

Manhattan Beach City Council

Councilmember Assignments/Committee Descriptions

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

This committee is comprised of two City Councilmembers and two School Boardmembers. The committee meets on an as-needed basis to discuss issues of mutual interest to the City and the school district.

Utilities Subcommittee:

This committee is comprised of two City Councilmembers and Southern California Edison (SCE) representatives who meet on an informal basis about the reliability and maintenance of SCE's system in Manhattan Beach.

Finance Subcommittee:

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

Senior Advisory Committee (SAC):

The purpose of the SAC is to provide ongoing input to the City of Manhattan Beach on the provision and delivery of recreational, social, educational, health and community services (via The Older Adult Program) to Manhattan Beach residents aged 55 and over. One City Councilmember (usually the Mayor or City Councilmember appointed by the Mayor) acts as the liaison to the SAC to communicate Older Adult programs and events to the City Council and share City Council updates with the SAC.

Mall Subcommittee:

The Manhattan Village Mall committee meets with staff and representatives from the development team for the Mall Expansion Project on an as-needed basis. The role of the committee is to keep updated on the construction schedule, listen to concerns or issues as they arise, provide feedback on community interests or concerns, and report to City Council as a whole if warranted on Mall issues.

Sustainability Task Force:

This task force is comprised of two City Councilmembers, staff, and a diverse cross-section of Manhattan Beach's community from business, scientific, nonprofit, environmental, and education fields with professional experience or demonstrated expertise in sustainability topics. The members provide technical expertise and original research and analysis to help form initiatives and policy recommendations to the City Council regarding environmental sustainability issues. The task force meets on an as needed basis to contribute to the development of policies and programs.

Sustainability Youth Task Force (SYTF):

This task force is comprised of a diverse group of students ranging in grades 5 – 12 representing the Manhattan Beach community, who share a passion for protecting the environment and supporting the City's environmental policies and goals. The Sustainability Youth Task Force is managed by members of the Sustainability Task Force and two Councilmembers. The task force plays a vital role in introducing environmental programs in the community. The SYTF meets quarterly and conducts additional outreach events.

Art in Public Places Committee - Bruce's Beach Art Project:

This committee is composed of two City Councilmembers, representatives from the dissolved Bruce's Beach Task Force, the Cultural Arts Commission, and City staff. They will discuss the art project and BID specifications for the art to be placed at Bruce's Beach Park.

Bruce's Beach Plaque Subcommittee:

This committee is composed of two City Councilmembers who will propose revised draft language to be placed on a plaque at Bruce's Beach Park and one at The Strand near the County Lifeguard Administration building. Additional recommendations from the subcommittee regarding the fabrication and installation of the plaques will be discussed and recommendations will be made to the City Council.

COVID-19 Long-Term Business Solutions Ad Hoc Committee:

This committee is composed of two City Councilmembers, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business and Professionals Association, and Downtown Residents Association, as well as City staff, to discuss partnerships and solutions for businesses responding to the COVID-19 emergency restrictions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)*:

The SBCCOG is a Joint Powers Authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay region. The members are comprised of the Cities of: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles along with the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4. Each member has one delegate. The Board of Directors meets once a month (4th Thursday) to discuss issues of relevance to the South Bay Cities such as legislation, transportation, and other such intergovernmental issues.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC)*:

The South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (also referred to as "RCC" for Regional Communications Center) is a Joint Powers Authority currently owned by the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach while also providing communications services under contract to the cities of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, and Culver City. City Council representatives attend twice a year.

L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Independent Cities Association (ICA):

ICA is a non-profit corporation established in 1960 by the full service cities (cities that provide their own police and/or fire services) in Southern California to represent the interests of the member cities collectively. The organization focuses on education, legislative advocacy, intergovernmental relationships and other major issues that transcend the boundaries of its member cities. ICA is governed by a maximum of 24 Board of Directors elected by the member cities which meets once a month every 2nd Thursday.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD)*:

The Sanitation Districts are a public agency created under state law to manage wastewater and solid waste on a regional scale and consist of 24 independent special districts serving about 5.6 million people in Los Angeles County. The service area covers approximately 850 square miles and encompasses 78 cities and unincorporated territory within the county. The Board of Directors consists of the mayor of each city within that District and meet once per month every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Los Angeles County City Selection Committee:

The ad hoc group is made up of elected officials from each city in Los Angeles County (the mayor is the automatic delegate) that appoint City representatives to such Boards, Commissions and Agencies required by law, to seats on regional boards such as: LAFCO, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles County Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Committee; and to nominate for appointment Members to the California Coastal Commission. The group meets on an as-needed basis approximately 3-4 times a year.

REGIONAL/STATE GOVERNMENT

League of California Cities:

The League of California Cities is an Association of California City Officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities. The City of Manhattan Beach is within the Los Angeles County division of the League and is made up of the 86 cities in LA County. The League of California Cities provides members with the opportunity to exchange ideas and information and share the advantages of cooperative advocacy. The division is guided by an executive committee under the leadership of a division president. Elected city officials and professional city staff attend division meetings throughout the year to share what they are doing and advocate for their interests in Sacramento.

California Contract Cities Association (CCCA):

California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) is to serve as a rallying point for cities contracting for municipal services to ensure the best constituent services at the minimum cost. Through municipal seminars, education, exchange of ideas and information, the association combines resources to influence policy decisions affecting member cities.

Clean Power Alliance of Southern California (CPA):

Clean Power Alliance is a new, locally controlled electricity provider or regional Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program in Southern California. CPA allows local governments to purchase electricity in the wholesale power market and sell it to their residents and businesses at competitive rates as an alternative to electricity provided by an investor owned utility. CPA is run by an Executive Director and a small staff and is overseen by elected officials from cities and counties who serve on a Board of Directors of the CPA, a nonprofit agency established to operate the program. The City of Manhattan Beach, as a Board Member since December 2017, has the opportunity to make important, foundational decisions regarding environmental sustainability. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and/or Staff are appointed as Board of Directors and Alternates attend monthly board meetings, as well as multiple committee meetings.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch:

Neighborhood Watch Area Coordinators meetings are held every other month (2nd Wednesday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair Association:

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

Manhattan Beach Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T):

The Manhattan Beach Community Emergency Response Team Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization created to enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response for the citizens of Manhattan Beach. We accomplish this through participation in community awareness events, various training programs, and drills and providing volunteer support to the Manhattan Beach Fire and Police Departments when a disaster strikes or upon activation by the Manhattan Beach Fire or Police Departments in the event of an emergency.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce:

Established in 1941, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting business through a mix of opportunities for business expansion, personal growth and community connection. The Board of Directors meets once a month (3rd Wednesday). Traditionally, the City Delegate provides an update on matters of interest to the business community.

Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association (DBPA):

The DBPA is a non-profit corporation established in 1985 which serves all business license holders in the downtown area except commercial property owners. The DBPA works on parking, transportation and community programs, marketing and advertising of the downtown and holds a variety of promotions and special events. The DBPA meets once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. Traditionally, the City Delegate provides an update on matters of interest to the downtown business community.

North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District (BID):

The North Manhattan Beach BID (the area generally surrounding the Rosecrans Avenue and Highland Avenue intersection) was originally formed in 1969, and then reformed in 2004 with a broadened scope to address physical improvements to the district, signage, and marketing. It includes all business license holders in the defined area and has a 7-member board comprised of business owners within the BID boundaries which meets once a month – usually the first Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Revenue Services Manager is the staff liaison and administrator for the BID. City delegates attend meetings and may provide a brief report/City update when needed.

AIRPORTS

Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) LAX/Community Noise Roundtable:

The Roundtable was created in September 2000 and is intended to reduce and mitigate the adverse noise impacts that the users of LAX create on the surrounding communities and their environs. Membership of the Roundtable consists of local elected officials, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Office of Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA), and LAWA management. The roundtable meets on the second Wednesday of every odd numbered month and may schedule additional meetings as needed. All meetings start at 7 PM.

Hawthorne Municipal Airport Communities Network Committee:

This committee was created to provide an informational forum engaging representatives from communities affected by FAA established flight paths, pilots and flight operation managers as well as FAA representatives in conversations aimed at finding ways to reduce and mitigate noise impacts on the surrounding communities to the extent possible by pilots and the FAA laws and regulations and safety standards. The committee meets at 6:00pm on the second Wednesday of: January, April, July, and October.

ADOPT A SCHOOL

Periodically, City Councilmembers may be invited to attend events at schools in Manhattan Beach. To ensure each Councilmember adequately addresses the needs of a respective school, City Councilmembers are appointed as a delegate to represent the City Council. One City Councilmember acts as the liaison to each respective school to communicate school events to the City Council, attend meetings, and share City Council updates with their assigned school.