

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Kimberly Dinehart. I am a member of the NextGen Board at Safe Place for Youth. I strongly support Venice Community Housing's proposed housing on the city-owned parking lot at Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue. Los Angeles continues to see a growing housing and homelessness crisis which won't be solved unless we create more affordable housing like this proposed development in every neighborhood. This development would add 140 new units of affordable and supportive housing – a larger-scale solution than seen before in the neighborhood. Artists contribute to the rich history of Venice, but places for working artists to live and work have largely disappeared in our community. This proposed development will create usable open space along the canal, contributing to the revitalization of the area and allowing a diverse group of people to benefit from the space. The development on the city-owned property is a key opportunity for the city of Los Angeles to better utilize this site. Transforming the site from a mere parking lot to much-needed affordable housing, art spaces, green space, pedestrian areas, and retail while still preserving the parking is a no-brainer solution to a number of concerns in our Venice community.