

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Venice Chamber of Commerce

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**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** RE: Agenda Item #5, August 26 – Marina del Rey Parking Lot #2/Boat Launch Ramp Dear Honorable Council Members: The Venice Chamber of Commerce opposes using Parking Lot #2/Marina del Rey Public Boat Launch as a location for a homeless housing site. Placing a temporary housing or a safe sleep site in the Marina near visitor attractions such as the public boat launch ramp, dining establishments, retail shops, the Visitors Center, or any of the Marina's seven hotels will have a damaging effect on business and deter visitors and business travelers from coming to the Marina for recreation, business, or social celebrations. We have unfortunately seen the same poor policy decisions imposed in Venice to disastrous results. There is a track record in place here that we hope you recognize and use as the primary reason to halt such consideration. We believe Parking Lot #2 Marina del Rey Public Boat Launch ramp is not a suitable alternative location for homeless housing, because a safe sleeping site or temporary housing would 1) negatively impact public safety for all and serve as a barrier to its use for recreational boating activities, 2) utilize space that is currently designated as a site for emergency disaster response and helicopter emergency landing zone and 3) negatively impact local businesses that rely on tourism, especially during their recovery efforts from the pandemic. Marina del Rey is a small tourist destination comprised of 400 acres of land that is surrounded by hotels, restaurants and visitor attractions that are struggling to recover from the devastating economic losses they experienced during the pandemic. We urge the Honorable Councilmembers of the Homelessness & Poverty Committee, City of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Officer Matt Szabo and Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn to consider the impact homeless housing at the public boat launch ramp parking lot would have on public safety, tourism, economic vitality, and all businesses in the Marina that would be directly impacted by this decision. Again, we urge you to not make the same mistakes in the Marina as have been allowed in Venice. Rather, please direct your efforts to remediating the tragic mistakes in Venice and allowing these two dynamic areas thrive to the betterment of all Angelenos. Thank you for your consideration.



August 26, 2021

Los Angeles City Council – Homelessness & Poverty Committee  
City Hall – 200 North Spring Street – Room 1010  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair; Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Councilmember Nithya Raman

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Sincerely,

Donna Lasman  
CEO