

General Comment - Contreras

From: [Contreras, Jaime G \(US\)](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: home less camping
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:02:12 AM

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Good Morning, !

Something final has to be done with the homeless people living in the park
For the last two months.

I see people naked, urinating defecating etc., besides they are in what I understand
is a high environmental area, created for promote the plant growing and animal repopulating
In this part of the park.(anybody remember the ducks and cranes they use to live here.?)

The place is a mess and it will take a while for the plants to grow up again,
Post signs, send more security more often to this location ,do something, is a shame
You have a park supervisor and a superintendent and nobody see or does anything
To maintain the order and the common decency.

This is everybody's park.

You get this people out twice and soonest the police leave the start resetting their camp
Incredible, make me believe in the mayor and police department again.

I 'been complaining about this problem for the last three months and nobody listen.

Use the power and authority the people give you
And the low riders ,bad very bad decision , please
Check with the people, don't decide for us.

We don't want this type of people in national city,
I feel you are promoting and glorifying the gangs.
Please not in our city ,we were happy and in peace until
Some of you decide, have people vote on this and you will see.



General Comment - Garcia

From: [Franco Garcia](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for Environmental Justice staff position
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:47:25 PM

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I am Jose Franco Garcia, policy Director of Environmental Health Coalition. I am submitting this comment in support of funding the environmental justice staff position in the upcoming budget for the city of national city. The city of National City has taken bold steps over the years passing neighborhood specific plans, and being one of the first cities to have an environmental justice element in the general plan.

We need to fund this position at the city of national city so that we assure those policies and others supporting environmental justice are passed and fully implemented in the city. Thank you for your time.

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General Comment - Godshalk

From: [Ted Godshalk](#)
To: [Clerk; Luz Molina](#)
Subject: Public Comment for May 17 from Mr. Ted Godshalk
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Public Comment for May 17 from Mr. Ted Godshalk

Council,

The recent budget discussions did not go far enough to recognize the public and their input gathered. Choices suggested by the staff were ranked by the public. As we had to work with what was listed, it is no surprise that the final list did not include many new ideas from residents. The bathroom at PCEP is the one exception, and congratulations to the advocates for that suggestion.

The survey's recommendations were subverted to propose some concepts over others. Items ranked three, six, and seven were shuffled to the bottom of the list so another 1.25 million dollars can follow the 10 million dollars you have already set aside for Las Palmas Park.

Please look closer at item three. It deserves more attention. When people say they want the city to spend a million more dollars on streets, they are really asking for more action on quite a few issues.

Street problems include:

**inadequate traffic safety striping,
speed limit enforcement,
trash in the parkways and gutters,
broken sidewalks,
inadequate landscape and maintenance of existing trees and weeds,
traffic signal repair,
signage cleaned of graffiti,
continued maintenance of lighting, and
speedy asphalt and pothole repair.**

Yes, you were told that there is a different pot of money to spend on these things, but the SANDAG and Gas Tax money has not met the increasing needs we see in National City. The people who voted for streets in the survey can be given the credit they deserve for their understanding that you already spend SOME money on streets. They told you that you need to do more, and spend more, on streets.

Please give ranked item 3 more priority. Pulling the money from lower ranked Las Palmas expenditures will show that you instead take the view as Mrs. Rios once clearly said, "I would like to see quality of life improvements..." included.

Ted Godshalk

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Item 3 - Rosales

From: [Rosales, Marisa](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: General Public Comment
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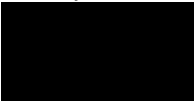
Good Evening City Council members. My name is Marisa Rosales, I am a resident of National City, a member of the United Lowrider Coalition and a Commissioner on the Traffic Safety Committee. On May 6th the United Lowrider Coalition held its inaugural permitted Cruise Night on Highland Ave. The event was a highly attended, successful event with a positive atmosphere. Due to the initial high attendance of the event the National City Police Department is placing numerous requirements for the next cruises which are, to pay for officers presence at a cost of \$8,000.00 dollars, Public works signage, Caltrans signage, and for a private company to create a traffic plan for a total cost of \$18,000.00 dollars per cruise, which will add up to \$90,000.00 dollars for the remaining 5 cruise nights. The police requirements are based on the attendance of this one event, which was highly publicized in the media, was on 5 de Mayo weekend and was to many in the community a historic event.

I believe the police department requirements are premature. I am certain that the following cruise nights will not be as attended as the inaugural event, now that the buildup of the event has passed. The City should grant the United Lowrider Coalition a grace period prior to imposing requirements that are extremely costly and basically unattainable, this grass roots organization cannot afford this overhead.

For this pilot that the City agreed to support to work, we must truly share the responsibility. If the City imposes these requirements, then the City is basically shutting the event down. I plea to the City Council to hold off, wait to see what the attendance of the next two cruises are prior to imposing additional requirements.

Thank You
Respectfully,

Marisa Rosales, Senior Protective Services Worker
Central Region
County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency



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Item 3 - Arellano

Honorable Mayor and Council,

My name is Jovita Arellano. I'm a member of the United Lowrider Coalition. Due to a previous commitment, I'm not able to be on this zoom meeting.

I want to thank you for approving our TUP for the Cruise Nights on Highland Avenue. Our first cruise in my eyes and others that I have spoken to, despite some hiccups was a highly successful event.

The United Lowrider Coalition (ULC) met with NCPD and are now required to pay almost \$8,000 plus in fees per cruise to the police department. We had 6 scheduled and approved for this year as a trial run.

The original Temporary Use Permit that was granted to us came with no fees along with permission to host these cruise nights, but now they want us to pay \$8000 plus per cruise to include fees from Public Works and Caltrans for signage along the 54 freeway and on Highland Avenue.

We, the United Lowrider Coalition is an all-volunteer group. Our goal is to repeal the "No cruising" ordinance in National City. We don't have the funds to pay any new required fees.

The NCPD told us that there were numerous calls for service the evening of our cruise on May 6th. I received the calls for service from NCPD and yes, there were 52 calls for service. But only 8 calls for service were related to Highland Avenue. Calls were for Special Detail, Traffic Stops, Non Injury, Disturbance and Parking.

I personally asked two officers for help that evening and was refused any service. Yes, we said that we would self-police. But we were also told that if needed, there were double officers on duty on Friday's.

When we began this process of applying for a TUP, we were told directly by the Chief of Police that we would not have to pay anything at all due to the fact that there were double officers assigned each Friday. We were also told that if we needed them all we had to do was ask. That clearly wasn't the case on Friday, May 6th during our cruise.

We have worked very hard up to this point with our members, elected officials, law enforcement and the businesses along Highland Avenue. To put us in a predicament at this level feels like discrimination against us. We all want to be able to enjoy the cruises that are still scheduled for the first Friday of each month ending in October. If required to pay the fees we will be unable to have any more cruises.

I'm asking that the City of National Mayor and Council use their resources to help pay for these fees.

Respectfully,

Jovita Arellano


Item 3 - Joiner

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Highland cruise .
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To National City Mayor and council.

Please help the ULC offset the 8,000 cost to host the cruises . The community enjoyed it from spectators to businesses on highland . We need to keep it going to Repeal the ordinance.

V/R
Henry Joiner

Item 3 - Yafuso

From: [Sherry Yafuso](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: United Lowrider Coalition fees required for Highland Cruise
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:40:57 PM

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My name is Sherry Yafuso.

I am a member of United Lowrider Coalition. Thank you Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members for approving the Highland Ave trial period cruises and TUP.

Although the cruise was very successful and welcomed by the community, it is very hard to understand the fees now required to continue the cruises May to October. We are all volunteers on this Coalition and find it impossible to pay these fees. We will have to cancel these cruises which will impact the community, business owners, as well as the lowrider community and their families. It was understood if we set these cruises up on Friday night from 6-9 pm we would not be required to pay fees. We ask that the City waive the fees for these family friendly events which will bring revenue to National City.

Thank you

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Item 3 - Taylor

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: The future of the cruising on Highland Ave
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Hello my name is Donnie Taylor I'm the President of The Black Lowrider Association of San Diego and proud member of The United Lowrider Coalition. Thank you Mayor and City Council for working with us. I would like to address my concern regarding us having to pay for police when we were told by the Mayor and police chief that if we made our cruise nights on Friday night that we would not have to pay and that there would be officers already on duty. We did not want to be on Highland Ave on a Friday night in the first place because we knew the traffic congestion was going to happen. Now all of a sudden we are hit with a \$7,000 and up bill for police on each cruise night???. We have done nothing but complied with the Mayor office doing numerous events and been there for support. We are asking for the same in return and consider waiving these fees. I don't understand that in other cities in San Diego county they can have cruise nights but National City is the most hesitant. It seems to me that Lowriding is only relevant and convenient when it makes the office look good. You make exceptions with the Kimball park carshow. Unlimited cruising on Highland Ave for 3 hours. All we are asking for is to be fair and let us cruise in peace.

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