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Hermosa Beach PRIDE Tower Painting

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) maintains some 160 lifeguard towers on beaches from Malibu to San Pedro, including those on Hermosa Beach. The City of Hermosa Beach and a group of local community members have asked to show their pride during PRIDE month in June by unveiling a rainbow lifeguard tower near Hermosa’s pier. Given the recent apparent arson that destroyed the Long Beach PRIDE tower, I think it’s important to support Hermosa Beach and beach city residents’ efforts to demonstrate pride in and support of the LGBTQ+ community.

For that reason, I support making an exception to the Department’s longstanding and understandable policy not to allow any public transformation or alteration of its lifeguard towers. Notably, the Board of Supervisors has made exceptions to that policy on past occasions, including for the Venice Beach PRIDE lifeguard tower in 2017. I believe there’s value in visual affirmations of support for the LGBTQ+ community such as this planned PRIDE tower.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Department of Beaches and Harbors to work with the City of Hermosa Beach and the PRIDE tower organizers to transform the lifeguard tower immediately north of the Hermosa Beach pier for PRIDE month and through the end of summer, so long as the City and supporting community members coordinate closely with the Department with regard to logistics in painting the tower, assure their activities in no way interfere with Lifeguard operations, agree to return it to its former condition after summer and assume all costs and liability associated with this PRIDE project.

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