Feb 14, 2014

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Alva Viem

From:	Maria Veghte
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:02:19 PM

Dear San Diego City Council,

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To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:54:29 PM

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Ed Simpson
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Councilmember Scott Sherman; CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald;
jreldan@san.rr.com; CLK City Clerk
Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:55:47 PM

Dear San Diego City Council:

We thank you for the opportunity to add our names to those urging you to vote for the winter seasonal beach closure at Casa Beach so seals are allowed to have their pups. How sad it would be to have those who lack respect for nature to have access to the seals at this critical time. We may not like to acknowledge the damage that human beings have caused to this beautiful planet, but honest people know our impact has been grave. We have the chance to do something good and wise. We will help the seals who face many challenges in a fast-changing environment, and we will teach people that there are boundaries, that other species matter, that our "wants" do not precede the needs of mothers and baby seals.

Human beings cannot be trusted to do the right thing. A cursory glance at the news tells us this. We are capable of great kindness, but too many of our species delight in harming other living things. It is not too much to ask for all of us to postpone the trip to the rookery during this scary time for mother seals. Their journey to these beaches is wrought with danger, and the pups are in no way guaranteed an easy life once they leave the rookery. We can give them this gift of peace for a brief time, and we should do so.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Beatrice and Edward Simpson 2038 Milan Avenue South Pasadena, CA 91030

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Eva Servu

## Santiago, Clarisa

From:	Advocate [advocate@animalactivist.com] on behalf of Daniela Rossi [danieladdt@hotmail.com]
Sent:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:02 AM
То:	CLK City Clerk
Subject:	Please Protect Seals by Supporting the Winter Closure of Casa Beach!

Feb 20, 2014

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Hayley Rogerson

From:	Jane Reldan, M.D.
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner: CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer: Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:07:08 PM

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Jane Reldan, MD jreldan@san.rr.com 858.349.0613 Feb 14, 2014

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Cathie Ray

From:	Felix Prael
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
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	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Wednesday, February 19, 2014 11:58:40 PM

Dear San Diego City Council,

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Sincerely, Felix Prael 9670 Caminito del Vida San Diego

From:	Mary F Platter-Rieger
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
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	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:52:36 AM

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Thomas Olsen

From:	mstarr@znet.com
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings; Piper
Subject:	Please do NOT close the Childrens Pool!!!!!!
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 3:20:01 PM

Dear San Diego City Council members,

As a Sierra Club member I also have a mind of my own. I adamantly OPPOSE closing the Children's Pool. They've tried to change the name to Casa Beach. How ridiculous.

Mrs Scripps had the jetty built for the children, not the seals. That is the bottom line. Her money was well spent and provided a safe swimming place for me and my sisters in the 1940's.

No doubt I shall be raked over the coals by the Sierra Club but I dont care. San Diego is my home, and even when Jews weren't allowed in La Jolla, thanks to Mrs Scripps we could still swim at the Children's Pool. All children should continue to have that opportunity.

Thank you,

Myrna

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Vidar Melkevik

From:	Laura Meldrum
To:	adrian@bartellassociates.com; Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember
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	Councilmember Scott Sherman; CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald;
	jreldan@san.rr.com; CLK City Clerk
Subject:	Support closure of casa beach during harbor seal pupping season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:27:55 AM

Please close Casa Beach during harbor seal pupping season, December 15 to May 15 annually.

Thank you, Laura Meldrum <u>lauragale@usms.org</u> <u>highseaspb@earthlink.net</u> No trees were harmed in the sending of this message although many electrons were severely inconvenienced.

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Amanda Leblanc

From:	Kirsten Larsen
To:	adrian@bartellassociates.com; Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember
	Todd Gloria; Councilmember Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf;
	Councilmember Scott Sherman; CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald;
	jreldan@san.rr.com; CLK City Clerk
Subject:	Please help the seals and close Casa Beach during pupping season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:34:37 AM

Interim Mayor Todd Gloria and Members of the City Council City of San Diego 202 C Street, 10th Floor San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Interim Mayor Gloria and Members of the City Council:

I support closing Casa Beach in La Jolla during the five months of harbor seal pupping season between December 15 and May 15. As you know, the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act and the San Diego Municipal Code protect wildlife at this location.

Of the 17 mainland seal rookeries in California, only Casa Beach and Bolinas Lagoon in Marin County have no access restrictions during pupping season. The seals are a treasure to your community, offering a unique opportunity to connect with wildlife, and bringing tourists like me to La Jolla to spend money. I specifically stay in La Jolla each year in order to visit the seals at Casa Beach and know others who do the same.

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It is for these reasons that I encourage you to close Casa Beach during the critical months of seal pupping season.

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Sarra Jubinville

From:	<u>randyiwai</u>
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:58:25 PM

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Viviana Holm

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To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
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	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:32:21 AM

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Jacqueline Heckel Sent from my iPad

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Rebecca Graziano

From:	DEBORAH GOSTIN
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:20:05 PM

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Deborah L. Gostin 619.291.2884 dgostin@sbcglobal.net

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From:	DEBORAH GOSTIN
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:04:37 PM

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Ginger Goldman

Feb 14, 2014

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Barbara Gawlik

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To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Harbor Seal Pupping - PLEASE SUPPORT THE SEASONAL CLOSURE!
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:38:16 AM

Dear San Diego City Council,

As a San Diego-native and a father of a 1-year old child, I request that you support the winter seasonal closure at Casa Beach (also known as the "Scripps Children's Pool") during harbor seal pupping season, December 15 to May 15 annually.

This is the critical time in the year to allow a population of marine mammals to give birth, nuture their young, and thrive right before our very eyes. We urbanites should be so lucky to have this privilege of wildlife which has otherwise been relegated by our activities to offshore islands. I'm glad the seals are in La Jolla and I look forward to sharing them with my son as soon as he is old enough.

I am a current resident of North Park (Councilmember Gloria's district) but I grew up in Point Loma (Mayor-elect Faulconer's district).

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Antonia & Andrew Chianis

From:	Joy Cathey
То:	<u>Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember</u> Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;
	<u>CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald</u>
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 9:11:17 AM

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Sincerely,

joy cathey

5371 calumet ave la jolla ca 92037 tel 858 705 2914

From:	Laurie Carlock
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald
Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:47:54 AM

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Sincerely, Laurie Carlock Wildlife need beaches too, lets share them, please

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Chantal Buslot

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Cc:	CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
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Rupert Burg 4594 49th Street, San Diego, 92115 Hi, City Council Members:

I disagree with the Sierra Club on this issue, though I'm a long-standing member. It is a children's beach and should be such. Seals will do fine without it, and that lovely sea wall was not built for them but for us. Furthermore, along with the seals the beach has become a drawing point for many more gawkers than seals, disturbing the enjoyable use of this area for ourselves, our families, our grandchildren.

Thanks for considering these aspects,

Kennneth Buhr 16314 Summer Sage Road, Poway, CA 92064

858 487-8743

kenbuhr@sbcglobal.net

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Elzbieta Beck

From:	Julide Bakir
To:	Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Kevin Faulconer; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember
	<u>Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Scott Sherman;</u>
	<u>CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald; CLK City Clerk; CLK Hearings</u>
Subject:	Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:09:13 AM

Dear San Diego City Council:

I support closing Casa Beach in La Jolla during the five months of harbor seal pupping season between December 15 and May 15. As you know, the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act and the San Diego Municipal Code protect wildlife at this location.

Of the 17 mainland seal rookeries in California, only Casa Beach and Bolinas Lagoon in Marin County have no access restrictions during pupping season.

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