

Martha Alvarez

From: Andrew Hunter <arhunter6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 2:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Suzanne Hadley; Richard Montgomery
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Our Next MB Mayor

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

Word is going around that some Manhattan Beach residents (with prompting from non-residents) are attempting to insert themselves in MB's 50+ year tradition of nonpartisan mayor rotations, and are trying to keep Council Member Suzanne Hadley from becoming our next Mayor. **Please do not let this happen.** Our 50+ year system keeps out a partisan circus every 9 months, as we are seeing now. Once we lose that neutral tradition, there will be no end to mischief. Each one of you could be the next council member subjected to this treatment. Thus, I want to express my strong support for continuing our non-partisan tradition and installing Council Member Hadley as our next Mayor. I think there is a very large, albeit often silent, segment of our community who share her views and vision, and her leadership skills will serve our community well during these unusual, and often trying, times.

Our current Mayor and Council have done a spectacular job of guiding our community through some very unique, and difficult, times. And I thank you, Richard, and all council members for your valuable service and leadership. I am confident that Mayor Hadley and our new Council (to some degree) will continue to make our community stronger and make us all proud to be Manhattan Beach residents in the coming months and years.

One final thought - if the City Council can do anything to assist our restaurant owners and their employees by avoiding the closure of patio

dining (or promptly reverse such closures if they go into effect), please do so. Our restaurant owners and employees need our support and deserve better treatment. Perhaps the City can form a MB Health Department on an emergency basis, and then follow Pasadena's lead and choose not to comply with LA County's arbitrary health orders - on the advice of our new MB health department's recommendations!

LA County's view that "one size fits all" for a county with more than 10 Million residents simply makes no sense. While our City and the Council have done a great job requiring masks and helping to keep us safe, it is time that we, as an intelligent and well informed community, take a stand to support our local businesses and support our residents who wish to make informed, yet safe, choices regarding how we choose to navigate these turbulent and challenging times. I have confidence that our residents are capable of making responsible choices as to such matters, and conduct themselves accordingly.

Thanks for listening.

Best Regards,

Andrew and Justine Hunter
Magnolia Ave. Residents

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From: HL Badminton <hlcorp7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 10:25 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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Dear Councilmember's,

I as a lifelong resident of MB. I am writing about the transition of the Mayor every 9 months.

The practice should continue. Any attempt to change this now by those who have already been the beneficiaries of the process is seen as disingenuous at best.

Please represent the citizens of Manhattan Beach and not agendas that are solely ideological. No one opposed the leftist leaning members when it was their turn to be Mayor.

Sincerely,

Dean Schoppe

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From: John Altamura <john@altamuragroup.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 9:30 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Mayor

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Please add my voice to a large segment of this community that are upset with the current Liberal Council Members that want to change our Mayoral selection procedure. As a 52 year resident of this Magnificent City, I am a strong supporter of Councilwoman Hadley and want to see her take her rightful place as Mayor.

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From: Dave Salzman <dave@davesalzman.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:25 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for current Mayor rotation tradition and for Mayor Pro Tem Hadley

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Manhattan Beach City Council Persons:

I would like to add my voice, and vote, to what I believe is the large majority of Manhattan Beach residents who also believe that the simple tradition of rotation of the Mayors gavel amongst Council members every 9 months should be respected and preserved.

I would also like to voice my respect for, and full support of, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley and her position on the issues. It is my position that a small, but very vocal, number of citizens have taken an overly extreme position as to the call for passing over Hadley and for the disruption of a 50 year tradition that has served our community well.

I am certain, by extension from a small (and therefore not statistically significant) poll of my fellow residents, that the vast majority do not support a radical change in this procedure.

Nor do they find Mayor Pro Tem Hadley's positions out of alignment with their own.

While this is a small sample, I am confident that this outcome would remain the same if a much larger polling sample set where to be taken.

I believe, if the passing over of Hadley were to actually occur, there will be a price to be paid by the supporters of that action at the polls in the next election.

So let me reiterate my full support for Mayor Pro Tem Hadley and for the continued and uninterrupted traditional Mayoral rotation.

I look forward to a wise decision on this issue by our excellent City Council!

Respectfully,
Dave Salzman

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From: tad@tadthor.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:53 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Agenda Item

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Last year Suzanne Hadley came in first in a 7 person race for two open seats by a wide margin. The people have spoken.

Suzanne Hadley has shown great strength and professionalism fighting for small businesses as they struggle to stay afloat during an over reach by State and County government.

She is in line to be the next mayor. I'm excited for our town to have a voice that represents small business and is interested in getting our kids back to school as quickly and safely as possible.

Stand down Stern and Hersman. Withdraw the agenda item and allow the gavel to be passed appropriately. Please do the right thing for community.

Thank you,

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From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 5:42 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hadley for mayor

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Site Visitor Name: Rosalie Olson
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I am 100 % behind Suzanne Hadley become the next mayor. She's got common sense and it's a 50 year tradition that hasn't hit any roadblocks until now. My husband concurs.

We need to push back on restaurant closures in MB too.



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From: Austin Henning <austinthenning@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 5:23 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The insanity needs to stop

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Austin Henning and I am a lifelong resident of Manhattan Beach. Like many others, this election series and the current atmosphere has me much more aware of the political environment, both locally and nationally. I was greatly disturbed to hear that the city might consider bypassing Suzanne Hadley for Mayor Pro Tem, due to political pressure.

This decision would be both wrong and unfair to the citizens of Manhattan Beach who elected Mrs. Hadley, as well as Mrs. Hadley herself. Where does changing the rules to meet current political climates stop? The loudest voice in the room is not necessarily right. We have rules in place for a reason and they need to be followed. They can not be changed because some people don't like it when things don't go their way.

I strongly oppose this effort. Thank you for your consideration.

Austin Henning

Martha Alvarez

From: Don Langley <dlangle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 5:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach Council - Please support Suzanne Hadley for Mayor

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I wanted to write and share my thoughts which are also the thoughts of many that I know that are Manhattan Beach residents. Please uphold our 50-year tradition of non-partisan, non-personal mayoral rotation, and support Suzanne Hadley to serve her scheduled term. This will show the bi-partisan approach that our council takes in supporting "all Manhattan Beach Residents."

I truly appreciate your efforts to support this request.

Sincerely,

Don Langley
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Martha Alvarez

From: Charles Southey <charlessouthey@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 3:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor rotation

Importance: High

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Dear Council,

Can someone please enlighten me as to why the mayoral rotation procedure has been placed on the agenda? My understanding is that the position rotates every 9 months and the Ms. Hadley is up next. Something seems very strange here. Please help me understand.

Thanks,

Charles Southey
310-480-9835

Martha Alvarez

From: kgabriel@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 2:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 11-24-20 City Council Itr Stern and Hersman
Attachments: 11-24-20 City Council Itr Stern and Hersman.pdf

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Please see attached.

Karen Gabriel

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11-24-20 City Council Itr Stern and Hersman

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From: Rory OBrien <captainowow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Hildy Stern; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Suzanne Hadley's turn for Mayor

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When it comes down to representing a bipartisan action for Mayor Pro Tempore, I smell decision making based on the candidate's party preference. I would expect the council will ensure this republic's poor behavior (which the country has witnessed over the past 4 years) is not encouraged or accepted.

Veteran,
Rory OBrien

From: Hildy Stern <hstern@citymb.info>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Rory OBrien <captainowow@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Suzanne Hadley's turn for Mayor

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Thank you for sharing your support of Mayor Pro Tem Hadley.

We have received a great deal of correspondence on the upcoming choice of Mayor for many months. I hope you would agree that our community deserves the respect of an open discussion whenever we are apprised of an issue that is concerning to residents of MB. That's all there is to this.

I hope you and your family are well.
Hildy



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From: Rory OBrien <captainowow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 7:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley's turn for Mayor

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Good Evening Council members,

As a longtime resident of Manhattan Beach, I am concerned about the blocking of Suzanne Hadley's term as Mayor.

There is no excuse for partisan agenda in our town. Suzanne was fairly elected BY THE PEOPLE and deserves all the same rights as every other council member. Since when, in a fair and free election, is one point of view considered right and others wrong. Stop this unprofessional attitude. We are a two-party system.

Thanks
Rory O'Brien
1808 walnut Ave
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Joyce Handschumacher <handschumacher@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley Mayor Rotation

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Dear City Council,

We are writing to support Councilperson Suzanne Hadley to take her turn in the rotation for mayor. The rotating mayor is good for the city and do not understand why this would need to be discussed during a City Council Meeting just days before the transition.

We hope politics can be taken out of the conversation about rotating the Mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Sincerely,
Joyce & Buzz Handschumacher
321 18th Street

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Martha Alvarez

From: Michael Macheret <mmacheret@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Nancy Hersman
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] End the cancel culture

Hi Nancy, thank you for your detailed account of why you believe the Manhattan Beach tradition of appointing a mayor should be postponed.

I wonder, however, since this COVID-19 problem has been with us for several months, why this issue wasn't on the ballot for the recent elections? Additionally I am not aware that a majority of MB residents want to change a traditional practice that has a 50 year history. Did you really receive a flood of emails regarding the suspension of this practice? Could you share with me the number or a good estimate of the number of requests to postpone the appointment of Mayor on December 1?

It seems to me, just being days away from the installation of the new mayor we should not let this pandemic drive us to decisions that may have unintended consequences and may eventually cause more harm than good. I recommend some deep reflection by city council on how to move forward. And rather than burden Richard Montgomery with extra time as mayor, perhaps allow the current process to continue unchanged and maybe let Suzanne add an extra few months onto her term while this issue is studied and debated in a calm and clear democratic way.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 22, 2020, at 7:46 PM, Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info> wrote:

Dear Michael,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the upcoming Mayoral rotation.

There has been a little confusion as to the reasons why some residents have asked us to consider this issue and not just follow the traditional rotation.

The public health crisis that we are currently experiencing has cancelled or postponed all our City's wonderful traditions this year - Hometown Fair, Pumpkin Races, AVP, fireworks and the like. The residents are asking that rather than change Mayors [on December 1](#), that we postpone the Mayoral rotation for six months. A "delayed transition." Some said that no organization should change leadership in a crisis. Others argued that Mayor Montgomery has done a superior job of leading our City during this unprecedented time. He has a very good relationship with our County and those handling the crisis, as well as the Governor's office and our school district. His steady hand of leadership has led our City through this difficult time and it would be beneficial to our entire City to continue through the next six months. Just today the new County guidelines are shutting down our outdoor dining as of [10 pm on Wednesday](#)

for 3 weeks. We are currently scrambling to come up with ways to assist our businesses.

A new Mayor requires a significant learning curve, new relationships with those assisting us and it would be difficult to continue to chart the path to get through this. A new Mayor places an additional workload on staff who are already working 7 days a week. One thought is that Suzanne would become Mayor in 6 months for her full 9 month rotation, and then Hildy would have her 9 month rotation thereafter. Again, delayed, not passing over.

I just wanted to be sure you had all the information that may be considered.

I hope you have a wonderful, safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving!

Best regards,
Nancy

Sent from my iPad



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On Nov 20, 2020, at 8:04 AM, mmacheret <mmacheret@yahoo.com> wrote:

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It's time to end the cancel culture and selective sexism of the radical left. It's Suzanne Hadley's turn to be Mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Michael Macheret
26 year homeowner in MB

Sent from Michael's iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: roycasey@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:14 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Passing the Gavel

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The idea being floated of not passing the gavel is a flagrant violation of the most powerful and precious right Americans have to cast a vote. Why? Because voting candidates in and out of office is the most powerful way for Americans to make their voices known and respected within government for what policies they want in place. Voters decided to elect all current council members based on the presumption that the gavel would be rotated. If voters knew in advance of the Nov 3rd vote that the rules were going to change, they may have chosen to vote differently. For example, if it were known that the candidate with the most votes holds the gavel, many voters may have voted for only one candidate instead of three in order to help their favorite candidate gain control of the gavel to enhance the power of their only voice in government affairs. This current thought of changing the rules appears to be a power grab by a few council members that want to muffle the voice of council members that have a different point of view. This is not the American way; it smells more like an ambush and trickery. If some council members want to change the current policy of rotating the gavel, then they should propose legislation to let voters decide. And any changes should not take effect until all currently elected council members have their turn holding the gavel.

Signed: A concerned MB resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Schwarz <mschwarz@emmauslifesciences.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Nancy Hersman
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: City Council and 50 years tradition

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Hi Nancy,

I was hoping to hear back from you on my email. Does your lack of attention to my question mean that I will not or have you been busy?

Kind Regards,

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Schwarz <mschwarz@emmauslifesciences.com>
Date: November 23, 2020 at 3:05:30 PM PST
To: nhersman@citymb.info
Subject: City Council and 50 years tradition

Dear Nancy,

I was dismayed to hear that the MB council is considering upending a 50 years tradition of mayoral transition.

We all understand your desire to keep Richard in power for as long you can, but I'm confused as to why you think he is the only one capable.

It is my understanding and hope that all council members are up to speed on all events and are capable of stepping in and doing their duties.

If your actions are suggesting that council member Hadley is not, and that is why you are passing her term over, then please respond to my email and explain why.

Kind regards,

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From: John.Arendsdorf@wellsfargo.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 10:01 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: johnarendsdorf@verizon.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Council,

Please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members. If we allow the loudest voices to overrule the vote of the people, it will set a bad precedent for the city that if I don't agree with you, I just need to yell loud enough and the city will cave. It is important as a resident of Manhattan Beach to know that we don't need to all agree, but that we do need to work together regardless of our beliefs.

Thank you for listening.

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From: Patricia Blakemore <panzatex@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 9:32 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to support Councilperson Suzanne Hadley to take her turn in the rotation for mayor. The rotating mayor is good for the city and I do not understand why this would need to be discussed during a City Council Meeting just days before the transition?

I hope politics can be taken out of the conversation about rotating the Mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Blessings for a healthy and loving holiday season.

Sincerely,

Patricia Blakemore
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From: Alan Edmisten <taralem@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WTH

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I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for 34 years and as of next month will have worked at Manhattan Beach Library 17 years

(along with Suzanne Hadley the past four years). She is an asset to our community and should be given her rightful turn as mayor.

As long as I can remember, there has always been a tradition of rotating mayors. I'm shocked that her fellow council members

would deny Suzanne her rotation (two of which are leaving). When I heard this, the first thing I thought of was Trump!

Sincerely,

Tarri Everson

Martha Alvarez

From: Sallie McNamara <sam_isatourist@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:35 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] mayor pro tem hadley

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I support Suzanne Hadley for Mayor; DO NOT support changing the term limits. Why do it now? To support special interests???

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From: Colleen DONATUCCI <colleendonatucci@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:28 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for nearly 35 years and care very deeply about our wonderful city.

It has come to my attention that Mayor Pro Tem may not be taking office on December 1, 2020. How is this possible? Suzanne Hadley was overwhelmingly elected by our residents to the Manhattan Beach City Council and should be rotating into the office of mayor as city council members have for the past 50 years.

Suzanne Hadley is one of the strongest leaders we have. Highly respected, she has been fiercely fighting for our city since we elected her. Our country has been through enough turmoil this year. Please do not let this happen at the local level.

I strongly urge you to ensure Suzanne Hadley will take the office of mayor December 1, 2020. We elected her; now let her take her turn!

Very sincerely,

Colleen Donatucci

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Beth Henning <bethhenning861@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 4:53 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Gary Henning
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Mayor Pro tem Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council,

This letter is on behalf of my husband and I in support Councilperson Suzanne Hadley to take her turn in the rotation for mayor. The rotating mayor is good for the city and I do not understand why this would need to be discussed during a City Council Meeting just days before the transition?

We support the rotating of the Mayor and pray that these positions should not be made political here in Manhattan Beach.

Thank you for your consideration.
Beth and Gary Henning

Beth B. Henning
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Martha Alvarez

From: Ed Balazs <ebalazs4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 1:35 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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City Council should adhere to continue filling the mayoral spot on its 9-month rotating basis. Accordingly, the next Mayor of Manhattan Beach should be Suzanne Hadley. It is ridiculous that I even need to feel compelled to send this letter of support. I am glad we have Suzanne on the council. It's completely ridiculous that some people are trying to rob her of her spot as the next Mayor.

Frankly, I'm a political Independent, but tired of one party rule in the State of CA. It has been a disaster. Manhattan Beach doesn't have to follow suit.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Happy Thanksgiving to all!=

Best Regards,

Ed Balazs
585 27th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90255

Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Schwarz <mschwarz@emmauslifesciences.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:41 PM
To: Max Yoffe
Cc: Nancy Hersman; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Keeping Tradition Alive

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Well done. Short sweet and hopefully effective.

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On Nov 23, 2020, at 9:26 PM, Max Yoffe <max@bigdoor.tv> wrote:

Dear Nancy,

I would like to share my support for the 50 year tradition of Mayoral transition.

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Kind regards,



Max Yoffe | Principal & Founder

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Martha Alvarez

From: Michelle and Neil Erickson <MandNErickson@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Mayor Pro tem Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council, I am writing to support Councilperson Suzanne Hadley to take her turn in the rotation for mayor. The rotating mayor is good for the city and I do not understand why this would need to be discussed during a City Council Meeting just days before the transition?

I hope politics can be taken out of the conversation about rotating the Mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Thank you for your consideration.
Michelle Erickson

Martha Alvarez

From: Judy D'Angelo <judydangelore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 9:37 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the rotation of our Mayor Pro Tem and our Mayors position.

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I am contacting you to show my support for the current rotation of the Mayor Pro Tem into the Mayors position. This is long standing tradition and one that I think is productive and Fair. I am actually interested in who on the City Counsel proposed this change and why. I intend to see if it is a pattern on a larger quilt of concern for me and my neighbors.

Congratulations to all the City Council Members. Please remember that you have a responsibility to our City and

our Citizens.

Cordially, Judy D'Angelo

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Martha Alvarez

From: Max Yoffe <max@bigdoor.tv>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 9:27 PM
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Martha Alvarez

From: Kim Rodberg <kim@rodberg.net>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 9:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Council,
Please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1st As per the 50 year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members.
Sincerely,
Kim Rodberg

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Martha Alvarez

From: Rory OBrien <captainowow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 7:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley's turn for Mayor

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Good Evening Council members,

As a longtime resident of Manhattan Beach, I am concerned about the blocking of Suzanne Hadley's term as Mayor.

There is no excuse for partisan agenda in our town. Suzanne was fairly elected BY THE PEOPLE and deserves all the same rights as every other council member. Since when, in a fair and free election, is one point of view considered right and others wrong. Stop this unprofessional attitude. We are a two-party system.

Thanks
Rory O'Brien
1808 walnut Ave
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Molly S. <mollyrstarobin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 7:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council Members,

I just wanted to express my extreme disappointment in the choice to try to impede Suzanne Hadley from assuming her position on December 1st as Mayor Pro Term. She was elected by the members of this community and should be able to allow to assume her position, as she was elected to do. Our country, and especially our small Manhattan Beach community, should work together and allow for differences of opinion. In my career as a business professional, I have learned that businesses achieve success far faster when there are different and new perspectives. Suzanne Hadley has a new and different perspective, especially that of a woman, that should be able to be heard. I hope that no further action will be taken against her assuming her position. As a young professional who grew up in Manhattan Beach, I hope our values and traditions do not change just because someone has a different view or perspective.

I fully support her and her chance to lead our community, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach city council members. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Molly

Martha Alvarez

From: Molly Canales <molly.canales@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 6:12 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley turn as Mayor

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Dear Council,

Please allow Mayor Pro Term, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, 2020. She was voted in, is currently Pro Term and has the right to serve her turn as Mayor. The rotation has been a tradition for Manhattan Beach City Council members for 50 years. Don't change one week before her term.

Thank you,

Molly Canales
25 year resident
310.874.9127

Martha Alvarez

From: Karen Colin <wanderwoman@reagan.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 5:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Karen Colin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley

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I'm sending this email in support of Suzanne Hadley, to ensure her rightful turn as mayor of Manhattan Beach is honored and she will take office on December 1.

Best regards, Karen Colin

Martha Alvarez

From: Marie O'Brien <mariee0603@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley's turn for Mayor

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Thanks
Marie O'Brien
1808 walnut Ave
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Franklin <nancyfranklin@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:28 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] December 1st Mayoral Succession. I'm in favor of Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council,

Count me against extending Richard Montgomery's term as Manhattan Beach Mayor.

In these uncertain times, traditions establish a sense of calm and order. To suggest keeping our current mayor in place to allow 'consistent leadership and transition through the COVID crisis' is to suggest, both, that Suzanne is incapable of leading our city as Mayor, and that chaos would follow her appointment. There's something in this suggestions that lacks 'transparency.'

You may have supporters who do not like what Suzanne has said; You may not like what she has said or done, yourselves. But cloaking petty politics in this 'conversation' is like saying we should discuss having Donald Trump serve a few more months in office to guide us out of the pandemic. President-Elect Joe Biden can take his seat next June. Do I hear a second for this motion?

Suzanne won her seat with an overwhelming majority of voters, all of whom expect her to take her established place as Mayor. So, by all means, let's have a 'conversation' about how our Mayor is selected; We can all be better informed. After that conversation, give Suzanne her rightful title. Let me believe that we elected adults to the city council who, although they have differing points of view, can set an example and work together for the good of our community. I would hope that's what you'd want, too. Your community will be watching.

Nancy Franklin
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310-200-3844

Martha Alvarez

From: Leah Hornok <agapelmh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:23 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Mayor Pro Tem Rotation!

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As a citizen of Manhattan Beach I urge you to keep the rotation of the Mayor Pro Tem. For nearly 50 years this has been the practice and the Mayor Pro Tem has always assumed the title of Mayor without exception regardless of personality or party registration.

I can't help but feeling that the motion to discontinue this practice is due to Stern and Hersman's dislike of and disagreement with Suzanne Hadley. That is wrong. She was elected and it is unfair to try to change the rotation. You serve at the will of the people, not at the will of yourselves!

I strongly object to this motion. Those in favor of it should be ashamed of themselves! It is selfish and partisan.

Martha Alvarez

From: Carrie Oury <carrieoury@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:56 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hadley as Mayor

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I want to make sure that Hadley gets her turn as MB Mayor!

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Martha Alvarez

From: Jay Granzow <jwgranzow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:51 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley should be mayor as per rotation

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

It seems a vocal few are attempting to change Manhattan Beach government and stop Ms. Hadley from assuming her role as mayor next month. This directly conflicts with the City tradition of the last 50 years. I urge you strongly to stay with the time-honored rotation of individuals in the mayor position.

I can assure you that such sentiments are both unexpected and not in the majority of Manhattan Beach residents such as myself. While most neighbors and I do not constantly barrage social media with our views, we do follow our local happenings and definitely vote in each election.

Sincerely,

Jay Granzow

Jay W. Granzow, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S.
Clinical Professor of Surgery
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

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Martha Alvarez

From: Gil Archuletta <gilbertarch@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do not change to age old tradition of appointment of the Mayor. Do not make this political

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To All Councilmembers: Keep the tradition.

Gil Archuletta
Former Councilmember and Mayor

Martha Alvarez

From: Ron Howell <ronghowell@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral rotation process

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Any attempt to politicize the City Council's mayoral rotation process represents, at best, a disservice to the city's residents. The system was designed to be apolitical, fair to the supporters of each elected council member and has served the city well. A challenge to the upcoming mayoral transition for partisan reasons using the council's valuable time is an affront to our citizens.

Ron Howell
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: John Alperti <johnalperti@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 1:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WTF

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Don't change things..especially a tradition that works. Why is this tradition being changed anyway? Please don't discontinue a decade long tradition especially not at the 11th hour.

Thanks
John

Martha Alvarez

From: Rachel Judson <rjudson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 1:22 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Mayor Pro Tem Hadley

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Dear Mayor and Council:

I strongly support Council Member Suzanne Hadley as the next Mayor. I also strongly support the way the process of becoming Mayor has been for many, many years in Manhattan Beach. We do not need to make changes that politicize the process, and will likely cause harm to our community.

Rachel Judson
MB 25+ Year Resident, Business Owner, Community Volunteer and Home Owner

Martha Alvarez

From: CHRISTA LYONS <christamlyons@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 1:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral Rotation

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I am emailing the council member to let you know that I am in Support of Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley. And, I strongly oppose making any changes to the way the Mayors position rotates. There is no good reason to change something that has been serving the community well for a very long time. It is a dangerous precedent to start making changes to systems that work fine to appease the few with different opinions. Please, its not broke and it doesn't need to fix.

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Martha Alvarez

From: Johnny Fraher <jfraher@mailboxes.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Nancy Hersman
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley - Mayor December 1st

Nancy,

Thanks for your thoughtful reply. I appreciate you engaging and letting me know your rationale for possible breaking with 50 years of tradition.

However, I'm not sure why all the cancellations that have happened this year (hometown fair, pumpkin races, AVP, etc) would necessitate delaying Suzanne's term as mayor by six months. Those events won't be happening again (hopefully) until late summer and/or early fall of next year. I don't see the connection of those events being canceled or postponed with delaying this transition by six months. What exactly would be gained by waiting?

In regards to "some said that no organization should change leadership in a crisis", I'd argue all the local, state and national elections we literally just had would speak otherwise. More than 50% of the country just voted to change leadership at the highest level of government in this country. If the country can change leadership in such unprecedented times, I'm pretty sure a small municipality can handle a change in leadership. I don't presume to know who anyone voted for in the presidential election, but unless every one of these residents who don't think it's a good idea to change leadership in a crisis voted for President Trump, it seems a bit hypocritical to me. If they think it's okay to change presidents, they certainly can't argue that we shouldn't change mayors.

Once again, thanks for replying and letting me know what your thoughts on this issue are. Just know that there are also some residents who disagree with you and think it's important to allow Suzanne Hadley to start her term as mayor on December 1.

Thanks,
John Fraher

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On Nov 22, 2020, at 9:42 PM, Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info> wrote:

Dear John,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the upcoming Mayoral rotation.

There has been a little confusion as to the reasons why some residents have asked us to consider this issue and not just follow the traditional rotation.

The public health crisis that we are currently experiencing has cancelled or postponed all our City's wonderful traditions this year - Hometown Fair, Pumpkin Races, AVP, fireworks and the like. The residents are asking that rather than change Mayors [on December 1](#), that we postpone the Mayoral rotation for six months. A "delayed transition." Some said that no organization should change leadership in a crisis. Others argued that Mayor Montgomery has done a superior job of leading our City during this unprecedented time. He has a very good relationship with our County and those handling the crisis, as well as the Governor's office and our school district. His steady hand of leadership has led our City through this difficult time and it would be beneficial to our entire City to continue through the next six months. Just today the new County guidelines are shutting down our outdoor dining as of [10 pm on Wednesday](#) for 3 weeks. We are currently scrambling to come up with ways to assist our businesses.

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I just wanted to be sure you had all the information that may be considered.

I hope you have a wonderful, safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving!

Best regards,
Nancy

Sent from my iPad



NANCY HERSMAN
COUNCILMEMBER

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Dear City Council,

It has recently come to my attention that there are rumblings that Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley, set to take over the position of Mayor on December 1, 2020, will possibly have her turn skipped to serve as Mayor. I think it would be a rash decision to strike down 50 years of tradition in order to placate the whims of a vocal minority who disagree with her opinions. I sincerely hope the city council honors this tradition and does not succumb to this minority voice. Please follow our long held tradition and allow Suzanne Hadley to serve her rightful term as Mayor starting December 1st.

Thanks,

John Fraher

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Martha Alvarez

From: Mike Michalski <mike@realestateedge.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:07 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] December 1 Agenda Item Regarding Mayoral Rotation

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Last year, when she was elected to the Manhattan Beach City Council, Suzanne Hadley received far more votes than second-place finisher, Councilmember Hildy Stern.

Yet now Councilmember Stern, along with outgoing Councilmember Hersman, have decided to bow down to a shrill, strident social media minority by attempting to deny or delay the assumption of the mayor's duties by Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, which is scheduled to occur on December 1.

This is an extremely bad idea for a number of reasons:

- (1) This is not how our rotational mayor system has worked for the past 50 years,
- (2) This would deny the right of Suzanne's many voters to see her in the mayor's chair on the dais,
- (3) This introduces an element of rank partisanship into what, for the good of the city as a whole, is supposed to be a nonpartisan chamber,
- (4) This will destroy any vestiges of comity or collegiality within the Council chambers, leading to all sorts of unproductive infighting and hindering Council's ability to work together,
- (5) This will set a precedent as each mayoral transfer going forward will certainly generate a partisan political circus, much as we're seeing now thanks to this ill-advised parliamentary move by Councilmembers Stern and Hersman.

Most importantly, Hildy Stern and Nancy Hersman would be denying an eminently qualified Suzanne Hadley from assuming the role of Mayor simply because a vitriolic minority of residents (and non-residents) doesn't share Suzanne's views on the issues. Again, they may not agree with her but I, and thousands of her resident supporters, do.

To fulfill their fiduciary duty to the city and its residents as a whole, I urge Councilmembers Stern and Hersman to withdraw this agenda item and stand united with their fellow Councilmembers in full support of Mayor Hadley, much as we all would expect similar support for soon-to-be Mayor Pro Tem Stern when she eventually ascends to the mayor's position nine months from now.

Mike Michalski

30-Year Tree section resident

Martha Alvarez

From: ERIN BROWN <scotterin.brown2@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley

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Dear council,

Please allow Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley to assume her office on December 1st. This has rotation has been in place for the past 50 years and should not be changed.

Erin and Scott Brown

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Martha Alvarez

From: Robert Nickell <RobertN@nickellpps.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Nancy Hersman
Cc: List - City Council; Robert Nickell
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Your suggestion to defer Mayor transition for 6 months

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Nancy,

I respectfully appreciate your response. However, your logic seems flawed for the following 4 reasons:

1. If just “some” residents made a request that could basically upset a 50-year tradition, seems to me to be a significant request, and not a casual issue to consider. I am also a resident, and I am wondering how many residents it takes to become a quantity of “some”? I am asking for you to NOT consider this issue at the 11th hour, and if the council wants to debate the issue and allow public input, and proper procedure for creating and implementing something new for future transitions, or future situations, then by all means that would be appropriate.
2. Your suggestion of a delay of 6-months is not grounded in logic whatsoever. I believe you are stating that Mayor Montgomery has missed out on many wonderful happenings in MB and that he should be allowed another chance to oversee them? I like Richard and he is a good guy, I believe he has also been Mayor of MB in the past and has enjoyed these experiences. However, if your logic is to be believed, 6-months would be May of 2021. Well, Hometown Fair, Pumpkin Races, Fireworks, AVP and the like, happen after the month of May. So, I may not be comprehending exactly what you are trying to say within that paragraph.
3. I also respectfully disagree with your reasoning of not making a change in a “time of crisis”. In my opinion I do not see any reason why Mayor Pro Tem Hadley could not be up to speed within days, and frankly that should be her decision to make. As far as communicating with State and Local government I am not sure at this juncture that the City of MB has any real say over the County and State. Our schools are closed, our downtown businesses are being decimated with the closures of the restaurants, and so on.
4. Your final statement that the City of MB staff is working 7-days a week, seems slightly unfathomable, are you sure that is correct? And if so, how many months has this staff been working 7-days a week?

I urge you to table this issue, and bring it up again under normal business. I urge you to vote in favor of Mayor Pro Tem Hadley taking her position on December 1.

Sincerely
Robert P. Nickell

From: Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info>
Date: Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 7:47 PM
To: Robert Nickell <RobertN@nickellpps.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] regarding Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley

Dear Robert,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the upcoming Mayoral rotation.

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Nancy

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Dear City Council

As a resident of MB for over 25 years, I highly support the 50+ year tradition of the rotation of City Council Members into the office of Mayor. I support Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley to assume her office on Dec 1, as she should.

Sincerely
Robert Nickell

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Martha Alvarez

From: William Parducci <bill@parducci.net>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:17 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem

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Councilmembers,

I understand that there is a discussion under way that is trying to change the mayoral transition process in Manhattan Beach. I thought that this was a unique procedure when I first moved here (21 years ago) and have grown to appreciate that it gives both the office holder and the citizens a chance to warm up to the transition. I urge you to please keep the existing system as it provides stability to our local government at a time when national politics is witnessing historic levels of strife and discontent. The last thing we need in these politically tumultuous times is anything that could be seen as a power grab within our own small town.

Suzanne has done an admirable job as a council member and there is no reason why she should not transition into the position of Mayor in the same fashion Richard did. As a resident I have full faith in her abilities and as a voter this is what those who elected her (and the rest of you) voted for when she was elected into office. Therefore, any claim that this is not the right time or that she is not capable of assuming this role suggests that the voters of Manhattan Beach don't understand how things work or are themselves ill-equipped to select the right people for our City Council *and mayoral* positions.

That is another message that I do not think should be sent to the residents.

Finally, if there are councilmembers that feel strongly about changing the process perhaps they should explore changing the system when he or she is next in line to spend some time at the helm. That would eliminate the appearance of political expediency that is starting to swirl around this topic at the moment.

Regards,

Bill Parducci
3140 Laurel Ave

Martha Alvarez

From: Barry Host <barry.host@vistasir.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:49 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Notice in Support

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I am emailing all council members to notify that we are in support of Mayor Pro Tem Hadly. We are also in opposition to the changing the way that the Mayors position rotates - currently on a 9 month term. Our current process has served the community well and fosters ongoing compromises between all elected members. Thank you

Regards,
Barry and Kelly Host

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From: Celeste Gebhardt <celestegebhardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:40 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem

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Dear City Council,
I'm not even sure how this could be possible, but I must request that you allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley, to properly assume her office on December 1st, as is consistent with the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach council members.
Thank you,
Celeste Gebhardt, MB resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:12 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Susan Hadley

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I fully support Mayor pro tem Hadley

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From: Larry Scanlan <larry@larryscanlan.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:06 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Against proposed change in mayor rotation

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Council,

The current process of the Mayor Pro Tem becoming Mayor has worked very well for a half century. Hildy Stern's proposal to discuss a change appears to be unnecessary and without a clear and through public elaboration of the pros and cons should be rejected. A public vote would be in order.

Thank you

Drs Larry & Tara Scanlan
711 Anderson

Martha Alvarez

From: Gilberto Garay <gil.garay@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:00 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rotation of the Office of Mayor

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City Council -

I support Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley, on December 1st continuing the tradition of the MB City Council for the last 50 years concerning the rotation of members to the office of Mayor.

Gil Garay

Martha Alvarez

From: Pete Halvorsen <pete@pchpro.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 9:18 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finish 2020 with Unity and Strength.

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Esteemed members of the City Council - let's finish a very difficult 2020 on a high note.

Stooping down to the level of our soon to be former President of the United States is beneath every one of you. Let us not create division or gaslight your citizens with a whisper campaign and petitions trying to overturn the vote of your constituents.

While I am probably well to the left of Mayor Pro-tem Hadley politically, I stand behind her right to free speech, as well as her rightfully elected position on the City Council.

Council member Hersman, do not let your legacy in this city be tarnished on your way out the door. Being the senior member of the first female majority on City Council should have been something to be celebrated as you enter retirement. You have done too much good in this community during your time here to leave your position much like Trump is leaving his office. Allowing your supporters to sow hate and division for your fellow council member instead of Unity and Strength for our city will be your legacy if this isn't brought to a stop.

So let's turn the page on this - there are so many fires to put out right now, stay focused on the pandemic and unifying our city. The people voted resoundingly voted for Mayor Protem Hadley in 2019.

Respect the people, wear your masks and enjoy a wonderful socially distant Thanksgiving with your immediate family.

All the very best,

Pete Halvorsen

Martha Alvarez

From: Gay Crowell <gaycrowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 9:12 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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Seriously? You are seriously considering changing the way the mayor's seat is rotated, and cheating Suzanne Hadley out of her term in that position? Do you not see how obvious this is, and how it makes you look? Shame!

Regards,
Gay Crowell
1126 18th st
MB

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez

From: Jeff Di Rado <Jeff.Dirado@tig.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley Follow-up - Mayor Pro Tem:

Importance: High

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Dear Council, please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members.

Sincerely,

Jeff Di Rado
33 Year Resident of MB

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Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Howell <nancyjohowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Support Suzanne Hadley as our mayor.

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I support Suzanne Hadley as our next mayor.

Stop all this nonsense and maintain the transition order into mayor as we know it. If any change is on the agenda to discuss it, please remove that item from discussion or only discuss it for 2021, not 2020. To keep it on the agenda is political harassment and bullying and unacceptable in our small town.

Nancy Howell

Martha Alvarez

From: Maroun <maroun88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upcoming Mayor Hadley event

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Hello Mayor Montgomery and City Council Members,
I have exchanged emails with y'all before, and spoke at the council meetings, and I know that you each promised to keep Manhattan Beach the small town that you and your kids grew up in, and I appreciate you all for that.

I voted for Councilwoman Hadley, when she won by a huge margin, and I'm looking forward to seeing her take her rightful place as Mayor of Manhattan Beach shortly, as it's been customary for as long as I've lived here. For Myself, my family and the many of my neighbors that voted for Ms Hadley, I want to say "WELL DESERVED MA'AM" :-)

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to ALL,
Maroun Aboutanos
1431 - 19th Street

Martha Alvarez

From: Rick Lesser <lizardbrane@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:35 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Rick Lesser
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't politicize our City any further by voting to disrupt our system for choosing the rotating position of mayor- Rick Lesser MB resident for 73 years;

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Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy DiRado <nancydirado@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:12 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley: Mayor Pro Tem

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"I support on December 1, Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to continue the tradition of the Manhattan Beach City Council for the last 50 years concerning the rotation of city council members to the office of Mayor."

Nancy

Martha Alvarez

From: Adam Goldston <adamgoldston1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 8:09 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nip Ugliness in the Bud -- Follow Up

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Good Morning City Council:

Thanks to those that responded. The 6-month delay argument put forth by one of you contains no more common sense than suggesting the Biden-Harris Inauguration be delayed until June 20, 2021. This is simply not how the American system of government works.

President Obama said 'elections have consequences.' In Manhattan Beach's case, we interpret this as Mayor Pro Tem Hadley garnered a commanding plurality of the vote in 2019 and it's her turn. Her supporters (us included) expect her to have her turn because we believe she is qualified to lead from day 1. As Manhattan Beach residents that believe in the fairness and non-partisanship of the process, we also expect Stern, Napolitano, Montgomery and either Franklin or Fournell to have their day 1 turns.

We have zero doubt you know that perceptions matter. While you may think you can justify a vote against Mayor Hadley as delayed for the sake of the Covid crisis, the alternate explanation is contained in the vile content on Social media. We'll remind you that each of you have been a target of this vitriol and others stood up to support you.

People like us that support Mayor Pro Tem Hadley, and those that simply support the fairness of the non-partisan process, will see any vote against ascension to Mayor Hadley or Mayor Pro Tem Stern as an unjustified and partisan vote of no confidence, giving validation to that screeching noise emanating from social media.

We'll repeat the suggestion for Council's unified, immediate and decisive support of the democratic process for the sake of the whole community. Any vote against ascension is a vote for a 9-month cycle of divisiveness regardless of how you think you've justified it.

Adam and Rita (Moorman, MD) Goldston

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Adam Goldston
AdamGoldston1@gmail.com
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Martha Alvarez

From: Brandon Witek <brandonwitek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 5:40 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley

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Good morning. I am an MB resident and writing in my support of keeping our current rotation of Mayor Pro Tem to Mayor and to support Suzanne Hadley. I see no reason to change this tradition!

Thanks,
Brandon

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Brandon Witek | brandonwitek@gmail.com |

Martha Alvarez

From: JOHN NASH <jsn3211@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 5:39 AM
To: Nancy Hersman; List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Support for Mayoral Tradition

Nancy,

Thank you for serving on the Council and for taking the time to respond to my email.

I strongly disagree with your reasoning for breaking many decades of mayoral precedent.

This pandemic does not grant any special powers or provide any logical nor specific reasoning for making a change to the current system. While Richard may enjoy a set of quality relationships it is the institution of the Council itself that we all rely in to work with the various governing bodies and other institutions to carry out the work of representing MB and its many families, businesses, and stakeholders. It is my understanding that Richard will continue in service on the Council and thus I think we can all trust that he would work closely with Suzanne to support her transition and lessen the learning curve. Suzanne also is not new to the Council and has experience with the various functions at hand.

In addition, as MB voters went to the polls, they all went with the understanding that Suzanne would serve as the next Mayor. That fact unquestionably impacted voting decisions. Therefore, any change to the rotation would undermine the intent and will of the citizens and would thus lessen our trust in the institution itself.

Further, the argument that change in the middle of a crisis is more than we could handle also is a hollow one. As a nation we just went to the polls and elected local, state, and national representatives in the middle of this pandemic. If your logic were applied to our national elections, then President Trump would remain in office until this crisis was over. If we can transition the entirety of our federal government I believe we can and must transition locally.

I also believe that if you should move forward with a change that the council would risk losing the confidence of MB citizens for the same reasons that we see Governor Newsom losing the confidence and trust of millions of Californians. He has acted without constitutional authority or the legislature to issue a multitude of emergency orders that has done little to help fight the current pandemic, but much to damage the economy, the education of our children, and our various freedoms. A massive change to the Council's mayoral tradition would be similar. It is without merit, precedent, or authority.

Finally, if you want to help the hurting businesses in MB - and beyond - you will vigorously oppose the Governor's order to close outdoor dining. The order, like many others from Sacramento, are unlawful, unconstitutional, and wrong-headed. They are not "narrowly tailored" to the issue at hand and they are far more harmful than helpful. With no proven cases of outdoor transmission in the entire country it is unbelievable that the Governor would issue a cease order for outdoor dining. These businesses have barely survived as it is, and outdoor dining has been the key to that. If you, and the rest of the Council, want to lead through this you will do so by resisting the county and the state through the various powers you possess: the media, the courts, and the prosecutorial discretion of the MBPD.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my input.

Respectfully,

John Nash

From: Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:46 AM
To: JOHN NASH <jsn3211@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Support for Mayoral Tradition

Dear John,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the upcoming Mayoral rotation.

There has been a little confusion as to the reasons why some residents have asked us to consider this issue and not just follow the traditional rotation.

The public health crisis that we are currently experiencing has cancelled or postponed all our City's wonderful traditions this year - Hometown Fair, Pumpkin Races, AVP, fireworks and the like. The residents are asking that rather than change Mayors [on December 1](#), that we postpone the Mayoral rotation for six months. A "delayed transition." Some said that no organization should change leadership in a crisis. Others argued that Mayor Montgomery has done a superior job of leading our City during this unprecedented time. He has a very good relationship with our County and those handling the crisis, as well as the Governor's office and our school district. His steady hand of leadership has led our City through this difficult time and it would be beneficial to our entire City to continue through the next six months. Just today the new County guidelines are shutting down our outdoor dining as of [10 pm on Wednesday](#) for 3 weeks. We are currently scrambling to come up with ways to assist our businesses.

A new Mayor requires a significant learning curve, new relationships with those assisting us and it would be difficult to continue to chart the path to get through this. A new Mayor places an additional workload on staff who are already working 7 days a week. One thought is that Suzanne would become Mayor in 6 months for her full 9 month rotation, and then Hildy would have her 9 month rotation thereafter. Again, delayed, not passing over.

I just wanted to be sure you had all the information that may be considered.

I hope you have a wonderful, safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving!

Best regards,
Nancy

Sent from my iPad



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On Nov 20, 2020, at 10:56 AM, JOHN NASH <jsn3211@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

Thank you for your service to the community. I know that this time must be stressful for you all and my family values your hard work.

I am a local business owner, voter, and our children attend school in Manhattan Beach.

I recently learned that there is some talk of scuttling the long-held tradition of rotating the Mayor's position, which would prevent Suzanne Hadley from serving her term. I completely disagree with this notion and hope that the Council will reject any such request. The City Council has operated in this fashion for, as I understand it, several decades and the rotating nature of the position serves as an important check and balance on our local governance. Furthermore, there is no reasonable basis for any change nor any precedent for doing so.

Many of my neighbors and fellow business owners have told me that the idea of ceasing the rotation has emerged from special interests and individuals upset at the recent outcome of our local election. To the extent that this is true, the City Council must strenuously reject any consideration of the request in order to protect the integrity of our local elections. Voters had the opportunity to elect their preferred candidates with the understanding that Councilwoman Hadley would serve as Mayor. Therefore, the results of the election should be respected and protected with vigor. Even the appearance of consideration of this idea, which is a clear effort to weaken and undermine the outcome of the election, would lessen the public's trust in our most important local institution.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Nash

Martha Alvarez

From: Peter B <peter@wwpsp.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Email from Nancy on Mayor Rotation

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I would like to share the below email that I sent in response to Nancy's email on delaying the rotation of the Mayor.

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for your email regarding your opinions on why the Mayoral rotation should be delayed. While I have thoughtfully read your concerns, I must respectfully disagree.

By the logic which you have laid out, one could easily argue that Donald Trump should remain in office given the current national crisis - I don't think that if he made that same argument it would get much traction. History shows that many incumbents have felt that their current situations of economic strife, global wars, civil unrest, or even pandemics have created a moment worthy of exception, but history also has proven that transition of leadership, even in uncertain times, has worked and life and government move on.

None of us should be in the position of deciding which 'unprecedented times' or difficult circumstances should or should not be worthy of exception. That becomes a matter of opinion and I for one want no part of that nor should a City Council.

None of this is any way to discount or discredit the honorable service of Mayor Montgomery. However, the community will adjust to the changing of roles as we have many times in years past. This year should be no different nor should any circumstance warrant an adjustment to a process that has served this community well for a very long time.

Sincerely,

Peter Billingsley
peter@wwpsp.com



Martha Alvarez

From: Rosalie <rosalie@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:42 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hadley

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It's her turn. She won legitimately.

Rosalie E. Olson

Martha Alvarez

From: Jennifer Honey <jennifer@honeycopp.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:37 PM
To: Nancy Hersman; List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem

Nancy,

Thank you for your reply below. It is appreciated.

What is the forum by which some residents have asked for a new rotation to be imposed? I was unaware of an attempt to alter the rotation until after I cast my vote for MB City Council in the November election. When I cast that ballot I gave consideration to selecting a prospective candidate that would compliment and balance Suzanne and her successors. I had an expectation that the rotation would remain unchanged.

The established rotation system is beyond reproach. It injects a neutral, apolitical selection process into an arena that could easily be swayed by political preference or personality. Why would we create instability where the process has been so fair and balanced for nearly 50 years?

I am grateful for the significant impact Mayor Montgomery had during his rotation in light of the sweeping changes during the virus. He should be thanked for that, You suggest below that in six months we will “get through this” and Suzanne may begin a full rotation. Respectfully, we do not know what the next six months holds. Now more than ever, let’s be consistent in our policy.

The virus will be with us indefinitely. A mayoral rotation should not be.

Thank you so very much for all you do for our great community.

Respectfully,
Jennifer

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On Nov 22, 2020, at 7:37 PM, Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info> wrote:

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the upcoming Mayoral rotation.

There has been a little confusion as to the reasons why some residents have asked us to consider this issue and not just follow the traditional rotation.

The public health crisis that we are currently experiencing has cancelled or postponed all our City's wonderful traditions this year - Hometown Fair, Pumpkin Races, AVP, fireworks and the like. The residents are asking that rather than change Mayors [on December 1](#), that we postpone the Mayoral rotation for six months. A "delayed transition." Some said that no organization should change leadership in a crisis. Others argued that Mayor Montgomery has done a superior job of leading our City during this unprecedented time. He has a very good relationship with our County and those handling the crisis, as well as the Governor's office and our school district. His steady hand of leadership has led our City through this difficult time and it would be beneficial to our entire City to continue through the next six months. Just today the new County guidelines are shutting down our outdoor dining as of [10 pm on Wednesday](#) for 3 weeks. We are currently scrambling to come up with ways to assist our businesses.

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I hope you have a wonderful, safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving!

Best regards,
Nancy

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On Nov 21, 2020, at 5:34 PM, Jennifer Honey <jennifer@honeycopp.com> wrote:

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To the City Council:

I was informed that Hildy Stern is attempting to disrupt our City's tradition of permitting each member of our elected city council to serve a term as mayor. The functioning system has been seamless and avoids disputes, politics and personalities. Why is Hildy Stern bucking this tradition? What is her rationale for changing the rotation?

If someone other than Hildy Stern is seeking the change, can we set a meeting to learn whom and why?

Please allow Suzanne Hadley to serve as was long anticipated. She deserves it and we all deserve consistency.

Regards,

Concerned Citizen

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Martha Alvarez

From: Linda Chen <theborg7@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Nancy Hersman
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley mayoral position

Here Nancy is a picture of me in full PPE humanely catching PepeLepew and releasing him back into the 'hood. If you haven't got a clue on how to get PPE'd up, let me know, I be happy to accommodate.

Linda
213-400-2674



On Nov 22, 2020, at 8:09 PM, Linda Chen <theborg7@me.com> wrote:

Dear Nancy,

I sent 9 emails. From Linda, Janice, Alix, jimmy, Joy, Paul, Dylan, Mike and Lilien.

Let's just cut to the chase shall we. The science is out and has been out. Please do not give me your patronizing sanctimonious voodoo science fear mongering covid garbage. Seriously if you are that scared of your shadow. I think you should just resign, get yourself removed from the office, as you are the exact petty vile power grabbing cancel culture drunk on liberal tyranny unfitting to serve the people. And I say this from having taken care of 3 of my families above who caught covid. I was their hands on caregiver. One of them is my 77 yr old mom. The other is my 87 year older dad with underlying condition. Mild case like cold. In fact my dad was literally asymptomatic aside from loss of smell n taste buds.

If you can put on your damned mask and go to the grocery store and pick up groceries for your family. Then put on a mask and do your damned job. Else resign, quit get out of the office as this household n friends do not want you in the office.

As for Suzanne Hadley, she's more than capable of stepping right into the office hit the ground running without all the list of snowflake cop out made up excuses you list below.

Do not, I repeat, do not write me with your liberal condescending bull. I might not be the sharpest tool in the shed, but don't insult my intelligence. It is blatantly clear what you are doing. Using covid to wreck your personal agenda. It is sickening disgusting and evil. Remember you are voted in to serve the people. I am one of those you serve, along with my family and friends. You make this about you and your stupid petty liberal agenda?? I will make sure we vote you or recall you out of the office.

On Nov 22, 2020, at 7:39 PM, Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info> wrote:

Dear Linda - or Dylan?

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the upcoming Mayoral rotation.

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I hope you have a wonderful, safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving!

Best regards,

Nancy

Sent from my iPad



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wrote:

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Dylan Chance
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Linda Chen <theborg7@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:09 PM
To: Nancy Hersman
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley mayoral position

Dear Nancy,

I sent 9 emails. From Linda, Janice, Alix, jimmy, Joy, Paul, Dylan, Mike and Lilien.

Let's just cut to the chase shall we. The science is out and has been out. Please do not give me your patronizing sanctimonious voodoo science fear mongering covid garbage. Seriously if you are that scared of your shadow. I think you should just resign, get yourself removed from the office, as you are the exact petty vile power grabbing cancel culture drunk on liberal tyranny unbecoming to serve the people. And I say this from having taken care of 3 of my families above who caught covid. I was their hands on caregiver. One of them is my 77 yr old mom. The other is my 87 year older dad with underlying condition. Mild case like cold. In fact my dad was literally asymptomatic aside from loss of smell n taste buds.

If you can put on your damned mask and go to the grocery store and pick up groceries for your family. Then put on a mask and do your damned job. Else resign, quit get out of the office as this household n friends do not want you in the office.

As for Suzanne Hadley, she's more than capable of stepping right into the office hit the ground running without all the list of snowflake cop out made up excuses you list below.

Do not, I repeat, do not write me with your liberal condescending bull. I might not be the sharpest tool in the shed, but don't insult my intelligence. It is blatantly clear what you are doing. Using covid to wreck your personal agenda. It is sickening disgusting and evil. Remember you are voted in to serve the people. I am one of those you serve, along with my family and friends. You make this about you and your stupid petty liberal agenda?? I will make sure we vote you or recall you out of the office.

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Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Russ Lesser <russ@divensurf.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 6:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor rotation discussion

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Dear all five council members,

I have already discussed the proposed discussion about the current system of mayor rotation with some of you but thought I would send the same email to all of you. As all of you are probably aware, this has created a bit of a firestorm in the city.

All of you probably know the history of our system, but if not, here it is.

In the mid seventies, my predecessor on the city council Jack Cashin introduced the present system. Before that the council elected the mayor and if two people wanted to be mayor they needed to get two others to support them. If more than one wanted to be mayor it caused divisiveness and turned the council into factions. The new system allowed everyone whom the citizens elected to be on the council served a term as mayor and eliminated all the politics and personalities from it. It has worked well for over 45 years.

In 1984 there was an election and two long term councilmen were defeated. One of the new council members elected was Gil Archeletta. When he ran he made some statements about the fire department that were not true. When I asked him about it, he said, "I know that, but I have to say it to get elected." As he defeated two outstanding councilmen who were my friends, needless to say I was not very happy. He also became very unpopular in the community. Jim Walker, Bob Holmes and I were in the majority of the council at the time. When it became time for Gil to become mayor the three of us were bombarded by people saying, "you can't allow that man to be mayor!" We stated clearly that he had been elected by the voters and deserved a term as mayor and all three supported him. That was the principled thing to do. (As a side note, when he ran for re-election he was soundly defeated receiving about half the amount of votes the winners did)

In summary, I think it would be a huge mistake to change our current system which has worked well for almost half a century. Also, this is not about Suzanne. I would write the same email regardless of who was next in line for mayor.

Russ Lesser

Martha Alvarez

From: Brian Bullock <bullockb32@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral process

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I totally support Mayor Pro Tem Hadley!!

Brian Bullock
310.488.7784

Martha Alvarez

From: John Ward <john@turnstone.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:18 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB City Council 9-month Mayoral rotation

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Please accept this email as my support to continue the 9-month Mayoral rotation as has been done for years. Please do not change this practice. Suzanne Hadley deserves her time as Mayor.

Thank you

John Ward
320 2nd St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Martha Alvarez

From: Jay Simpson <dirgraphic@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:17 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: barbrassimpson@aol.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rotating Mayors

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MB Councilmembers,

I urge you to maintain the traditional rotating mayorship which gives each elected councilmember a 9-month period as mayor. Each councilmember's constituency expects to see their candidates serve as mayor at least once.

The rotating mayorship promotes a good working relationship within council, which is necessary for our council to function effectively.

Don't sink to divisive partisan politics. Work together for the benefit of the MB community.

Jay and Barbra Simpson
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: craigglynnus@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:07 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Pro Tem to Mayor Traditional Rotation

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council Members,

Please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, as per the **50-year** tradition of rotation for Manhattan Beach city council members.

Thank you.

Craig Glynn
310-200-4526

Martha Alvarez

From: Judi Alves <judi.alves@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] December 1, 2020 city council meeting

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Dear council members,

I've been hearing that an item has been placed on the Dec 1 meeting agenda that will discuss/explain the process for electing our mayor. I understand that for the last five decades city council members have taken turns on a rotational basis, that it has been a city tradition.

The timing of this has the appearance of political bias. I truly hope that this is not the case, but it seems very suspicious to me. I hope that this "discussion" will not affect Suzanne Hadley's election as our community is expecting her to fill the upcoming mayoral position. I must admit that the timing of this has the appearance of political bias. If a change is to be made, (which I hope doesn't take place) I would hope that it would take place in the future and not at the present time. Suzanne Hadley deserves to be our mayor and you would be doing a disservice to the residents of MB if her appointment doesn't go through as expected.

I can't tell you how very disappointing this has been to hear. Are we not stressed enough with people dying and becoming ill with covid, covid restrictions, the permanent closing of businesses within our community, peoples' incomes being taken away, etc.?

This seems particularly petty at a time that we are undergoing so many radical lifestyle changes.

I am imploring you to do the right thing, as you were elected to do what is in the best interest of our residents. Placing this on the agenda at this time is not the right thing and I believe you must know that.

Sincerely,

Judith Alves
MB resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Michelle Minier <minier.michelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 3:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley

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I fully support Suzanne Hadley as the next mayor of MB. Thanks you for listening.

Best,

Michelle

Martha Alvarez

From: Hanna Otto <hannaot123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 2:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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City Council,

I have recently heard/read that certain members of the current Council are looking to pass on Suzanne Hadley for her term as Mayor. How is this possible, how are two members of the Council able to change the rules? What is their reasoning? Is this legal? and most importantly, why?

I usually don't partake in local politics but this is very concerning and cannot see any reason why we need to bend the rules.

I would appreciate a response to better understand why and where we currently stand with this request.

Hanna Otto
(Cell) 310 619-6044
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: debra consani <debraconsani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 1:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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I am in complete support of Suzanne Hadley's transition into the position of Mayor. I DO NOT support the efforts to undermine the process that stands for Mayor rotation.

Thank you,

Debra Consani
728 33rd Street
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez

From: Nancy Del Riego <nancy@ndelriego.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 1:46 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council,

I am in full support of Suzanne Hadley as our new mayor. I am also in full support of the process for rotating mayors from the council.

Thank you.

Best,
Nancy Del Riego

Martha Alvarez

From: Laurel Ulrich <laurelulrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 1:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MB Mayor

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Dear Council,

Please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office [on December 1](#), as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members. Not sure how this has even come up as not being a done deal as it is how our City is supposed to be run. Please do not reward certain members of the City Council to cheat the system for their own political gains.

Sincerely,

Laurel Ulrich

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: carlajo50 <carlajo50@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 12:50 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley

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My husband Rex and I both strongly support the customary transition of Suzanne Hadley to the position of mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Martha Alvarez

From: Matt Kelly <spockf16@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 12:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear Council,

I support Mayor Pro Tem Hadley becoming the next Mayor of our city, as scheduled. I am opposed to any effort to undermine the usual transition process, or to prevent in any way, this peaceful transition from happening.

Thank you.

Matt Kelly
MB resident

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Rita Crabtree-Kampe <eurocrab@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 12:30 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] December 1, transfer of Mayor's Gavel to Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I humbly ask for the peaceful transition of Mayorship to Suzanne Hadley on December 1, without any council discussion to such matter.

Manhattan Beach has a wonderful tradition which keeps true politics out of the process. No one runs as a Democrat or Republican; merely, on ideas and ideals. This allows every resident to choose a person/persons that match their values.

Each of you do a great job of keeping the best interest of this town of 35K residents on the forefront of your discussions, and appropriately, that may leave you on different sides of an issue. I respectfully request and strongly encourage the tradition to continue as it has and will for many years.

We are a thankfully diverse town. That is why every faction of our residents enjoys the 9 month turnover to a new mayor.

It is truly disingenuous to try to change that now, at the moment a new mayor will be coming into office.

Respectfully,

Rita Crabtree-Kampe
432 4th Street, MB

Martha Alvarez

From: TERRY NEIL <pntman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 12:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Mayor Pro Tem Hadley

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We support the next Mayor Hadley.

Thank you,
Terry

Terry Neil Painting
pntman@gmail.com
Text: 310-308-8996

Martha Alvarez

From: Devon Norris <devonnorris@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 12:01 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley as Mayor

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Hello City Council members,

I'm reaching out today to voice my disagreement and disgust around the conversation regarding skipping Suzanne Hadley as mayor. While I'm a new resident in Manhattan Beach, I understand it has been tradition for many years now to rotate city council members into the mayor position. As far as I know, everyone gets their fair chance to be mayor and it has been like that for many years.

I think it is absolutely absurd that a few very vocal residents have even started the conversation of skipping Suzanne as mayor since they don't align politically with her. There are a few members on the city council that I don't align politically with, however, if one of those members was set to be the next mayor, I would be OK with it as they are getting their fair chance to be mayor as have all other council members. The residents of MB voted Suzanne into the city council and they absolutely deserve to have Suzanne have her fair chance at serving as our mayor.

I think it's incredibly childish and immature of some MB residents to be reaching out about skipping Suzanne as mayor. I am equally as disappointed in the MB city council for even bringing this topic up in a city council meeting and even consider skipping Suzanne as mayor. I know you all don't align politically but I would hope you would respect one another enough to give your fellow council members their fair chance of serving as mayor, even if you don't agree with them. I also would hope you would be thinking about the residents of MB who did vote for Suzanne and support her and want to see her as mayor.

I fully support Suzanne as mayor and think she will do an amazing job. I can't wait to see her serve and will be cheering her on completely.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Best,
Devon

Martha Alvarez

From: Kathy Taylor <taylorkathymb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 11:49 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rotational Position of Mayor

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Hello City Council Members,

I am in opposition to the agenda item questioning the practice of the rotational position of mayor. I strongly support Mayor Pro Tem Hadley becoming mayor on December 1, 2020 and continuing the SUCCESSFUL practice of rotating the position of mayor.

Thank you,
Kathy Taylor
217 17th Street
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Martha Alvarez

From: Joe Becker <jgb68@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:33 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley, December 1st Term

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City Council,

We have had our fair share of government overstep and due process in this state during this pandemic, do not make politically driven decisions to change the democracy and tradition in our city. Stick with the 50 year tradition of our city and allow Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley her seat as mayor on December 1st. We have had enough churn and chaos and we need some stability and tradition.

Joe Becker
Manhattan Beach, Ca

Martha Alvarez

From: KAREN ARENSDORF <mbbarn@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:19 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Hello City Council,

I'm hearing that there is a movement to recall Suzanne Hadley as mayor. This is preposterous!!! Let her do her job. She is entitled to be mayor whether people agree with her or not.

Thank you.

Karen Arensdorf
Manhattan beach resident for 20 years.

Sent from my iPhone

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Martha Alvarez

From: Rob Freedman <rob@domorealestate.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 11:51 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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Dear Council, please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members--

Cheers,



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Martha Alvarez

From: Suzanne <suzanne@waterleafinteriors.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Jennifer Honey
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Mayor Pro Tem

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My Husband and I strongly second the sentiments below.

Please let us know as soon as possible when we can gather numerous other residents to hear the rationale behind this effort.

With all the uncertainty our nation has been dealing with I strongly disagree with adding to the chaos .

My best~ Suzanne

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2020, at 5:34 PM, Jennifer Honey <jennifer@honeycopp.com> wrote:

To the City Council:

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Please allow Suzanne Hadley to serve as was long anticipated. She deserves it and we all deserve consistency.

Regards,

Concerned Citizen

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Martha Alvarez

From: mikejaneince@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 6:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor rotation Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Council --

We support on December 1st, Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to continue the tradition of the Manhattan Beach City Council for the last 50 years concerning the rotation of city council members. Please allow May Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley to properly assume the mayor office on December 1st.

We support her and her leadership in taking this role. We are 42 year residences of Manhattan Beach and look forward to her continued fine leadership of our city..

Mike & Jane Ince
1843 8th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA

Martha Alvarez

From: Candice Witek <candicewitek@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 6:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pro Tem Mayor Hadley

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To MB city council members,

It was brought to my attention that there is a dispute about Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley assuming her rightful position as our mayor! This is completely ridiculous to even consider denying her the same privilege of our city's 50 YEAR record of rotation into the Mayor position. Is this because she is a WOMAN!!!????? If so that is completely sexist and and I can't believe that a woman might be denied the right all the men on council have been given for the last 50 years. We need the sense and leadership of a powerful woman like Suzanne Hadley now more than ever.

I fully support her and request that she assume her rightful position as Mayor December 1, 2020.

Best,

Candice Witek
Born and Raised in MB! Resident since 1978

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Michelle <baker0824@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 6:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request- Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council Members,

Suzanne Hadley is the current Mayor Pro Tem. I'm requesting that you please let her assume her position on December 1st. This has been a 50 year tradition in our community and it would be shameful to break tradition. What would be the reasoning behind the council deviating from this rotation? I would hope that it's not because she is a strong woman. We need woman in leadership position now more than ever.

I fully support her and request she continues to serve our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Michelle Sporkin
Manhattan Beach Resident

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Martha Alvarez

From: Alison Becker <alisonbecker68@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 5:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley should serve Dec1st as assumed by the community.

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Dear City Council,

It has come to my attention that the city council is contemplating breaking the 50 year tradition of electing as Mayor the leading vote getter. Please follow our long held tradition and allow Suzanne Hadley to serve her rightful term as Mayor starting December 1st. She has done so much for this community and she deserves to have her turn.

Sincerely,
Alison Becker

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From: Allison Saba <allimsaba@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 5:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: ljacobs@scng.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council,

It has come to our attention that the city council is contemplating breaking the 50 year tradition of electing as Mayor the leading vote getter. Please follow our long held tradition and allow Suzanne Hadley to serve her rightful term as Mayor [starting December 1st](#). She has done so much for this community and she deserves to have her turn.

Sincerely,
Allison Saba

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Kate K Wright <katekwright5@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 5:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Suzanne Hadley's rotation as Mayor of City of MB ★

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Hello Council Members,

We have the pleasure of being proud new "-ish" residents to the City of Manhattan Beach, and we are called to voice our pride in the support of the 50 year tradition of rotation of City of MB Mayor Pro Tem.

On December 1, 2020, we look forward to welcoming in our new Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley. We are grateful for Suzanne's service, dedication, and voice.

Our family is counting on the continued honor of this tradition, and we also count on our local leaders upholding this rotation...Especially in a tumultuous political time when so many Government "leaders" are seemingly bending the rules to suit their particular narrative and lacking accountability.

We are additionally grateful for our City of Manhattan Beach's support of the City of MB local businesses and restaurants, City of MB Police Department, in addition to the countless other local emergency workers, employees, and small business owners. It retains our confidence in investing in our choice to live in and support Manhattan Beach!

We appreciate bold and honest leaders and we thank you.

The Wright Family

512-773-6520 (mobile)

Martha Alvarez

From: Colleen Stroyke <cmstroyke@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley MAYOR 12/1

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Dear Council,

Please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office in December 1, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach council members.

Is this really true??

Are there really people within trying to block her? If so I find this utterly pathetic. Is it really that threatening to have an outspoken conservative as Mayor? Wowww. I truly have no words and no respect. Talk about intolerance.

Pathetic.

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Colleen Stroyke  
217 7th St  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Linda Chen <theborg7@me.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley mayoral position

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Grandma Joy Chance  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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Paul Chance  
Manhattan Beach

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Dylan Chance  
Manhattan Beach



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Grandma Lilien Chen  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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Grandpa Jimmy Chen  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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Mike Chen  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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Alix Chen  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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Janice Chen  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Linda Chen <theborg7@me.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 4:24 PM  
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Linda Chen  
Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Kristy Isaak <kisaak@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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Dear City Council,

I would very much like to see our Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley, take her rotation as Mayor on December 1st. We ELECTED her (and I believe she received the most votes that year) and it is now her turn to properly assume this office.

Thank you,  
Kristy Isaak

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** EDinDie 5 <edinucci5@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayoral Rotation

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Dear Manhattan Beach Council Members:

I am writing to implore you defend the non-political mayoral rotation that has existed in Manhattan Beach for 50 years.

This seems nothing more than a naked power grab that isn't good for Manhattam Beach or the South Bay as a whole. I believe it would be wise to point out the unintended consequences; this “weapon” could be used against any of your Council Members in the future.

I support on December 1st, Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to continue the tradition of the Manhattan Beach City Council to properly assume her position of the Office of the Mayor.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Diels



## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Lynn Range <lhrange@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 3:03 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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“Dear Council, please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members.”

Regards,

Lynn Range  
Manhattan Beach Resident

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** susan underwood <swunderwood@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 2:31 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor rotation

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I support on December 1st, mayor pro tem Suzanne Hadley continue the tradition of the MB city council and take her rotation as mayor—Just like has been done for the last 50 years. I'm embarrassed for our city that I even have to write this email.

Susan underwood

Sent from my iPhone

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Leslie Tanquary <lestanquary@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 2:24 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Council, please allow Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to properly assume her office on December 1, as per the 50-year traditional rotation of Manhattan Beach for council members.

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** Jane Tournat <janetournat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 2:23 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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Dear Council Members -

Please do not obstruct the rules and tradition of each council member rotating into the position of mayor. I, along with all of the people who voted for Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley, expect and want her to move into that position on December 1st.

Thank you,

Jane Tournat

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Julie Waller <juliemwaller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Suzanne Hadley!

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Dear City Council,  
I support Suzanne Hadley to be our mayor. Thank you.  
Best,  
Julie Waller

Sent from my iPhone

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Johnny Fraher <jfraher@mailboxes.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 1:57 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley - Mayor December 1st

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Dear City Council,

It has recently come to my attention that there are rumblings that Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley, set to take over the position of Mayor on December 1, 2020, will possibly have her turn skipped to serve as Mayor. I think it would be a rash decision to strike down 50 years of tradition in order to placate the whims of a vocal minority who disagree with her opinions. I sincerely hope the city council honors this tradition and does not succumb to this minority voice. Please follow our long held tradition and allow Suzanne Hadley to serve her rightful term as Mayor starting December 1st.

Thanks,

John Fraher

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## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Rita Moorman <moormanrm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Melanie Behrens  
**Cc:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Supporting Suzanne Hadley for Mayor

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Brilliant! Thank u!

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On Nov 21, 2020, at 11:16 AM, Melanie Behrens <mdesigns12@gmail.com> wrote:

To the City Council:

We fully support Suzanne Hadley's upcoming term as mayor continuing the MB tradition. We know Suzanne to be a dedicated and highly principled citizen serving Manhattan Beach on City Council. Suzanne, a long-time resident, was elected by a clear margin of MB residents/voters who voiced their support by their votes.

In these difficult times, Suzanne provides a centrist voice of reason in the face of vocal fringe left factions. We look forward to and completely support her upcoming term as mayor.

Melanie Behrens  
[mdesigns12@gmail.com](mailto:mdesigns12@gmail.com)

Donald Behrens  
[dbehrens@baenc.com](mailto:dbehrens@baenc.com)

*Melanie Behrens*

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Rita Moorman <moormanrm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Mayor Protemp Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Members of Manhattan Beach City Council,

Thank you for the stellar job you are all doing during these difficult times and thank you to Nancy as she departs for other endeavors.

I am writing this email in support of Mayor Pro Temp Hadley advancing to Mayor. There is a lot of divisive attacks, accusations, and frank character assassination happening on various social media platforms against Suzanne. They are advocating denying the Mayor Pro Temp her term as mayor.

Mayor Pro Temp Hadley has been duly elected by the citizens of Manhattan Beach by a CLEAR margin in the last election. She was elected by that clear margin to serve on council with the expectation she would do her rotation as mayor the same as every other member of council does and has done for 50 years.

Council Member Napolitano penned a brilliant and justified public letter of support for Council Member Hersmann when she was being slandered and attacked by the social media mob and I for one was proud of him for doing so. Council should consider putting a stop to the vitriol being directed at our Mayor Pro Temp in the same manner. The best way to do that is to advance her to Mayor. Otherwise, the rest of you risk finding yourselves in a similar position when you cross the "Vocal Mob". IF you think it can't happen to the rest of you think again. These are odd times.

If support for Suzanne has waned, which I don't think it significantly has, that is for the voters of MB to decide in 2022 in the next election.

The next few months are going to continue to be difficult and Council needs to put on a united public front and continue to lead our city to better times as you have been doing these last number of months. You may not all agree on everything but your public unity and solidarity is crucial.

Thank you,

Rita Moorman MD



## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Julie Austin <jdaustins@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 6:18 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Council Member,  
I support Suzanne Hadley; Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Hadley to continue the tradition of the Manhattan Beach city Council for the last 50 years concerning the rotation of city council members to the office of Mayor.

Thank you,  
Julie Austin

Sent from my iPhone

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Robert Nickell <RobertN@nickellpps.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 5:24 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] regarding Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley

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Dear City Council

As a resident of MB for over 25 years, I highly support the 50+ year tradition of the rotation of City Council Members into the office of Mayor. I support Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley to assume her office on Dec 1, as she should.

Sincerely  
Robert Nickell

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Andreas Koch <maxflaxak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley- Looking fwd to her serving as mayor

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Please keep the tradition of mayoral rotation. I ask that the will of the people who elected Suzanne Hadley be honored to serve in this position.

Suzanne Hadley is an awesome council member! Can't wait until she assumes her entitled role as mayor.

Andreas Koch  
Long-standing resident

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Adam Goldston <adamgoldston1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 3:11 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please nip this ugliness in the bud

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My City Council Friends:

I am encouraging the five of you to release a joint statement supporting Mayor Pro Tem Hadley's ascension to Mayor in a month, supporting then Mayor Pro Tem Stern's ascension to Mayor 9 months later and supporting the fairness and neutrality of our community's Mayoral precedent beyond.

Not demonstrating unified support now will result in a 9-month cycle of unproductive partisan dispute, encouraging the vile content displayed on social media.

The five of you led by Mayor Montgomery have done amazing work leading us through this crisis, the next council to be led by Mayor Hadley will continue doing amazing work and, in 10 months, Mayor Stern will lead us through Covid and whatever is next.

There is nothing positive that will come from anything short of immediately, decisively and in a unified manner nipping this ugliness in the bud.

Your friend,  
Adam Goldston

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Adam Goldston  
[AdamGoldston1@gmail.com](mailto:AdamGoldston1@gmail.com)  
310-880-5691

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Jackson, Jennifer <Jennifer.Jackson@karlstorz.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 3:10 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Suzanne Hadley

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing you all to let you know that I fully support and am proud that Suzanne Hadley is to serve as the next Mayor of Manhattan Beach. Suzanne has changed my viewpoint around our city council. She is progressive, and works to serve this community and the residents. We should respect a leader who does not shy away from talking about the issues, because by doing so she is aiming to understand all perspectives. Leaders across this state and country should all do more of this. It is too often we see leadership TO the people instead of WITH the people.

The fact that individuals are attempting to deny the her term as Mayor is appalling. This rotation is kept in place to mitigate special interest politics, which is rampant in this country right now. We the people elected each member to the council, with the understand that the Mayor would be rotated. Members of the council who aim to change how the council is run, and deny the rights of their counterparts are the individuals who need to be watched.

Suzanne Hadley should be the next Mayor of Manhattan Beach, and I look forward to seeing her in that role.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Jackson  
Concerned Citizen of Manhattan Beach

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Gino Nucci <ginonucci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 1:18 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor

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Dear Council Members,

We have been informed that there is an agenda item on 12/1 to change how the Mayor is determined in Manhattan Beach. Allegedly, Councilmembers Hersman and Stern, are attempting to make last second changes to this procedural exercise to block Susan Hadley's election due to her support to reopen small businesses and schools. I hope this is not the case.

While Ms. Hadley voted against our objection to installing a cell tower in our front yard, she argued her side of the case in a professional and courteous manner which included several long, thoughtful emails to our family. Although unhappy with her vote against us, we respect her and will always hold her in high esteem. She has proven herself to be an unbiased and fair arbiter of the laws in Manhattan Beach and perhaps more importantly, a breath of fresh air when it comes to common sense application of unilateral decrees to usurp basic liberties that we have in the USA.

If this is true, it is very disappointing and will only further erode public trust in elected officials that have clearly overstepped their authority in a totalitarian grab for power. Perhaps we were misinformed, but regardless we respectfully request clarification from you on the topic.

Regards,

Gino & Britney Nucci

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** angelina <angatbeach@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 12:52 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach - Mayor

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Good Afternoon City Council Members,

I hope all is well! I am writing this note in support of Manhattan Beach, our traditions and Suzanne Hadley for Mayor. It seems there is a very vocal minority that have expressed a desire to not allow Mrs Hadley to take her place as Mayor this rotation.

In times like these when so many things are being taken from us due to COVID restrictions and civil unrest I think it's extremely important to stand firm for our way of life and the traditions that have served this community well for so many years.

I see on social media the slanderous and vile comments being made by a few about Mrs Hadley and it's truly disheartening, especially when you have our local publications running these negative hit pieces on anyone that doesn't fall into line with their ideology.

This is a an extremely critical time for our community and it's more important than ever to stand together instead of give in to every demand. What's next? Ban the United States flag? Or take down the 9/11 Memorial? As with all bratty children, give them an inch and they'll take a yard.

Please stay united and show our community that we will continue the civility of our Mayors rotation.

Thank you all for your time in advance and have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

angelina gambino

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Zim Zimm <pkslideshow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley

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I do hope that the tradition is upheld to rotate the mayorship in Manhattan Beach. I support Suzanne Hadley to be chosen as the next mayor for our city.

She is an excellent representative of our city. She may speak her mind more publicly than other candidates. But I appreciate her passion for many issues, even though she may not share the safe view.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Megan Zimmer  
Manhattan Beach resident

Sent from my iPhone



## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Fenton Sanger <oufenton@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayoral Rotation

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Dear Council:

Today I write for two purposes.

First is to thank you for your service during this unquestionably challenging time. Your leadership will carry our town past this challenging time.

Second is to formally request that Manhattan Beach continue the process of nine month mayoral rotation among council members. We believe this historical and respected process is an excellent method to represent the diversity in views of our wonderful town.

Respectfully,

Fenton Sanger  
Manhattan Beach resident and business owner

Sent from my iPhone

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** Thomas Chang <changhathomas@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 11:28 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; Bruce Moe  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayoral rotation must be followed

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It has come to my attention that some of you would now like to “reimagine” the 9-month mayoral rotation amongst council members that has been a standing protocol. It is not lost upon me (along with many others) that the timing corresponds with Suzanne Hadley taking her rightful turn to assume the position of mayor.

You were elected to promote and protect the welfare of the residents of Manhattan Beach, not pursue an ideological agenda outside the scope of your authority. Moreover, your constituency elected Councilperson Hadley with the anticipation that she would assume the duties of mayor when her turn arrived. In seeking to deny her that right, you are usurping the will of those who elected you.

This is a very bad idea that should be abandoned immediately, and Hadley deserves a direct apology from those who have abased the collegiality of their office by suggesting it.

The voting taxpaying public you serve is watching.

Thomas

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** PAULA PACKWOOD <ppss4@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor pro tem Suzanne Hadley

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To each City Council member:

We support Mayor pro tem Suzanne Hadley's election into Mayor as scheduled next month. This has been a tradition for many years and should be continued.

Steve and Paula Packwood

Sent from my iPhone

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** JOHN NASH <jsn3211@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Mayoral Tradition

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

Thank you for your service to the community. I know that this time must be stressful for you all and my family values your hard work.

I am a local business owner, voter, and our children attend school in Manhattan Beach.

I recently learned that there is some talk of scuttling the long-held tradition of rotating the Mayor's position, which would prevent Suzanne Hadley from serving her term. I completely disagree with this notion and hope that the Council will reject any such request. The City Council has operated in this fashion for, as I understand it, several decades and the rotating nature of the position serves as an important check and balance on our local governance. Furthermore, there is no reasonable basis for any change nor any precedent for doing so.

Many of my neighbors and fellow business owners have told me that the idea of ceasing the rotation has emerged from special interests and individuals upset at the recent outcome of our local election. To the extent that this is true, the City Council must strenuously reject any consideration of the request in order to protect the integrity of our local elections. Voters had the opportunity to elect their preferred candidates with the understanding that Councilwoman Hadley would serve as Mayor. Therefore, the results of the election should be respected and protected with vigor. Even the appearance of consideration of this idea, which is a clear effort to weaken and undermine the outcome of the election, would lessen the public's trust in our most important local institution.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Nash

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Peter B <peter@wwpsp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rotation of the Mayor

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I'm writing to express my concern of a potential change to the process that has taken place in this community for a long time. The rotation of Mayors. While historically many people had not voted for a certain City Council member who became Mayor, that is the process, and one that we have supported regardless of political affiliation or personal opinions. The beauty of it is that things get mixed up - candidates from all sides get their turn and we change again. So why would we consider leapfrogging someone whose turn it is to be Mayor because some people don't like what she or he has to say? This is crazy! I guarantee many people have not liked what many City Council persons have said in the past but regardless we supported that process of them becoming Mayor. If we as citizens overwhelmingly don't like a particular candidate the solution is simple - we vote them out. That is the process and it works. The City Council should not change the rules and select who they feel is worthy of the position - the people vote in a council member and the rotation begins. If the council cherry picks who can and cannot be Mayor then why are the people even voting? It is not the Council's right to do so. IF you want to propose an election for Mayor - fine - let the people decide - not you.

There are many residents who feel the way I do, that now more than ever, we must respect the process of our local Government and allow it to continue in the same function it has in the past.

Thank you for reading this very important issue.

Peter Billingsley  
[peter@wwpsp.com](mailto:peter@wwpsp.com)

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** mmacheret <mmacheret@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 8:04 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] End the cancel culture

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It's time to end the cancel culture and selective sexism of the radical left. It's Suzanne Hadley's turn to be Mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Michael Macheret  
26 year homeowner in MB

Sent from Michael's iPhone

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Phillips Lee <leephillipsmd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; Bruce Moe  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item for the 12/1 meeting to discuss how a mayor is selected/appointed.

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Dear Council members,

I understand there is an active campaign by some residents, non residents and special interest groups to deny Council Member Hadley her rightful place as Mayor of MB. For 50 years it has been the tradition of MB to allow every council person a 9 month rotation a Mayor. This rotation helps to keep politics out of our non-partisan city council.

I honor the right to free speech, however I am concerned the issue is being agendized as an organized tactic to exclude from the Mayoral role Council Member Hadley because of her opinions.

It would be sad day for our democracy if it's no longer appropriate for council members to voice an opinion.

We elect our leaders to speak out for us, ask the tough questions and propose alternative solutions. No one has done a better job of this than Council Member Hadley.

To deny us the opportunity to have Council Member Hadley as our mayor for the next 9 months is to say that our vote for Council Member Hadley doesn't count.

With all of the questions around the fairness of our elections, denying the citizens of Manhattan Beach their choice of Council Member Hadley ascending to the mayoral position during the next 9 months simply undermines the voice and vote of the community.

Suzanne will be an outstanding Mayor. I have no doubt that we will benefit from her insightful and dedicated leadership. She has my complete confidence and I believe she will represent Manhattan Beach well.

I look forward to a peaceful and democratic transfer of the Mayoral responsibilities to Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Hadley.

Lee Phillips

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Carol Shafer <carolfinejewelry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:56 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor rotation

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I am in full support of keeping the mayor rotation in place. Don't screw this one up.

Carol Elizabeth Shafer



## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Scott C. Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:18 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Next Mayor!

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Dear C.C. Please stop the cancel culture in it's tracks. I voted for Suzanne and expect the same courtesy when I voted for you. Yes this was a close election but we need to stand together as a community! Please keep the Mayor position as it stands with the normal rotation!

Regards,  
Scott C. Chambers

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Tiffany Wright <seden\_lynne@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:14 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Agenda item for the 12/1 meeting to discuss how a mayor is selected/appointed.

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Dear Council members,

First of all, I want to thank you for your incredible service during this unprecedented and difficult time. You have worked hard together to drive solutions that are innovative, compassionate and ensure the safety of our community. You have all earned your Ph.D., leading through a time like this.

I understand there is an active campaign by some residents and special interest groups to deny Council Member Hadley her rightful place as Mayor of MB. While I honor their right to free speech, I am concerned about their organized tactics to silence and bully leaders like Council Member Hadley who look to help those with no voice or ask the questions that members of our community are afraid to ask. It would be sad day in our community if we change our time honored traditions because it's no longer appropriate for our leadership to support the residents in this way. Now, more than ever, it has become an unsafe environment for community members to question decisions that are being made that are negatively affecting what is most important to families like never before. It's times like this that we depend on our leaders to speak out for us, ask the tough questions and propose alternative solutions. No one has done a better job of this than Council Member Hadley.

For 50 years it has been the tradition of MB to rotate the mayor from among the council members every nine months. This rotation helps to keep politics and bullies out of our non-partisan city council. It comforts residents to know that this time honored tradition will not be debunked like many of their state and federal constitutional rights recently.

As citizens of Manhattan Beach, we rely on our ability to exercise our right to choose each of our City Council Members and have relied upon the time honored tradition that our candidate will be our mayor during their term. To deny us the opportunity to have Council Member Hadley as our mayor for the next 9 months is to say that our vote for Council Member Hadley doesn't count like the votes we cast for the other council members. With all of the questions around the fairness of our elections, denying the citizens of Manhattan Beach their choice of Council Member Hadley ascending to the mayoral

position during the next 9 months simply undermines the voice and vote of the community. Let the voters determine Council Member Hadley's fate when she is up for re-election, not the pressure of special interests and residents who don't agree with her opinions.

Suzanne will be an outstanding Mayor. I have no doubt that we will benefit from her insightful and dedicated leadership. She has my complete confidence and I believe she will represent Manhattan Beach well.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Wright  
533 2nd Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
213-500-1433

Resident since 2003

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Candis Duke <candisduke@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 7:14 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Bruce Moe  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor Elect

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Dear Council Members,

It has come to my attention that two council members (Stern and Hersman) asked for an agenda item for the [12/1](#) meeting to discuss how a mayor is selected/ appointed.

The timing is telling since this is when Council Woman Suzanne Hadley is expected to be elected Mayor. If this is accurate, it is in & of itself is very concerning

Further, it comes after an unjust campaign that self declared *Cannabis Artist* (whatever that means) Emily Eizen mounted on [change.org](#) against Council Woman Hadley. Both on [Change.org](#) and on Nextdoor Councilwoman Hadley has been victim of vitriolic, sexist, discriminatory and vile attacks and even threats to her own personal safety. We appreciate you have been justly prompt in defending Councilwoman Hersman and stern when they have been victims of insults, however we have not heard any words of condemnation expressed when the same vitriol and actual threats were leveled against Councilwoman Hadley. It now appears that you may be considering punishing her for her opinions by denying her expectations to be elected mayor. I ask that you remove this agenda item and follow the customary rule of rotation. The discussion of this matter at this point in time is very concerning. If the policy is to be changed, it should not be at this time and MB citizens should have the opportunity to provide input.

Using one's position to punish another of the duly elected colleagues primarily because her opinion is different , is not just petty; it is unethical and indicative of an abuse of power and position.

Please do not let this happen. The very fact you are entertaining this idea is a dangerous precedent .

Thank you so much for your attention.

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Candis Duke

Sent from my iPhone

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Tara Overson <taraoverson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council

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I am extremely concerned about the Mayor Elect Suzanne Hadley and her ability to govern in a non partisan way. I am in several groups that she is in on social media and her comments about the Covid crisis and schools opening astound me. She is NOT speaking for all residents of Manhattan Beach as I strongly disagree with most of her views.

I am also originally from the Midwest (as she mentioned in her letter today) and that is no excuse for ignorance.

How will she be able to lead the Manhattan Beach City Council fairly and in a non-partisan way when she has such strong opinions and shares them freely?

A concerned citizen of MB,

Tara Overson

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Ken Furuta <kfnmb@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hadley for Mayor

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am a resident of MB for over 40 years and also a retired Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant, after 20 years of service. My parents and myself have chosen to live in MB for all these years, mainly due to the small hometown community and values. Although, much has changed over the years, the city is one of the best places to live in the country.

I recently heard of a movement by an individual to start a petition and to also prevent Suzanne Hadley, our Pro Tem Mayor, to not only be removed but to prevent her the opportunity to serve as Mayor. Although, the city allows all council members an opportunity to serve as Mayor and it is an unwritten rule, I strongly encourage the City Council to allow her the opportunity to serve as Mayor. This follows our long standing tradition and values here in MB. Allowing her not to serve and giving in to one person's political agenda is wrong and the council should continue to be neutral. I believe the majority of current MB residents support Suzanne and will be watching on not only how she votes, but the entire city council.

Thank you for your time,

Ken Furuta

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## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Terri Warren <terrifwarren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Terri Warren  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley's turn as Mayor

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Dear MB City Council -

I have heard rumblings that some of the council members might be opposed to allowing Suzanne Hadley to fulfill her mayoral rotation. I am writing in support of Suzanne Hadley since I believe she will represent our citizens well and be a mayor we can all be proud of, even if we don't all agree with everything she advocates or says. But that's why the whole council has input on policy decisions. But more importantly, I support our 50-year tradition of mayoral rotation continues because it keeps out personality differences as well as politics and personal differences. I am asking that the will of the people who elected Suzanne Hadley be honored and respected. Let's not open a Pandora box and set a precedent which could be easily followed against any other city council member up for rotation to mayor.

Respectfully, Terri Warren

MB Citizen



## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** MaryEllen Udovich <maryellen.udovich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:21 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Suzanne Hadley

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Dear Council,

It's no secret that some are 'whispering' to not allow Suzanne to serve her term as mayor. To give in to this is simply un-American and wrong.

To consider breaking our town's tradition of rotating the council member's turn for mayor is complete madness. Each and every one of you are elected by the people of Manhattan Beach. Every council member rightfully got enough votes to serve our community... and every one of you also had people who outright did not vote for you.

Don't let the loud minority sway your obligation to uphold this precedent.

Best,  
MaryEllen Udovich

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