

Submitted Time	Name:	Meeting Date:	Comment Type	Agenda Item Number	Comments:
5/8/2020 16:46	Marcia Blackmon	5/12/2020	Non-Agenda Comment		<p>During our COVID-19 stay-at-home time, I PREFER READING TO TV--but our libraries have closed.</p> <p>I used to order on line, then pick books up. WHY CAN'T LIBRARIES DELIVER PRE-ORDERED BOOKS TO PATRONS AT CURBSIDE, with both parties wearing masks, as do many restaurants, Barnes & Noble, etc.?</p> <p>Please don't cut library budgets!!!</p> <p>Marcia Blackmon-Balch, 3816 Fallon Circle, SD 92130, 858-350-5942</p>

5/11/2020 13:52	Peggy Walker	5/12/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>I noticed a Consent Calendar item related to Coastal Cleanup Day and, as a public health educator, salute this move. Cigarette butt disposal remains a serious waste problem (17 billion cigarettes are smoked yearly in CA) and it is now compounded by increased, non biodegradable hazardous waste related to growing E-cig and vaping product use.</p> <p>There is growing concern by the DEA, hazmat specialists, NIH, cities and schools, among others, related to toxic liquid and solid contaminant waste from e-cig tobacco and marijuana products. These waste products include: refillable liquids, heavy metals including copper, which is toxic to living organisms (higher in e-cig products than cigarettes), and lithium ion batteries.</p> <p>As more people, teens especially, move to disposal e-cig consumption, disposable e-cigs themselves are a serious toxic waste problem. 17.3% of high school students use e-cigs.</p> <p>Local action is critical to reducing the environmental impact of tobacco and marijuana vape/e-cig product waste. A ban on toxic vaping products to reduce hazardous waste would be helpful. Extended responsibility for waste disposal should also be extended to producers to cut environmental costs and shift the economic burden away from government and taxpayers.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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5/11/2020 15:56	Becky Rapp	5/12/2020	Non-Agenda Comment		<p>My name is Becky Rapp, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Sadly during these unprecedented times we have seen a drastic increase with mental health issues. Mental health can affect how we think, feel, and act. All drugs but especially marijuana, have increased the risk of developing mental health issues.</p> <p>In San Diego we have commercialized and normalized the use of marijuana. The false advertising that marijuana is "natural" and or "healthy" have greatly decreased the perceived risk of harm. Marijuana use threatens the lives of young people who right now have too much free time on their hands and may well decide that getting high is an acceptable diversion from life.</p> <p>Marijuana directly affects the brain, specifically the parts responsible for memory, learning, attention and reaction time. Numerous studies have shown the real and damaging effects it has on the human brain. Marijuana use is associated with a six-fold risk of suicide and five-fold risk of developing psychosis. THC, has shown to cause many different types of mental and physiological health problems especially in adolescents.</p> <p>Given the risks marijuana presents to mental health, please recognize the role the City's marijuana businesses plays enabling poor health choices that affect mental health.</p>
5/12/2020 8:57	Loxie Gant	5/12/2020	Non-Agenda		I will be calling in to speak.

5/12/2020 9:15	Maresa Talbert	5/12/2020	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Good morning City Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Maresa Talbert, and I live in District 7. I want to speak on record in support of recommendations from the Coalition of Police Accountability and Transparency. The City should immediately help reduce the population of confined youth and adults by deprioritizing the enforcement of low-level offenses and avoiding citations and arrests. Officers should refer or allow direct contact from other agencies, programs and resources that can help people who may have trouble following stay-at-home directives and not use punitive measures of enforcement. COVID-19 is a public health issue and should be treated as such. We must take action to protect those most vulnerable. We ask you, as our elected officials, to call on SDPD and the city attorney to limit enforcement of low-level offenses and to avoid punishing people with citations and arrests. We must flatten the curve of inequality.</p>
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