

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for addressing the rampant theft and resale of bikes by individuals in homeless encampments! The piles of bikes and parts seem by all rational evaluation to be stolen. If asked, I am sure not one resident could produce a receipt for even one part or bike. The problem has risen above nuisance level to menace. Just yesterday I witnessed an unhoused man in his 20's cycling through my neighborhood on a kid's dirt bike with a wheel on each handlebar towing another full bike by hand on the side slowly cruising the street looking down driveways, searching - probably for the next kid or adult bike on someone's property that was unattended or unlocked. Please follow through on the measure to ban open-air bike chop shops. Thank you for addressing the needs of area residents!

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Name: Marjorie Weitzman

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers- Today you will be asked to approve a DDA for the largest and most expensive mixed-use development in Venice history. A massive, out of scale project, a block from the entrance to Venice beach on the historic Venice Canals. The meeting this morning is randomly scheduled with in-person comment only, and marked as an agenda item that was already heard at Homeless and Poverty Committee. Though I tried- I did not get the opportunity to comment at that hearing, nor did many of my neighbors with their hand raised to do so. The comment period was cut off abruptly with many of us having taken time out of day to plan our brief statements of concern that you would eventually ignore. This is an unimaginable, development- that is predominantly a parking tower (with plans not yet finalized in plans) calling for the destruction of the affordable homes of 4-longtime Venice families. A project that developers promised the community would abide by proper environmental review as it sits over the historic canals, in an environmentally sensitive habitat area, in the Coastal Zone, in a FEMA designated flood zone, Tsunami zone/escape route with sea level/ground water rising. For the record, last Thursday I was prepared to tell you I object to the premature DDA which does not have the entitlement approvals and Coastal permits required to move forward. There is also an active lawsuit in play challenging for one thing, the project's CEQA exemption for commercial uses (a 68 ft. look out tower over the beach, arts center, cafe and parking tower) which makes a DDA inappropriate at this time. I was prepared to tell you, \$1.249 million dollar units a block from the beach is exactly the kind of "solution" that is fueling the homelessness and poverty situation. I wanted to call to your attention that these numbers can't be ignored. This will be the most expensive affordable housing in Los Angeles, the State of California and most likely the world. I would have told you this is an embarrassment- and a slap in the face to everyone who truly wants to help those in need and it's the reason we've lost faith in our elected officials. I would have suggested it's time to stop blindly supporting a badly flawed project out of deference to a councilman who has never listened to the reasonable input of his constituents and will soon be out of office. I would have said it's time to put egos aside and see this project for what it really is- a misleading land grab - not a

solution. With gas at \$7.00 a gallon and COVID still a concern for so many, I will not be joining a meeting today where I will likely not have the opportunity to be speak. This Council hearing process has never been meant to include public opinion. You will defer to your colleague who has deemed this popular beach parking lot “underutilized”, but then asks for you to reconstruct it with a 20-million dollar parking tower. Yesterday, a geotechnical expert report was added to the record calling to PLUM’s attention a 4.5 year old (2017) soil report that was used to approve the project last December, 2021. The City’s consultant states in the report that it is not to be relied on after 3 years, yet the outdated report was relied on for your approval. Serious geotechnical issues, such as liquefaction due to ground water rise, are building risks of this site that have not been considered. When even the basic things are not addressed to protect public health and safety, the full City Council has a responsibility to step in and pause the project moving forward until properly evaluated. I strongly urge you to think this through for yourselves and ask why this DDA must be passed through now? Why give away the last valuable open space in Venice to a private developer for \$1.00 a year in a 99 year lease with only 50 of those years required to be affordable? And we still don’t know the plans that will be used to accommodate beach parking for all of your constituents who visit Venice Beach, as well as for the commercial and residential elements. You are flying the airplane while building it. Please let common sense prevail and vote to continue. Thank you- Marjorie Weitzman Concerned Venice Resident