



## SURF EQUITY

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Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Chair Donne Brownsey and Commissioners  
California Coastal Commission  
455 Market Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: SUPPORT STAFF — CDP Application [2-22-0004](#) — Pacifica Surf Camps & Surf Schools

Dear Chair Donne Brownsey,

We would like to acknowledge the work of Coastal staff and thank them for requiring a CDP to help correct racial discrimination, sexism, nepotism and anti-LGBTQIA+ bigotry at Pacifica State Beach. Please support all staff recommendations.

In 2021, Surf Equity participated in several City of Pacifica Surf Camp/School Task Force meetings. We voiced concerns throughout the process and sent the City's Task Force a [letter](#). Unfortunately, a majority of Task Force members [failed to recommend](#) a program that provided meaningful equity and beach access at Pacifica State Beach.

Historically, beach access has been prohibited and restricted because of racial discrimination, homophobia, transphobia and sexism. Discriminatory policies, practices and retaliation has harmed Black and Brown families, women, girls and LGBTQIA+ families. Sadly, discriminatory behavior is still a problem at Pacifica State Beach, it manifests as hate speech, threats of violence and assault. Thankfully, surf culture in California is slowly changing for the better.

In the spirit of inclusivity, the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing changed its name to 'Surf Equity' in June 2020. Please follow us on Instagram [@SurfEquity](#) and visit our website [SurfEquity.org](https://SurfEquity.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabrina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning.

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