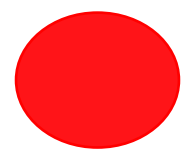


Del Mar City Council Meeting Agenda

Del Mar Town Hall
1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, California

April 7, 2026 City Council Meeting

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Leslie Carrillo

From: City Clerk Mail Box
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 11:18 AM
To: Leslie Carrillo
Subject: FW: Item 13: EP25-049 (Rael) -- LETTERS OF SUPPORT
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From: Robert Scott <rjsplanning@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 8:23 PM
To: Sarah Krietor <Skrietor@delmar.ca.us>
Cc: Nestor Machado <nmachado@delmar.ca.us>; Paul Rael <pauljrael@gmail.com>; Dean Meredith <wdeanmeredith@gmail.com>
Subject: Item 13: EP25-049 (Rael) -- LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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Hello Sarah,

Please share the attached letter of support with the City Council for EP25-049 (Rael). The letter was a red-dot at the previously-scheduled March 17 hearing but I did not see it in the current April 7 CC packet.

We have overwhelming support from the surrounding Stratford Way neighborhood and will have additional neighbor support letters prior to next Tuesday night's hearing.

Thanks,

Bob

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Robert J. Scott, AICP, LEED AP
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January 19, 2026

Nestor Machado
Associate Management Analyst
City of Del Mar Planning Department
1050 Camino del Mar
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Please approve EP25-09.

Respectfully,




Cole Cohen 1639 Luneta Drive Del Mar CA 92014

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Roberta Cohen 1655 Luneta Drive Del Mar CA 92014

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From: Tate Scott <tate.scott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 8:24 PM
To: City Clerk Mail Box; Tracy Martinez (tmartinezrn@lapbypass.com); John Spelich; Terry Gaasterland; Dan Quirk
Subject: Red Dot Item 15 – Additional Pension Fund Transfer (FY 2025-26)

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge your support for the proposed \$425,000 additional pension transfer. As a former member of the Finance Committee and the Pension Subcommittee that specifically designed the Section 115 Trust, I find the current 2-2 stalemate on this item to be a concerning departure from the fiscal discipline we established in 2023.

When we built the Section 115 Trust, our intent was clear: to create a protected, City-controlled vehicle to systematically buy down our at a minimum \$19.3 million unfunded liability. The 2032 target wasn't a suggestion; it was a calculated strategy to insulate future taxpayers from compounding debt. By authorizing only \$250,000 of what should be a \$1.1 million transfer per policy guidelines, the Council is effectively dismantling the very architecture designed to ensure Del Mar's long-term solvency.

There is a common "wait and see" argument—that we should hold onto this cash or wait for a better market year. As a former CEO, I can tell you that ignoring a debt while you have a surplus is not a "savings strategy"—it is a compounding error. Every dollar we fail to transfer today is a dollar that isn't earning market returns to offset the high interest CalPERS charges us on that \$19.3M debt. Waiting for a "better year" is mathematically no different than taking out a high-interest loan to pay for current expenses.

Furthermore, we must consider the impact on our workforce. If you've ever run an organization that depends on retaining top-tier professionals, you know that pensions are core to total compensation. When the Council ignores its own 2023 policy, it signals to City staff that our commitments are subject to political whims. In a competitive market for municipal talent, this foolish approach, an unforced error, makes it harder to keep the high-level staff we need to manage massive capital projects, like the \$121.8 million Undergrounding Program and its associated 42% forecast volatility.

The Finance Committee has unanimously recommended this transfer because it aligns with the policy and the current revenue surplus. If Councilmembers wish to move the goalposts on the 2032 funding target, they should bring that as a separate, transparent agenda item. Until then, I urge you

to honor the policy, follow the expert recommendation of your Committee, and approve the \$425,000 transfer.

Respectfully,

Tate Scott

Del Mar, CA

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