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Cc: Suja Lowenthal <suja@hermosabeach.gov>; City Council <citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov>; DG_PlanningCommission <DG_PlanningCommission@hermosabeach.gov>
Subject: Fwd: California Experiences deadliest Covid day and 2/3rds of deaths in LA County

Please include this as a written communication to the city council:

START:

April 24, 2020

Subject: California Experiences deadliest Covid day and 2/3rds of deaths in LA County

Mayor Campbell
Superintendent Escalante
Ms Suja Lowenthal

Yesterday California Experience it's deadliest Covid day AND 2/3rds of deaths were in LA County per our Governor and Public Health Officials

Do you refute this?

Does that even register in your thinking?

Is city revenue from construction permits your main consideration?

Please keep that in mind as you continue your failed efforts to enforce strict distancing and masks at construction sites all over the westside you are putting the public at risk as conditions worsen through LA county.

Yesterday I saw 6 construction workers at the north school site working on the iron building-frame late in the afternoon.

Not one was wearing a mask!!!

They were touching common surfaces obviously, sometimes in close proximity.

Are you telling me they don't touch their faces and they don't have to work in close proximity?

These violations are being repeated over and over at construction sites all over the westside.

Yesterday I also sent pictures of repetitive violations at 5 corners. Contractors removing scaffolding not wearing masks and so on.

Hermosa Beach likely has had 1000 Covid cases per the preliminary antibody test results reported in the LA times this week; NOT 22 people as reported on the LA DHS web site.

Do you dispute this?

Yet enforcement of Covid safety requirements at construction sites all over the westside is non existent or terribly deficient as evidenced by the above and in the countless photos I have sent to city officials concerning repetitive violations at job sites within a one block radius of my home.

Do you dispute these violations?

Do you deny ignoring the photographic evidence of constant repetitive Covid safety violations at construction sites all over the westside that I have provided?

If city officials cannot manage this how can we possibly trust our leadership to manage and enforce a safe reopening of the beach economy when the time comes?

Or will we just get pretty laminated warning signs and posters, more lip service and ZERO ENFORCEMENT.

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Subject: More Covid construction violations today pictured below

Ms Lowenthal

More Covid construction infractions today are pictured below.

And just yesterday we had the highest Covid death rate yet recorded in California; 2/3rds of which were in LA county.

Need I remind you that while LA County has just ~1/4 of the states population but it is experiencing ~2/3rds of the states Covid deaths?

Yet you continue with lax or nonexistent enforcement of Covid safety rules especially for construction contractors.

How can you possibly justify this?

Whose side are you on?

Is this the way you are going to roll-out reopening Hermosa beach businesses?

Promises, pretty posters and no enforcement?

Neither contractor below this morning on 28th Court was wearing a mask though the one on his knees had one around his neck.



When he saw me he quickly pulled his mask up to cover his face and nose. Evidence he knew he was doing something wrong.

I've provided several days of photographs of this behavior going on at this site and yet it goes on with impunity.

Today's 5 corners pictures below:

Are you issuing permits without having the resources to ensure compliance even with evidence of multiple infractions at the same site?



Above the same two as photographed yesterday flagrantly violating the rules.

Delos another contractor with his face not covered.

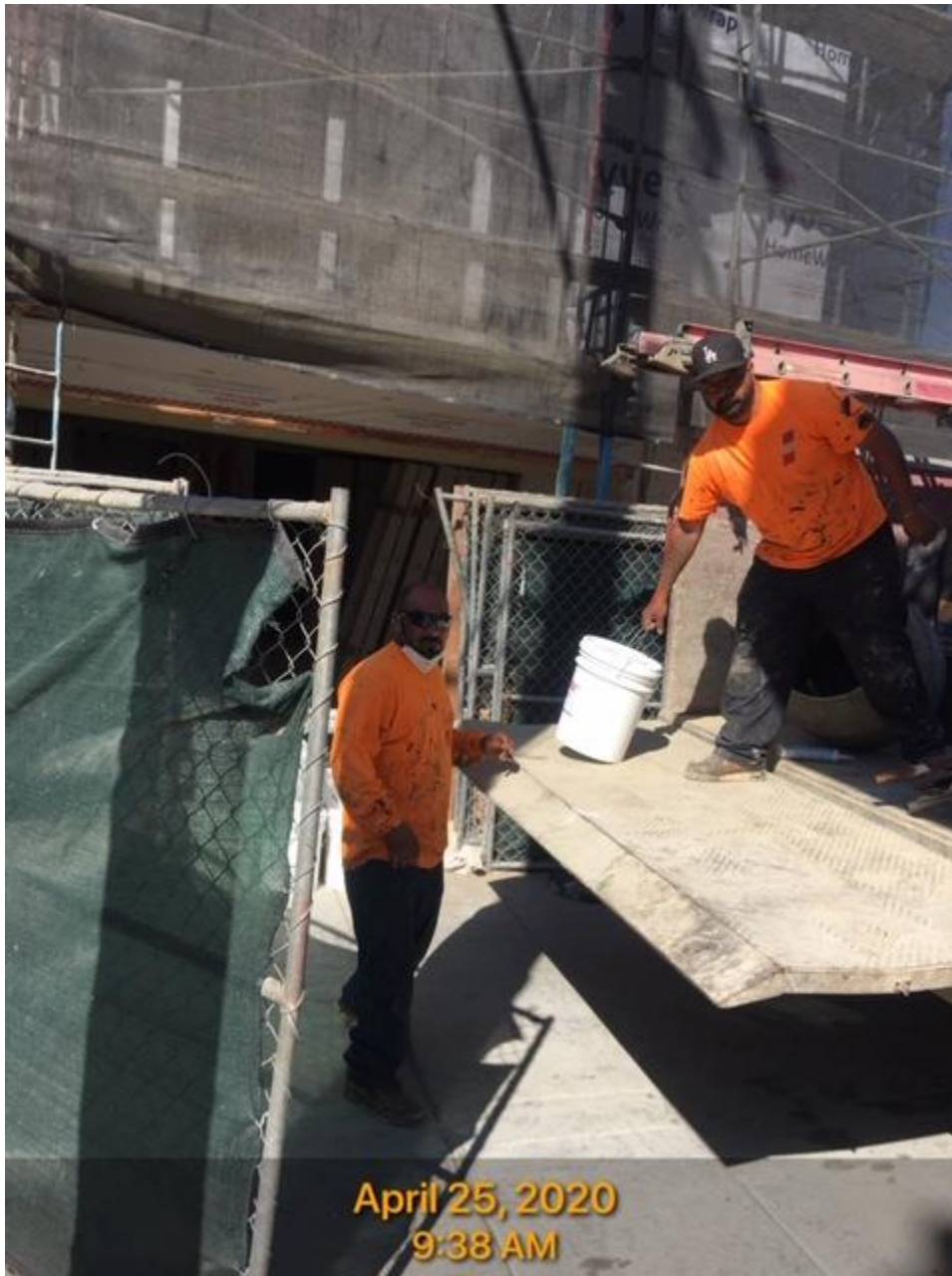
And where is the Covid coordinator?



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Subject: And the abject disregard continued on 28th court

Here a pair of contractors with the street blocked off not wearing masks on 28th court. Again!

You have the resources to issue the permits but not to enforce the safeguards you promise



Community services officers roll up and down empty beaches but are not tasked to enforce covid safety; even when the violations are right under their nose.

Now that's tough duty.

I'm sure it will be much the same when you open the beach economy, the bars, the restaurants the businesses.

You will fill the city with pretty posters about distancing, masks and occupancy limits.

Healthy Hermosa will be flashing everywhere

But the city wont enforce anything; leaving old folks and the disabled to either isolate for years until an vaccine is developed OR risk death from this lack of enforcement; or worse yet being maimed by catching the disease and having to endure intensive hospitalization, the possibility of gasping for air and drowning in their own fluids, developing scaring on the lungs or kidney failure requiring dialysis if they are lucky enough to recover.

That's the consequence. But since the folks enforcing the rules aren't the vulnerable ones it's just a shell game. Get things open and pretend you are going to take steps to protect vulnerable populations to ease your minds.

What bothers me is NOT that we need to open the economy safely for the greater good.

What bothers me is NOT that my generation has been dealt these cards and will have to make great sacrifices one way or another.

What BOTHERS me is being treated like a fool with pretty posters and processes and procedures that you have no intention of enforcing..

These pretty posters and processes may give you political cover but what we really need is honesty and transparency and the cold hard facts about what you are going to do or not do; and the likely consequences those choices.

if you are going to allow non-emergency construction to run rampant in the city then don't bullsh*t us with pretty posters and processes you have no intention or means to enforce.

Don't bullsi*t us by saying all construction is essential. Tree plantings, new home demolitions, kitchen remodels are critical.

That destroys your credibility at a time you need it the most. how can you justify that?

Your feeding us sugarcoated Sh*t!!!

And I'm sure it will be much the same when you go to reopen bars and restaurants.

You should all resign.

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Subject: Fwd: Pierce construction trucks supporting 337 26th new home construction are a danger to residents and show abject disregard for resident quality of life

Begin forwarded message:

From: tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com>

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Subject: **Pierce construction trucks supporting 337 26th new home construction are a danger to residents and show abject disregard for resident quality of life**

Dear Ms Lowenthal

Dear Mr Rollings

Today, and for the fourth time in the past week or so a huge Pierce construction truck made a right onto Morningside drive from Gould westbound, turned on their backup alarms, **started blaring their horns and backed across 27th street horns blaring!!!**

But that is the least of the problems.



Today, there were no flagman even though there was a huge truck backing up all the way onto the sidewalk next to a crowded park.

You don't think that's crazy?

Also, if flagman are present there is no need to blare the truck horns and the safety of pedestrians and children can be better guaranteed.

So why isn't this happening. I've raised this and related issues many times in the past





Notice the trailer length that fully blocks Morningside and please consider that these heavy trucks have no business on the sidewalk next to a crowded park without a flagman.

That's grossly irresponsible!

There is no way the truck driver can be watching the trailer as it heads up the alley and also be watching for a kid at the park.

I repeat! There is no way that one truck driver can be watching the trailer as it heads up the alley and also be watching for a kid at the park.

Here is the jobsite info



Then consider these heavy trucks can easily damage the sidewalk. Don't tell me they can't.

I've heard the sidewalk snap when Pierce did the same thing working on the house across the street a few years back. I reported it to the then director of public works who had Pierce come out and patch the cracks.

But what happens if no one is watching? Do you think Pierce self reports?





So net net you have Pierce unnecessarily blaring their horns in a residential neighborhood with abject disregard for our safety and quality of life.

I've spoken to this driver and other Pierce drivers on many occasions and they just blow me off just like the city does.

Anthony Higgins