

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear PLUM members, Please approve File 21-1071 on Environmental Justice policy. Thank you.



5 October 2021

Council File 21-1071

Motion: Environmental Justice

PLUM Committee

Via email/

Dear Honorable Councilmembers of PLUM,

Citizens Preserving Venice (CPV) is a community-based group dedicated to preserving and protecting the character and scale of Venice as a special coastal community, including its history, its social, cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity and its housing.

We wholeheartedly support Councilmembers Bonin's and Rodriguez's motion establishing an Environmental Justice policy for the Coastal Zone. Venice has been recognized as a "special coastal community" by its Venice Coastal Land Use Program and the Coastal Act and it is to be protected.

Venice is one of the remaining coastal communities with a diverse community and it is the utmost importance that it remains so. Many of these vulnerable populations have been displaced because of over development and rising rents.

These Venice citizens, including those of ethnic backgrounds and our seniors, have been long-time residents of Venice. They contribute to the collective memory of Venice without which we would lose our history and our social diversity. They are to be protected; they must not be displaced due to the loss of affordable housing and of our existing multi-family dwellings in which so many of our people live.

An Environmental Justice Policy will protect them and all of Venice.

Please vote in favor of the motion to explore the contents of this policy.

Sincerely,

Sue Kaplan, President

On behalf of Citizens Preserving Venice