

City Council Special Meeting
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PUBLIC COMMENT	Bob Wolfe	heybobster@yahoo.com	<p>I strongly believe in keeping national politics away from our beloved, laid-back beach city. At the federal level, were witnessing a deplorable campaign to decimate and politicize our professional civil service to move fast, to break things, and to throw away talent and experience. Last week, we saw a parallel effort here in Hermosa to topple our outstanding city manager, and to throw our city government into turmoil. All under cloak of speed, stealth and darkness.</p> <p>I thought that this malign effort by a few would have ended after last weeks outpouring of support for our city manager and staff. We heard report after report about the citys positive culture of teamwork, hard work, and decency. I have never been prouder to be a Hermosan.</p> <p>I fully expected that DOGE-like purge attempt to stop there and then.</p> <p>Silly me. Rather than listening to heart-felt testimony of our citys own employees many of whom have worked here for decades some detractors questioned their sincerity. Its ironic that people who purport to be so concerned about the public fisc are willing to throw away money on contract buyouts and unnecessary staff turnover.</p> <p>The illegitimate closed session review of our city manager should never have happened. It must be put to an end. Tonights much-needed mayoral transition brings the promise of a clean slate and a fresh start.</p> <p>Ever the optimist, I am hopeful that our new mayor and mayor pro tem will pledge to work with City Manager Lowenthal and Police Chief LeBaron and their staff on the real issues of the day. If so, they will find willing partners, and strong community support.</p> <p>Lets move away from forces of chaos, discord and negativity. Lets embrace the best of our beach culture: public spirit, mutual respect, connectedness. Lets be worthy of the great people who now work for us.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	No Position	Approved	