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**Cc:** [CLK City Clerk](#); [CLK Hearings](#)  
**Subject:** My Thoughts on the Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014 7:24:17 AM

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Dear San Diego City Council,

Please support winter seasonal closure at Casa Beach during harbor seal pupping season, December 15 to May 15 annually.

We need to remember that the ocean is not a swimming pool—it is an aquatic wilderness where humans are guests. Closing the Casa Beach during the pupping season allows the natural residents of the ocean to use what is rightfully theirs. San Diego residents and tourists have miles and miles of beaches for their use even when Casa Beach is closed, not to mention all that Mission Bay additionally offers.

Sincerely,

Craig Scott

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**Subject:** Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014 9:49:28 AM

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Dear San Diego City Council:

I want to ask that you make the right decision to close the beach during pupping season for the harbor seals in LaJolla. I come to the area about once a month and sometimes more during pupping season to enjoy watching these beautiful creatures at the proper distance. I would never go on the beach because I would not want to disturb the moms and pups. I have witnessed so many people not observing the ropes and going up and trying to touch or poke at these animals and end up flushing them all to the water. They need their time to rest, nurse and bond. I will never understand people that can't just let them alone especially on this rookery. There is not another rookery up and down the Coast that isn't protected to just be able to observe them.

This is a wonderful tourist attraction to allow people to view them from above and as I, spend time at your shops and restaurants while I am there. We are privileged to be able to enjoy this part of nature.

Please stop people from harassing them. The harassment is against the Marine Mammal Protection Act and needs to stop. Give them their needed time to bond, nurse, and rest.

It is our responsibility to watch over them and protect them. No one would allow the general public to just wonder in the nurseries of a major hospital and try and touch the babies and harass them, so we should give these beautiful harbor seals the same protection.

I will be at the vote on Monday and bringing friends for their support.

Do the right thing.... We need to be a country that protects our wildlife especially during this critical time period, pupping season.

JoAnn Smith

**From:** [Jane Reldan, M.D.](#)  
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**Subject:** Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season  
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Dear San Diego City Council,

Please support winter seasonal closure at Casa Beach during harbor seal pupping season, December 15 to May 15 annually.

Closing this beach during pupping season will protect seal mothers and newborn seal pups from human harassment. Unfortunately, harassment and encroachment from people often result in the seals flushing into the water, which causes them to expend energy needlessly while preventing them from gaining the benefits of hauling out. When pups are on the beach, they can be injured or even killed by stampeding adult seals.

Biologists have observed that the presence of people on the beach near the hauled out seals typically results in large numbers of seals flushing. By prohibiting the public from entering the beach, flushing incidents will be vastly reduced, thus preventing premature births, abandoned seal pups and increased pup mortality. An abandoned harbor seal pup cannot survive without its mother.

For all of these reasons, it is imperative that you vote to protect the La Jolla Seals by approving the seasonal closure of Casa Beach.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Please Support Closure of Casa Beach During Harbor Seal Pupping Season  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014 10:44:00 AM

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Dear San Diego City Council:

Dear Interim Mayor Gloria, Mayor elect Falconer 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.

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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.

Sincerely,

Dan Trubovitz

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