

Communication from Public

Name: Fred Alexander
Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 04:10 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I am against this monster project, save Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: Justine Schmidt

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 05:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Letter to Council: I am letting you know I oppose the Venice Median project formerly called the Reese Davidson project. And I am asking you to also oppose this project. There are so many reasons why this needs to be reexamined and cannot be approved in its current form, if at all! This project will forever alter and damage Los Angeles' historic beach area. How can you allow such a complex project happen without a PLUM hearing and without environmental review? That's crazy in an environmentally sensitive area (Historic Grand Canal, FEMA flood zone and tsunami inundation zone?) The Project has NO OPEN SPACE! The developers are trying to say the TINY children's playground in the Historic Venice Canals (Linnie Park) that has NO parking, bike racks, benches etc. will be good enough for over 400+ new residents to use. Plus this tiny playground is blocks from the residential units of the complex. That is crazy for a project that spans almost 3 full acres! The parking plans presented to the public and the City over the past five years were not accurate. Previous plans called for replacing existing beach parking with a conventional parking tower. It now appears that the City intends to use experimental mechanical lift parking that has never been used on this scale in a beach community. This project is in a densely populated area on the primary corridor into Venice Beach. The public has a right to study and comment on this new parking technology before it is deployed. Sneaking it in at the last minute like this is unacceptable. The RFP issued by the City for this project specifically said that proposals did not need to use the entire 3-acre lot. There is no excuse for expelling longtime Venice families from their homes to make room for this oversized project. The Project has a 60-foot tower (twice the height of surrounding structures) and the City's own architects describe it as a "large barge come ashore." This is an incredibly important piece of property. Venice—and all of Los Angeles—are entitled to scale and character consistent with the beach community location. The tiny living units of this project are less than 500 SQ feet and will cost more than a million dollars EACH. This is a ridiculous solution to our housing issues as well as finding FAST help with our homeless crisis. There is NO plan for bike lanes and the sidewalks and other public access is substandard for such a massive project and the entrance to the super traffic of the beach

entrance. We deserve a much better approach to the affordable housing crisis facing Los Angeles, a better expenditure of our tax money, and we need development to help EVERYONE who lives, works and plays in Venice. This is nothing more than a boondoggle of taxpayer money and a lie that it will help serve the homeless of Los Angeles. Please oppose this project as it stands now.

Communication from Public

Name: Traci I Park

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 08:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Esteemed Members of the City Council, This development is opposed by the vast majority of the Venice community, and has twice been voted down by the Venice Land Use and Planning Committee and the Venice Neighborhood Council. This project is so unpopular that the living family members of Arthur Reese and Gregory Hines have demanded to have their family names removed from the project. Mr. Bonin's decision to pull this from PLUM tramples on the due process rights of the residents and stakeholders who will be impacted by this project. Please send this project back to PLUM for further proceedings. Traci Park
Venice Resident

Communication from Public

Name: John Baginski

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:22 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This Project Has to be Stopped. We MUST have due process. With such a sensitive area and massive project how can the Council possible believe that eliminating the PLUM review is acceptable. Please have this project complete the due process and address these KEY issues.... 1. This is a huge, complex project in an environmentally sensitive area (on Grand Canal in a FEMA flood zone and tsunami inundation zone) that will have a direct impact on beach access for all of Los Angeles. Voting on a project of this magnitude without a PLUM hearing and without environmental review is indefensible. 2. The parking plans presented to the public and the City over the past five years were not accurate. Previous plans called for replacing existing beach parking with a conventional parking tower. It now appears that the City intends to use experimental mechanical lift parking that has never been used on this scale in a beach community. This project is in a densely populated area on the primary corridor into Venice Beach. The public has a right to study and comment on this new parking technology before it is deployed. Sneaking it in at the last minute like this is unacceptable. 3. The plans call for needless destruction of four existing units of affordable housing to make room for commercial uses and do not even come close to providing comparable replacement units in terms of size, features or accessibility, as the law requires. The RFP issued by the City for this project specifically said that proposals did not need to use the entire 3-acre lot. There is no excuse for expelling longtime Venice families from their homes to make room for this oversized project. 4. The Project has a 60-foot tower (twice the height of surrounding structures) and the City's own architects describe it as a "large barge come ashore." This is an incredibly important piece of property. Venice—and all of Los Angeles—are entitled to scale and character consistent with the beach community location. 5. Including a conservative estimate of land value and the cost of replacing existing beach parking, this Project comes out to more than \$1 million per unit – and the average unit is only 460 sq. ft. We need more efficient solutions to address the homeless crisis. 6. The City's Mobility Plan 2035 calls for adding dedicated bike lines and expanding sidewalks around the building site. That is now best practice in urban planning, but if this project is approved as proposed, we will be stuck with substandard streets

and sidewalks at the southern entrance to Venice Beach forever.

7. Venice already has far more affordable housing and supportive housing per capita than any other community on the westside, including several new projects (Rose Avenue Apartments, Lincoln Apartments, Marian Place and the Thatcher Yard Project) in the pipeline. Venice wants to continue doing its part—and more—to address the affordable housing crisis, but we deserve a balanced approach to development at this location that reflects the needs of everyone who lives, works and plays in Venice. John Baginski Family 30 Year Venice Residents

Communication from Public

Name: Synergy LLC

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a 20 + year resident - I AM USE TO Mike Bonin not listening and instead bypassing the City planning process and take the Venice Median project directly to the City Council for a vote on December 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. WE DO NOT WANT THIS PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD AND HAVE SAID SO BY VOTING IT DOWN TWICE WITH the Venice Land Use and Planning Committee and the Venice Neighborhood Council. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER REASON WHY WE WANT MIKE BONIN OUT AND RECALLED. HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO HIS CONSTITUENTS. The project is so unpopular that even the living family members of Arthur Reese and Gregory Hines have demanded their family names be removed from it. Mr. Bonin could care less about the serious concerns of Venice residents, and we do NOT need another billion dollar bad idea in our neighborhood. Make no mistake: Mike Bonin is doing this because he knows his days in office are limited, and he is determined to push this development through before he is voted out, even if it means trampling on the due process rights of this own constituents. SO GLAD WE ARE RECALLING MIKE BONIN ! HE IS THE WORST! #RECALLBONIN2021 #VENICEFAMILIESFIRST

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 10:02 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please vote no or abstain on Council File 21-0829-S1 to be heard Wednesday. The relatives of Arthur Reese and Gregory Hines demanded that their family names be removed that were used without approval to sugar coat the project. Bonin has skirted every method set in place to push this through which will have no direct benefit to Venice and is only a land grab for the developers who will own the property after a certain amount of years. Venice is a seaside community and this project will forever destroy our little piece of paradise - the outrageous amount of money could be better spent elsewhere. Also please note that we acquired more signatures on the petition to Recall Bonin than votes he received in his last election. As a former friend of Mike's I can tell you that he doesn't represent the constituents of Venice, doesn't listen to a word we say and forges his own delusional path even though he's been proven to be wrong time and time again. Please, please vote no or abstain. Thank you, Daryl Barnett, Venice 31 year resident

Communication from Public

Name: Isa Bor

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 11:08 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in opposition to Bonin's Venice Median project. Please Mr. Bonin, does your greed have no end? Please stop destroying our city. The residents should have rights too, and a voice, do you Not hear it?

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Maloy

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 11:10 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: There many reasons this project should no be allowed to go forward: - The project is opposed by the vast majority of Venice residents and was twice voted down by the Venice Land Use and Planning Committee and the Venice Neighborhood Council. - Its cost and sources of financing are unknown although estimates put the cost of each unit at \$1 million. - Its purpose has constantly shifted, from a homeless project to an affordable housing project. - It will destroy the character of the neighborhood and close off access to the millions of working-class families from Inglewood, East LA, and other landlocked parts of the city. - It ignores CEQA regulations. But the most egregious reason is the bypassing of the PLUM hearing where all of the above issues could be debated and analyzed. Our district 11 council member continues to ignore the wishes of his constituents and push forward a project that does nothing to address the needs it purports to fix. Why was this allowed to happen? Please, please, please vote not or abstain so that the normal process can play out. Thank You.

Communication from Public

Name: Helen and Bert Fallon

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 11:49 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We strongly object to this project. Mike Bonin convinced the council that these parcels which are used for beach parking were "underutilized" and should be repurposed for homeless housing. Venice has 1/3 fewer parking spaces for beach visitors than does Santa Monica even though our beach is approximately the same size. This parking lot has never been underutilized and Los Angelenos need more access not less to this recreational destination. This isn't just about rich tourists visiting Venice it is about the negative impact of families from all over Los Angeles who visit our Beach. This project as designed ensures that families living outside of CD11 will find it difficult, inconvenient and expensive to visit the beach. The history of this project stinks of backroom deals and special interest influences. When environmental studies showed that the negative impact of using the site for housing would outweigh public benefit, the state was lobbied and the project was exempted from an EIR and CEQUA. The parking study that the Council asked for when it initially approved the project concept has NEVER been produced. Over the years the project has gone from addressing homelessness to becoming a mixed use, affordable/work force housing project that will provide limited and very expensive robotic parking for beach goers. The list of irregularities goes on and on and now includes bypassing the City Council Planning Commission. This is absolutely the wrong project in the wrong location! Please do not approve this project. Helen and Bert Fallon

Communication from Public

Name: Louis Pavlovich
Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 12:08 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my strong opposition to the Venice Median project. It is far too big for such a small community, it is poorly planned, it is in a flood zone, it is far too expensive for what it is supposed to accomplish, it makes no sense to have this project in this location.

Communication from Public

Name: Beronica Martin
Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 08:21 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please, please stop this horrific construction. You are destroying Venice in all aspects. I don't understand why Venice needs to house ALL homeless people, there are already other construction/buildings assisting them, WHY more? feels like we should all move out so Venice can be re-named Homeless Land!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Boccaletti

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 08:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, I urge you all to OPPOSE this community center project which has been proven detrimental to the community for so many reasons. It has been forced upon us against overwhelming opposition by a city councilman who has not listened to any intelligent input from the community for better solutions. This would be a grossly irresponsible use of taxpayer money at a cost of \$140 million dollars. We need to house many more people for this sum of money and need less permanent housing solutions with an emphasis on mental health and drug rehabilitation services. It would be destroying 4 affordable housing units and displacing the families in these units. It would destroy the surrounding community as it is completely out of character with its very proposed scale. It would be in a flood zone! Venice has already been overburdened with the amount of shelters that are already being built here. It would destroy the very iconic Venice canals area which is a very historic area. This is an area which is the gateway to the beach for 100's of thousands of Angelinos which already experiences an extreme amount of congestion during the summer months and holidays. It is being pushed through illegally by a council member who continues to ignore the constituents of his community and is currently embroiled in a recall effort. Please REJECT THIS PROJECT and be compassionate in housing many more people in less permanent structures for this amount of funds!!! Thank you, Andrea Boccaletti Venice Homeowner and Resident

Communication from Public

Name: S Sanders

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:20 PM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Re: NO on 21-0829-S1 (Venice Median Project) Honorable Councilmembers, Please vote NO or ABSTAIN, and require the Venice median project be returned to PLUM and undergo a full environmental review. There are many reasons for voting NO on this motion which have been thoroughly and thoughtfully compiled by my neighbors. I hope you give them due consideration because they probably know as much about this project or more than Venice community housing Corporation. Here are the three. 1) You are being used. Mr. Bonin does not vote or support the direction in which you the City Council is leading our City out of crisis. Now, in the face of overwhelming opposition to another one of his ill conceived projects, he wants you to join him in his effort to derail the people of their due process rights. Mr. Bonin insistently whines about how his projects are "sued and appealed". Well, if you disregard community concerns and bend or break the law to circumvent the processes designed to cure those concerns guess what, you're probably going to get "sued and appealed". 2) Mr. Bonin has lost the confidence and trust of the voters, and likely will be recalled. Therefore he should not be permitted to bring or make motions until the matter has been fully decided by his constituents. 3) The costs looks to be over \$2000/sqft. I'm sure each of you could find something better to do to help our City with this money than support one man's political vendetta. "Our system does not permit agencies to act unlawfully even in pursuit of desirable ends" - United States Supreme Court August 26th, 2021 Thank You, Steve Sanders Venice, CA 90291

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 12:34 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime Venice resident I am asking the members of the City Council to vote down or abstain from a vote on the Venice Median Housing. The Venice community has been ignored long enough, we don't want this outrageously expensive monstrosity in our neighborhood, it just makes zero sense. This project is just one example of why 39,000 residents have petitioned to recall Mr. Bonin, don't let him saddle the city with an overpriced boondoggle on his way out the door. It's the largest/last parcel of open space in Venice, one block from the beach in the Venice Canals Historic District. It's in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area, with projected flooding 8 feet above sea level due to Climate Change. A Tsunami inundation zone with a high-water table. The building costs here will be outrageous. Replaces beach parking with an untested 45-ft robotic tower with tiered-parking 500ft further from the beach. I predict the lines to get into this parking will constantly block Venice Blvd. in the summer. Its cost is prohibitive: 141 units, each 460 sq feet, costing an estimate \$1 Million per unit. How does that make any sense? How much rent assistance could you pay for 141 units instead? Do the math! No priority for Venice's homeless. No sober living required. Mr. Bonin is trying to rush this project through without a PLUM review, if any project needs a PLUM review it is this one. Venice already has far more affordable housing and supportive housing per capita than any other community on the westside, including several new projects in the pipeline. Venice wants to continue doing its part—and more—to address the affordable housing crisis, but we deserve a balanced approach to development at this location that reflects the needs of everyone who lives, works and plays in Venice. Please don't ignore the concerns of local residents who know and love Venice, this project is out of scale and sync to the historic beach and canals community, the cost for 141 units is a slap in the face to those this project is supposed to be helping. Vote no or abstain until the costs have been investigated further and made clear.

Communication from Public

Name: VENICE SOS

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 08:46 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS DISASTER OF A PROJECT GO FORWARD.... EVERY DIRTY TRICK IN THE BOOK HAS BEEN USED TO PUSH IT THROUGH INCLUDING NOT ALLOWING PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND REMEDY OF THE GLARING ISSUES. BONIN'S CONSTITUENTS HAVE VOTING HIM OUT BECAUSE OF THESE DIRTY TRICKS AND LACK OF CONCERN FOR THE CITIZENS OF VENICE. PLEASE STOP THIS PROJECT. 1. This is a huge, complex project in an environmentally sensitive area (on Grand Canal in a FEMA flood zone and tsunami inundation zone) that will have a direct impact on beach access for all of Los Angeles. Voting on a project of this magnitude without a PLUM hearing and without environmental review is indefensible. 2. The parking plans presented to the public and the City over the past five years were not accurate. Previous plans called for replacing existing beach parking with a conventional parking tower. It now appears that the City intends to use experimental mechanical lift parking that has never been used on this scale in a beach community. This project is in a densely populated area on the primary corridor into Venice Beach. The public has a right to study and comment on this new parking technology before it is deployed. Sneaking it in at the last minute like this is unacceptable. 3. The plans call for needless destruction of four existing units of affordable housing to make room for commercial uses and do not even come close to providing comparable replacement units in terms of size, features or accessibility, as the law requires. The RFP issued by the City for this project specifically said that proposals did not need to use the entire 3-acre lot. There is no excuse for expelling longtime Venice families from their homes to make room for this oversized project. 4. The Project has a 60-foot tower (twice the height of surrounding structures) and the City's own architects describe it as a "large barge come ashore." This is an incredibly important piece of property. Venice—and all of Los Angeles—are entitled to scale and character consistent with the beach community location. 5. Including a conservative estimate of land value and the cost of replacing existing beach parking, this Project comes out to more than \$1 million per unit – and the average unit is only 460 sq. ft. We need more efficient solutions to address the homeless crisis. 6. The City's Mobility Plan 2035 calls for adding

dedicated bike lines and expanding sidewalks around the building site. That is now best practice in urban planning, but if this project is approved as proposed, we will be stuck with substandard streets and sidewalks at the southern entrance to Venice Beach forever.

7. Venice already has far more affordable housing and supportive housing per capita than any other community on the westside, including several new projects (Rose Avenue Apartments, Lincoln Apartments, Marian Place and the Thatcher Yard Project) in the pipeline. Venice wants to continue doing its part—and more—to address the affordable housing crisis, but we deserve a balanced approach to development at this location that reflects the needs of everyone who lives, works and plays in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: STEVE

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 08:47 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I Oppose this massive disruption and building project to the beautiful Venice area

Communication from Public

Name: Don Jemison

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 08:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This is a huge, complex project in an environmentally sensitive area (on Grand Canal in a FEMA flood zone and tsunami inundation zone) that will have a direct impact on beach access for all of Los Angeles. Voting on a project of this magnitude without a PLUM hearing and without environmental review is indefensible. More importantly, the vast majority of local residents are against this project because it is clearly a land grab which benefits developers more than offering any real solutions to the city's affordable housing shortage. The land should be retained as parking and enhanced by adding park features to be used and enjoyed by ALL Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Fox

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 09:52 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: i totally OPPOSE the Reese Davis project. It is inappropriate for the area of venice. It disregards the code regulations that others have to follow. It unhouses residents. It is not in the best interest of the venice community and only lines the pocket of the developers and potentially those in power allowing it to be green lighted against all regulations. The Reese davis and hines family have lodged complaints and expressed their objections about being associated in any way. This project is in no way in the best interest of our community and does not meet the needs "suggested" by the developers. It MUST be stopped

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Davis

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 10:36 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Voting on a project of this magnitude without a PLUM hearing and without environmental review is indefensible. I would like to see the Reese /Davidson project stopped in it's tracks!

Communication from Public

Name: TT

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 11:25 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: When people are under pressure they tend to make poor decisions. It feels like this project is a result of someone(s) feeling pressure to attend to a problem which has been long neglected. Now, in the pursuit of a solution there is a haste to get "something" done. No PLUM review? No environmental review? Hmmm...seems someone(s) are mistaking (as John Wooden often pointed out) activity for productivity. Shame. On a more aesthetic front, as a homeowner and 25 year resident of this Venice neighborhood I am embarrassed by the design and construction elements of this project. Really? Is this the best we can do? Shame Peace,

Communication from Public

Name: Kirk Zipfel

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 12:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness is a huge problem for all of us. Why choose unbelievably expensive beach land to build high-cost, low income housing when you already have thousands of acres of cheaper land at your disposal? Let's use our tax dollars wisely, please. Venice already has far more affordable housing and supportive housing per capita than any other community on the westside, including several new projects (Rose Avenue Apartments, Lincoln Apartments, Marian Place and the Thatcher Yard Project) in the pipeline. Venice wants to continue doing its part—and more—to address the affordable housing crisis, but we deserve a balanced approach to development at this location that reflects the needs of everyone who lives, works and plays in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Carpenter
Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 01:27 PM
Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Let the LA City Council ILLEGAL VOTE TRADING STOP IMMEDIATELY! The Reese Davidson project must be rejected for a litany of reasons: exemptions from environmental review, the consolidation of 40 lots, illegal project entitlements, displacing low income Venice residents, reduced beach access, imposing design, outrageously expensive, VCH's buildings are extremely dangerous, and planning commissioner Helen Leung should have recused herself as she has a well-documented working relationship with VCH through her non-profit, LA Mas. With land value, \$1,000,000 per unit is a gross misuse of public funds that could be spent more efficiently to help MORE people. Spending all of the money to help a few, while leaving the vast majority to languish on the streets, is NOT compassion, it is NOT inclusion – it's corruption! With greedy developers set to profit \$60,000 per unit, like they are for other projects, it makes you wonder who else has their hand in the cookie jar. Venice has become a containment zone for housing and services. This policy of containment hasn't worked for Skid Row and it's NOT working for Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard A Rothstein

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 02:44 PM

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replacement units in terms of size, features or accessibility, as the law requires. The RFP issued by the City for this project specifically said that proposals did not need to use the entire 3-acre lot. There is no excuse for expelling longtime Venice families from their homes to make room for this oversized project.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 03:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve a mixed used/ affordable housing project in Venice with units averaging 450 square feet, each costing in excess of \$800,000. The city, at the request of Mike Bonin who claimed it was “underutilized” made a beach parking lot available for development. Ask yourself why the feasibility study the city council asked for when they approved this request has never been completed. This project was initially supposed to house homeless Venetians, but has evolved in to a massive mixed-use project that will have little to no impact on addressing homelessness other than becoming the poster child for spending tax dollars on LA’s misguided, expensive and ineffective housing first policy. This project significantly decreases access to the Venice Beach for all of Los Angeles by not only removing parking during the lengthy construction period but also by relocating the existing public parking further away from the beach in to a parking tower that will offer robotic parking with tiered parking prices including “premium” parking. Our city’s beach should be easily accessible to every Los Angeleno living in every Council District. This project will ensure that the already limited public beach parking available in Venice will be even scarcer. By comparison, Santa Monica with approximately the same size beach has 1/3 more public parking available for its beachgoers. This project does not meet the needs of the citizens of Los Angeles. It is not a project that just impacts CD11. It ultimately benefits a few, enriches a non-profit’s real estate portfolio and permanently ensures that large numbers of middle and lower income Los Angelenos will be excluded from enjoying the recreational opportunities and the extraordinary access to Nature that our Beach offers. The City Council needs to look at the bigger picture and ensure that our Coast and Beach remains accessible to all. Please consider the long-range negative impact on beach access for all income levels of Los Angelenos that this project creates, especially those who don’t have the means to travel to other areas and rely upon Venice Beach to provide low-cost recreational opportunities for their families.