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Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 3:10 PM

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded City Council Meeting June 28, 2022: ITEM 50 - PLEASE DENY

Re: City Council Meeting June 28, 2022

Item 50 - **DENY** Motion to execute a new lease or renew existing lease for A Bridge Home, 100 Sunset Ave, Venice 90201

Council File 18-0510-S2

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Thank you,

Connie Brooks

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Subject: Re: Public Comments Not Uploaded 22-0297

Good Afternoon,

Your documents have been received and uploaded to Council file No. [22-0297](#).

Thank you.

On Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 12:36 PM Alexander Irvine <alex@irvineassoc.com> wrote:

Hello, please include the attached letter in the file for Council File No. 22-0297.

Thank you,

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

The certified Venice Coastal Land Use Plan, Policy I. C. 6. Bus Yard Redevelopment, states:

Should the site become available, priority uses for the future redevelopment of the former MTA (formerly Southern California Rapid Transit District (RTD)) bus service maintenance and storage facility, located on Main Street, between Sunset Avenue and Thornton Place, include affordable housing, which may be a mixed-use residential-commercial project, and public parking structure as a measure to improve public access.

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Thank you for your consideration,
*For the Love of Los Angeles
and our precious Coast,*
Robin Rudisill
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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Re: City Council Meeting June 28, 2022 Item 50 - DENY Motion Council File 18-0510-S2 to execute a new lease or renew existing lease for A Bridge Home, 100 Sunset Ave, Venice 90201 Council File 18-0510-S2 Dear Honorable Councilmembers: This motion for renewal or extension of the lease to the A Bridge Home project (ABH) at the Metro 6 site must be denied as there has not been adequate public process or discussion and opportunity for community, Neighborhood Council input, including the waiver of consideration by the Information, Technology, and General Services Committee. Furthermore, it appears that no notice to surrounding property owners seems to have been required or provided. Commitments made in conjunction with the ABH were not kept and - as a result - it has failed to meet its objectives and resulted in collateral consequences for the surrounding housed and unhoused community, including chronic, serious safety and health problems for both housed and unhoused. Abundant research, including a recent report from the RAND corporation, has made it increasingly clear that congregate settings, such as the Venice ABH, are not effective for or desirous to unsheltered individuals. These factors combine to justify, at the least, a more substantial discussion around extending this investment and approach before perpetuating a highly ineffective model that has had a particularly exigent impact on this community Commitments made in conjunction with the ABH were not kept, and - as a result - it has failed to meet its objectives and resulted in collateral consequences for the surrounding housed and unhoused community. Also, abundant research, including a recent report from the RAND corporation, has made it increasingly clear that congregate settings, such as the Venice ABH, are not effective for or desirous to unsheltered individuals. These factors combine to justify, at the least, a more substantial discussion around extending this investment and approach. Given the above-mentioned concerns, I request that this matter either be denied or put on hold so that there can be a fuller public process where the community has input in advance of any negotiation that takes place with Metro with regard to the length of a new lease or extension of the existing lease. Thank you,

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Public Impact Statement
Item 50: 18-0510-S2 (CD-11)
Agenda of City Council Meeting June 28, 2022

I object to the proposed renewal or extension of the lease to the A Bridge Home project at the Metro 6 site without public discussion or a review of the impact of the current project on the community.

The 3-year evaluation of ABH services and results shows it has under-performed by all measures.

A Rand study found that congregant housing is not a viable solution to the homeless crisis.

ABH has had a disastrous impact on the surrounding community:

*Safety and sanitation services into the neighborhood, promised as part of the agreement, never materialized.

*Consequently, the neighborhood endured the highly disruptive and threatening presence of transients and other hangers on including drug dealers operating out of vans and tent cities forming on neighboring streets for the past 3 years.

*Residents have had to engage private security throughout the surrounding Walk Streets because the local police force (2 officers for all of Venice, Marina del Rey and Playa Vista) has been inadequate to address rampant intrusion, intimidation, vandalism, fires, theft and even several physical attacks and deaths.

Extending the lease would be a betrayal of commitments made to the community by Metro and Councilman Bonin to redevelop this key site to contribute to the cultural and social life of a vibrant community and the visitors it attracts.

Respectfully submitted by:

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