

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We can not have this happen in Venice. It is so over crowded here, the homeless have destroyed Venice, there is so much trash and filth like i have never seen in the 22 years that I have lived here. If this development passes, I will move out of here. I have had so many problems with people trying to break into my house, I had a girl tweaked out hiding in my garage for over 30 mins. on a Monday afternoon. the homeless has cause so many businesses to go under. Venice used to be one of the largest tourist areas in the world, but no one wants to come here any more. This development can not happen.

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** A Personal Plea to Members of The Los Angeles City Council A week after voters passed Proposition HHH in November, 2016 – freeing \$1.2 Billion for 10,000 Affordable and Permanent Supportive Houses -- I started tracking the City's plans for The Venice Median once its Chief Administrative Officer revealed that "The Dell-Pacific Parking Lot" would anchor the first wave of eight city-owned properties targeted for Permanent Supportive Housing– with Hollywood Community Housing and Venice Community Housing (VCH) being chosen to develop what was 3x larger than any other proposed project. That same week, a small gathering of neighbors met at Joan's bungalow for the first time to try to figure out how come there was no competitive bidding; no transparency, and no public input as to how this valuable 2.8-acre parcel, with a (then) market value estimated to be \$80 million was selected in the first place. I remember Eva calling it "an outrageously profligate land grab masking as land use policy", since the only reason this property was being considered was because the city owned it -- not because Pacific @ Dell was a logical, or cost-effective, place to construct the largest project in Venice since Abbott Kinney built the Canals in 1905. What also confounded our informal study group was how our Councilman and VCH could pitch the project as an effective way to house the unhoused, while knowing it would take years for housing on this scale to be approved in the Coastal Zone, let alone have any immediate impact on the growing number of young, male transients from out of state descending on Venice to camp out and party on our streets, beaches, and public spaces. As a retiree who moved to Venice in 2012 to catch waves – usually north of the pier, 3-5 mornings a week, I kept asking anyone who would listen 'what other beach town in Santa Monica Bay would allow this to happen to itself?' Certainly not Redondo or Hermosa; Manhattan Beach or Santa Monica.' I couldn't understand why anyone would think it's a good idea to plop a massive, public housing project so close to our historic/sublime Venice Canals, on an unusually large parking lot where working-class families from Inglewood, East LA, and other landlocked parts of the city would join us for weekends at the beach. Nonetheless, I wasn't too worried about it coming to fruition -- even after the Council voted to accept Mr. Bonin's dubious classification of The Venice

Median as an “underutilized city property.” My confidence came from the protections provided by The Coastal Act, and from the Developer’s blatant overreach, which I felt would be exposed during the City’s mandatory traffic study and EIR review. My hope was our Civic Leadership would then get real and deal with the growing humanitarian crisis worsening in front of our eyes – starting by accepting that the scale being proposed for The Venice Median has no business remaining an integral part of the Prop HHH Pipeline. Silly me. PART TWO: Five Years Later At this juncture, let me briefly share a few of the more egregious exemptions/ issues developers are asking Council Members, like yourself, to discount before voting to support The Venice Median Project – formerly known as The Reese-Davidson Community until recently when Arthur Reese’s granddaughter, Sonya, came out against the project for many of the reasons listed below. 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. Replaces beach parking with a 45-ft robotic tower with tiered-parking 500ft further from the beach. Its cost is prohibitive: 141 units, each 460 sq feet, costing an estimate \$1 Million per unit. No priority for Venice’s homeless. No sober living required. A state mandated exemption from environmental review under CEQA. The last one -- -- the CEQA exemption – AB1197 – is the one to remember. It allows any shelter or homeless housing project being developed in L.A. to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in order to speed up its approval process. Here’s what I wrote about in early August. “Davidson is too ginormous, too full of mind-boggling exemptions not to be subjected to environmental review – but once the state rushed through legislation to prevent CEQA from applying to affordable housing projects in LA (and only LA), I again have to ask, “What Beach Town would do this to itself.” Three months later, I finally realized something I probably should have realized a long time ago. The city of Los Angeles is not a beach town. Never was. Never will be. Conversely, Venice is a beach town,

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am absolutely against the Reese Davidson Monster on the Median project. Please serve the wants and needs of the community instead of a obvious money grab that will serve to destroy our community