropolitan planning organization for the six counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial. The General Assembly meets once a year and is attended by a representative from the City.

Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch:

Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meetings are held monthly (3rd Monday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair Association:

The annual Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair is organized by an all-volunteer, non-profit board of directors. The meeting schedule varies and is provided to the board members. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Sister City Committee:

The Sister City Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting goodwill, friendship, cultural, education, economic and people-to-people exchanges among the citizens of two cities. The agenda empowers private citizens as well as municipal officials, local businesses and civic organizations to foster true relationships with the people of both countries through community outreach programs. Manhattan Beach's sister city, Santa Rosalia in Baja California Sur, Mexico was selected in 1989. The Committee meets once a month (1st Monday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce:

Established in 1941, the Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting business and community through a mix of opportunities for business expansion, personal growth and community connection. The Board of Directors meets once a month (2nd Wednesday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association (DBPA):

The DBPA is a non-profit corporation established in 1985 which serves all business license holders in the downtown area except commercial property owners. The Association works on parking, transportation and community programs, marketing and advertising of the downtown and holds a variety of promotions and special events. The DBPA meets twice a month. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District:

The North End BID (the area generally surrounding the Rosecrans Avenue and Highland Avenue intersection) was originally formed in 1969, and then reformed in 2004 with a broadened scope to address physical improvements to the district, signage, and marketing. It includes all business license holders in the defined area and has a 7-member board comprised of business owners within the BID boundaries which meets as needed. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Coastal Corridor Mobility Task Force:

Formerly known as the LAX Ground Committee, the task force is made up of cities impacted by LAX, specifically related to ground transportation. This committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Los Angeles World Airport LAX/Community Noise Roundtable:

The Roundtable was created in September 2000 and is intended to reduce and mitigate the adverse noise impacts that the users of LAX create on the surrounding communities and their environs. Membership of the Roundtable consists of local elected officials, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the FAA, the ATA and LAWA management. The Roundtable meets the 2nd Wednesday of every odd numbered month.