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From: ***Debbie Beacham***
Date: Jun 6, 2005 3:36 PM
Subject: FW: Children's Pool signs
To: "clifton williams (E-mail)"

Hi Cliff

Here is a copy of the letter that I sent to Mike Behans's office.
Debbie

-----Original Message-----

From: Debbie Beacham [<mailto:db@san.rr.com> <mailto:db@san.rr.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 2:41 PM
To: ' mbehan@sandiego.gov <mailto:mbehan@sandiego.gov>'
Subject: Children's Pool signs

Dear Mike;

In regard to the activities that have been taking place recently at the Children's Pool, I would like to bring your attention to a situation that occurred on May 29, 2005.

I am enclosing a video of a crowd of people taunting and shouting at three people who were sitting peacefully on the beach. They (the crowd) were incited to feel and act this way because the City had issued a Memorial Day weekend- (a "No Permit" time period) permit to La Jolla Friends of the Seals for a Seal-A-Bration event and the event had brought about strong emotions up on the walkways. The passersby were being told that the people on the beach had been killing and stabbing seals (a ploy that animal advocates use to garner public approval and income and has never been substantiated--ever). However the crowd became contentious and after a while they were elevating the emotions to a point of danger. (At the end of the enclosed video a woman hits me and my camera). Just for the record, the event permit was issued for 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The crowds and the event were still on the top of the stairway well past 2:00p.m. The lifeguards had called Police for the removal of the event by 12:00-but the police did not respond until approx 2:30 p.m. During this time the event co-coordinators were draping large Seal-A-Bration banners all over the walkways and benches above the Children's Pool. As you can imagine, the Memorial Day weekend crowds are larger at the beach than any other time except 4th of July.

This brings me to a request that I think the City should consider. Pending the outcome of the lawsuits, it would be helpful if the Children's Pool beach and walkways were a "Neutral Zone" and all activist signs would not be allowed on the beach and on the walkways. Period. Those who have an agenda could set up their signs well out of the area where people who would be using the beach legally would not have to endure such intense emotional situations. It would remove the emotional discord completely from the immediate area and things would calm down considerably. People to People confrontations would be less likely to occur. NOAA enforcement, which has a 24 hour surveillance camera at the site, would be, and is now, the agency involved in managing the interactions between humans and seals. The need for this type of Neutral Zone is critical for the safety of anyone trying to access this beach. The police would not have to be called each time the signs are not being attended correctly. It would be a simple solution for the summer when all of the marine biologists say the seals are not as likely to use the beach and do not need it for their survival. (Pupping season and molting season are over). I ask that you seriously consider this request in the hopes that some sense of order and safety can come to the Children's Pool. NOTE: 4th of July is only 4 weeks away.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Debbie Beacham

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