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## RESPONSE TO JUNE 5 LETTER FROM R. FAUST

### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Members of the California Coastal Commission  
Attn: Jack Ainsworth  
200 OceanGate, 10th Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

Re: Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343 City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation Overnight Parking District (Hearing Date: June 13, 2013)

Honorable Commissioners:

I represent the Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA), which supports Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in Venice. This letter will respond to the letter dated June 5, 2013, from Ralph Faust, Esq., on behalf of the Venice Action Alliance, which opposes OPDs. This letter supplements our letter of May 28, 2013.

- A. The City's curfew ordinance is distinct from OPDs and should not be tied to the Commission's consideration of this permit.

Mr. Faust says that the Commission should not act on the OPDs permit because the City has purportedly "enacted an illegal curfew" restricting beach access during nighttime hours, and that the Commission must deal with that curfew before it approves OPDs. However, Commission staff is at the earliest stages of enforcement action concerning the curfew, and there is no request for a permit concerning the curfew presently pending before the Commission. The City's application for OPDs, meanwhile, has been repeatedly before the Commission since 2009, albeit resulting in denial twice before. Mr. Faust appears to be of the view that action on an application for one thing, however justified, can be delayed indefinitely because the Commission (or an individual Commissioner) believes that there is another thing that the applicant should be applying for first. That is not the law, and it is not fair to the City or its residents.

**B. Commission staff is not obligated to present “parking studies” by “neutral experts” in order to establish that the need for OPDs remains despite the City’s adoption of an Oversize Vehicle Ordinance.**

Mr. Faust states in his letter that “[t]he Commission cannot legally approve the OPD until parking studies have been completed ... by neutral experts that evaluate the need for those parking restrictions in light of the recent implementation of alternatives identified by the Commission to solve the overnight parking problems in the area without restricting public access to the coast.” The primary alternative Mr. Faust cites is the City’s Oversize Vehicle Ordinance, adopted in August 2010, although he also quotes from findings made by the Commission in 2010, in which it mentioned the City’s police power authority to regulate sleeping in vehicles, littering, public intoxication and dumping.

This statement misrepresents the law. The Commission and its staff are entitled to rely on layperson evidence concerning the chronic and utter lack of parking available to Venice residents despite the City’s implementation of oversize vehicle restrictions on 110 blocks over the last two years. As the courts have repeatedly held, “relevant personal observations are evidence. For example, an adjacent property owner may testify to traffic conditions based upon personal knowledge.” Citizens Assn. for Sensible Development of Bishop Area v. County of Inyo (1985) 172 Cal.App.3d 151, 173; see also, Bakersfield Citizens for Local Control v. City of Bakersfield (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 1184, 1211 (citing to Inyo) (firsthand observations of lay persons “should not casually be dismissed as immaterial.”).

Here, both the sheer lack of resident parking and the underlying causes for the shortage – which include not just the use of vehicles for dwelling purposes but also the use of on-street parking by commercial interests such as rental car companies, auto repair shops, and persons seeking to avoid parking fees at nearby Los Angeles Airport – have been documented by literally hundreds of pages of personal observations received by the Commission in the proceedings in 2009 and 2010. These observations are now supplemented with more personal observations received in connection with this proceeding. All of this evidence is part of the record before the Commission and supports the decision to adopt OPDs.

**C. The OPD proposal does not violate the certified Venice Land Use Plan.**

Policy II.A.6 of the Commission-certified Venice Land Use Plan provides that “Establishment of residential preferential parking districts shall be contingent upon replacing displaced public parking spaces with new public parking at a minimum 1:1 ratio”. Mr. Faust contends that OPDs violate this provision because they displace public parking and do not replace those spaces at a 1:1 ratio. This contention ignores the very limited restriction proposed here, which is to establish permit parking not at all hours, but only during the three hours between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. (or between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. in a small area far from the beach). During those limited hours, the restrictions do not “displace public parking spaces” at all, because, with the new mitigation measures offered by the City and negotiated with Commission staff, there are 357 new beach-adjacent parking spaces in public parking lots, which were

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previously unavailable to coastal visitors. For 228 of these spaces, the City has agreed to change the operation of the lots so that the subject lots are cleared of all parking at or before 2 a.m., thereby effectively preserving those spaces for early-morning coastal visitors.

Looked at otherwise, even if the proposed restrictions can be seen as “displacing” some on-street spaces previously used by coastal visitors during the early-morning hours, the City has more than compensated for any such displacement with hundreds of new parking-lot spaces. In addition to these parking-lot spaces, the City proposes to specifically exclude from OPDs another 351 on-street spaces, which are all within 3 blocks of the beach. Because virtually all of these spaces feature parking meters which have time limits and charges applicable during the daytime hours, the spaces are mainly vacant after 2 a.m. and are thus available to beach visitors. Indeed, a study performed by the City’s independent consultant EnviCraft in June 2008<sup>1</sup> and included in the Commission’s record showed that at 4:30 a.m., 119 metered spaces out of 180 spaces within two blocks of the beach (i.e., 2/3 of the spaces) were vacant.

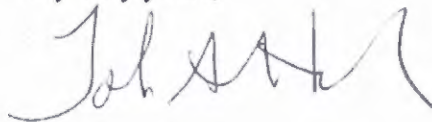
Given that Commission staff has repeatedly estimated that only a “few dozen” non-residents come to Venice in the early-morning hours to recreate at the beach, it is not necessary for the City or the Commission staff to do another “study” to conclude that any displaced spaces have been more than compensated for by the City’s latest proposal. It does not take an expert to see that the City has literally rolled out the proverbial red carpet for early-morning visitors.

**D. Conclusion.**

Mr. Faust’s letter is not a plea for information but a plea for delay. The goal is, and always has been, to exhaust and demoralize the OPD proponents. Yet these proponents, as evidenced by an election held by the City-certified neighborhood council, represent a distinct majority of Venice residents. Their modest request to be able to park near their homes during just three hours in the middle of the night should be granted, especially since the City has vastly over-mitigated for any impact on coastal access. The Commission should approve the City’s application.

Thank you for the kind consideration of our comments on this important project.

Very truly yours,



John A. Henning, Jr.

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<sup>1</sup> EnviCraft was hired by the City’s consultant, not by VSA, as Mr. Faust contends. (See letter to Charles Posner from Ara J. Kasparian dated January 15, 2009, at pg. 2, and attached Parking Inventory Maps, in Commission files.) The attribution to VSA is apparently the result of an error in the staff report, which refers to the study as a “VSA Parking Study” (Staff Report at pg. 14.)

# Venice Stakeholders Association

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Re: 5-08-313 A5-VEN-08-343/Overnight Parking District in Venice, CA

Honorable Commissioners:

Please approve the application by the City of Los Angeles for a Coastal Development Permit to implement overnight restricted parking districts (OPDs) in Venice.

The Venice Stakeholders Association, a non-profit civic benefit organization, has represented members of the Venice community on this issue for five years. There are four primary reasons for your commission to support the instant application. These are:

1. Venice has a historic parking scarcity.
2. Visitor access to the coast is assured by the mitigation package.
3. Venice deserves the same treatment as all other beach cities in LA County.
4. Venice residents support the right to decide block-by-block whether to implement overnight parking restrictions.

## Parking Scarcity

The OPD program will address a chronic parking scarcity which has beset the Venice community since it transitioned from a canal-lined vacation destination of the early 20th century served by rail transportation to the current auto-choked incarnation of today. In Venice's early decades little on-site parking was provided because there were few cars to park. Even as Venice built out from the initial Venice-of-America tract by the ocean, and on-site parking was incorporated, it fell far short of today's zoning and building code standards and did not remedy the historic shortage. The result is that our community of 38,000 residents faces a challenge just parking itself, especially at night and on weekends.

At the same time, many non-residents have staked a claim to Venice's limited street parking, a problem that varies in character from neighborhood to neighborhood.

- Close to the beach, budget travelers frequently sporting out-of-state license plates lodge in their vehicles overnight, often for days at a time. In some instances these vehicle dwellers dump human sewage directly into alleys, gutters and the storm drains. Although City law forbids dwelling in vehicles, those laws are very difficult for the LAPD to enforce.

*The Venice Stakeholders Association is dedicated to civic improvement. The VSA supports slow growth, protection of the limits of the Venice Specific Plan, neighborhood safety, better traffic circulation, increased parking for residents, neighborhood beautification projects, habitat restoration and protection of coastal waters.*

*Venicestakeholdersassociation.org*

- In the Rose Avenue neighborhood of north Venice, Santa Monica residents park overnight in Venice to avoid vehicle height limits and permit fees applicable in Santa Monica.
- In the Oxford Triangle area near Marina del Rey, cars are stored on residential streets by LAX-bound travelers looking to avoid high parking fees at the airport. While inexplicable given the Triangle's distance from LAX, numerous resident reports give credence to this practice.
- In the Presidents Row neighborhood between Lincoln and Abbot Kinney Boulevards, auto garages and car rental companies store vehicles for days.
- Near the Venice Boardwalk, vendors store their products overnight in vehicles on Windward, Westminster, Rose and Brooks avenues.
- Along the Abbot Kinney corridor, some employees and patrons of popular destination bars and restaurants occupy residential street parking until well after 2 AM.
- And throughout Venice, visitors to local hotels avoid modest charges for hotel parking spaces and instead park overnight on residential streets.

All of these vehicles take up resident parking, forcing residents to park several blocks away from their homes, especially at night, in a community where assaults and muggings are common.

#### Under the CDP, Parking Opportunities Increase for Early Morning Visitors

To assure early morning visitor access to Venice Beach the City has accepted several mitigation measures. These include:

1. Opening to the public six City parking lots with 357 spaces at 4 a.m. or earlier each morning.
2. Exempting 351 street parking spaces within three blocks of the beach from eligibility for overnight restrictions. These are metered and unmetered spaces and spaces in front of commercial and government uses. An earlier City study found 2/3rds of the metered spaces unused at 4:30 AM. The exemption from OPDs will assure these 351 spaces are available for early arrivals in perpetuity.
3. Prioritizing the installation of bike lanes and bike "sharrow" designation to promote bike use and biking safety, and to make it easier for bike users to ride from inland parking spaces to the coast.

#### Venice Deserves Equal Treatment with Other LA County Coastal Cities

In the 37 years since the Coastal Act was adopted in 1976, most of the municipalities along coastal Los Angeles County have implemented preferential parking regimes. Santa Monica in particular has extensive preferential parking restrictions, including in the coastal zone. These restrictions have been adopted with either the express or tacit approval of the Coastal Commission. The Commission has set a precedent in allowing these other cities to have OPDs and has no legitimate basis for denying the Venice OPD, especially given that coastal access for early-morning visitors is assured by the mitigation package proposed by the City.

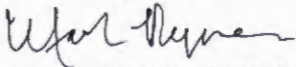
Venice Residents Support OPDs

In March 2009, the Venice Neighborhood Council, a certified neighborhood council under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, held a district wide referendum on the question whether OPDs should be adopted for Venice (see attached LA Times article). More than 1,500 residents waited in line up two hours to vote. The initiative favoring OPDs won by a vote of 868 to 634, i.e., 59% to 41%. While a vocal minority continues to oppose OPDs for Venice, the majority vote in favor was clear and no subsequent action or measure has changed the Venice Neighborhood Council's position on the matter.

The VSA has worked diligently with the City of Los Angeles and Coastal Commission staff to assure that the Coastal Act's legitimate concern – coastal access for visitors during the hours of the OPD restriction – is met. Now, we ask the Commission to respect the other requirement of the Coastal Act, that the concerns and needs of residents be honored.

Thank you for consideration of our views on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Ryavec, President

Attachment: Los Angeles Time article of February 24, 2009

cc: Councilman Bill Rosendahl

# Venice votes to restrict overnight parking of RVs

The measure, which some residents have sought for more than a decade, needs Coastal Commission backing.

MARTHA GROVES

A plan to restrict overnight parking won the strong support of Venice residents in a nonbinding election over the weekend. The plan still needs approval from the California Coastal Commission, which is expected to take it up in June.

Fed up with homeless people who live in cars and battered recreational vehicles parked along residential streets, many Venetians have for more than a decade urged the city of Los Angeles to create overnight parking districts that would limit parking in their neighborhoods.

On Saturday, more than 1,500 people — a record turnout

for a Venice Neighborhood Council election — cast ballots on two competing nonbinding initiatives. The first, Initiative A, called on the neighborhood council to rescind its prior approval of overnight parking districts. That measure, backed by advocates seeking to protect the rights of those living in the RVs, failed 868 to 634.

The second, Initiative B, affirmed that Venice residents have the right to establish such districts. That measure passed 891 to 608.

The vote results were released Sunday on the neighborhood council's website.

The Los Angeles City Council has approved the parking restrictions, which had the strong support of local Councilman Bill Rosendahl, but the matter is far from over.

A few residents have appealed to the California Coastal Commission, which has jurisdiction over the areas of Venice closest to the beach. The commission indicated that it wants to take a closer look at



RICARDO DEARATANHA Los Angeles Times

**CROWDED STREETS:** The overnight parking of vehicles like these, along 7th Street, has divided Venice residents.

overnight parking districts and their implications.

Because the commission is charged with maintaining the public's access to the coast, it wants to be sure there is enough early morning parking to accommodate fishermen, joggers, surfers and others.

"The first petitions for [parking districts] were signed in the community 12 years ago, and it's clear one can't wait to find a solution to where to put these RV dwellers," said Mark

Ryavec, co-chairman of the neighborhood council's Homelessness and Vehicular Occupation Ad Hoc Committee.

That panel has been scouring the region for sites where groups of RVs can park.

"It's a difficult challenge," he added. "I'm encouraged by the vote and am cautiously optimistic that eventually the community will be able to improve their quality of life."

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Honorable Commissioners:

I represent the Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA). My client supports Commission staff's recommendation to approve the application of the City of Los Angeles for approval of overnight parking districts in the Venice neighborhood of the City, subject to the exacting set of new mitigation measures developed by Commission and City staff, which would add and/or preserve over 800 parking spaces proximate to the beach for use by coastal visitors during the early-morning hours when OPDs would be in effect.

- A. OPDs protect coastal access for a few dozen early morning beachgoers while balancing their need for access against the needs of thousands of Venice residents to park within a safe distance of their homes.

Section 30214(b) of the Coastal Act states that "It is the intent of the Legislature that the public access policies of this article be carried out in a reasonable manner that considers the equities and that balances the rights of the individual property owner with the public's constitutional right of access ..." In its last staff report concerning a similar proposal in June 2010, Commission staff acknowledged that "the number of early morning beachgoers driving to the beach is estimated to be no more than a few dozen (before 6 a.m.)."



Meanwhile, the "property owners" whose rights are to be balanced against the need for coastal access are the thousands of individual residents of Venice who are presently burdened with a chronic and utter lack of available parking near their homes, forcing them to walk long distances, often late at night, to find parking. This lack of nighttime resident parking is not the result of recreation by coastal visitors, but rather, stems from the overconsumption of scarce parking spaces by a combination of commercial interests, overnight vehicle dwellers, and travelers storing their vehicles to avoid parking charges at nearby Los Angeles Airport.

**B. The Commission should approve OPDs in Venice because mitigation measures address the program's impact on the public parking supply on which early morning beachgoers depend.**

Commission staff has affirmed that the primary Coastal Act issue in considering the City's proposal is whether it conforms with the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act by not adversely affecting the public's ability to utilize public street parking that supports access to coastal recreation areas (for surfing, swimming, walking, exercising, fishing, etc.) in the early morning hours. The City's OPD proposal should be approved because it includes specific measures to mitigate any possible impact of OPDs on the ability of early-morning visitors to use public street parking, and in fact provides them with numerous places to park their vehicles for several hours while recreating at the shoreline. These measures include:

- Except in a small area distant from the beach, parking prohibitions will apply only between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Outside of these limited hours, residents will have no preference over coastal visitors.
- The City will modify the operation (i.e., fees, hours of operation, and parking time limits) of six public parking lots near the beach to make available 357 parking spaces previously unavailable to early morning beachgoers.
- Three of the six public parking lots, consisting of 228 spaces, will now be closed late at night and then reopened early in the morning specifically so that the spaces are cleared for use by early morning arrivals and, conversely, to discourage use of these spaces by residents parking overnight. Coastal visitors parking in these lots before 6 a.m. will be able to park for free for at least three hours in one lot, and for at least four hours in two other lots, and can remain beyond that period by paying the usual parking fees.
- The City will permanently exclude from OPDs an additional 351 on-street parking spaces located within 3 blocks of the beach, including both metered and non-metered spaces in front of commercial and governmental uses. The metered spaces are free to visitors until meters begin operation at 8 a.m. and can continue to be occupied after that time for the usual meter charge. (A parking survey conducted in 2008 by a third party consulting firm retained by the City showed that about 2/3 of metered spaces were unoccupied at 4:30 a.m., presumably because time limits and charges at the meters discourage residents from using the spaces for long-term parking.)

C. **The City has established that OPDs are the only reasonable means to address intractable parking problems in Venice.**

The Commission is now in a position to fully evaluate whether OPDs, which limit the ability of early-morning beachgoers to park on public streets close to the shore, are actually necessary to address the problems that OPD proponents cite as the reason for establishing OPDs. At the time the Commission denied the City's previous application for OPDs in June 2010, the City had not yet amended its municipal code to effectively restrict the parking of "oversized" vehicles such as campers and RVs. The Commission's findings in support of its June 2010 decision cited the possibility that such restrictions could accomplish the City's objectives without adversely affecting coastal access.

In fact, at the time the Commission acted in June 2010, the City Council was on the verge of passing an amendment to its oversized vehicle ordinance which more comprehensively restricted parking of oversized vehicles. (Ordinance No. 181,218, effective August 19, 2010.) After the passage of this ordinance, the City imposed oversized vehicle restrictions on 110 blocks in Venice, many of which are the blocks closest to the beach. These restrictions have now been in effect for over two years. And while the restrictions did initially dislocate many vehicle dwellers from Venice streets, they have not been sufficient to alleviate the concerns of OPD proponents, for several reasons:

- Numerous oversized vehicles are exempt from the ordinance because their owners have handicap placards or plates, albeit often of dubious validity.
- The ordinance has led to a proliferation of smaller vehicles, such as SUVs, vans, trucks and cars, which are used for dwelling purposes but which technically do not qualify as "oversized" and are thus beyond the reach of the ordinance.
- Although other City laws forbid dwelling in vehicles, those laws are very difficult to enforce because of problems of proof and because police are generally unable to serve the violator with a notice to appear in court. These and other laws against specific offenses such as littering, public intoxication and dumping, have been insufficient to eliminate the chronic use of vehicles for dwelling purposes.
- The oversized vehicle ordinance has done nothing to address the occupation of on-street parking by commercial interests such as rental car companies, auto garages, and street vendors, or by travelers storing their cars to avoid parking fees at nearby Los Angeles Airport.

Given that the City's oversized vehicle ordinance and other ordinances have been insufficient to relieve the chronic parking shortage affecting Venice residents, OPDs, which necessarily exclude the general public to a limited extent from parking on the streets that support coastal access, should be approved.

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**D. OPDs are an important planning tool for the City to ensure efficient use of parking and improve safety and quality of life.**

OPDs are an important planning tool for the City to advance the efficient use of parking and improve the safety and quality of life of Venice residents. The number of residents in Venice is relatively fixed. Venice is also part of a larger metropolitan area which is heavily dependent on the use of automobiles both for work and for pleasure. Thus, a relatively high percentage of Venice residents have cars, even though many of these residents do not have access to off-street parking spaces. Since on-street parking is scarce, these residents are often forced to drive through numerous residential blocks looking for parking. In addition to causing traffic congestion, this results in an inefficient allocation of parking spaces. Commonly a resident in neighborhood "A" will be forced to park in neighborhood "B", several blocks away, while another resident of neighborhood "B" will be forced to park in neighborhood "C". Both residents then must walk several blocks to their respective residences. With OPDs, residents will be able to park closer to their homes, thereby avoiding this outcome.

Thank you for the kind consideration of our comments on this important project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Henning, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John A. Henning, Jr.

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission:  
**Please support Venice's application for Overnight Restricted Parking (OPDs).**

Our community has a historic parking scarcity that is made worse by hundreds of non-resident vehicles taking residents' parking at night. This is a public safety concern because it frequently forces residents to park blocks away from their homes at night.

The settlement in the OPD lawsuit provides for adequate parking for early morning visitors. Please follow the Coastal Act's requirement to balance both the needs of visitors **and residents** in your decision.

Please vote for OPDs.

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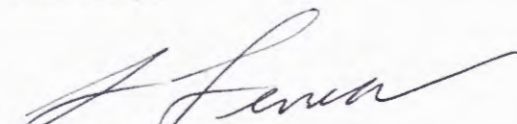
Dear Commission Members:

I own apartments at 40 Brooks Avenue in Venice. There is street parking on the block where the apartments are, but the availability of residents using the parking spaces is greatly restricted because boardwalk vendors permanently park vans that they use as warehouses. The vendors only move the vans for street cleaning, then follow behind the street cleaning vehicle to immediately occupy a parking space for another week. At one point I counted six vans on our one block that never moved for the entire week.

I consider this warehousing use of parking spaces to be a free, permanent commercial use of parking space that is intended for temporary, intermittent use by residents and visitors. It is a commercial abuse of the parking space that restricts opportunities for visitors to access the beach and visit local residents and it restricts overnight availability of parking for residents.

Please approve Overnight Restricted Parking for Venice.

Sincerely,



George Ferrell

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Tom McComas <hollywoodstunts@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2013 6:28 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** OPD's

Parking has gotten OUT OF CONTROL. I can't park near my house in Oakwood on most nights, the weekends are a total zoo.

Help!

Please support OPD's.

Tom McComas

All spelling & grammar errors courtesy of my:  
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**From:** Gonzo Rock <gonzorock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2013 5:14 PM  
**To:** Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Fwd: Speaking out for OPDs in Venice!

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<cposner@coastal.ca.gov>, venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov, Steve Kinsey  
<skinsey@marincounty.org>, Dayna Bochco c/o <ann@ceresfm.com>

Dear CCC Commissioners,

I resent that Steve Clare attempts to organize my community on behalf of his for profit enterprise while ignoring the vote of Venice citizens to provide OPDs to our community. Election Results---> <http://venicenc.org/drupal-5.7/node/1154>><http://VeniceNC.org/drupal-5.7/node/1154>

Now if you read below you will see he is busing people, at State and Federal expense mind you, to Long Beach... to protest at the upcoming CCC meeting.

We are drowning in campers and car dwellers and mechanic garages utilizing resident parking spaces for their own commercial gain. Please don't be swayed by Steve Clare who does NOT represent Venice, only his burgeoning empire of City, State and Federally funded housing complexes.

We NEED OPDs in Venice.

Thanks for listening!

Gonzo Rock  
38 20th Avenue  
Venice Beach CA, 90291

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**From:** "Steve Clare, Venice Community Housing" <sclare@vchcorp.org>  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 05 16:21:03 PDT 2013  
**To:** gonzorock@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Speak out against OPDs in Venice!



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**June 5, 2013**

Dear Friend,

**Join me in opposing Overnight Parking Districts in Venice!**

On Thursday June 13th the California Coastal Commission will consider, for the third time, the City of Los Angeles' application to create Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in the Venice Coastal Zone.



OPDs will cost housed Venice residents money without guaranteeing them parking, will force unhoused people out of the community they call home, and will further limit the amount of parking available to visitors at our famous beaches. For more information on the impact of OPDs, click [here](#). For a video recap of our No OPD rally on June 1st, click [here](#).

Although the Coastal Commission has twice before denied the City's application, we are concerned because only two of the 12 commissioners that decided the previous applications are still on the Commission.

We need to demonstrate by our presence and our testimony at the June 13th meeting that OPDs are bad for Venice and bad for Everyone.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Long Beach City Council Chambers, located at 333 West Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach.

***If you can attend, please contact me personally at (310) 573-8399*** and let me know whether you need a ride, can give someone else a ride, or would like to ride the bus which we will provide. The bus will depart from Venice City Hall, 681 Venice Blvd., at 7:00 a.m. the morning of the 13th.

We want to fill the Long Beach City Council Chambers with NOPD signs and enthusiastic advocates of NO OPDs in Venice!

We need your support. Please join us!!

Sincerely,

Steve Clare  
Executive Director  
Venice Community Housing



**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** pegarty@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:44 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** Yes on OPDs!

Dear Coastal Commisioner C. Posner,

I cannot make it to the very important meeting June 13th on OPDs. Please accept this letter instead. My vote...Yes on OPDs!

I have been a Venice resident for 45 years. I strongly support the OPDs. I have been in meetings 25 years ago when Venetian residents have been trying to get some kind of parking restriction.

Yes, people should have the freedom to come to Venice as they well do. But, the residents should have the freedom to have some chance of a parking place when they come back from work.

I live on a walk street in Venice, Thornton Avenue to be specific. Our closest parking is Brooks Avenue and Rose Avenue and then Main Street. It is a miracle if you can ever get a parking place on those streets.

The reason there is no parking on those streets is that the vendors who sell on the Ocean Front Walk, which is a block away from the walk streets, park their vans and use them as storage places for the objects they are going to sell.

The transients do the same. They act as squatters, never leaving the parking place except for cleaning days. They all literally line up after the hours are over and move right back into the spaces. This leaves no place for residents to park.

People who come to just visit Venice will leave at Sunset and therefore leave places for people who are coming back from work to part.

The argument that who wants to get a parking place between 2 AM and 5 AM, which is the OPD restriction, makes no sense. The parking place is taken long before 2 AM by the vendors and transients who do not have to move their car to go to work. Leaving parking from 2 AM to 5 AM will force the transients and vendors to leave each night and therefore there will be space for the residence.

There are groups of people, many of whom are not residents, Or live in areas of Venice which is not as crucial for parking as, for instance our area. They are organized and will be at the Coastal Commission meeting and making a big loud noise. I have even seen that they have taken away the flyers which pro OPD Venice Stake Holders have handed out which have postcards to send to you to support OPDs.

This relief in parking or Venice Residents has been a long time coming and Venetian residents have been working hard for years to get it. Many other communities in Los Angeles have this. Why can't we? Please support this.

Warm regards,

Pegarty Long  
Producer/Director  
Raven Productions™

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Lalny <lalny@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:14 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** YES to OPD for Venice

Dear Mr. Posner,

Thank you for taking this time to read my letter expressing my pro-stance to establish Overnight Parking Districts in Venice. As a long term resident and relatively new (but enthusiastic) homeowner in Venice, I have watched the parking situation go from bad to horrific. Due to the complete lack of parking restrictions, residents, tourists and public beach goers alike struggle to find parking. Many of our street parking spaces are taken up by cars that do not move for days (and sometimes weeks) at a time. These cars do NOT belong to Venice residents nor are they the vehicles of tourists or others spending an enjoyable day at the beach. Instead, many of these parking spaces are being used by many non-residents as free, long-term parking solutions. For example, there has been a pick-up truck taking up the only 2 spaces next to my house for 8 days. It has never moved. I believe the owner lives in Santa Monica but, since SM laws prevent him from parking near his home for extended amounts of time without a permit, he parks his truck here in Venice until he needs it. This is but one small example of how the lack of parking restrictions are exploited. The lack of low cost/free parking spaces greatly inhibits the ability of residents, tourists, and the general public to access our wonderful beach.

OPD will not impede public beach access or enjoyment. Instead, it will open up street parking spaces intended for use by residents, tourists and the beach going public.

Thank you,  
Lisa Lubchansky  
Venice, CA 90291

Sent from my iPad

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Venice,  
June 2, 2013

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I am a 15-year resident of Venice and I am writing to oppose Overnight Parking Districts in Venice.

OPDs are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our very real parking problems. With OPDs, a few vocal residents can control many blocks of street parking. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. Does the Coastal Commission really want to play an enabling role in this transformation?

Like most Venetians, I chose to live here largely because of its exceptional openness and diversity for a beach community. Please do not cater to those few who see in an OPD the opportunity to further gentrify our beachside neighborhoods.

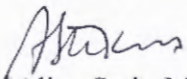
Please honor Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, which states that one of the basic goals of the state for the coastal zone is to "Maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone." The proposed Venice OPD settlement does not do this. In fact, it unnecessarily removes access.

Please protect Venice's special social chemistry, which makes it a "Sensitive coastal resource area" as defined by California Coastal Act, Section 30116:

- (e) Special communities or neighborhoods which are significant visitor destination areas.
- (f) Areas that provide existing coastal housing or recreational opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Please do the right thing - protect the Venice we love and preserve "the People's Beach."

Sincerely,



Alice Stek, MD  
237 Sherman Canal  
Venice, CA 90291

Cc: Chuck Posner, Charles Lester

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** John South <snoopy600@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:01 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** OPPD

Please add our names to the "Strongly Support" NOPD column.  
We support the right of residents to be able to park in front of their own homes.  
John South,  
Nancy Wilding,  
845 Marco Place, Venice.

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** David J. "Josh" Staub <josh@djoshuastaub.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 04, 2013 8:25 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** Overnight Parking Districts

I reside in the Oakwood area of Venice, and I wholeheartedly support application 5-08-313 AS-VEN-OB-343.

If there is any hearing on calendar or a link to where I can learn about one please send it if you have the time.

Thank you much.

--josh

D. Joshua Staub, attorney at law  
Tel: (310) 929-5269  
Fax: (310) 496-0702

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Brian McDonough <Brian.McDonough@sbainc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 5:05 PM  
**To:** Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal;  
venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** OPDs in Venice

I support OPDs in Venice.

The City of LA agrees to open six city owned parking lots for early morning visitors, freeing up hundreds of spaces for visitors. So what's the problem with OPDs again?

Thanks for considering,  
Brian McDonough  
38 20th Ave  
Venice, CA 90291

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Joseph E. Bates <josebates@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 9:47 PM  
**Subject:** We support the settlement in the Venice OPD lawsuit.

As 40 year residents and property owners in Venice west of Lincoln Boulevard, we support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. We also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Joseph and Roxene Bates

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May 31, 2013

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Attn: Charles Posner, Costal Program Analyst, South Coast District

Re: Permit No.: 5-08-313 A 5VEN08-343  
City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Transportation  
OPD 523/526

Dear Mr. Posner:

People in Venice and Marina del Rey should be treated with equality.

You have overnight parking restrictions in Huntington Beach; Sunset Beach; Long Beach; Naples; Belmont Shores; Hermosa Beach; Redondo Beach; Manhattan Beach; El Segundo; Playa del Rey; Santa Monica; and Malibu.

None of those communities allows or permits RV's, Campers and other large vehicles to simply trespass onto public streets and take away all public parking. Never. It's wrong.

So, the City of Los Angeles properly allowed residents to convene restricted parking districts. This is fine. These are the same districts which are installed in neighborhoods where they find large retail outlets, and customers, patrons and others park on their streets. It's wrong.

So, I promote and favor restricted parking of this nature because I know it will promote and encourage the City and others to provide suitable parking for the homeless. This is appropriate. This should be done.

Again, oversized vehicle restrictions are fine. Parking districts are excellent.

Why do you want to let a few lawbreakers habitually park their vehicles for four or five days and violate the City laws and largely reside in the vehicles in violation of L.A. City Municipal Code Section 85.02. They're outlaws. It's illegal.

Deal with it.

But deal with the hypocrisy. Why did every other community up and down the coast have these signs, and now you want to give poor Venice a hard time. You're being inconsistent. It's not right; it's wrong.

It's very wrong.



California Coastal Commission Members  
Attn: Jack Ainsworth  
200 Oceangate, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

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June 1, 2013

Re: 5-08-313 A5-VEN-08-343/Overnight Parking District, Venice, CA

Dear Commissioners:

Please vote for approval of the City of Los Angeles's application to establish Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in Venice, CA. My reasons for this action are:

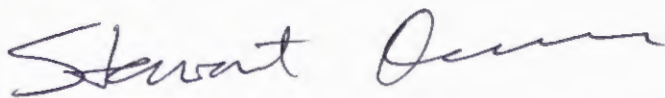
**The Mitigation Package provides adequate Beach parking for visitors accessing the coast while allowing residents the right to OPDs.**

**Increased Safety:** Different Venice neighborhoods have different parking problems. Some have travelers who park overnight sleeping in their cars/vans/RVs; some have hotel dwellers who leave their cars for days at a time on city streets; some vehicle repair shops store customer cars on the streets; LAX flyers store their vehicles in neighborhoods rather than pay parking at LAX. These vehicles consume parking which forces people coming home late at night to park blocks from their home. Picture a woman walking three or four blocks at 2am to get home: it is dangerous.

**Equal Protection of Law:** When I served as co-chair of the Venice Neighborhood Council OPD Committee, besides being educated in the Safety aspect that OPDs could provide, we did a survey of statewide coastal parking and found that Venice appears to be the only Coastal area that was being denied residential parking options like OPDs. OPDs are also used everywhere else in the City of Los Angeles. It is a matter of fairness to establish the right of residents to utilize OPDs in Venice.

**Vote Backing Venice OPDs:** In February, 2009, the Stakeholders of Venice voted by 59% vs 41% in favor of establishing OPDs in Venice.

Thank you,



Stewart Oscars  
810 Angelus Place,  
Venice, CA 90291

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Andy Galker <agalker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2013 8:47 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o; Board@VeniceNC.org  
**Subject:** Venice/OPD's

We support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. We also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Galker and Tannaz Nikravesh-Galker

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** David Facter <david.facter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013 3:43 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal; jeff.staben@coastal.ca.org; bill.rosendahl@lacity.org;  
board@venicenc.org  
**Subject:** I want permit parking in my neighborhood on Rose - It can't come soon enough  
**Importance:** High

My name is David Facter and I want parking permits for my neighborhood (Rose/4<sup>th</sup>). All of the residence who have been there for longer than 1 year (for me 4 yrs) want the same thing. I'm glad the new apartment showed up, and I'm glad there's new restaurants, I'm glad Google is there. I'm glad they cleaned up "Shanty Town" between Public Storage and Gold's Gym. That's actually my favorite. But with this "cleaning up" of Rose, means that there are now new visitors to the neighborhood. I understand. Please come take a look at the area, walk to the beach, enjoy a meal. I get it, that's why I live here. But I shouldn't have to sacrifice my comfort to appease essentially tourists.

Los Angeles is filled with communities that have permitted parking to handle these types of situations. In fact, I've received a few of them (very recently when trying to go to see my doctor in Santa Monica). It happens. When you have a high traffic area like ours, there has to be something to protect the residents of the community. A few bucks to make sure I can park near my house is a no-brainer.

I'm emailing you because I received a letter on my car that was propaganda for "NOPD". I disagree with it 100%, and so does anyone of that area who is not a new resident. We're a professional couple and love this community. My wife is 7 months pregnant. For us to have to look for parking is something that we have accepted, but if we as long standing residents want to come together to make our neighborhood our own again, even if a little, we're all for it. The funny thing about this, is this is a note on my car conveniently near summer when the trash and litter increases exponentially. The people who want it to be the "peoples beach" and not pay for parking, only come on the weekend, and leave litter and trash. The correlation is obvious.

And if these same people can stop jaywalking and texting and stop being so self-absorbed, they might be taken a little more seriously. "NO tickets for forgetting is comical." This is a perfect example of a group of people who are never held responsible or accountable for themselves and think forgetting is an acceptable excuse. If I forget that red on the sidewalk means no parking, does that mean I don't get a ticket? C'mon.

Please make our neighborhood permit parking only so the residents can get their neighborhood back.

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** James Patrick Costello II <jamespatrickcostello@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2013 11:04 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT OPDs in VENICE!

I understand there is some push back against Overnight Parking Districts in Venice. These people are a small but vocal minority.

As a 13 year resident of Venice **I absolutely support Overnight Parking Districts in Venice** as does EVERYONE I know. We're just regular folks, who live in the community, have families, send our kids to school in Venice and want access to street parking in our neighborhood. Period. Simple.

I actually think OPDs will open up access to the beach by allowing more parking during non-OPD hours for those who would like to park near the beach.

Thanks,

James Costello  
Venice, CA

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Joan Miner <minerjoan@ca.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 10:09 AM  
**Subject:** support OPD/PPD in Venice

We support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

thank you,  
Joan and Bill Miner  
830 Milwood Ave.  
Venice, 90291

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Cathryn Williams <cathryn@bridgecomm.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:21 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;  
Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org;  
felix.valde@lacity.org  
**Cc:** Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal  
**Subject:** Yes on OPD and PPD in Venice

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** RICK ZIEGLER <rrziegler@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** I support the OPD settlement in Venice

To whom it may concern,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Thank you very much,

Best,  
Rick Ziegler  
Resident and property owner, Venice, CA.

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Christian Wrede <cwrede@innercore.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 11:13 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary@INNERCORE.NET; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o; Board@VeniceNC.org  
**Subject:** Support for Overnight Restricted Parking in Venice

Dear All,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Thank you,

Christian Wrede  
2432 McKinley Avenue  
Venice, CA 90291



**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Ainsworth, John@Coastal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** FW: support OPD/PPD in Venice

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Edward Barlow [[mailto:edward\\_barlow@mac.com](mailto:edward_barlow@mac.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 11:47 PM  
**To:** Ainsworth, John@Coastal  
**Subject:** support OPD/PPD in Venice

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Sent from my iPad

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Joseph E. Bates <josebates@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 7:04 AM  
**Subject:** We support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit.

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Joe and Rox Bates

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Fritz Greve <fritzgreve@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:08 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** support OPD/PPD in Venice

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Kathleen Rawson <kathleenrawson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:57 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** support OPD/PPD in Venice

WE ARE SUFFERING IN VENICE!

As a 25 year resident of Venice, PLEASE know that I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Thank you,

Kathleen Rawson  
226 Horizon Avenue  
Venice, CA  
310-392-4865

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Louis Leal <louis@pardeeproperties.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:36 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** support OPD/PPD in Venice

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

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**From:** Jason Szabo <szabojd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:08 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; "Mary Shallenberger c/o venessa.miller"@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o; Board@VeniceNC.org  
**Subject:** overnight restricted parking

Dear All,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Thank you,

Jason Szabo  
2317 Clement Ave  
Venice, CA 90291

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Jared Levy <jaredlevy@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:08 AM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** support OPD/PPD in Venice

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Sincerely,

Jared Levy

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Peter Nott <peternott65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 3:17 AM  
**To:** bill rosendahl; Mike Bonin; arturo pina; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger c/o; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o; Mark Ryavec  
**Subject:** Venice Parking restrictions OPDs and PPDs

Venice is inundated with RVs permanently camping on our streets and businesses using our streets for customer parking because the city is not enforcing the required off street parking nor or they providing city parking as has been done in Santa Monica. The residents should be given the block by block choice to have their street protected by OPDs and or PPDs in order to prevent the illegal use of the streets and sidewalks by outsiders. We are not in the business of providing public parking for beach or restaurants. This is the city's and business's responsibility on land they provide. I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Peter Nott



## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Jason Saville <jsgnets@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 12:37 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger c/o; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Cc:** Board@VeniceNC.org  
**Subject:** Support for Venice OPDs and PPDs

We are now raising the third generation living in a home our family bought 38 years ago in Venice near the Abbot Kinney Library. We are regularly impacted by tourists, RVs and the huge boon in Venice retail along Abbot Kinney Blvd.

We support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

We support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit as Venice needs overnight restricted parking, on a block-by-block basis, to address loss of parking where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors.

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Krystyan Keck <kekeck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 12:13 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;  
Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org;  
felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner,  
Chuck@Coastal; 'Mary Shallenberger c/o'; 'Steve Kinsey'; 'Dayna Bochco c/o'  
**Subject:** Venice Parking situation

Dear LA officials and Coastal Commission officials,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

We moved here in 2004 and since then it has become impossible at times to park near our home. It is very frustrating and it would be wonderful to have preferential parking districts. I live on Cabrillo and we are hit very hard by the Abbot Kinney parking at all time except late at night and early on the weekends.

Thank you,  
Krystyan Keck  
1564 Cabrillo Avenue

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Nicolas Madelin <nicolas@madelin.biz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 5:43 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; "Mary Shallenberger c/o"; "Steve Kinsey"; "Dayna Bochco c/o"  
**Subject:** In support of the settlement in the OPD lawsuit

Dear Sirs,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit.

Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night.

The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors.

I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Madelin  
327 5th Avenue  
Venice, CA 90291

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Jeremy Thomas <jeremy.aka.jett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 5:50 PM  
**Cc:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; "Mary Shallenberger c/o"; "Steve Kinsey"; "Dayna Bochco c/o"  
**Subject:** In support of the settlement in the OPD lawsuit

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Thomas  
327 5th Avenue  
Venice, CA 90291

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** William Tunberg <williamtunberg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 3:50 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; "Mary Shallenberger c/o"; "Steve Kinsey"; "Dayna Bochco c/o"  
**Subject:** Support for OPDs and PPDs Now

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Bill Tunberg  
Rose Avenue  
Venice

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Camille Shaheen <camilleshaheen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 3:52 PM  
**To:** "billrosendahl@aol.com"; "mike.bonin@lacity.org"; "Arturo.Pina@lacity.org";  
"Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org"; "paola.valdivia@lacity.org"; "tamara.martin@lacity.org";  
"felix.valde@lacity.org"; "Board@VeniceNC.org"; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth,  
John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; ""Mary Shallenberger c/o""; ""Steve Kinsey"";  
""Dayna Bochco c/o""  
**Subject:** Support for OPDs and PPDs Now

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Camille Shaheen  
Rose Avenue  
Venice

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Jen Bilik <Jen@knockknockstuff.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 3:42 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo Pina; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; skinsey@marincounty.org; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** Alert: We Need Support for Venice OPDs and PPDs Now

Hello all,

I am a longtime Venice resident and business owner. I live one block from Abbot Kinney and five blocks from the Boardwalk. Parking for residents has become impossible.

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Sincerely,

Jen Bilik

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Jen Bilik  
Head Honcho  
Knock Knock  
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**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** michael trull <m\_trull@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 2:28 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;  
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felix.valde@lacity.org  
**Cc:** Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; "Mary Shallenberger c/o"; "Steve Kinsey"; "Dayna Bochco c/o"; Board@VeniceNC.org  
**Subject:** I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit

Hello, I am a 10 year resident of the Windward Circle area of Venice Beach and completely support the right of Venice Beach residents to establish Overnight Parking Districts if desired. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Best Regards,

Mike Trull  
Grand Blvd  
Venice Beach



## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** uskatz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:57 PM  
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Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; skinsey@marincounty.org;  
tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org  
**Subject:** support for Venice OPD and PPD

We support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Manuel and Cheri Katz  
1221 Cabrillo Ave  
Venice 90291  
[uskatz@aol.com](mailto:uskatz@aol.com)

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Robert Brakey <rbrakey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 9:47 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;  
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felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth,  
John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger c/o; Steve Kinsey; Dayna  
Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Venice OPDs and PPDs

Good morning,

As a 15 year resident of Cabrillo Ave., I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Robert Brakey

[rbrakey@gmail.com](mailto:rbrakey@gmail.com)  
(310) 968-4867 cell + sms

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Jon Ewing <jonewing17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 4:21 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; skinsey@marincounty.org; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** OPD lawsuit

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Jon Ewing

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Diane Gysbers <diane.gysbers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 4:22 PM  
**To:** Diane Gysbers  
**Cc:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo Piña; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; skinsey@marincounty.org; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** OPD lawsuit

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Diane Gysbers

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Lisa Dannenbaum <syncpop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 6:44 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** Venice Parking

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors.

I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

The City of Santa Monica allows it's beach residents this same relief.

Thank you  
Lisa Dannenbaum -  
40 year resident of Venice. Property owner. Parent to 3children  
226 Horizon Avenue, Venice  
310-392-4865

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Darin at the Jazz Bakery <darin@jazzbakery.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:11 PM  
**To:** Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger c/o; skinsey@marincounty.org; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Venice Beach, Support for the Overnight Parking District lawsuit

Dear California Coastal Commission,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

I have lived at Grand Blvd. and Andalusia Ave. since 1995. In the last three years, as the evenings have turned warmer each late spring, summer and into early autumn, there are often week-nights now I come home from work and am unable to find any parking within two to three blocks from my own doorstep, especially with the meteoric rise in popularity of Abbot Kinney Blvd.

Venice has changed. When I moved here, Abbot Kinney was a ghost town. With the exception of Hal's or the Brig, there was not a soul to be seen after dark.

Hearing gunfire at night was not uncommon, and police helicopters rattling the windows were more frequent than not. I'm glad to have seen the revitalization of Abbot Kinney Blvd. But not the increasing crowds that have come with it. It's getting worse and taking away from the quality of life here. My family and I are often awakened by carousing youth making their way back to their cars at 2:00 AM. And now the door may be opening for 4:00 AM last calls in our city with the new Bill being proposed?

Also, beach weather week-end parking in our neighborhood - *that* is non-existent, unless you have already parked by 11:00 AM, or prowl the streets, circling block after block to swoop in on an opening spot. That came with the territory when I moved here. But on the worse week-ends now, it's like a parking lot, with cars lined up mid-block waiting for the next space. In the past, I was held hostage to my parking space, else should I lose it to run errands. Having guests on a week-end was always a lost cause. And the beach crowds do not appear to be getting any smaller. It's getting more crowded. Adding more unrestricted parking is not the answer- like the insane proposal to put diagonal parking on Grand Blvd. Okay for a commercial street like Washington Blvd but not for a residential street. It's like a hard drive on a computer, or a bigger desk, it will only become more cluttered and full. Restricting parking in the neighborhood for residents only and providing alternative parking and transportation options to beach visitors is the answer. I fully support PPDs as well - anything to help alleviate the parking issues at hand.

In closing you must support the OPD settlement in solidarity as voted for by the majority of Venice Beach residents.

Thanks,  
Darin Morris  
509 Grand Blvd

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Justin Thiele <mrcool1122@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:23 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;  
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felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner,  
Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger c/o; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Venice Permit Parking

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Justin Thiele

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Pietro Martini <tpcmartini@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:04 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: {NeighborsOfGrand} Fwd: [Venice Stakeholders Association] Alert: We Need Support for OPDs and PPDs Now  
**Attachments:** delphiassociates.vcf

To the Honorable readers of this email:

As a home owner at 551 Grand Blvd, Venice CA 90291, I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my statement.

Sincerely,

Pietro Martini



## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Bonnie Felix <bonniefelix@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:15 PM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; Venice Neighborhood Council: <Board@VeniceNC.org> Coastal Commission: <clester@coastal.ca.gov>; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger co; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco co  
**Subject:** OPD's and PPD's

To those that can make this happen:

We want to make it clear that we support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. We also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

As 35 year residents of Venice, we feel these measures are long overdue.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Felix

Grand Canal

Venice, CA 90291

310 306-4995

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Mark Standring <mark.standring@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:56 PM  
**To:** Bill Rosendahl; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo Pina; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Venice parking

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

regards, Mark Standring Venice Resident

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Paul P. Soucek <paulsoucek@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:11 PM  
**To:** Bill Rosendahl; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo Piña; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; Tamara Martin; felix.valde@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Mary Shallenberger c/o; skinsey@marincounty.org; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** OPD Lawsuit

Regarded Leaders:

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit.

Hitherto, our immediate neighborhood efforts at gathering overwhelming support for permit parking have been thwarted by Coastal Commission jurisdictional override, and this was before Rose Avenue turned into "the new Abbot Kinney Boulevard," aka a traffic and parking nightmare for residents.

The inundation of businesses in our immediate 5th and Rose Avenue neighborhood is all well and good, but has made for the forementioned congestion, with a profusion of customers trolling our side streets for parking spots, and/or wandering around in traffic Rose Avenue as if it were a pedestrian mall.

Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night, and the settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors.

I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

I look forward to tracking your efforts in addressing this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul P. Soucek  
330 5th Avenue  
Venice 90291-7603

Paul P. Soucek  
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**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** D. Harbaugh <dharbaugh74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 12:26 AM  
**To:** billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;  
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felix.valde@lacity.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner,  
Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Give Venice OPD Parking Districts!

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Derek Harbaugh  
938 Amoroso Place  
Venice CA

## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Gary Harris <garyharris.email@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 4:30 PM  
**To:** City of Los Angeles;; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo Pina; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; Mayors West Side Rep - Paola Valdivia; tamara.martin@lacity.org; felix.valde@lacity.org; Neighborhood Council;; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** OPD settlement

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Gary Harris  
PO Box # 1018  
Venice, CA 90294  
[garyharris.email@gmail.com](mailto:garyharris.email@gmail.com)  
Cell # 310.578.5655  
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## Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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**From:** Marie Hammond <mhamm007@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:07 PM  
**To:** Lester, Charles@Coastal  
**Cc:** Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; skinsey@marincounty.org; ann@ceresfm.com  
**Subject:** Venice OPD AND PPDS

Dear Official,

I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit. Venice needs overnight restricted parking to address loss of parking on a block-by-block basis where non-resident vehicles are taking up scarce parking at night. The settlement provides sufficient parking close to the beach for early morning visitors. I also support the proposal to allow residents to implement preferential parking districts (PPDs) adjacent to commercial corridors where the City and the Coastal Commission have allowed the expansion of new retail shops and restaurants without the provision of adequate off-street parking for patrons.

Sincerely,

Marie Hammond  
214 Dimmick Ave.  
Venice, Ca 90291

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Diana Austin <djaustin41@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 4:43 PM  
**To:** Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Steve Kinsey; Dayna Bochco c/o  
**Subject:** Venice overnight restricted parking

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Diana Austin  
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**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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**From:** Philip Raider <praider1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:46 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** Venice supports OPD/PPD in Venice

Dear Chuck,

The community has voiced its support for parking controls in a Venice wide referendum run by the Venice Neighborhood Council.

**DON'T BE FOOLED**

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30 year Resident

Phil Raider



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**From:** Pat Snyder <venusnyder@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** OPD Lawsuite

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*Patricia Snyder*

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**Subject:** Settlement in the OPD lawsuit

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sincerely  
joe folender  
2515 ocean front walk  
venice, ca 90291

**Posner, Chuck@Coastal**

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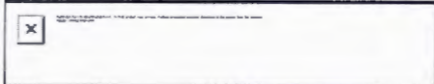
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**Subject:** Overnight Parking Permits

hello!

To whom it may concern!

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**Subject:** I support the settlement in the OPD lawsuit

Hi,

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**Please do what the majority of Venice residents WANT and VOTED for. WE WANT the option to have these OPDs and PPDs.**

Thank you,  
Sonya Kinzly  
7 yr Venice resident

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**From:** Jennifer Ritch <jennifer.ritch@me.com >  
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**Subject:** Venice OPD

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Chuck@Coastal; 'Mary Shallenberger c/o'; 'Steve Kinsey'; 'Dayna Bochco c/o'  
**Subject:** SUPPORT OPD LAWSUIT

***PLEASE HELP US FIND A PARKING SPACE!!!***

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***Michael King AIA  
30 year Venice Resident !***

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***Michael King AIA***

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** ann@ceresfm.com; skinsey@marincounty.org; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Board@VeniceNC.org  
**Subject:** support OPD

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Thank you,

Irina Alimanestianu  
west of Lincoln

June 4, 2013

Members of the California Coastal Commission  
Attn: Jack Ainsworth  
200 Oceansgate, 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

RE: OPD and other parking/traffic concerns

Dear California Coastal Commission (and Venice Stakeholder's Association/Venice Neighborhood Council):

Speaking on behalf of those who won't, but still feel the same way, I would like to say that after a lot of soul searching, I tentatively **DO support** Overnight Restricted Parking in Venice, and I'll explain why below:

- 1) Even though, as a homeowner and property tax payer, I feel I have the right to free parking in front of my home and do not look forward to paying for it and for our guests; I also need to be able to FIND parking in front of my home. Lately, I have to look for parking 2 blocks down the street, not just on weekends and holidays, but now during street cleaning hours as well. Right now, there are 2 cars and 1 trailer home parked next to my house and I don't know their owners. And, I know it must be much worse for those streets closer to the beach.
- 2) This would make our streets safer since we would know that those vehicles parking overnight belong to homeowners and businesses in our area. Having restricted parking would at least ensure that my neighbors are using the space, not transients or people looking for free beach parking.
- 3) I do not believe that it would affect tourism at all because at the moment we are talking only about OVERNIGHT parking and all businesses close down by 2am anyway.

However, with that in mind I DO want to see more done about the dearth of parking for visitors and tourists in Venice. We get over 500,000 visitors EVERY weekend, more on holiday weekends, and 500 visitors come to the First Friday event on Abbot Kinney every month. And it's only going to get worse. Venice is an increasingly desirable destination for tourists and other Los Angeleno residents as our community is improved with more parks, restaurants and upscale apartments and lofts, and also as Hollywood continues to make TV shows and movies showing our location. Yet, we only have 6 city parking lots, some which aren't even open until the weekend. I don't know how many spaces they each hold, but the four on Electric Avenue for Abbot Kinney only hold a combined number of roughly 172 spaces so I'm guessing the other lots are roughly the same. And, during particularly busy weekends, the police has to block off access to parking at the Venice pier by 11am because there are NO MORE PARKING spaces.

Where do all the visitors, and the vendors and businesses go to park? What happens when they can't find parking or want free parking? They flock to the residential neighborhoods around Venice, leaving us residents stranded in our own homes, or they bring their revenue to Santa Monica where parking is easier to find.



Perhaps this might help. First, add some nice-looking parking structures like the new Civic Center one in Santa Monica. There are a number of places on Washington Blvd right now that have been empty for a while: 444, 450 and 480 Washington Blvd. and 3223 Washington Blvd. (the old Sizzler place), or buy some land on Venice Blvd. This could provide revenue, but you could also make it 4 hours free parking to make it more attractive as well. That would push more people toward the parking structures while giving them plenty of time to go to the beach and/or go to restaurants. I believe other touristy cities like Santa Monica and Culver City offer a few free hours of parking as well.

Finally, you should address the traffic congestion in the Venice to Washington corridor along Lincoln Blvd. A traffic study needs to be done about this situation. Some options would be to

- 1) Eliminate parking eastbound on Washington Blvd from Abbot Kinney to Lincoln. This would free up that far right lane for right turn only and give drivers ample time and opportunity to get into the right lane.
- 2) Add a sign about the right lane being the only lane turning right so that drivers don't try to get in at the last second which then jams up the middle lane going straight, or
- 3) Create a divider so drivers CANNOT try to get into the right lane at the last second.
- 4) Do something about the drivers jamming into the left lane of eastbound Washington Blvd. to get into Costco. This backs up all the way to Lincoln Blvd.
- 5) Set up a police sting operation to get all the drivers who continue to turn left onto Lincoln Blvd. from westbound Venice Blvd even when the light has turned and there is obviously no room for them. From 3pm onward, these drivers consistently block the drivers going eastbound on Venice Blvd.
- 6) End parking on southbound Lincoln Blvd at 3pm (instead of 6pm) from Venice to Washington to give the drivers turning left more room to turn.
- 7) Paint a better biking/pedestrian intersection at the corner of Washington and Mildred that makes it clearer and ultimately safer for bikers and walkers which way to go across the street.

I realize I went a little off topic, but I'm sure I'm not the only Venice/MDR/PV resident who is feeling the pinch of increased population from more apartments and lofts in our area and more visitors/tourists. I know my husband and at least 3 of my neighbors do not want OPDs, but we DO want more parking available. Again, we get 500,000 visitors to Venice Beach EVERY weekend – more on holiday weekends. Why isn't the city taking care of the extra parking and traffic that inundates us all the time!

Please start thinking ahead of the game and for the long term future.

Thank you.

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