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HBT's Mission:

To promote and maintain
a high quality of life
in Huntington Beach.

HBT advocates for:

Citizen Participation

Clean & Healthy Environment

Efficient & Safe Traffic Flow

Open & Responsive Government

Preserve Open Space

Preserve Our Quality of Life

Recreational Opportunities for All

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March 31, 2017

Denis R. Bilodeau
President, Orange County Water District
Via email: dbilodeau@ocwd.com

Re:Vote No on Poseidon

Dear President Bilodeau:

I write on behalf of HB Tomorrow, representing concerned residents of the city of Huntington Beach. HB Tomorrow urges the Orange County Water District to oppose building the Poseidon Desalination Plant in Huntington Beach.

In light of OCWD's groundwater-recycling efforts, in addition to the conservation efforts of our city's residents – who continue to use their irrigation twice a week this time of year along with other conservation efforts – there is presently no need for this expensive future source of water. We are encouraged by the plans of Los Angeles County to recycle wastewater there and inject it into Orange County's groundwater basin. That is welcome as they have wells right over the county border to tap our water resource now.

The proposed use of desalinated water, on the other hand, would downgrade our city's water. We do not oppose desalination as a future solution for our area, but not at the location proposed, and not by Poseidon. It is not right for OCWD to mandate that Huntington Beach must receive Poseidon water, especially when it was only to be an emergency supply, not a replacement for existing water sources.

Our Annual Meeting last night saw 80 concerned citizens in attendance at Huntington Beach Central Library, where we discussed a number of issues important to our residents. We have opposed construction of the Poseidon Plant since it was initially proposed and feel our city would bear the brunt of costs, especially since the status of the originally negotiated franchise fee is now not being considered. Huntington Beach does not want Poseidon water and OCWD should not consider going



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forward in light of the lack of customers for the proposed water plant to purchase the water.

We appreciate your serving as President of Orange County Water District and hearing the concerns of our community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Jackle".

Karen Jackle
President
Huntington Beach Tomorrow