City of Manhattan Beach

April 17, 2013

Dear Community Member:

I would like to personally invite you to participate in several important upcoming meetings regarding the City's budget for fiscal year 2013-2014, which covers the time period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. These meetings will provide you, as an engaged community member, with the opportunity to participate in one of the most important roles the City Council has; allocating City funds used in providing services to our community.

The budget process begins with the City Manager presenting the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 budget during the City Council meeting on May 7th. At that time, a high level overview of the City's proposed budget, including revenues and expenditures, will be provided. Then, the City Council will hold three budget study sessions at which time operating departments will provide information on their program initiatives, highlights, service indictors, and the expenditures needed to support those efforts. These study sessions are designed to be interactive working meetings where input from the community is encouraged.

The budget calendar of events is as follows:

Session Purpose	Date & Time	Location
Budget Introduction	May 7, 2013 - 6:00 PM	City Council Chambers
Study Session #1	May 9, 2013 - 6:00 PM	Police/Fire Conference Room
Scheduled Departments: Parks & Recreation, Human Resources, Public Works		
Study Session #2	May 14, 2013 - 6:00 PM	Police/Fire Conference Room
Scheduled Departments: Fire, Police		
Study Session #3	May 16, 2013 – 6:00 PM	Police/Fire Conference Room
Scheduled Departments: Community Development, Management Services, Finance		

The City's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 will be posted to the City Website for your review, by Friday, May 3rd. It can be found at www.citymb.info.

Your attendance and participation in how the City spends funds to benefit the community is welcome, encouraged and expected. However, if you cannot attend the meetings, please feel free to communicate your thoughts via email to me so that it may be considered.

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On behalf of the City Council and City staff, we look forward to you "joining the team" as we make funding decisions for the entire community.

Sincerely,

David Carmany, City Manager
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P.S. Please note that these meetings are to discuss the operating budget, and not the capital improvements budget. The capital improvements budget process, which includes major maintenance, repairs and improvements to utilities, streets and facilities, will commence in Summer 2013 for adoption in late calendar year 2013. Ample, advanced public notice will be provided for those meetings should you be interested.