



MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Bob Filner
City of San Diego
202 C Street, 11th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

April 6, 2013

Hand Delivered

RE: Mission Beach Town Council & Request for Additional Summer Trash Services

Dear Mayor Filner,

For several months, the Mission Beach Town Council ("MBTC") has been receiving complaints from Mission Beach residents, visitors and merchants as to overflowing trash cans and a "fly" infestation problem. The problems are more prevalent in the summer and high occupancy vacation season when numerous persons often occupy a rental property that in the "off season" is vacant or typically accommodates fewer persons.

The purpose of this letter to request your assistance in implementing a second weekly trash pick-up service commencing on Friday June 7, 2013, through Friday September 13, 2013, and following into subsequent years. In short, the MBTC and community are seeking your support for this desperately needed trash service which amounts to fifteen (15) additional trash can pick-ups during the summer.

Currently, trash cans are serviced each Tuesday. Recycling containers are also collected on Tuesday but only every other week. Although the MBTC would also like to see increased recycling services, budget concerns are taken into account and the priority is a second summer trash can collection on Fridays.

History on this topic may be helpful. For many years, Mission Beach received a bi-weekly trash service. The bi-weekly trash service ended about two years ago when Mission Beach implemented a curbside recycling program. When curbside recycling started, the City reduced the residential trash container pick-up to one (1) day per week.

Unfortunately, it appears that an unintended consequence of the curbside recycling program and reduction in trash can collection services are overflowing trash cans and a significant increase in flies. The "fly" infestation was so bad last summer that merchants could not serve guests outdoors and residents and visitors were constantly attacked by hordes of flies. Obviously, both the flies and the unsightly, smelly mess are negatives for local tourism and our wonderful City's image.

We are told that flies gestate in 3 days and, therefore, believe that a second weekly trash service will help alleviate the "fly" issue. The second weekly service should also reduce overflowing trash cans that have become common since Mission Beach lost the second weekly trash can service.

With this letter, the MBTC is submitting petitions signed by over 600 residents and merchants urging you to take immediate action to help alleviate the trash problem. Further, the MBTC, community merchants and residents have discussed the "trash" issue with City Council Member Kevin Faulconer and appeared before the City Councils, Budget Committee. Ultimately, to improve our City and benefit all beachgoers, tourists and residents alike, **your support and leadership are needed.**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Morrison".

Scott Morrison
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