

# CATALINA CLASSIC PROPOSED SCULPTURE



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



**Post Card** as it was sent out to home owners within 1000 feet of proposed project site.

Over 600 post cards were sent.

Twenty seven people answered the survey with 70% in support of the project and 30% opposed.

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### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

The South Bay Boardriders Club has proposed a sculpture by artist Chris Barela to commemorate the Catalina Classic paddleboard race. The 18ft. bronze sculpture is proposed to be installed in the sand at the Lower South Pier Parking Lot. This item will be going to City Council for review on November 17. We would like your input on the proposed artwork!

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SURVEY  
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2021.**  
[www.manhattanbeach.gov/survey](http://www.manhattanbeach.gov/survey)



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## Survey Results: 27 responders; 70% in favor, 30% opposed

Survey Title Catalina Classic Statue Survey

Start Date 09/15/2021 4:25 PM

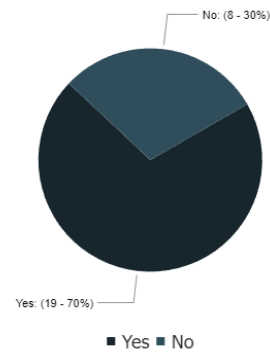
Last Submission On 11/01/2021 12:43 PM

View Times 185

Number of Submitters 27

Unvalidated Entries 0

Do you support this project?



Total Submissions: 27

Do you support this project?	
	Please let us know if you have any additional feedback:
yes	
yes	
yes	
yes	Looks wonderful, and will be a beautiful addition there!
yes	
no	I support the continuation of the Catalina Classic, but the resources of the South Bay Boardriders Club could be better utilized than donation of this statue. In my opinion, it takes away from the precious resources of view of the beach, ocean, and pier; it is my understanding it will remove a few parking spaces at the end of the South Lower Pier Parking Lot, and I fear it may come to be a playground for kids and skateboarders. No to the statue. (BTW, the postcard from the City indicates the project will come before City Council on November 17; in fact, as this survey indicate, the Council Meeting will be on Nov 16.
yes	Awesome event! participants! and inspiration!
yes	
yes	Great idea...love the location!
yes	
yes	
yes	
yes	I like the design

yes	The design team may want to re-confirm the configuration of the proposed police/fire/lifeguard access lane specifically where the access lane enters the beach. There is typically a fairly significant seasonal loss of beach sand along the western edge of the bike path at the exact location of where the proposed access lane point hits the beach sand. In other words, the proposed location where the access lane intersects the sand tends to lose sand frequently and often creates a small (8-12") drop off from the concrete bike path to the beach sand. Emergency/lifeguard vehicles currently access the beach from a location a bit further south (20ft+/-) on the bike path where the concrete bike path and the beach sand are consistently at the same elevation.
no	Having this structure sticking up as high almost as the palm trees looks more like it's trying to compete with and distract from the already beautiful Manhattan Beach pier area rather than "enhance" it in any way.
no	There's already so much going on taking away from the natural beauty of the coastline and I want to preserve as much as possible
yes	The paddle board race has been a local aquatic tradition for the last 65 years. It is part of the character of Manhattan Beach.
yes	
yes	
no	It's the most traveled section of the Strand. Any events that take place, this is the main walkway/driveway to the beach. It will create unnecessary traffic for emergency vehicles that need to get through quickly, bring many more tourists stopping at the bike path where riders no longer have to walk & obstruct the view of the homeowners in front. PUT IT AT THE PIER!
no	As currently proposed, I think the statue is too large. The Catalina Classic is a great event and I have no issue with it being commemorated. I would support the statue at 2/3 of its present proposed 18' height (including base). Bob Holmes (Riding waves in Manhattan Beach since 1964)
no	Whoever thought of putting this statue at this location is not thinking of the safety of others. And the person that created the 3D image of the statue at the beach made it look like there's no people. There's always people at the beach, at this location. Even on the coldest winter days. Let alone a sunny day. Are the emergency vehicles going to drive down the bike path? That's another disaster waiting to happen. My kids ride the Strand every day. We don't want this sculpture in this location. I'm speaking for our MB neighborhood. I know our board members are smart. So please use your brains.
yes	
no	As a resident who lives just east of the proposed Catalina Classic sculpture site, I can tell you that after decades of living here and witnessing the activity of this area, this is very possibly the worst location to place this statue. This location is a high traffic area with emergency vehicle access, people locking up bicycles on the bike racks, and cyclists/skaters quickly rolling downhill on the Bike Path toward the Pier. Placing the sculpture here is an accident waiting to happen. Day in and day out, I hear cyclists yelling at would-be beach goers who don't look both ways as they cross the bike path to "LOOK OUT!" Imagine, if you will, multiple people clogging up this area trying to get a

	<p>photo or crowding the bike path even more. More people in a confined, highly-trafficked area brings more risk. What kind of liability will Manhattan Beach face by placing this sculpture here?</p> <p>Why not keep our area pristine and in its natural state without placing a piece of artwork that could also pose a safety risk? Years ago, we also faced a similar type of proposal with the "LOVE" sculpture being placed in the same area. If you insist on a beach location, why not put this new sculpture at the base of the Pier behind the stone pillars? At least there, you won't have cyclists or skaters on a collision course with sculpture viewers or pose an issue of an emergency vehicle needing to get through any potential group of people. In Hermosa Beach, their surfer statue is at the foot of their pier and not in front of residents' homes. I think there are other areas that would be better suited than this highly congested area. For safety reasons, this sculpture needs to go elsewhere, and I am opposed to the proposed site.</p>
yes	Excellent project! We need more sculptures (and less murals) citywide.
yes	
no	<p>The proposed location is in a critical, high density transit corridor used by beach goers, bicyclists, surfers, skateboarders and, most importantly it is the transfer location facilitating transport of injured beach goers to ambulances and fire department EMT responders. It is the main access point for police and often lifeguard vehicles. It is the emergency beach access point for Manhattan Beach at the pier.</p> <p>The volume of people walking through that area can be enormous.</p> <p>Artwork has various locations which can equally serve its purpose. This location and its current usage would be severely compromised by the proposed statute. The City of Manhattan Beach is on notice that allowing a statue of any nature: surfboarder, Volleyball, pier to pier swim or walk, could contribute to the injury of persons attempting to access and enjoy the natural sand and surf of Manhattan Beach.</p> <p>This is a one day a year event. There are many more, some involving more days with equal if not greater public awareness. A line must be drawn. That is the mission of the City Council.</p> <p>I do not support this project for the foregoing reasons and for all of the reasons set forth several years ago when the City Council wisely denied the location access to the LOVE statute</p> <p>Thank you.</p>