



City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

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Dear Community Member:

Hi there. I am writing to introduce myself. I am Suja, the new City Manager for Hermosa Beach. You may be wondering how to pronounce my name. I pronounce it *Soo-zja*.

I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve you and all of the Hermosa Beach community as the City's chief executive. Hermosa Beach is such a special place, and I am really looking forward to meeting you and working with all the members of our community to make Hermosa the best possible place to live, work and play.

I also want to thank the City Council for entrusting me with this position. I am honored to have the opportunity to work with the Council in ensuring the best possible services and charting the path forward for Hermosa Beach. I am so very fortunate that I am joining a staff that is incredibly high-functioning and talented. I will be working closely with them to provide the support and leadership they need to be successful on behalf our community.

Our team is small, so it is very palpable when one of us is away. Earlier this week, I announced at the City Council meeting that our Police Chief, Sharon Papa, is on medical leave and will be back with us in four to six weeks. We wish her the very best and look forward to having her back. In the meantime, we are very fortunate to have Captain Milton McKinnon serving as our Acting Police Chief.

In the weeks ahead, I will be spending my time becoming more familiar with Hermosa Beach, the projects that are underway and the City's plans for the future. If you catch me walking, biking, or driving around rather slowly, please bear with me. I really am just taking my time and taking it in – our great people, our great places, and our shared public realm. I hope to run into as many of you as possible while I am out and about.

Since I am new to the community, the City is hosting a reception on October 3 so that I may be able to meet more members of the community. I hope you can join us. The reception will be from 6-7:30 p.m. at Locale90 Neapolitan Pizza Market, 1040 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. The reception is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to anny@hermosabch.org.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmly,

Suja Lowenthal
Hermosa Beach City Manager

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