

Communication from Public

Name: Brennan Lindner

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Comments for Public Posting: I am continually dismayed at how this project and others are being forced upon the residents of Venice. We already have a SPY PSH project (40 units), the city purchased Ramada Inn TSH managed by Path (20 units), the new Safran PSF Project (75 units) and the new Venice Community Housing Corporation building on Rose (40 units). Keep in mind there are no other projects proposed in CD11 other than Mar Vista. Venice cannot house all of the homeless here. Aside from the massive size of the project, the developer has skirted the rules by not providing an environmental review, the City is giving 100 MM worth of property to a developer, and ultimately reducing access to everyone at the beach. This project will further destroy the quality of life here in Venice. Oh, has anyone mentioned the success of Bridge Housing here in Venice? More importantly the success in how it improved the neighborhood. Unfortunately it only attracted more unhoused to camp on the sidewalks, which my 12 year old daughter cannot use. Again, we cannot house all of the projects here. Ultimately though It is a travesty for the Councilman to pull this project from normal protocol for PLUM review AND public comment. I am disgusted by this entire process. If the goal is to drive out tax paying residents of Venice and Los Angeles (and LAUSD), your plan is working.

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Name: Deborah Rothman

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council and Coastal Commission: I strongly oppose the (Reese) Davidson project because of the many problems with the project. Please understand that this is not a NIMBY objection. On the contrary, we have hundreds if not thousands of unhoused individuals in Venice who are in desperate need of free temporary and very low-cost permanent housing, along with supportive services and access to mass transit. Yet the City Council, without even knowing all elements of the plan, much less giving us an opportunity to analyze and respond to it, is about to vote on a plan that will destroy 4 existing units of low income housing, displacing longtime Venice families without providing comparable replacement housing, thus repeating a grave ill historically perpetrated on people of color by the City and the County of Los Angeles. Exactly how many units will be permanently set aside for homeless individuals and families? How many units will be permanently set aside for very low income individuals and families? Unfortunately, this project has the whiff of special favors benefiting the 1%, using public funds and getting relief from laws and regulations that preserve the character of the Venice community, including the demolition of landmarks such as the East and West Aprons of the historic Red Car Bridge which carries landmark status on the National Historic Registry. What's the rush? We worry that wealthy people will soon be able to buy these publicly-subsidized homes, located just steps from the beach, while low-income people and people of color are further prevented from enjoying access to our public beaches by way of the installation of expensive replacement beach parking spaces, and by removing bicycle access from Venice Blvd. In short, there is no excuse for going forward with a vote on the project until the final plan for beach parking (including type, amount, access and cost) has been made public and fully vetted by Venice residents, the Venice Neighborhood Council and the relevant experts. And because much of the building site is in a Special Flood Hazard Area AE-EL8, significant portions of the project will have to be raised 3' above street level, increasing the height of the project accordingly. Current plans for the project already exceed applicable height limits in the Venice Specific Plan by 15' or more in places, & don't address this issue. I understand the City's PVP

architects criticized the project as a “looming mass” and “large barge” that is “dormitory-like in expression” with a “very aggressive, harsh and bunker-like design.” And that there were no offsetting positive comments regarding the design and, most shockingly, that this criticism was completely omitted from the staff report provided to the City Planning Commission. The proposed building site is the largest and most prominent open space parcel in Venice, a block off the beach and directly on Grand Canal. Our community, our city and, indeed, the entire country and world deserve first-rate design and architecture at this precious, high-impact location. Please take the time, and get the input, to get it right! Finally, you must be sensitive to the environmental impact of this project, and not permit it to proceed without a comprehensive environmental review by way of a CEQA exemption under A.B. 1197. I urge you to slow down the process and require appropriate oversight and compliance, lest this massive project impacting the environment, beach access and public safety, becomes another example of "ready, shoot, aim!" PLEASE take the time to anticipate and address the unintended consequences about which you are not yet aware. Thank you.

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Name: Denise L Johnston

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Comments for Public Posting: I appose the Reese-Davidson project. Bonin is ruining this City and the amount of Homeless is ridiculous. Crime. What are you all doing about this. Tax Payers and Business' are suffering.

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Name: Kurt Richter

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Venice property owner and resident I'd like the City Clerk to please note my strong opposition to pushing this misguided and horribly planned project through with total disregard to planning and ordinance adherence. Better yet scrap the entire project in its entirety. Thank you kindly, Kurt

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Comments for Public Posting: I live near Lincoln and Venice and this Reese Davidson Project ruins the neighborhood! 30+ years I have lived here and this is a horrible project avoiding codes, local landscaping and brings transients in. PLEASE STOP THIS PROJECT AND BONIN as he is now forcing a decision before his second recall in May 2022!