

Communication from Public

Name: Evan Hines

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this project, the re-zoning and exemptions from CEQA. I am the son of Gregory Hines. The Developers have appropriated my father's name to promote their project, calling their community room the "Gregory Hines Art Center." Greg would have never aligned himself with people like this. If the Developers want to make money and build buildings go ahead, but don't use my father's name to do it. To date I have not seen evidence of the Developers having the authorization to use his father's name and likeness. Given the fact that they didn't have permission to use Arthur Reese's name, I don't think they should use Greg's name. When they contacted me in 2020, years after they began using Greg's name, the Developers did not clearly describe the scope of the project. The Reese Davidson Project is five times larger than the typical supportive housing development and would take up about 40 lots on nearly three acres of land. The current space is used as a parking lot for Venice Beach visitors and sits adjacent to the historic Venice Canals. It seems like the wrong kind of thing to go in this space just because where it is located, geographically, it's so close to the beach. I just know for a fact that my father, Gregory Hines, would not be for this project given what the effect on the community this would have. In an interview in 2014, Gregory Hines spoke of his love for the beach and the open space in Venice. He compared his life in New York to Venice saying "When I lived in New York, I never looked up. In Venice I look up and see cloud formations. When I'm looking out into the water, I'm never bored. It has a powerful effect on me." Please do not proceed with this project. The Developers are not only unscrupulous, but also it is a waste of tax payer funds and would be detrimental to everyone's access and enjoyment of the beach.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Murez

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Comments for Public Posting: It is no surprise that mistakes were made regarding attachments. The way this project has been rushed through all planning and reviews is RECKLESS and contrary to public safety. This project would be combining 40 lots to create a 2.6 acre building complex - larger than anything in Venice - and with a 6 story tower and commercial space. It is totally out of scale, mass and character with the surrounding neighborhood. In this location, Venice Blvd is NOT a major thoroughfare - it is a 100 year old narrow 2 lane divided street that cannot safely support a building complex of this size. Roads, bike lanes, sidewalk, permeable flood plane, historic landmarks, outdated sewer pipes, failing electrical infrastructure... all have not been corrected and could not support this massive project. We now have frequent water main breaks and power outages. Police and Fire Trucks drive against traffic to reach emergencies. Rushing through without CEQA is Irresponsible! and Dangerous! Community input has been ignored. This epitomizes Mike Bonin's dangerously misguided decision making. If PLUM and City Council continue to pass this project, being on notice from the public, and not referring it back to MAJOR PROJECTS for review/redesign, you too will be complicit and culpable.