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Preparations for a possible viral based crowd.....

7/26/24

1) Viral Video: As most of you are probably aware by now, there was a truly unfortunate and unintended consequence of losing patience with some of the many things we do have to deal with being a residential community. This neighborhood grew up never having been planned or intended to be a major world-wide destination.

Obviously, nothing ever justifies being uncivil but we all have run into things that can trigger responses we would be better served to pass on.

That said, it is what it is. The unfortunate aftermath is that there are a lot of people writing on various social media that they plan on coming down to our beach this weekend. We think Saturday morning, but could be more or less through out the weekend. -And both we and the city need to do what we can to

make sure that the people who come to enjoy the beach get to exercise that right and other people don't really get any traction.

2) What we and the city can do:

- **Parking Spaces:** If you can, park your cars in any available public parking spot both on our local streets AND out on PCH. The longer people have to walk, the more disperse it will all be and will certainly help keep our streets functional as well as limit the amount of stuff that is brought down
- **Police Vehicles:** There will be a decoy police unit placed probably on Dumond as well as a tow truck placed maybe by the stairs.
- **Dumond:** We will try some traffic cones at the top of Dumond that will let traffic through but tend to work in conjunction with the "No Vehicular Beach Access" signs to discourage traffic on that dead end street.
- **Parking Patrol:** Parking and Traffic focused police will be paying attention.

- **NOTE: PARK LEGALLY!!!!**

- **Police:** There are extra police on hand if needed but they will really try to keep a low keyed presence unless needed. They will be prepared to deal with anything that crosses boundaries of property or codes.

Non-Emergency Police: 949-497-0701 x2

(put this in your contact list!!!!)

3) Public Beach: It is super important to remember that most people that will be coming to Victoria this weekend just want to enjoy the beach as is their right. And it is important that people do get to experience this amazing environment because without sufficient appreciation, where would the resources come from to support and maintain the health of the ocean and connected environments?

As for any that show up intending to make a scene, best option is just ignore and don't engage. If there is a problem, call the police line, or let the guards know (they have direct connections with all the appropriate resources) or of course 911 if a serious immediate emergency.

Unfortunately, the city just started a PR campaign to raise awareness of visitors to our town to pay attention to our laws and be respectful. This whole incident runs counter to getting traction to that request so the best offense is really to just be helpful to people trying to find their way around and be respectful to all regardless.

All that said, lets have a safe and enjoyable weekend and hope the people that come here can accomplish the same!

Diver Dave signing off.....

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PS: First Friday next week, Aug 2, bottom of the stairs, 5:30 on!!

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