

Communication from Public

Name: Vicki Halliday

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 12:51 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: As a Venice resident living 60' from the front gate of the Bridge Home facility at 100 Sunset, I request that you vote against renewing the lease proposed by Mr. Bonin. The last years have been an unmitigated disaster for area residents. Not one of the promises made to us regarding elimination of adjacent encampments, extra sanitation services, extra policing or any beautification were met. We have lived with yelling, screaming, dog fights and frequent sirens all at the site. While we all understand the effect Covid had on the facility, so much of what has been wrong was correctable and we were given the back of CD11's hand. Currently, the facility has not been at full capacity in many months due to constant outbreaks of Covid. These are the people who come sit in front of our homes on the walk streets, leave their garbage, meet their dealers and threaten area residents. Encampments are still on Main St adjacent to the ABH fencing and the sidewalk is often unusable. The site is not working for everyone. Please vote against the lease renewal. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Bleifer

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 01:06 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: 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 its outcomes 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 Sandy Bleifer Venice resident/artist

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Rudisill

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 03:01 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: 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 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. 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 or 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 have not been 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 both the unhoused and housed. this community. I request that this matter either be denied or put on hold so that there can be a 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 for your consideration, For the Love of Los Angeles and our precious Coast, Robin Rudisill (310) 721-2343

From: Robin Rudisill wildrudi@icloud.com
Subject: City Council Meeting June 28, 2022 Item 50 - DENY Motion (18-0510-S2)
Date: June 27, 2022 at 2:50 PM



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Thank you for your consideration,
For the Love of Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 03:18 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Christina Tullock

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 06:22 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers and Staff I am writing this to you to ask for you to either deny or postpone the extension of the lease on the Venice Bridge House as there has been little warning to the public as to this request. I live directly across the street from the Venice ABH - and while I admire their work and the home it has unhoused people, I am troubled by the lack of management from CD11 regarding the many safety issues that have arisen in our neighborhood. It seems fair to me that before the City extends a lease for a gigantic public housing project, input from neighbors would be at least fair. Councilmember Bonin and CD11 have refused to acknowledge the concerns of the public as to safety and sanitation, whilst ignoring the fact that these concerns directly affect the guests of the Venice Bridge House. The neighborhood has seen a gigantic spike in crime, and Councilmember Bonin has continually refused to sanitize the streets surrounding the ABH Venice that now contain close to 100 encampment tents. I beg of you to please listen to reason and to deny or postpone the renewal of the lease to the Venice Bridge House. Our neighborhood has been lied to and abandoned as is - and very few unhoused people have actually found housing. It's time to come up with a better plan. Councilmember De Leon I'm counting on you. Thank you, Christina Tullock Venice Constituent

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Fallon

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 06:25 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not renew this lease if PATH is to be the provider. Over \$18 Million will have been spent to house a handful of homeless during the three years PATH will have operated the facility. Meanwhile the surrounding residential neighborhood has experienced increased crime, open drug use, large encampments, and RVs parked all around the facility. By every metric PATH has done a poor job with its clients and has been a bad neighbor. Before throwing any more money at this nonprofit do your due diligence and look at the results that don't even come close to justifying the expense.

Communication from Public

Name: Venice Resident
Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 06:54 PM
Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: I gather that there is a motion to renew or extend the lease to the A Bridge Home project (ABH) at the Metro 6 site in Venice. I live right opposite the Bridge housing. I would like it to go on record that I oppose this motion as there has not been enough public discussion about it. There needs to be input from the people who live right next to the Bridge housing, including the waiver of consideration by the Information, Technology, and General Services Committee. It also appears that no notice to surrounding property seems to have been required or provided which is extremely odd. Right from when the bridge housing was first proposed to residents of Venice commitments have been broken. We were forced into it being accepted and told that all sorts of improvements would happen once it was built. As residents living on top of the bridge housing we feel we were duped and deceived by Bonin and do not want this to be waived through without discussion. Instead of improving the homeless situation in our immediate neighborhood of Venice it has made it worse for both the housed and unhoused community. It has generated serious safety and health problems for both housed and unhoused, including people being attacked, shot and killed. Given the above serious concerns, surely there needs to be a proper public process where residents are invited to be part of the discussion about the future of the bridge housing. We were invited to the early discussions about whether it should be built or not and the majority view amongst residents was that it should absolutely not be built. Our views were not heeded. Are we not being invited to share our views this time because Bonin and his crew simply don't want to hear them any more? Is this what democracy now looks like in Venice? It is astonishing that this is considered a fair way to proceed. Thank you for your consideration, Rebecca Wilson 615 Hampton Drive

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Thank you for your consideration,
Rebecca Wilson
615 Hampton Drive

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 08:06 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers: Please deny this motion to renew or extend the lease to the Venice Bridge Home project (ABH) at the Main Street/Sunset Avenue Metro site. This motion was pushed through a back channel, with a waiver of consideration by the Information, Technology, and General Services Committee. In fact, the public was only made aware of this addition to the council meeting this morning, giving constituents less than 24 hours to arrange a trip to city hall to make a public comment. The Venice A Bridge Home has had dismal results in being a bridge to permanent housing. Instead, ABH has been a path to nowhere for many who have left and moved back on the streets, while others remain there far longer than the intended period. The results of promises broken to our community - including to the unhoused - are well documented. Assaults, drug dealing, overdoses, and dangerous behavior within Venice ABH are facts. Residents, especially older men, have shared their experiences of the "hell" that is living there. "Everyone knows where the cameras are located and bathrooms are notorious for fights, assaults, drug use, and sexual activity. I try to keep my head down and stay out of sight." ABH it has also failed the surrounding area by abandoning all assurances made to the SECZ. As a neighbor to ABH, I supported the project and hoped it would be a model for nearby communities. Instead, it will forever be held up as a cautionary tale by opponents of any form of shelter, housing or services. That is a tragedy and it could have been avoided if Mr. Bonin, Mr. Garcetti, and Chief Moore had honored commitments made. The LA City Council, and much of the current local, state and national government, has lost the trust of the people that elected them. The habitual lack of transparency, outright dishonesty, and contempt for constituents, including the unhoused, is reason enough to deny this motion. If this motion is approved - written by a councilmember that will no longer be in office when the lease is set to expire - voters will wonder what back room deals were made and favors exchanged. Given these concerns, please deny or put on hold this motion until there can be a public process including community participation with our newly elected CD-11 councilmember. Thank you for your consideration, Cari and Jim Bjelajac

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 08:48 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

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Communication from Public

Name: Leland Edwards

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 08:52 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, I am writing this to request either the denial of the Venice Bridge House lease extension or the postponement of the vote pertaining to it. I live directly across the street from the VBH and can attest to how poorly it has been managed. The home is directly responsible for many sanitation and safety problems that have arisen in our neighborhood lately. The program is clearly not working. Let's find a better plan. Please deny Item 50.
Respectfully, Leland Edwards

Communication from Public

Name: Sebastien Meyer

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 09:06 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Begin forwarded message: From: Sebastien Meyer Subject: Please Deny item 50 - motion to extend the ABH lease Date: June 27, 2022 at 8:57:17 PM PDT To: terry.kaufmann-macias@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, gilbert.cedillo@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, nithya.raman@lacity.org, Paul.koretz@lacity.org, Nury.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.herbwesson@lacity.org, herb.wesson@lacity.org, joe.buscaino@lacity.org, debby.kim@lacity.org, karo.torossian@lacity.org, lisa.hansen@lacity.org, andrea.conant@lacity.org, joan.pelico@lacity.org, ackley.padilla@lacity.org, christine.jerian@lacity.org, solomon.rivera@lacity.org, curtis.earnest@lacity.org, heather.hutt@lacity.org, Chad Molnar , hannah.lee@lacity.org, jeanne.min@lacity.org, jennifer.barraza@lacity.org, jenny.chavez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.raman@lacity.org, councilmember.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, Councilmember Bonin , Mike Bonin , councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org Dear Councilmembers, I am reaching out to please ask that you deny the lease extension for the Venice Bridge House at this time. This motion comes with no prior notice or request for feedback, for a lease not due until 2023. There is no urgency to rush this now without input from the constituents affected. I happen to live across the street from ABH Venice, at 615 Hampton Dr, and I can attest to the disruption and concern it has caused. While I support the idea of helping people suffering from homelessness, I witnessed firsthand the mismanagement of ABH and thus the underwhelming results it has shown towards its purpose. While at the same time, as we all know, wildly increased crime (from theft to physical assault, all the way to murder) with declining safety, quality of life and

mental health for nearby residents. I am not a politician, but I would expect that before voting to extend this ABH lease, input from the neighborhood would be sought. Doing otherwise would indicate that councilmember Bonin is trying to avoid facing our concerns and having it done his way again. Unfortunately, this approach hasn't served us nor the unhoused residents of ABH. I do believe this was an experiment worth trying in good faith. We now have objective data to assess the success of this experiment and it's time to face reality and course correct, not rush forward and ignore any dissenting perspective... I am not asking to shut down ABH, simply to have a more objective and inclusive approach if we're going to extend the lease, which had been promised to be only 3 years. Thanks, Sebastien 615 Hampton Dr #A310 Sebastien Meyer seb.meyer3@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Charla Myers

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 09:16 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers and Staff, I am writing this to you to ask for you to DENY or the extension of the lease on the Venice Bridge House. Not only has there has been little warning to the public as to this request, worse this has been a FAILED project. Initially I was a proponent of this bridge house, yet as I go to that neighborhood often to visit a close friend and her ailing mother, the location has become a nightmare. I'm afraid for her to leave her condominium compound! And if I visit in the evening and park on the street, I make sure my husband is with me because it is unsafe. This has been a disaster. Along with safety, the surrounding area has become a tent city slum, which according the assurances that got this project passed is what this home was supposed to prevent. There has been a lack of management from CD11 regarding the many safety issues that have arisen in the neighborhood. It seems fair to me that before the City extends a lease for a gigantic public housing project, input from neighbors would be at least fair. Councilmember Bonin and CD11 have refused to acknowledge the concerns of the public as to safety and sanitation, whilst ignoring the fact that these concerns directly affect the guests of the Venice Bridge House. The neighborhood has seen a gigantic spike in crime, and Councilmember Bonin has continually refused to sanitize the streets surrounding the ABH Venice that now contain close to 100 encampment tents. I beg you to deny the renewal of the lease to the Venice Bridge House. Do not continue this FAILED PROJECT. The neighborhood has been lied to and abandoned as is, while very few unhoused people have actually found housing. It's time to come up with a better plan. Don't throw good money after bad. Clean up this mess and DENY this lease. Thank you, Charla Myers

Communication from Public

Name: Nichol Carlson

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 04:19 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers: I'm reaching out as a concerned neighbor - I live on Main Street near the disaster that has been the A Bridge Home project. When the ABH was first proposed, I attended one of the in person meetings at the Westminster Elementary School. Mike Bonin and Eric Garcetti promised us so many things to make the alarming idea of placing a homeless shelter in the middle of our small neighborhood more palatable. Increased security surrounding the shelter, increased patrols to ensure our safety, and increased clean up in the blocks around the shelter. Most important of all, they promised to help the people living in filth and squalor move to housing. Not one of these promises have been kept. I understand that you all claim COVID rules and restrictions prohibited you from keeping the most basic of promises. But the hundreds of tents that were allowed to proliferate across from the ABH was shocking, and the dozens that are still UP AND IN PLACE NOW continue to amaze the neighborhood. Are you aware that at one point, the majority of the people living in the ABH also kept tents nearby on the street? The trash surrounding the ABH continues to stun me - and I know because I walk the block on Saturdays with gloves and a bag to clean it up. The tents on the street, the cars being used as homes, and the garbage that accumulates all around the ABH is incredible to me. The safety concerns for our small neighborhood are outrageous. The shootings and stabbings around the ABH are abundant, and the general feeling of chaos and danger is present any time you walk near the shelter. But most of all it's the lack of success for the people you promised to help that is most perplexing of all. Why would you continue to run a program THAT DOES NOT WORK. Why would you extend an program that HAS CLEARLY FAILED. Why can't you admit that this is a disaster, close it as you promised us you would after three years, and move on to something that will actually help the homeless people in our neighborhood? The money that has been spent for almost zero results makes me sick to my stomach. Your goal was to house 600 people per year - 1200 people within the first two years of opening. Only 30 residents have been housed in the two years - 2.5% of the stated potential. How can you possibly look at this as a success and a solution for the people living on the streets in Venice today? Why can't we create and execute on something

that actually works to help people? I'm begging you to reconsider the extension. This should not be voted on or decided by the current council - let's wait until the new Councilperson for CD 11 is sworn in, and we can have a real conversation about how to address this incredibly important issue. Thank you. Nichol Carlson

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Maloy

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 05:59 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned resident of Venice, I oppose this proposal. The project had a time limit that was part of its initial approval and there is no reason to extend the lease. The project, by all measures has been an abject failure that has not only not alleviated the problem but actually exacerbated it. There has been no community impact statement, and yet again Venice is being held hostage by its outgoing council member. All of the promises built into the project have been broken, the community is worse off as a result and it is insulting to us as residents to even consider extending the lease.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharyl Beebe, AICP

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 06:08 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Council members, Please note that the ABH (aka the Bridge Housing on Main Street) is an epic and abject failure. It has done nothing but bring more crime and hysteria to the subject area and surrounding areas of the property. Along with it came complete mayhem, murder, rapes, sex trafficking, drugs, burglaries, terrified children, horrified parents, burglaries, robberies, and more including fires and explosions and hazardous materials. This once beautiful and peaceful community has become a war zone due to the failed leadership of our Councilman Bonin thru unworkable plans to use Venice as the land of meth addicted and mentally ill people and supposedly "fix it". He has not fixed one thing and does not return emails and calls from his constituents and others in adjacent communities. This is not a good highest and best use of property/asset, nor is it environmentally sound. It makes no fiscal sense whatsoever. Nor does it make any infrastructure sense (of which you are part as a large portion of the CIP - capital improvements programming). The ABH has not actually improved conditions but rather worsened them. This is not an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, and we, yes, WE THE PEOPLE say enough and stand against any of this. Mr. Bonin is not a representative of the actual public which he is meant to serve. His ideas do not coincide with anything the community wants, and that is his job regardless of what he personally believes. he has not one iota of grasp on reality. His plans DO NOT WORK other than draining the public coffers.....to what end? The boiling point was hit years ago under his unfortunate "reign". You now have a choice. A very serious and important choice. Housed taxpaying residents armed in riot gear, vigilantism or do your job and stop the war. Should you side with Mr. Bonin, you are complicit in what transpires while the situation grows more tenuous and dangerous for all. STAND UP and STOP THE INSANITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DO NOT vote for his proposals, EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: SHAWN STERN

Date Submitted: 06/27/2022 11:50 PM

Council File No: 18-0510-S2

Comments for Public Posting: 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

Greetings Councilmembers, I write to you to voice my opposition for the motion to renew or extend the lease of the Venice Bridge Home which is located directly across the street from my house. As a Venice resident of nearly 36 years I was skeptically supportive of the Bridge program when Mayor Garcetti & Councilmember Bonin came to promote it several years ago at a meeting at Westminster Elementary school. The plan was presented as a temporary shelter which would end after 3 years. I can tell you all about these broken promises; that the Bridge program would work with ALL residents, that the focus would be to do outreach and house ONLY those in nearby encampments, that a special enforcement and cleaning zone (SECZ) would be created around the Bridge Home, but you should know that none of this was ever done in Venice. Venice Bridge has 154 beds and has NEVER been anywhere close to capacity, despite reports to the contrary. I know this because residents tell me and I observe the 40-50 people there on a daily basis. It cost \$8 Million to build and \$3.5 Million annually in service contracts and has reportedly moved less than 50 people into housing in 26+ months. There is no oversight for this program. The service providers self report with no accountability to anyone. Since Bridge opened in February 2019, I've spoken with dozens of homeless people, asking them if they've been offered services, if they want housing & my neighbors & I have helped to convince many to utilize Bridge Housing shelter. Unfortunately the first hand accounts from Bridge residents have told a story of failure: to enforce the rules against drugs, alcohol, harassment, robbery, assault and violence. And a failure to move people into housing. A lot more people have been kicked out of Bridge for violating rules than have been moved into housing. What I see everyday is constant arguing, fighting and violence both inside & out. I know that a young man died inside the toilets last summer & I was told it was most likely related to drugs. EMT and police are a constant presence both inside and around the facility. Since Bridge opened our neighborhoods have seen increased fights and arguments in the streets, assaults, rape, burglary, vandalism, the streets &

sidewalks used as toilets, used needles and trash all day and night everyday. We have a mental health crisis and drug addiction crisis in our streets and Venice Bridge not only does little to address the problems but has been a beacon increasing the mentally unstable people drawn to the neighborhood since it opened. Housing is not going to fix this problem and it's time our elected officials acknowledge that the plan you have adopted has failed for the vast majority of people living in the streets and dying every day. Take this land and build affordable housing for seniors and others who actually want housing. Instead of wasting more of our tax \$ on temporary shelter that doesn't work. I have to ask why outgoing Councilman Bonin wants to push through an extension when it's clear that this program is an abject failure at helping the homeless it purports to have been created for. We should let the voters choose the next CD11 representative and they can decide on the merits whether this program should be renewed. I urge you to please deny the request to extend. Thanks you, Shawn Stern
Venice