

Communication from Public

Name: Rita Silverman

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council: I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the Venice Community Housing (VCHC) Median Project and plead with you to thoroughly review the numerous and substantial problems associated with the Project before allowing the developers to move forward without a comprehensive environmental review. In a 1/9/2019 article in the Venice Argonaut, Becky Dennison, the Executive Director of VCHC, said she understands that some people will worry about the environmental impacts and the height exemptions that the Project will require. "This is a very complicated land use issue. I definitely think people are always concerned about changes to land use," she acknowledged. "There will be issues that we'll be able to study and mitigate, for sure." Yet, less than three years later, Mike Bonin and the VCHC, with no regard to the significant, devastating and permanent environmental impact the Project will cause our small coastal community, are anxious to push the Project through with NO environmental studies. In fact, in an unprecedented move, despite the size and complexity of the Project, Mike Bonin has removed PLUM from the hearing process and has sent it directly to the City Council for a vote, although PLUM was established to hear all issues about construction of new building projects in LA and provide a forum and facilitate public discussion and input on projects and provide their recommendations. Among its other defects, the Project is not suited for this location which is in a low-level elevation in a flood zone and most at risk to Sea Level Rise, violates the Mello Act, violates Measure JJJ (as implemented in LAMC 11.5.11.), entails improper spot zoning, impedes beach access and imposes unacceptable risks of inundation on nearby properties and residents, as well as the tenants it purports to serve. Furthermore, the City has failed to provide accurate information as to the replacement of existing beach parking, created misleading staff reports, and ignored conflicts of interest on the part of the City Planning Commission which approved the Project. The massive Project is being pushed through the City with zero scrutiny. For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully recommend that you deny this ill-conceived Project as currently proposed. Thank you.

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Name: Regan Kibbee

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the proposed Venice Median Project. Numerous persuasive arguments against this project have been made, including regarding its exorbitant cost per unit, location in a tsunami zone/sea level rise zone, and negative impact on traffic, parking and access to our already challenged “Gateway to the Pacific,” among others. Instead, I agree with the suggestion this Venice land ideally would better serve the community and visitors as a park with parking: safe, reconfigured roadways with drop-off areas reducing dangers and congestion, bike lanes, wider sidewalks, bathrooms, trees, landscaping, permeable surfaces, ecologically restored historic Canal and historic Trolley Car Bridge with a cafe on the banks of the Canal for all to enjoy, and for the site to adapt, as needed, to whatever the future may bring to L.A.’s #1 tourist attraction. By the way, my position is not one of Nimbyism. I spent ten years as an adolescent living in a community that provided a clean and sober lifestyle for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts. We faced much initial fear and push back from neighbors in locations where we opened facilities, but ultimately became a highly-regarded, respected, and welcome good neighbor. In the case of the Venice Median Project, I truly believe this is wrong plan for this location. Regan Kibbee Venice Moms www.venicemoms.com

Communication from Public

Name: J.S.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a native Angeleno, Venice resident, and parent of a minor expressing my strong opposition to the Venice Median Project. Not only is this massive development too expensive for the housing it will afford and a misuse of public funds, but it is completely the wrong project for this access area to Los Angeles's most popular tourist destination, Venice Beach. At a minimum, the proposal should be thoroughly vetted for environmental, traffic, parking and other impacts.