

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 21, 2022
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS DISCUSSION

As of April 1, 2022 the City of Santa Barbara has returned to in-person public board and commission meetings after over two years of virtual meetings due to COVID. This includes a return to in-person Harbor Commission meetings starting with the April 21, 2022 meeting. The April 21, 2022 Harbor Commission meeting will be held in person at 5:30 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room located at 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara. Anyone wishing to participate or make public comment can physically attend the meeting.

With Harbor Commission meetings returning to the pre-COVID in-person format there will no longer be a virtual, or Zoom, option. Participation and public comment can be achieved by physically attending the meeting as it was prior to COVID. Conducting "hybrid" meetings that allow for in-person and virtual participation is very labor intensive. The City of Santa Barbara does not have adequate staffing or resources to conduct "hybrid" meetings for all of its various boards and commissions.

As always, anyone seeking an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation for a future Harbor Commission meeting can contact Waterfront Department staff prior to the meeting at (805) 564-5531 or arodriguez@santabarbaraca.gov.

HARBOR COMMISSIONER ETHICS TRAINING

As an appointed official of a City Board and/or Commission each Harbor Commissioner is required to complete mandatory ethics training per Assembly Bill (AB) 1234. Local officials, such as Harbor Commissioners, are required by law to complete, and conduct business, according to this training. The AB 1234 Ethics Training requirement must be completed by every Harbor Commissioner within one year following appointment. After that, Ethics Training must be completed every 2 years for as long as the position is held.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) offers AB 1234 Ethics Training for public officials, which can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/public-officials-and-employees-rules-/ethics-training.html>

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Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Waterfront Staff at (805) 564-5519 or arodriguez@santabarbaraca.gov.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Attorney Discussion On Conflict Of Interest
- Clean Marina Program Update
- Joint Oilfield Fisheries Liaison Office Presentation
- Insurance Requirements for Vessels in Harbor
- Waterfront Municipal Code Update

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