

From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: raymond.crisostomo@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Pacifica CAPP
Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 3:26:23 PM

Raymond,

Thank you for your email. We will make sure to forward it to our Surf Camp/School Policy Task Force members.

Have a great day,

Michael Perez, MPA
Director – Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department
City of Pacifica
perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us

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From: raymond.crisostomo@gmail.com <raymond.crisostomo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 4, 2021 6:47 AM
To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: Pacifica CAPP

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,

My name is Raymond Crisostomo. I am a resident of Daly City.

I often surf at Linda Mar beach and love to see youth programs teaching kids how to surf and providing them gear. I wish programs like this were available when i was their age.

I am writing to urge you to adopt the Community Access Partnership Permit (CAPP) framework and process proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project.

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Respectfully,
Raymond Crisostomo

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Seeley, Kenda

From: al draven <aldraven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Perez, Michael; Seeley, Kenda
Subject: Public Comment for Surf Camp Task Force

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Dear Taskforce,

My name is Alan Yu and I am the Manager of the Pacifica Surf Program for Adventure Out. I'm proud to say that I have been with this organization for more than 13 years, and have been surfing at Linda Mar for over 2 decades. I originally started watching these task force meetings with excitement and as a simpatico with our comrades from City Surf Project and Brown Girls Surf.

I now write this email with disenchantment after seeing where the conversations have gone. Even as representatives from CSP, BGS, and the Pedro Point Surf Club remind us to stay the course on the topic of CAPP, I see a few members of this task force continually revisit the idea of "overhauling the surf school permitting process". These ideas have caused my coworkers and I significant anxiety and I write to you all with several points on all our behalf:

-CAPP is the real issue at hand which we have all supported from day 1. Stay the course! The additional permit overhaul proposals create upheaval. I can tell you first hand that some of these ideas would destroy existing schools. These other proposals and the true mission of implementing CAPP, should not go hand-in-hand. I am also confident that these ideas of adding more surf schools would be very unpopular if presented to the local surfers and general public. No one that surfs Linda Mar regularly thinks we need more surf schools.

-You should also know that we at Adventure Out are a very culturally diverse organization, both in clientele and staffing. I'm a first-generation Chinese immigrant, our other lead instructor Korean - over the years we've had black, brown, gay, straight, and transgender employees; if any of you would like to come out and observe our lessons you'll see people of all races, genders/orientations, and walks of life. We are very diverse and I feel the picture being painted by some task force members that the existing surf schools do not represent or strive for diversity is utterly false.

-Adventure Out has given us an opportunity to turn our passions into a career. We bring guests from all over the world to our great town of Pacifica, promoting it's commerce and livelihood. Our clients stay in hotels here, they eat in restaurants, and shop in stores. Why is this not celebrated or acknowledged? My career has now been severely jeopardized due to these new proposals and my coworkers and I feel that our years of hard work (that the City of Pacifica has benefited from) are going completely unrecognized by many on this task force.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to more sound decisions from this task force,

Alan Yu

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Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,

My name is Abby Golden and I am a college student, summer intern for Surf Equity, and a lifelong swimmer. I personally believe that the issue of public beach access is both a human rights and public health concern. Children and adults alike need access to the ocean for physical and mental health benefits. Surfing, or simply swimming, improves overall health such as reducing blood pressure and strengthening the cardiovascular system. On the psychological side, these two sports can assist with managing anxiety and depression.

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Abby Golden

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Communications Intern, Surf Equity
Smith College Class of 2023

From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: [Rel Lavizzo-Mourey](#)
Cc: [Seeley, Kenda](#)
Subject: RE: Implementing the CAPP program at Linda Mar Beach
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:22:42 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hell Rel and Julie,

Thank you for your email. We will make sure that the Task Force members receive it and it will be part of the meeting's public records comments.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Perez, MPA
Director - Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department
City of Pacifica
(650) 738-7378
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From: Rel Lavizzo-Mourey <rel@travelersurfclub.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 9:40 AM
To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: Implementing the CAPP program at Linda Mar Beach

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Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,
My name is Rel Lavizzo and along with my partner Julie Cox, we are the owners of Traveler Surf Club, located in the Pedro Point shopping center in Pacifica. As a business, we seek to promote inclusive and equitable access to surfing. We also strongly believe that improved education around surfing and surf etiquette is the best solution to the issue of sometimes crowded and chaotic waters at Linda Mar.

We are writing to urge you to prioritize the Community Access Partnership Permit (CAPP) framework and process proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project. Thank you for your commitment to implementing a Community Access Partner Permit system at Pacifica State Beach. This process would allow nonprofits that serve and benefit communities and individuals who have historically been excluded from coastal resources to access Linda Mar Beach. Pacifica needs an equitable system to balance beach access, a system to bring up underserved community organizations to the same level of access and ease of entry as current commercial surf schools. A system that evaluates commercial surf schools and nonprofits on the same criteria for entry will not solve the issue of inequity, it could in fact further perpetuate exclusion. Therefore, we ask that the commission and task force remains focused on the CAPP program, as the highest priority, before addressing other areas of permit reform. The CAPP program goes the farthest in creating equitable access to surf program participants, while providing an opportunity to test several new systems and provide lessons for further reform in the future. We support the adoption of the framework Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project have provided, and the creation of a CAPP system specifically for non-profits providing equitable access to underrepresented groups. Until the entire system is equal, we will first have to make sure that these nonprofits and organizations get that extra support and empowerment. We believe Linda Mar Beach can become the model of equitable beach access for the rest of California beaches. Access and equity are just the starting points - a beach where people feel like they belong, where they feel safe, both physically and emotionally, and where they feel included is what we would like to see the City of Pacifica work towards, now and moving forward.

Respectfully,
Rel Lavizzo Mourey & Julie Cox
Co-Owners
Traveler Surf Club
5450 Coast Hwy
Pacifica CA 94044

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From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: [Kayiita](#)
Cc: [Seeley, Kenda](#)
Subject: RE: Prioritization of the Community Access Partnership Permit (CAPP)
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:18:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Kaiyiita,

Thank you for your email. We will make sure to get it to our Surf Advisory Task Force member.

Have a great day.

Michael J. Perez, MPA
Director - Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department
City of Pacifica
(650) 738-7378
perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us



From: Kaiyiita <kayiita@alumni.gsb.stanford.edu>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: Prioritization of the Community Access Partnership Permit (CAPP)

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Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,

My name is Kaiyiita Johnson, and I am the founder of the @Black surfers global surf community focused on increasing the number of Black surfers by providing community, inspiration through representation, and policy change. As someone who really started surfing seriously at Pacifica, this is an issue very close to my heart.

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Best regards,

Kayiita Johnson

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Kayiita Johnson

Senior PM II at [Cruise](#)

Founder of pmwhileblack.com

Founder of [@black surfers](#)

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Communications Intern, Surf Equity
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From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: [Phoebe Licata](#)
Cc: [Seeley, Kenda](#)
Subject: RE: Supporting CAPP
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 11:13:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Phoebe,

Thank you for your email. We will make sure that the Task Force members receive it and it will be part of the meeting's public records comments.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Perez, MPA
Director - Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department
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From: Phoebe Licata <phoebelicata27@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: Supporting CAPP

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,

My name is Phoebe Licata, and I am a supporter of Brown Girl Surf

Organization.

I am writing to urge you to prioritize the Community Access Partnership Permit (CAPP) framework and process proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project.

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Phoebe Licata

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From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: [Anya Morrill](#)
Cc: [Seeley, Kenda](#)
Subject: RE: Linda Mar
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:19:21 PM
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Hi Anya,

Thank you so much for your email. We will make sure that the Task Force members receive it as it will also become part of the public record for the meeting.

Take care,

Michael Perez, MPA
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From: Anya Morrill <anya.morrill@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: Linda Mar

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Respectfully,
Anyra Morrill

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From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: [Seeley, Kenda](#)
Subject: FW: Pacifica Surf Equity Task Force: support for original BGS and City Surf Project CAPP proposal
Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:40:00 PM
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From: Perez, Michael
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Camille Ramani <cramani@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Pacifica Surf Equity Task Force: support for original BGS and City Surf Project CAPP proposal

Hi Camille,

Thank you for your email. We will make sure that the Task Force members receive it and it will be part of the meeting's public records comments.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Perez, MPA
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From: Camille Ramani <cramani@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 12:59 PM

To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Pacifica Surf Equity Task Force: support for original BGS and City Surf Project CAPP proposal

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Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,

My name is Camille Ramani and I have grown up in Pacifica since the age of eight and surfed at Linda Mar for the past 20 years. As a woman of color and an immigrant, I have experienced both the natural welcome of Pacifica's parks and beaches but also felt unwelcome when I started surfing with questions like "where are you *really* from?" As a supporter and volunteer of BGS, I have seen first-hand how equitable access to our natural spaces can open up new worlds for young women of color who have never dipped a toe in the ocean.

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From: [Perez, Michael](#)
To: [Chloe Erskine](#)
Cc: [Seeley, Kenda](#)
Subject: RE: Support for CAPP System Proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 2:58:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi Chloe,

Thank you for your thoughtful email. We will make sure that the Task Force members receive it and it will become part of the public record for the meeting.

Take care,

Michael Perez, MPA
Director – Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department
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From: Chloe Erskine <chloe.erskine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Perez, Michael <perezm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: Support for CAPP System Proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project

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Dear Pacifica Beach Commissioners & Surf Camp Special Task Force members,

May you be safe, healthy, cared for and stoked today.

I'm Chloe Erskine. I am an educator and resident in Oakland and frequent visitor to the magnificent, evolving, growing, ancient, impressive piece of public land and sea that is in Pacifica at the state beach.

I am writing to urge you to prioritize the Community Access Partnership Permit (CAPP) framework and process proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project.

As you know, many folks who are Indigenous to the beautiful Bay Area, or who happen to be of African, or Asian, or Latin American, or Pacific Islanders heritages are not welcome either due to ignorant neglect or outright cruel discrimination policies, on the public land that they are entitled to enjoy as residents. This can and will change with your progressive efforts toward making the land and sea open to all people, both de facto and de jure.

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I have felt amazingly welcome on the public land at Linda Mar Beach over several years. That is partly due to my heritage and skin tone, which as a white person of European descent, goes along with most people on the beach and in surrounding businesses. As a bisexual woman, I have been comfortable surfing and relaxing in town because of businesses like Traveller and countless restaurants too where I can see, hear and be near people who are like me. Let's together extend that welcoming and generous spirit Pacifica is known for, to each and every visitor to the public land we are all given the rights to enjoy.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and for doing the right thing.

Chloe Erskine

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Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Pacifica Surf Camp/School Policy Advisory Task Force
City of Pacifica
170 Santa Maria Avenue
Pacifica, California 94044-2506

Re: **Pacifica State Beach — Access and Equity**

Dear Pacifica Surf Camp/School Policy Advisory Task Force Members and Michael Perez, Director of Parks, Beaches and Recreation,

My name is Sabrina Brennan, writing on behalf of Surf Equity. We are an advocacy group that fights for access, equity, inclusion and equality in professional surfing. We were founded to address gender discrimination in surfing by working to improve public policy in California and Hawaii.

It's our understanding that Task Force Members are charged with advising the Pacifica Parks, Beaches and Rec Commission and the Pacifica City Council on best practices to correct an equity imbalance at one of the Bay Area's most popular state beaches. Historically, racial discrimination, homophobia, transphobia and gender discrimination have been chronic problems for Black and Brown families, women, girls and LGBTQ+ families living in Pacifica as well as visitors. Hate-based behavior has played out in the lineup and at times has results in fist fights on Pacifica State Beach and in parking areas. We are aware that some local surfers say there isn't enough room in the ocean for "kooks" and people they dislike based on the color of their skin, their gender identity and their sexual preference. Thankfully, surf culture is slowly changing for the better.

The City of Pacifica has an opportunity to lead by adopting the [Community Access Partnership Permit \(CAPP\)](#) framework; the process proposed by Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project. Please advocate for gender and racial diversity in the body reviewing permit applicants. **It's critically important that People of Color and Women be included in the process of reviewing and providing input on applications and proposals.**

In November 2020, the City of Pacifica first allowed Brown Girl Surf to operate at Pacifica State Beach when BGS and City Surf Project were approved for a temporary pilot permit process. We wholeheartedly support nonprofits that serve and benefit communities and individuals who have historically been excluded from coastal resources and access to Pacifica State Beach.



On Sept 5, 2018, the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing (aka Surf Equity) won the fight for equal prize money across all World Surf League global events. More change is needed. Surf Equity supports a balanced ratio of women and men in professional surf competitions. Today, men have far more opportunities to earn prize money and sponsorships than women. Several exclusive male-only pro contests still exist despite efforts to correct a history of systemic gender discrimination. To address this, it's critically important that women and girls are included in qualifying events so they can earn points and prize money and compete in the Olympics.

In the spirit of inclusivity, the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing changed its name to 'Surf Equity' in June 2020 to better serve all races, ethnicities, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, sexual orientations, cultures, and genders, including those who identify as nonbinary and transgender. Please follow us on Instagram @SurfEquity and checkout our website www.SurfEquity.org.

Thank you,

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Increasing the number of events and the number of awards for women, as well as offering equal prize money, is the only way to achieve meaningful equity in competitive sports.