

## Carey Casciola

---

**From:** julie Tacker <jmtacker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026 8:45 PM  
**To:** Carey Casciola  
**Cc:** Robert Schultz  
**Subject:** Agenda Item #6(B)

Hello Carey,

Please share my thoughts with the Board on the item in the subject line above slated to be considered at Wednesday's Special Meeting.

I'm sorry I am unable to attend the morning meeting, as it conflicts with my work day.

First let me express concern over the antique concrete light posts that are the subject of this item. As I recall, they are relatively short (less than ten feet tall) and anything hanging from them may be reachable and easily tampered with which may cause damage to the aged concrete light pole.

Another concern of mine is that the brackets to hang these banners may damage the concrete poles. If the banners are vandalized, or damaged, broken brackets, wind whipped fabric, could also cause damage to the poles. Damaged or falling concrete can be dangerous to the public.

What are the brackets and their ongoing maintenance costs?

Further, item 7 of Exhibit A, speaks to a "non-refundable application fee," but does not say how much that fee is or what it is used for.

These questions need to be answered before approving this policy with a second reading of the policy in a regular meeting when the public will be more likely to attend and give further input on the policy.

Item 8 speaks to reimbursement for labor for installation and removal, but that quote comes AFTER the application is approved. Surely the applicant would like to know the cost prior to applying or even having banners made. This approach would waste everyone's time, if the cost is infeasible.

The staff report omits any discussion of banner hanging duration. How long can the banners hang? What if the banners become unsightly, faded or tattered? The policy doesn't speak to removal based on vandalism, damage or liability.

Because these banners may hang relatively low, is there a need for an encroachment permit from CalTrans, the banners could block line of sight.

Some further messaging (i.e. website, water bills, etc.) to the public to let others know that their banners could be flown for their event or cause.

Further, I object to approving the request from VACO without promoting to the greater Oceano public groups and individuals that they too are eligible to hang banners. Since there is no policy in place, they

haven't paid the non-refundable application fee or gotten a quote on the cost to hang and remove their banners.

Please delay taking any action on these items until all concerns are addressed.

Sincerely,  
Julie Tacker