

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

March 1, 2016 Special Municipal Election

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS

The following is an excerpt from the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code regarding the placement of political signs during campaign periods:

Section 17.50.160 Political signs.

Any political sign shall be permitted on private property only, with the consent of the property owner, in any zone, for a reasonable period of time preceding an election. No political signs shall be posted on public property or utility poles. All political signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following the date of the subject election.

The posting of <u>any</u> material on utility poles also violates California Penal Code §556.1 and §591 (offenses punishable by a \$500 fine and maximum one-year imprisonment). These laws protect Southern California Edison linemen and their crews from safety hazards created by nails or other fasteners used to hold signs.

Campaign committees are responsible, upon notice, for the immediate removal of illegally posted signs. If not removed, the committee could be responsible for the cost incurred by City employees who must remove the illegal signage. It is recommended that committees advise their members/supporters accordingly.

The City of Hermosa Beach and Southern California Edison greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation throughout the election process. Thank you.

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