**Stop Pesticide Use on Oceanside Public Land & Property!**

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides with asthma, cancer, developmental and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver and kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects, and disruption of the endocrine system;

**WHEREAS**, infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly, people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure;

**WHEREAS**, pesticides are harmful to pets, wildlife, including threatened and endangered species, soil microbiology, plants, and natural ecosystems;

**WHEREAS**, toxic runoff from chemical fertilizers and pesticides pollute streams and lakes and drinking water sources;

**WHEREAS**, viable alternative practices and products are available with cost savings over time as evidenced by location studies;

**WHEREAS,** pesticide related medical lawsuits against pesticide manufacturers and other responsible entities have been on the increase, it would be prudent for the city to avoid similar lawsuits by eliminating dangerous and questionable products used for cosmetic weed control.

**We, the undersigned, call upon the City of Oceanside to enact a policy to eliminate toxic pesticide and synthetic fertilizer use, and implement sustainable non-toxic land and building management practices in and on City owned and leased property. Such a policy is necessary to safeguard public health, including the health of city workers, protect the city from legal actions, and promote a healthy environment.**
<https://www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/health/pid-database.pdf>

<https://www.grassrootsinfo.org/pdf/turfcomparisonreport.pdf>

[https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/AAP-Makes-Recommendations-to-Reduce-Children's-Exposure-to-Pesticides.aspx](https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/AAP-Makes-Recommendations-to-Reduce-Children%27s-Exposure-to-Pesticides.aspx)

<https://www.baumhedlundlaw.com/toxic-tort-law/monsanto-roundup-lawsuit/>

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