Mr. Chadwick, Mayor Hall and Council,

I live at 5299 El Arbol and have resided at this address for 25 years. Our streets have been greatly impacted by the parking closures along Carlsbad Blvd. The streets including El Arbol, Los Robles, Cerezo, Shore, Tierra Del Oro and Manzano have been filled with beach visitors, cut through traffic, (at high rates of speed), loud groups of motorcyclists, and also unsafe parking conditions. Yards are being used as/for changing stations, loading and unloading areas, bathrooms and “hang out” areas. It has brought many different elements of the public into our neighborhood, much different than what we see in the busy summer. We are accustomed to beach parking but this is out of control and a hazard. We aren’t able to enter and exit our neighborhood safely from Cerezo with open doors, people and surfboards in the streets; one car can’t get through most times of the day! The corners are used as parking spots which makes it unsafe to see around corners for oncoming traffic or pedestrians. Cerezo and Los Robles is an all day round about traffic circle. The speeding down El Arbol and Los Robles is average 40-45 mph, many times much higher, with no regard for pedestrians and safety. The amount of cars also invites opportunities for crime and theft which we’ve dealt with for years. We’ve had van lifers living overnight in their vehicles for many years on Cerezo and some have encroached onto El Arbol in recent weeks. There is no regard or care that we live here, these are our homes and families.

For our residents health and safety, please consider opening the beach parking lots and Boulevard in time for the Memorial Day weekend. We would appreciate extra patrol on our streets, as well. We’ve had enough.

Thank you,

Catherine Miller.
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Catherine Miller |
Hello,

I am emailing after hearing the City Council’s discussion about honoring Carlsbad’s class of 2020. I am curious if you will be including graduates from other schools not in the Carlsbad High school district. There are probably over 1000 kids attending schools in the 92009 zip code (like La Costa Canyon, and Pacific Ridge) as well as others that live in the 92009 and travel to San Dieguito Academy and Canyon Crest Academy. These kids should be included in any type of celebration or acknowledgement. Our South Carlsbad kids deserve it!

Thank you,
Laura Stearn

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I respectfully ask that my attached letter be read into the record during the May 19th, 2020 Council Meeting.

Thank you,

Pete Radice
We trusted our govt. officials and this council, cooperated, and supported decisions during this lockdown. We flattened the curve. 8 weeks and counting...now has morphed to stay and wait for the cure? That was never the promise, nor the agreement.

By all accounts this will be a Long-term problem- and unless the city will test and contact trace the entire population routinely - the council should not add additional restrictions to existing county orders regarding recreation. No control over the virus. No testing capability, no cure, and no reason to hold people back from activities that are safe and can be done sensibly. Trust needs to extend both ways.

A catch in a public park with your son? The use of school fields for recreation? The high school tracks and fields for exercise or individual athletic training, properly spaced? Allowed in San Diego County, but not in Carlsbad! Trust needs to extend both ways.

No one wants to get sick. Everyone wants to protect their families. People are educated about the virus by now, and the far majority are distancing and staying safe. Some will be limited, by necessity and choice for their own protection, including my wife (cancer treatment) and mother (85). There is no good answer there, but life in this “new normal” needs to move forward. And this is where the council and school district can help make things just a bit better.

If we are all in this together- equal opportunity for exercise and recreation needs to be seriously addressed by this council. Those who aren’t surfers, or golfers, or bikers, or living in private communities with common space, also deserve to recreate safely in THEIR neighborhoods on something other than a street or parking lot. Let’s open the park and school fields now throughout the city, as per county orders, and especially in District 1, where safe space in so limited.

If necessary, seasonal or redirected staff can be placed at park and school fields to ensure smart grid like spacing limits and safety practices. The council should reach out to Dr. Churchill and the school district, who should step up and do it’s part too! Instead of paying staff to kick teenaged student athletes off the fields, the CUSD could act in a positive manner and open school fields in this extraordinary time. Teens, neighboring families, and patrons can safely use these publicly funded spaces that are now locked during non-school hours behind steel fences. That would be true community leadership and cooperation, and would address an area of inequality that is clearly overlooked during this crisis. It really is a matter of trust- given and returned.
Hello,
My name is Dan Walsh, I'm the president of the Terramar Association neighborhood and we are having a REAL problem here.

The lack of parking for visitors to our beach area has put them squarely on our streets. It has become very unsafe, speeding, parking on corners, barely enough room to drive on Cerezo to get to my house due to surfboards in the streets and car doors wide open.

I have lost track of how many near misses there have been at El Arbol and Cerezo., It's just a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or worse. There essentially is no visibility at that corner, and the cut through traffic and the HIGH RATE OF SPEED the visitors on our streets are driving is sometimes over 50mph. (For the record, I'm a motorsports television cameraman and I'm REAL good at estimating speeds of moving vehicles). This is unsafe and unacceptable, especially since the problem can be reduced or eliminated by reopening the parking in all the beach areas.

With Memorial Day weekend quickly approaching, we really need your help to get parking back to normal for the beach visitors to access.

We live at the beach and accept the usual seasonal increase of traffic here, but this is totally unacceptable and unsafe. The attitude of many of the newbie parkers here is negative and almost like taking out their virus closure issues and parking problems on us. Trash on the streets, urinating in people's front yards, surfboards on resident cars and lawns, loud vulgar conversations and plenty of loud music from their vehicles.

Thanks for your time and consideration. As a Carlsbad resident paying almost $12000 annually in property taxes, I'm hoping that you'll take proper action, and that we all won't have to deal with this mess much longer.

Sincerely,
Dan Walsh
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