Public Comments
Oral Communications

August 10, 2020
City Council Meeting
Please listen to architects Christine and Bob Boles' objections to this project. I think their concerns are valid and worth your serious consideration. I have posted them on my blog at PacificaRiptide.com

Thanks

John Maybury
Editor and Publisher
PacificaRiptide.com
Madam Mayor and Council members,

Last year I attended a council meeting regarding fireworks (both illegal and safe and sane) and the idea that they should be banned totally in the city limits of Pacifica. Well as in years past nothing was done to stop the fireworks displays. There was some suggestion that the fine of $1000.00 should be increased for illegal fireworks possession but some lame excuse was given as to why it could not be increased.
I find it absolutely outrageous that the City of Pacifica continues to allow fireworks of any kind. What kind of fire disaster will it take to finally cause you all to wake up and stop the sale. This year there were several grass fires and structure fires. Isn’t one fire enough.

I have for the past several years been fortunate to take my two dogs who are extremely sensitive to the large M-80 explosions that rock our quaint city on the 4th of July, out of town to communities that do not allow fireworks of any kind. This year due to the Corona virus and the spike in numbers in California I was unable to visit with friends in those safe and quiet communities. So I had to book a hotel room by SFO in order to keep my animals safe. Both of my dogs have heart issues and fireworks cause them to pant uncontrollably, and their hearts beat to an unhealthy level. They cannot be sedated due to their heart issues.

I had to check into the Westin SFO in Millbrea for two nights (July 3rd and July 4th). This was a very costly endeavor to say the least. I am enclosing the bill for my hotel stay and asking that the City of Pacifica pay for the stay. You have a responsibility to the citizens of your town to protect them and secure that we are safe in their own homes free from any illegal activities that could be handled by simply making fireworks illegal.

Frustrated,
Judie Pursell

Mailing address: Pacifica, CA 94044
July 9, 2020

Dear City Council Members,

It was brought to my attention that you were going to be voting on permits for homeless RVs etc to park on our city streets and church parking lots. A few questions, when did the law change with no RV parking on city streets. Also, the 72 hour parking law that is not being enforced on the RVs in our town. Please note this whole situation was happening well before Covid 19. Below I will be stating my concerns and why I am against this permit going forward.

I would like to start out with the fact that I have been a resident of Pacifica for all my life 56 years. I have three generations that have been here along with many other family members. I miss my Pacifica when it was clean and respected. I have never seen my town look so dirty and sad. We need to clean up Manor Village, the first part of Pacifica you see and it looks terrible. Homeless camps, RVs in parking lots, side allies and in front of business. Garbage cans overflowing and smells of urine. I no longer shop at the Manor Village because I don't feel safe. Another situation also needs to be addressed is the drug dealers that walk around and sit in their cars in both Manor and Linda Mar Centers. Just looking at Pacifica that at one time was respected by our City Council. Please keep in mind I am not the only resident that feels this way. You need to send a strong message to the managers of Manor Village to clean it up, they don't listen to us homeowners. The clothing debris boxes are always overflowing and left there for weeks and at times a month. If the company can't keep up they should be removed or we change them a fee for overflow. Now we have to see the overgrowth of RVs. I miss my clean and cared for town!

I am NOT for this movement of RVs on our streets. I understand the saciness of our country, but people not from this town that are stating they are homeless should not have rights to our public streets nor the town they never lived in. I am a taxpayer and homeowner, I feel this should be on a ballot so it could be voted on, not just decided by our City Council. No person should be living on our public streets, due to the safety of themselves and especially residences of Pacifica. Some of these RVs are not homeless; they are from out of state that have homes, but are working in our bay area. They should be using the money they get from their employers for hospitality, and that money should be going into our hotels in our town (Revenu and helps taxes). The homeless from our town should have a safe and respected temporary place to live such as the old sewer plant area on Palmetto or Mussel Rock. Both of these areas are very sheltered. That way they are out of the public eye, tourists and are in a safe place for themselves and our citizens of the community. We don't want to detour our tourists that help our businesses in town etc.

Having homeless RVs parked so close to schools is reckless, Does our city do anytype of background check on these people? Example: Oceana Blvd is a big city liability. I have almost
come head on many times with Sam Trans buses, big rig trucks due to RV's sticking out. Along with so many cars coming over line when there is a bike rider or pedestrian walking on the street heading northbound, because you can not walk on the sidewalk due to overgrown weeds and big branches and RV mirrors, their stairs sticking out and generators. Please keep in mind they have gas cans on our streets with those generators. One cigarette out a window of a car or someone walking by, or just the right spark!!! I have called many times in regards to these issues. I know many other people have called as well. Keep in mind when you are going south on Oceana Blvd and you see a bus coming at you on your side of the line there is no shoulder to move over to. What really upsets me is when I see elderly and people pushing strollers having to cross mid way or walk in the street because they can't get through on the sidewalk. Not sure if you know about the elderly woman who has for years driven her wheelchair along Oceana Blvd it is sad to see what she has to do now driving her wheelchair along there.

We have four schools in this area which children of all ages walk by. We had an incident with one of the men in one of the trailers and that trailer is still present. A man was talking to one of our female students. She was trying to walk away and he kept standing in front or her. Thank god our PE couch from Oceana High School drove by and asked if she was okay and if she needed a ride. Who knows what could have happened! Yes, this person did report to Pacifica PD. As you can see nothing was done because that man still is living on our streets. The 72 hour notice is not enforced in this town with RVs and their cars. All these RV owners have another vehicle. So it is not just one vehicle parked on our streets it is two or more per RV. So you should be moving these RVs faithfully every 72 hours for all fairness to your community. This same situation is not good for Palmetto Ave. nor Terra Nova Blvd. Why do you keep looking at areas where there are schools, parks, children walking and residents.

As a tax paying citizen and homeowner of Pacifica I am putting the City of Pacifica on notice. You have made our sidewalks and streets unsafe by letting RVs park where they want and letting homeless sleep on sidewalks, overpasses and in front of businesses. Giving RV owners a permit does not make our city streets safe at all, just money in your pocket. Charge the RV owners a permit fee to park at Mussel Rock or old sewer plant on Palmetto as I mentioned earlier. You are just putting all citizens of Pacifica at risk.

Best Regards,
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Jennifer Wong
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From: Micaela dybbro de solo drive, pacifica  

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Sincerely  
Micaela dybbro  
Sent from my iPhone  

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I previously wrote to the City Council encouraging the following reforms: 1) a ban on chokeholds; 2) civilian involvement in reviews of use of force; 3) the use of tear gas; and 4) redirecting funding away from the police department and towards alternative forms of intervention in mental health and similar crises.

I am aware that the PPD banned chokeholds, and that the City Council held a study session about other possible reforms. I have not seen any minutes from the study session, and so am left with the impression that the only knowledgeable people invited to address the issues were from the police department itself. This seems highly problematic for reasons that should be apparent. I hope my impression was wrong.

Recently I have noticed the PPD congratulating themselves on Next Door for arresting someone on a parole violation. Perhaps the individual was a threat to the community or perhaps they weren't - I don't know. What I do know is this type of "thin blue line" law-and-order type mentality is exactly why police departments need to be reformed.

I am concerned by what appears to be a lack of progress on this issue. Perhaps it is the opacity of the process, but I would not want the City Council to think its work is done on the issue.

Thank you,

Aimee Solway

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Helena Pacholuk,

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Happy Monday!
My name is Stephanie Madrinan, Pacifica native and co-owner of the new Pacifica business Malayá Lash + Ink Studio. I’d like to speak tonight at our City Council open forum to express my feelings about our business having to work outside or shut down. I’ve even typed up a few things to share with you about what our business is doing to help keep our community safe as estheticians.

Please see attached document.

If time permits and I don’t get a change to speak tonight - please review the document I created. The reason I created it is to spread awareness about what our industry is doing as licensed professionals. Any of your insight or support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Stephanie Madrinan

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Malaya Lash + Ink Studio and Malaya Skin + Wax Studio
1680/1630 Francisco Blvd, Pacifica CA 94044
by Stephanie Madrinan

PROBLEM/What is happening?
- Personal service businesses in San Mateo County are ordered to shut down as of 8/2.
- Commercial entities risk a minimum fine of $250 and a maximum of $3,000 per violation depending on the gravity of the health risk, prior warnings and any good faith efforts to comply.
- The order states that enforcement officers must personally observe an individual’s violation but can also receive a credible report for a business.

Why we believe we SHOULD NOT close/Why it’s not working?
- The safest place to do our services are in our controlled licensed, regulated establishments. Not outside in public, exposed to the elements.
- Safety Standpoint - Strict protocols enforced
  - Technicians are all estheticians, licensed by the state - who have completed training with specific hours to ensure professional services quality and safety
  - Appointments staggered to limit the number of people
  - COVID-19 screening and intake forms sent before appointment
  - Temperature taken upon arrival
  - Additional PPE worn: shield and mask
  - Complete studio disinfecting and sanitizing before and after client appointment
  - Like dentist offices in the Bay area, we introduced HOCl (Hypochlorous Acid) as an additional disinfectant via ultra light volume (ULV) fogger
    - [https://www.hypochlorousacid.com/about](https://www.hypochlorousacid.com/about)
- Scientific and Data Standpoint - CDC held a study in a salon, testing everyone that stepped foot in salon- technicians and clients ... all wearing proper ppe, masks, shields, and 0 people were tested positive for covid
  - [CDC Case Study: Absence of Apparent Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from Two Stylists After Exposure at a Hair Salon with a Universal Face Covering Policy — Springfield, Missouri, May 2020](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6928e2.htm)
- Practical Standpoint - Not going to work outside and expose ourselves to the elements. Very unsafe. If client and technician consent, and we’re doing everything we can for everyone’s safety, unlike people gathering in public maskless, we should work.
- [AUGUST 6, 2020 HEALTH OFFICER STATEMENT - ” We also have a good idea of what’s causing the spread and it’s not primarily from barber shops, nail salons, or the other businesses that were targeted in this most recent closure.” -Scott Morrow, MD, MPH, MBA San Mateo County Health Officer](https://www.smchealth.org/health-officer-updates/august-6-2020-health-officer-statement)

Solution proposal
- City supports its businesses and offers alternative to shutting down completely
- Enforce guidelines and shut down if not compliant
- Require permits much like restaurants needed
• Health department should make scheduled visits to commercial establishments and approve opening of each business by ensuring they're following the orders of the health official
To: City Council Members  
From: Maria Lunardi  

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Lastly, I am deeply concerned on the effects this will have on our youth. I've been teaching children yoga and meditation for a few years now. Many of my students already suffer from depression, anxiety, and many other mental health issues. I only see these problems becoming heightened by the installments of small cell towers.

This is still something that can be stopped before it's too late.

Thank you,

Maria Lunardi  
Owner of MarLuna Yoga  
www.marlunayoga.com

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Hi my name is Mary June Thomas.
I am the owner of Malaya Skin Studio and co owner of Malaya Lash and Ink.

I grew up in Pacifica and am proud to be a business owner here for the past 10 years.

I am a California State Board licensed Esthetican and my license holds me to a higher standard of Universal Precautions.

Since we were allowed to reopen we have taken medical grade measures to offer our services. Including limiting the amount of people allowed into the studio. We also have disinfection protocols after each client using EPA certified disinfectant.

I am asking our city, the city of Pacifica to please support your businesses here. In the attached San Mateo Health Officer statement from Morrow, it isn’t the businesses that are driving these numbers. It is the non face covering general public. It is our beaches that have an absurd amount of people during the weekends.

Instead of making businesses close down, maybe we can enforce the general public to maintain social distancing and enforce face coverings.

Can we use enforcement officers to make sure businesses are in compliance before shutting them down? We are already a licensed facility by the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. Can we create a Covid Permit process allowing our industry to operate within these new guidelines?

There has to be a way to split the difference so that our businesses can still operate under modified conditions. I am asking for the support of Pacifica and the Police Department to not treat us like defiant citizens but a part of the community that makes Pacifica great.

https://www.smchealth.org/health-officer-updates/august-6-2020-health-officer-statement

MJ Thomas

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Attention: City Council Members

My full name is Lynn Shimamoto and I and my husband Gary Shimamoto have lived in our home in Yosemite Drive for 23 years.

We are strongly opposed to the RV parking plan, whether it is on the street, in a church parking lot or the latest idea of in a homeowner’s driveway. Simply put, the sanitation issues cannot be managed by the City of Pacifica because there are no dump stations for the raw sewage from these rigs. The rigs leak sewage into the streets storm drains which then carry this untreated sewage right to the Pacifica beach ocean.

Further, with all due respect, the RV owners who live in their rigs on the streets of Pacifica are not homeless; they consider themselves “vanlifers” and have stated that on Next Door.

If they cannot afford the RV Park rental costs then they need to drive to another community they can afford the cost of living in a legitimate RV Park.

Our question is: when the City Council will allow the Police Department to issue warnings and tickets to these RV’d since there is no legal parking for them in Pacifica? It appears they just keep moving from street to street and even parking for days in the Sam Trans Park n Ride lot on Linda Mar Blvd.

As homeowners paying Pacifica property taxes, our position is that it is past time that RVers living in their rigs leave Pacifica. We further request that the Pacifica Resource Center focus on helping the truly homeless individuals and/or families currently living in tents who need immediate housing, food and/or medical attention referral.

Lynn and Gary Shimamoto

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To whom it may concern,
My name is Francisca, I am a CA state board licensed esthetician. Esthetician’s preform waxing, eyelash service and facial treatments.
For the last month, I have been working at Malaya Skin Studio. During that time we have made extensive changes to our sanitation and safety protocols to make sure technicians and clients are safe. We have been wearing masks and face shields. We have staggering appointments and closed our waiting area. We sanitize everything constantly and consistently.
I would like to propose an option for salons to go threw an inspection and be given the opportunity to get a permit to continue to work indoors.
Prior to working at Malaya skin studio, I owned my own skin care studio in downtown San Francisco. I have been barred from working since March 17, 2020.
When San Mateo county opened I started leasing space in Pacifica at Malaya skin studio. I am a homeowner, A wife and a mother. Not working, at this point is simply not an option for me. I would like to be given the opportunity to work again. I can NOT afford to continue not working. I want to do things the right and legal way, I do not want to resort to illegal operations in homes as the vast majority of my peers have done.
Thank you,
Francisca
Ca state board licensed esthetician
Sent from my iPhone

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Hello,

I am writing this for the Pacifica City Council Meeting on August 10, 2020. This is regarding small businesses, specifically salons being forced to close.

Rather than just shutting businesses down I would like to propose a permit or inspection to be able to continue to operate. We want the chance to show the proper procedures we are taking to keep our workspace safe and controlled. As an esthetician we are educated on health and safety and is a heavy part of our practice. We follow further protocols such as a Covid-19 screening, temperature check, social distancing, and we also remind clients and staff to wear their mask. Some essential businesses don’t even do that. Overall, we would just like the chance to be reconsidered because shutting us down can not be the only option.

Thank you,
Abigail Manalac

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Dear City Council,

As regards the small cell tower installations appeals at Terra Nova High School and Redwood Way:

1) Based on the versions of evidence provided, that the council based the appeal decision on last month, it sets precedent for these antennas to be every 1000 ft on our streets. I am opposed to that level of depreciation of home values and negative impact on scenery.

2) Council member O'Neill agreed that we should update our ordinances. Thank you, and will council please act.

3) Please support US House Bill HR530 and Senate Bill S2012 aimed at restoring local control over regulation of WCF installations.

4) Verizons "right to use the poles" is still for the purpose of a least intrusive remedy, and must not incommode public use of the right of way. Locations at schools and in densely populated neighborhoods does not observe this requirement.

5) utility poles on private property are viable because they exist on a utility easement which allows access to the pole. (contrary to what was thought during the appeal and which was not corrected by the city attorney). So the appellant's suggestions for alternate locations are viable.

6) When there is time on the shot clock, the time should be extended as far as possible for public input.

Thank you,

Linda Prisjani

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Public Comments
Agenda Item # 12

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Comment to all Council persons and Staff:

Re item 14

ALL Pacificans are the stakeholders, esp. of infrastructure, water and sewage.

All Council persons deserve equal free speech on all issues.

Say NO to a subcommittee of 2 Councilpersons to suggest stakeholders.

Do not divide our Community. We are all in this together.

Thank you.
Sue Digre

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From: Juanita Torres
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: PACIFICA INFRASTRUCTURE

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Very truly yours,
JUANITA A. TORRES
HEATHCLIFF DRIVE
DISTRICT ONE
PACIFICA, CA. 94044

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