

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Coray

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 08:41 AM

Council File No: 21-0829-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a life time resident of Venice, I am disappointed in the handling of this project. Proper procedures have not been followed. Using Covid as excuse to not require the Costal commission do an assessment is totally corrupt. This project will not serve the community or visitors. It is to large and should have to follow the same guidelines as I do when I want to make a change to my house. This project will serve no purpose at all. No low income housing for our teachers. Expensive parking. More traffic. More pollution! I am opposed to this project. You job is to serve the community not you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 12:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Planning Land Use Management: I am a longtime resident of Venice and I urge you to please reject the proposed Reese-Davidson Community real estate development because it is too big. It is massively out of scale and character for this neighborhood. If approved, this real estate development will set a terrible precedent for future development in the neighborhood. It is too tall, too wide, too sprawling and will dominate the surrounding neighborhood in a extremely negative way. It is 2 city blocks long, jumps the canal, and the reason it grew to this size from original proposal (as it was explained to me by VCHC) is that, with this gigantic size, it will make the developers eligible for more government funds. This real estate development and its monstrous size is a terrible thing for this neighborhood and I ask you to reject it. Thank you very much for your consideration, Steve Bevilacqua Venice

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Name: Erin Kane

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 12:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident who regularly walks this area and who sees the decay we have experienced over the past few years I am extremely opposed to this median project. The canals are a historic and charming area of Venice and to build someone this large and detrimental to the environment and the residences surrounding it is just irresponsible and a money grab. I think there is plenty of room for improvement for this area but within the correct scale and with real thought and aesthetics in mind. Cities around the world are able to mix new and old while still maintaining the character of the neighbourhoods. I love Venice and it saddens me everyday to see the politicians have chosen to make it their human dumping ground. They have allowed St. Josephs and others to assist in creating a dangerous and scary and completely unlawful society to exist within one of the most expensive zip codes and in one of Californias top tourist attractions. Venice bring people to California, and Los Angeles and this incessant need by politicians like Bonin to destroy everything and anything good about it is criminal. Lining the pockets of builders, developers, other politicians and staff will hopefully be coming to an end soon with the election.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 01:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This project negatively impacts the environment and the EIR review was inappropriately waived. Parking will be more expensive. 2 very low income families that have lived there for decades are displaced and net gain is only 2 in this category. Homeless housing :0 Completely inappropriate land grab developer project where the city GIVES AWAY multimillion in dollar property to a corrupt ineffective service provider. NO.

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Name: Mary Jane Wagle

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 01:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to express my strong support for the Council Action today to approve the CEQA exemption and the modifications to maps and related actions submitted for the Reese-Davidson Affordable Housing Development bounded by Pacific, North and South Venice Boulevards and Canal Street. This development will make an enormous difference to the Venice and other Westside communities through housing formerly unhoused individuals, low income artists, families and individuals and providing community amenities to the Venice community while fully replacing beach parking. Venice needs this project and I strongly support moving it forward as expeditiously as possible. Thank you.

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Name: L Scott

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 01:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not advance this project. The city should not be paying so much for homeless housing in a FLOOD ZONE! As a constituent I am very disappointed that this project has cone this far. Please make wise decisions with taxpayers money. This is not one.

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Name: Fred Ryan

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 11:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Over \$1M per 460 soft unit! PLEASE spend my money wisely. Let's build lots more lower cost units elsewhere and end this homeless problem. Thank you, Fred Ryan, Tax Payer

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Name: Coalition for Safe Coastal Development

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 10:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: Please access the hyperlinks below and read the articles AS SOON AS POSSIBLE related to stopping the Venice Median project. <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/neighborhood-politics-hidden/24544-time-to-let-bonin-s-successor-start-over-with-the-venice-median-project>
https://www.westsidcurrent.com/opinion/changing-the-conversation-on-the-venice-median-with-the-cd11-candidates/article_88ace04-d4bd-11ec-9034-87451743471d.html?utm_source=westsidcurrent.com&utm_campaign=newsletter/optimize/daily-headlines/7-de-1652706024&utm_medium=e
Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter. Regards, Coalition for Safe Coastal Development

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https://www.westsidcurrent.com/opinion/changing-the-conversation-on-the-venice-median-with-the-cd11-candidates/article_88ace04-d4bd-11ec-9034-87451743471d.html?utm_source=westsidcurrent.com&utm_campaign=newsletter/optimize/daily-headlines/7-de-1652706024&utm_medium=e
Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter. Regards, Coalition for Safe Coastal Development

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Name: Jenny Bond

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 12:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The insane project is the work of a council man , Bonin, who clearly does not think he needs to listen to the people he serves. There's nothing about this project that makes sense. Not the price Nor the location Or how it's forced upon Venice and create a huge divide. I been for housing and building housing in venice but I feel completely robbed by Bonin who takes no one else in consideration and listens to no one. Lawless. And corruption is what I can think of. Nothing else that makes sense. Jenny Bond

Communication from Public

Name: Marie Hammond

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 02:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on the Median Project. Protect the historic Venice Canals. Project should have Environmental Impact evaluation, this violates the open space element of the Venice Coastal Plan. So many things are wrong with this project!

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Name: ruth goldway

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 02:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the requested map change for the Venice Community Housing project on median of Venice Blvd, blocks from the beach. This project is a vital part of the City's and our Venice neighborhood's response to the housing crisis. Making minor adjustments to the map of this site will allow VCH to proceed with a project that provides 140 subsidized housing units, community facilities and also greatly improves the appearance of that area and the origination point of the canal. Thank you for considering my point of view and making your decision accordingly. Ruth Y. Goldway (22 year Venice resident and homeowner on Dell Avenue, just three blocks from the proposed project.)

Communication from Public

Name: Vytas

Date Submitted: 05/17/2022 03:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a local in Venice and constantly pass the Venice Median Project future site. I'm in objection to the project as it currently stands. What needs to be built there is a mixed use property. Ground floor retail (cafes, fruit stands, art galleries) to encourage a thriving community and pedestrian destinations. 2 or more floors above retail being devoted to apartments with a % of units going to low income. low income people should be integrated with non-low income people to create social understanding. Current development plans are soulless, ugly and don't take into account what the neighborhood needs and what people in need... need.