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Councilmembers and City Clerk,

First and foremost, a project of this magnitude and so fraught with issues, errors and violations should be tabled so that it can be properly reviewed by the incoming CD-11 representative, City Attorney, and new Mayor. It should be noted that the vast majority of CD-11 Councilmember candidates are against the project.

The changes to the amended certified Land Use Plan are corrections of significant errors that should have been caught in the process prior to final approval. When PLUM and City Council voted on this motion on February 1st and February 2nd, respectively, the corrected maps were not even disclosed to the councilmembers and so they voted on something that they literally hadn't even seen. That's a violation.

Also, a Permanent Supportive Housing project does not require a zone change to commercial but rather only to residential zoning. No commercial elements are required for this Permanent Supportive Housing project. Thus, to change to a commercial zone requires environmental review and the change is not statutorily exempt from CEQA.

There are other smaller sites that would have been and remain more logical and effective locations. This project is two to three times larger than a typical supportive housing project. That's because it is a vanity project being pushed through under the guise of the simpleton logic that if we don't want tent encampments, we have to build housing. If only it were that simple. At what cost to the taxpayers for this boondoggle?

We are in a major humanitarian crisis that requires immediate intervention on the scale of FEMA. One cannot help but think that this project is not meant to address the crisis at all but rather is a pathway to profit for everyone involved.

The Venice Median project is the poster child of mismanagement and waste of public funds, funds that should be used to help exponentially more people than will be served by this project. If the minor design costs incurred so far have to be written off so that a project can be developed at a better location, so be it. That sunk cost is just a grain in the sand compared to the total waste of public funds of this monstrous project.

This project is spot zoning of a 40-lot consolidation, along a canal in an area where no lot consolidations are currently allowed! The project presents as a huge ugly prison complete with watch tower, with a new land use designation created just for the project, required as the project breaks essentially all other rules in the plan.

These amendments to the certified Venice Land Use Plan are a flagrant prejudicing of the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformance with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, which is a very serious violation of the Coastal Act.

City Councilmembers, please **exercise common sense and prevent this gross waste of taxpayer funds by voting against any zoning amendment to the certified Venice Land Use Plan for this misguided proposal. Your duty to the citizens of Los Angeles requires that you not mismanage and waste public funds. You must deny the project.**

*For the Love of Los Angeles
and our precious Coast,
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