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Dear Chair Shallenberger and Coastal Commissioners:

Re: City of Los Angeles proposal for Overnight Parking District in Venice
Thursday June 13, 2013; Agenda # 10a

I am writing to the Commission on behalf of the Venice Action Alliance (VAA) with regard to the City of Los Angeles Application No. 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343, which is scheduled as item 10a on the Commission's agenda for Thursday June 13, 2013. The Venice Action Alliance is an unincorporated association of residents of the Venice community of Los Angeles concerned about working for community improvement and opposed to the establishment of preferential parking districts in the Venice area.

Introduction

The purpose of this application, which the Commission has twice previously rejected, is to permit the establishment of Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in the Venice and Marina del Rey areas of Los Angeles. The proposed OPDs would limit parking between the hours of 2:00 a. m. and 5:00 a. m. (or 6:00 a. m. inland of Lincoln Blvd.) to residents and their guests who purchase a permit. By excluding all others the proposed OPD would limit access to the coast for visitors contrary to the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 (Section 30210 et. seq.) and of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution.

The VAA is finding it difficult not to perceive the consideration of this application as a Venice Beach version of the movie "Groundhog Day". The Commission reviewed

and rejected a proposed OPD for this area in 2009, and upon resubmittal after a lawsuit was filed, reviewed and rejected it again in 2010. More litigation ensued and now again for reasons that are neither obvious in the law nor transparent in the record the Commission has agreed to consider this application for a third time.

In order to shorten this letter I have attached a copy of the letter I sent to the Commission in June, 2010, which contains extensive quotes from the Commission's 2009 findings rejecting the City's application as well as argument regarding the 2010 submittal. Much of that letter is as timely and applicable now as it was then. However, there are several circumstances that have changed since the Commission's previous consideration or that were not known to the Commission at the time that make any consideration of this proposal premature. For all of these reasons the Commission should reject the City's application at this time.

The City has enacted an illegal curfew prohibiting access to or presence on the Venice Beach that supersedes the public access limitations of the OPD, and the Commission should not consider the validity of the OPD until after it determines the validity of the curfew.

The City of Los Angeles adopted an ordinance, contained in Municipal Code section 63.44(B)(14)(b) that provides that "[N]o person shall enter, remain, stay or loiter in any park which consists of an ocean area, beach, or pier between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 o'clock a. m. of the following day." A separate City ordinance defines beach to include "shoreline areas bordering the Pacific Ocean that are owned, managed or controlled by the City". Pursuant to this ordinance the City has posted signs restricting all public access to Venice beach as well as to the Boardwalk/Ocean Front Walk and Venice Beach Recreation Areas "for all purposes" between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a. m.

As the Commission knows any such restriction upon public access requires a Coastal Development Permit (CDP). Commission staff has been aware of this violation since as early as 2007, and has been responding to it since at least August 26, 2010. Staff has sent letters to the City concerning this violation from, at a minimum, Andrew Willis, Enforcement Analyst (8/26/10), Peter Douglas, Executive Director (11/8/10) and Alex Helperin, Senior Staff Counsel (2/3/11) stating that enforcement of this curfew constitutes "development" within the meaning of the

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Coastal Act, and that it cannot be enforced unless the City first obtains a CDP from the Commission. The City has not obtained a CDP for this ordinance, yet it continues to enforce the curfew. The present status of this violation within the Commission's enforcement unit is unclear, but it has not yet been brought before the Commission for consideration of the CDP.

What is clear is that City enforcement of this curfew restricts public access to the coast more comprehensively than would its proposed OPD. If the public cannot take access to the beach or to the area adjacent to the beach from midnight to 5:00 a. m., what difference does it make to members of the public who wish to take access whether they can park on Venice streets during these hours? What difference does it make whether the City provides mitigation in the form of parking reserved for beachgoers during the time of the OPD parking limitation or of bicycle lanes and "sharrows" for those who might come to the beach from further inland on two wheels if they are still prohibited from taking access once they get there? The curfew is the foundation upon which exclusion of the public from access to the ocean and coast is being built.

This does not mean that the proposed OPD is irrelevant to the members of the Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA). (New Commissioners should note that the VSA, which wants comprehensive preferential parking for residents, is a separate community organization from the VAA, which opposes all such preferential parking). The VSA wants parking exclusivity for residents, and doesn't want visitor parking in their neighborhood whether the visitors want to take access to the beach or shop in the neighborhood stores. That is why they are pressing for Preferential Parking Districts in addition to the proposed Overnight Parking District, and that is why they sued the Commission to try to force adoption of this restrictive OPD.

But the proposed OPD is only part of the problem for members of the public so long as the City is permitted to illegally enforce its curfew. For this reason the Commission should deny the proposed OPD at this time, and not consider it anew until the City has brought before the Commission the beach curfew ordinance for a coastal development permit. The Commission should not spend more time dealing with the barrier walls until it considers and has dealt with the barrier's foundation. Consideration of the OPD at this time is premature and it should be denied.

The Coastal Commission should not consider the consistency of the OPD with the access and recreation provisions of the Coastal Act until it has obtained and analyzed all information necessary to assess both the need for the parking restrictions and feasible alternatives to those restrictions.

It is indisputable that the Commission must assess the basis and need for any restrictions upon public access to the coast before it permits such restrictions to be implemented. Limitations upon full access must be examined with strict scrutiny. Coastal Act section 30210 provides that:

In carrying out the requirement of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with the public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse.

Section 30210 of the Coastal Act is a direct implementation of the above referenced constitutional provision, the concluding language of which enjoins the Legislature to "enact such laws as will give the most liberal construction to this provision, so that access to the navigable waters of this State shall always be attainable for the people thereof". This Legislative implementation of that Constitutional provision is the fundamental basis for the Commission's authority and for the necessity that it review the City's curfew ordinance, and it is also the basis for the Commission's review of the proposed OPD restrictions.

With this in mind, what are we told regarding the basis for the City's proposed OPD? When these restrictions were first proposed the basis for the restrictions, the civic "problem" to be solved was the parking of RVs and other "oversized" vehicles upon the streets of Venice and the "infestation" of homeless people perceived to be living in them. The Commission's adopted revised findings when it last rejected this OPD in 2010 state that "[T]he Commission is being asked to balance the needs of the local residents and the homeless problem, but the Commission's responsibility under the Coastal Act is to protect the public's ability to access the coast." The Commission went on to find (also on p. 11 of the adopted findings):

For example, many of the complaints by proponents of the OPD relate to the parking of oversized vehicles. The Commission has not historically required coastal development permits for oversize vehicle parking restrictions. If the City implemented oversize vehicle parking restrictions, the City and the Commission would be able to evaluate whether those restrictions are sufficient to alleviate the concerns of OPD proponents. Similarly, the City has police power authority to regulate sleeping in vehicles, littering, public intoxication and dumping. In addition, many of the problems cited as a basis for the OPD relate to the important social problem of homelessness. Programs targeted at providing adequate housing and other services for the homeless could help alleviate problems associated with the use of vehicles as housing. None of these measures would exclude the general public from parking on the streets that support coastal access.

Unless the City first pursues strategies such as these, the Commission will not be in a position to evaluate whether measures such as OPDs that specifically target the ability of 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. If experience shows that these problems persist despite the City's implementation of strategies such as those discussed in the previous paragraph, the Commission could then evaluate the appropriateness of restrictions that target public parking. (Emph. Added)

The City responded to this Commission injunction by adopting oversize vehicle parking restrictions. According to information presented to a Venice Neighborhood Council meeting in January, approximately 110 blocks were posted to prohibit parking of oversized vehicles, "opening up many spaces for passenger vehicles". In addition, the City adopted a "Vehicles to Homes" program, helping participants to find non-vehicular lodging. But however productive these steps may be, they did not appease the members of the Venice Stakeholders Association, who pressed on for approval of the OPD to ensure their exclusive overnight parking privilege.

Unfortunately, the City did not complete nor did the Commission staff undertake the tasks set for them by the Commission in its previous actions. They conducted no studies, nor did they evaluate the parking situation after the oversize vehicle limitations were implemented to determine whether this feasible alternative had achieved its anticipated result. Instead, without any studies undertaken or other apparent record evidence as a basis the City now suggests an entirely different rationale for the OPD. At p. 13 of the proposed findings the staff states:

The City is requesting approval to implement the proposed OPDs because of residents' complaints about scarce on-street parking being occupied by non-residents' vehicles, including: Santa Monica residents trying to avoid vehicle size limits and parking permit fees, airport travelers who store their cars in the Villa Marina and Oxford Triangle areas while they are out of town, car rental companies and fleets, vendors who store products overnight in trucks near the boardwalk, employees of restaurants and bars, and hotel customers looking for free parking (Exhibit #5).

The sole basis for this new rationale is an opinion letter from the very same Venice Stakeholders Association that is pushing for parking exclusivity, and the only non-opinion "evidence" is an attachment to that letter, a Los Angeles Times article from February 24, 2009 (prior to both of the previous Commission denials of the OPD) which reported that an adopted OPD would be going to the Commission for review. Amazingly, given the use to which the article is now put as purported evidence in the findings proposed for Commission adoption, the article itself states:

"[F] ed 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".

The Commission needs to go back to the reference point it established in the findings for its previous denial of this OPD. As quoted above, it directed that

before any OPD could be considered the City needed to attempt to alleviate the problem identified as the principal basis for residents' parking concerns by trying feasible alternatives to the proposed OPD. The City has chosen several of the alternatives and has now implemented them. Now the City and the staff need to evaluate whether those alternatives have in fact alleviated the problem such that the OPD parking restrictions that this Commission has twice found to be contrary to the Coastal Act are no longer necessary. That evaluation has not occurred. Whether there is a feasible alternative that will reduce or eliminate the need for a substantial impact is a core principle of the Coastal Act, of CEQA, and quite specifically a requirement of the last adopted findings of this Commission on this OPD. The City should not have ignored this requirement, nor should the Commission staff have ignored it in their analysis for the Commission.

Before the Commission can legally approve the restrictions upon public access embodied in the OPD it must ensure that a public need exists that forms a proper basis to overcome the access protective principles embedded in Article X, Section 4 of the California Constitution and in section 30210 of the Coastal Act. It must also ensure that all feasible alternatives have been implemented and evaluated before the substantial impacts upon public access represented by the OPD are approved. None of this has been done. The evidence is clear that the basis for the parking restrictions proposed in the OPD has been the problem of overnight parking of oversized vehicles, and homeless people living in those vehicles. At the direction of the Commission the City has taken certain steps to attempt to alleviate the problem and the City has reported that at least 320 spaces on 110 blocks in the Venice area have been opened up for passenger vehicle parking, but neither the City nor the Commission staff have evaluated whether, once these alternatives were implemented, a critical parking problem remained to justify the access restrictions of the OPD. The Commission cannot legally approve the OPD until parking studies have been completed, not by the self-serving VSA but 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.

Neither the City nor the Commission staff have analyzed the need for or the provision of specific replacement parking as mitigation to determine if the requirement of the City's certified LUP that replacement parking at a ratio of one-to one, or at any other specific ratio should be imposed.

Policy IIA.6 of the City of Los Angeles' certified 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". An OPD is a preferential parking district the limitations of which apply at night, rather than at all times or at other specific times. The preference remains exclusively for residents of the area.

In analyzing the consistency of the proposed OPD with the policies of the certified LUP, the staff report concludes in one sentence, with neither evidence nor discussion, that "[T]he proposed project, only as conditioned to protect the public's ability to access the coast, conforms to the policies of the certified Venice LUP." This directly contradicts, without any basis, the Commission itself, which found in 2010, when it last considered this proposal, that:

"Certified LUP Policy IIA.6 states that public parking places displaced by any preferential parking scheme be replaced with new public parking at a minimum one-to-one ratio. The proposed project does not conform with LUP Policy IIA.6."

The Commission also found in 2010 that the proposed OPD did not conform with LUP Policies IIA.1 and IIA.9.c, and further that, absent a report evaluating "the adequacy of the mitigation for the loss of public parking in the proposed preferential parking scheme", the Commission could not find "that the loss of public parking in the proposed preferential parking scheme will be adequately mitigated at a minimum of a one-to-one ratio." The Commission concluded in 2010 that the proposed OPD "is not consistent with the Venice LUP policies", and therefore that "approval of the project would prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act."

In light of this it is impossible to discern how the staff reached its present conclusion. The Commission will recall that the standard for the legal acceptability of findings was articulated by the California Supreme Court in the case of Topanga Association for a Scenic Community v. County of Los Angeles, (1974) 11 Cal. 3rd 506. In that case the Supreme Court ruled that an administrative agency "must set forth findings to bridge the analytic gap between the raw evidence and ultimate decision or order" (at p. 515). In the OPD findings proposed by the staff for adoption by the Commission here, there is neither a "bridge" over the analytic gap, nor a footing for the bridge on the "raw evidence" side of that gap. There is simply a conclusion, and it is unsupportable.

The reasons for this are simple. First, the City has never conducted an analysis of the need for parking; second, the City has never conducted the study concerning the loss of public parking that the Commission requested in 2010; third, the potential loss of parking is indeterminate, now or as the City would have it decades from now, because the Commission is effectively pre-approving a series of block-at-a-time OPDs without any formula for the actual mitigation to be applied; and fourth, the mitigation proposed is inherently uncertain. Taken together these form a factual and analytic gap that the staff did not have the necessary information to resolve in the staff report. Lacking that information, it was forced to simply state a one sentence conclusion and stop.

The lack of any analysis of parking need has been discussed in the previous section of this letter, and need not be repeated at length. The entire OPD program was formulated as a response to anecdotal complaints of homeless individuals living in oversized vehicles semi-permanently parked on Venice streets and creating a nuisance. The only study cited by staff (at p. 14) was conducted by the VSA, the stakeholder group insistent on adoption of the OPD to attain exclusive resident parking. However self-interested the study, it focused solely upon parking availability in a limited number of metered spaces, rather than parking need. There is no study to document the need for a preferential parking program and there is no study to document the loss of public parking that will result from the proposed OPD. Finally, as discussed earlier, it is likely that whatever parking need might once have resulted from oversize vehicle parking in Venice has been alleviated by the City's prohibition of that parking.

The failure of the City to propose or the staff to recommend mitigation either at a 1:1 ratio as called for in the certified LUP, or at any certain ratio means that there cannot be any specific match between impact (spaces no longer available for the beach-going public) and mitigation (spaces made available for the beach-going public). Instead the City proposes and the staff recommends without analysis a back-of-the-napkin approximation built upon unsupported assumptions.

The City states its assumption, quoted in the staff report, that it would "take years, if not decades, before an entire neighborhood is posted with OPD signs" and that it is "unlikely that there will be a large demand for OPD implementation". Nothing evidences unexamined assumptions more clearly than stating opposites simultaneously: on the one hand the City asserts there is a critical need for OPDs that requires that limitations be placed upon members of the public attempting to take access; on the other hand it asserts that there is never going to be a big demand for OPDs.

The City also assumes that a certain number of parking spaces will actually be available because it has declared that they will be available. The City further assumes that this number of parking spaces will be adequate to meet the needs of members of the public taking access, and will not, for example, already be occupied by residents, visitors, or any of the other commercial users and interlopers who purportedly are now using spaces on the streets. Some of the spaces in some of the lots may prove to be available, but there is nothing in the record or in the findings that could give the Commission any assurance that this is the case. Preferential parking districts such as the OPDs proposed here are like the kid's game of musical chairs, except that most of the chairs are first reserved for the residents and then everyone else must scramble. No one knows what will be available.

Nor is there any evidence for the assumption that the new bicycle lanes and "shared-lane markings" will provide any mitigation for the impacts caused by the parking restrictions. These bicycle-friendly actions are unquestionably good social policy and the City should be encouraged to implement them wherever possible. The bicycle lanes are a benefit to the nearby residents but they are only the illusion of mitigation for members of the public taking access to the coast from areas other than Venice. There is no evidence to suggest or

reason to believe that beach-goers from locations other than Venice will cast aside their cars because a few blocks of a few streets in Venice will now have bicycle lanes.

All of these uncertainties underscore why the City and the Commission, when it certified the City's LUP, determined that establishment of residential preferential parking districts should be contingent upon replacing displaced public parking spaces with new public parking at a minimum one-to-one ratio. This policy was recognition that available parking was at a premium, and that preferential parking for residents should not displace visitors seeking to park. Staff has apparently decided not to recommend adoption of that ratio, or any other ratio, but it has not analyzed the critical sub-questions that lead to any conclusion with respect to the amount of mitigation, nor has it articulated why it rejects the standard of the LUP in favor of the back-of-the-napkin proposals of the City. Staff might argue that the standard of review here is consistency with the policies of chapter 3, with section 30210 et. seq. But there is no analysis to justify this conclusion either; there is simply a statement that the project is consistent with the policies of the Act. The Commission's previous decisions denying approval of this OPD, and its findings in support of those decisions are simply ignored by the staff, never discussed in the staff report. The proposed findings with respect to mitigation are inherently flawed, and cannot be approved by the Commission.

Conclusion

The staff recommendation of approval of the proposed OPD submitted by the City of Los Angeles is legally unsupportable and must be rejected by the Commission. It should be rejected because, with respect to public access to the sea, it's consideration should follow rather than precede that of the illegal curfew being imposed by the City on access to the beach and to the shoreline adjacent to the beach, in violation of the Coastal Act. Until the Commission determines the validity and extent of the consistency of the curfew with section 30210 of the Coastal Act, it cannot and should not properly consider whether the parking limitations of the OPD are consistent with the Act. The blanket prohibitions of the illegal curfew are more restrictive than the parking restrictions of the OPD. Consideration of the validity of the curfew should be a condition precedent to consideration of the OPD.

The Commission should also reject the proposed OPD because the Commission does not have and thus cannot have assessed all of the information necessary to analyze the need for the OPD and feasible alternative measures to the OPD. Until the City and the staff properly assess the need and analyze the feasible alternative measures already being implemented by the City that address the only basis ever articulated for the OPD, consideration and approval of the OPD by the Commission is premature and not legally defensible.

Finally, the Commission should reject the proposed OPD because the findings regarding mitigation are flawed. There is no attempt to match identified impacts with specific mitigation. Instead the Commission is being asked simply to trust that the mirage of possible mitigation (parking not subject to possible OPDs that may or may not be available when needed) will make up for the spaces lost as residents secure their preferential parking.

The Commission must recognize that it has been forced into the middle of a neighborhood dispute. The impetus for that dispute was an outgrowth of the homeless problem, particularly after the severe economic recession. An influx of people parking and living in their RVs and other oversize vehicles created a backlash in Venice that led to calls for preferential parking, including OPDs. After the Commission twice rejected proposed OPDs because of their impact upon the public taking access to the coast, and suggested alternatives that the City could pursue to deal with the specific problems of homeless individuals parking their oversize vehicles in Venice, the City has taken steps to deal with that specific problem. Parking of oversized vehicles has been prohibited on Venice streets, and the City reports that this is working. But some in the community, represented by the Venice Stakeholders Association, continue to want to achieve exclusivity in their neighborhood. Life would be so much easier, they think, if the public could be excluded from their streets. This is why the VSA and the City have a residential preferential parking scheme for daytime privileges lined up right behind this OPD proposal, one which they originally wanted to bring to the Commission at this meeting as well. Restricting public access to the coast by restricting public parking on nearby public streets in order to solve a problem that has apparently already been solved by other means is not consistent with the Coastal Act and should be rejected.

There was once a poster on the walls of the Commission's headquarters office that said "Save the Kansas Coast". The point was that the coast belonged to the public from everywhere, not simply the residents privileged enough to live nearby. The Venice coast is not just for Venetians; it is also for those from Bellflower, Bakersfield and Bishop, from Culver City, Coachella and Chino, from Pico Rivera, Pasadena and Pomona, and of course from Topeka. The Commission has historically given strict scrutiny to any proposal to limit access to the coast. The proposed OPD is unnecessary, it is unjustified, it is ill planned and it cannot be supported based upon the findings presented to the Commission. It must be rejected.

Sincerely,

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California Coastal Commissioners, Coastal Commission Executive Director, and Coastal Commission Staff:

I am a third generation Venice resident, an appellant in this case, and I am writing to oppose this version of the Venice OPDs. I am also writing on behalf of some of the other original Venice OPD appellants who are unable to write or are no longer with us. It is unfortunate and sad to note that our co-appellant, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission and one of the authors of the Coastal Act, Peter Douglas, is now deceased. Terry Hendrickson, a vocal opponent of OPDs in Venice and a disabled woman who lived in a vehicle in Venice for many years, is critically ill, in and out of intensive care.

I recognize that most of the commissioners are new to this issue, yet many people, like me, have been opposing Venice OPDs for years and years. The ongoing different versions of this project being presented to the Coastal Commission and the years involved makes me wonder why there is no administrative finality involved in the Coastal Commissioner decisions from 2009 and again in 2010.

I will try to provide specific reasons that the Commissioners will hopefully consider while rejecting this Coastal Permit Application that is being presented as a lawsuit settlement agreement, a version conceived of with no real public input, and with questionable and woefully lacking mitigations.

These are my primary reasons that the California Coastal Commission should reject this project:

1. This project violates Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution and California Coastal Act Section 30210, specifically regarding the public's rights of access.

The homeless people directly affected are members of the public and are residents. Some are life-long Venice residents and are also Venice OPD appellants. They were born in nearby hospitals, grew up going to schools in Venice, they practice religious rituals on the beach, fish and enjoy other recreational activities on the beach during all hours of the day. They are not less than human and they absolutely are members of the public. They do not qualify for an OPD permit and will be denied access by the Venice OPDs.

It is inappropriate to treat a homeless person as a non-resident or non-member of the public. Affordable housing in Venice has been removed drastically from Venice in the last decade. The scanty and often dehumanizing threat to accept housing through the Vehicle to Homes program has primarily been to relocate people far away from Venice and far from the homeless services Venice is rich in. Furthermore, this so-called Vehicle to Homes program was not even provided until after law enforcement was clubbed down on the vehicle residents of Venice by the City of Los Angeles - resulting in a myriad of civil and human rights violations and a federal lawsuit currently pending in the 9th Circuit Court of appeals. (Desertrain vs. City of Los Angeles)

2. The City of Los Angeles has not established that the OPDs are "necessary" or that the stated OPD reasons persist.

The main reason for the Venice OPDs is to deal with the "homeless problem by removing homeless people living in vehicles and the Coastal Commission has clearly recognized this. The Coastal Commission language in 2009 and 2010 both include: "The Commission is being asked to balance the needs of the local residents and the homeless problem."

{See 2009 staff report <http://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2009/11/Th19a-s-11-2009.pdf>, 2009 finding <http://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2009/11/Th19e-s-11-2009.pdf>, also see June 2010 staff report and Sept 2010 revised findings }

Following the June 2010 Coastal Commissioners' decision to deny Venice OPDs, the City of Los Angeles used the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, the Living in Vehicle law, and multiple other strategies to remove homeless people living in vehicles from Venice.

There currently is no proof being provided, such as the 2010 LASHA census of Vehicle Homeless in Venice (counting then over 250 Vehicle dwellers), indicating that the {so called} reasons for Venice OPDs still exist.

In fact, the reasons for Venice OPDs do not exist in any substantive way.

3. While enforcing Municipal Oversized Vehicle Ordinances, following the June 2010 Coastal Commission decision to deny Venice OPDs, the City of Los Angeles violated the California Vehicle Code that provides specific parking accommodations to disabled drivers.

Vehicles with disabled plates or displaying a disabled placard are exempt from the Oversized Vehicle law and also exempt from the OPD law per Cal Veh Code 22511.5, yet the City and the LAPD choose to ignore these privileges that the State specifically provides for disabled people.

Because the City targeted homeless disabled people (some seriously disabled) inappropriately and illegally with LA City Oversized Vehicle Laws, simply to eradicate any and all Vehicle homeless people from Venice, it is especially heinous. The City of Los Angeles has provided a pattern and practice of ignoring the California Vehicle code and should not be expected to act different when applying the OPDs - if the Coastal Commission approves them in 2013.

4. The City of Los Angeles has violated the California Coastal Act by creating a municipal Code (law) that closes the beach in Venice. This qualifies as a development that significantly restricts Coastal Access per section 30106 of the Coastal Act and requires an application for a Coastal Development Permit. The City never applied for such a permit.

The Coastal Commission Attorneys contacted the Los Angeles City Attorneys with a generous offer to work this violation out¹¹, but the City attorney refused to cooperate.¹¹¹

The Coastal Commission should resolve this pending Coastal Act violation, especially one as substantial as closing a beach, prior to awarding permit parking scheme that the City has not yet proven necessary.

5. The City of Los Angeles has removed miles of free street parking in Venice without mitigating, without considering Coastal Access, without considering a Coastal Development Permit, and without considering how this removal of free beach parking affects coastal access to low income public visitors to the Coastal Zone in Venice.

A complaint was originally submitted in Nov 2007¹⁹, but has been subsequently submitted at least four times to the California Coastal Commission and Staff. Much of the free street parking that has been removed in the Venice Coastal Zone is due to lobby efforts by groups like the Venice Stakeholders Assoc. The many street signs (that have removed nighttime parking, restricted parking to 2 hours, and many more in the coastal zone) should be restored to free public parking prior to the Coastal Commission considering removing even more access to the public via any permit parking scheme.

6. The City of Los Angeles has provided a fairly complicated OPD proposal for the Commissioners to decide on in June 2013, which contains, but is not limited to, these initial problems:

- The Venice streets that will not have OPDs already have parking restrictions that affect Coastal Access and the non OPD permit holders will need to move multiple extra times daily unnecessarily.
- The Coastal Commission staff report assumes that the OPDs are based on resident petitions in favor of OPDs and have conditions which are agreements with the City that they will report to the Executive Director.
 - There is no real enforcement mechanism on petitions because nothing in the OPD law (Los Angeles Municipal Code) requires the City to obtain resident petitions. All that is required is a communication from Council Office to the Department of Transportation.
 - If residents want the OPDs removed, the City will not do it, even if a citizen petitions and proves that a majority of the residents on the block do not want the OPDs.
 - The Commissioners should demand that the City amend the OPD law to require petitions, because the average citizen has not real power and it is simply unfair to say that the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission is managing this for them, especially considering the LA City Beach Closed law situation.
- The City of Santa Monica, being the area just north of Venice, petitioned residents and provided these petitions prior to being granted permit parking in the Coastal Zone. The City of Santa Monica also replaced a significant amount of parking to mitigate, but the City of Los Angeles has not either.
- The mitigations are questionable at best and are woefully lacking, especially taking into account the miles of free parking already removed by the City in recent years.
- There is no mention of the City of Los Angeles' Coastal Act Violations - cradle to grave - from the original Venice OPD application through to this proposed settlement, asking the Coastal Commission to approve Venice OPDs. The Coastal Commission staff has been fully aware of a Coastal Act violation prior to the initial application and the City of Los Angeles denies it, which displays dishonesty of the applicant.

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7. The City of Los Angeles and the Venice Stakeholders Assoc. have consistently claimed that because all the other surrounding beach areas have permit parking in Coastal Zones, then so should Venice. That fact should be an extremely compelling reason to not allow any further permit parking that restricts or eliminates street parking until there is a study of the "cumulative effects" that permit and restrictive parking has had on low income people regarding access to the California Coastal Zones.

Without knowing the cumulative consequences of permit parking, the Coastal Commission cannot know how years of patch work mitigations and unenforced blatant violations of the Coastal Act (that restrict public access to the coast) has now cumulated into.

Recent CEQA finding have leaned in favor of requiring analysis and assessment of the cumulative effects of a development and Venice has special environments factors that should be considered.

Unfortunately, Los Angeles Department of Transportation rubber stamps each and every permit parking as not requiring an EIR and always says that CEQA does not apply. CEQA does apply here due to the amount of permit parking up and down the coast adjacent to Venice and because Venice has very special environmental factors that should be taken into consideration.

In conclusion, based on the issues I have stated here in my letter and in the many other letters opposing the Venice OPDs you have received from the public and from lawyers, I am asking that you deny this application or lawsuit settlement.

If you have any doubts, you should at least consider postponing this due to the new City Attorney and the new City Council person for the Venice area being seated in July 2013.

Sincerely,

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ⁱ Exhibit 1 - portion of *Desertrain vs City of Los Angeles* dealing disabled violations

ⁱⁱ Exhibit 2 - letter from the Coastal Commission to Los Angeles City Attorney

ⁱⁱⁱ Exhibit 3 - letter from Los Angeles City Attorney to Coastal Commission

^{iv} Exhibit 4 - Original complaint regarding free parking being removed in Venice

^v Exhibit 5 - OPD petition to remove OPDs that was ignored

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From *Desertrain vs City of Los Angeles* - dealing with the violations for Cal Veh Code that protects the disabled driver.

The California Vehicle Code provides specific parking accommodations for disabled drivers and explicitly proscribes the authority of local governments to enact laws restricting these protections. Despite the express legislative ban in California Vehicle Code §22511.5, forbidding the City from what it has done here, the district court placed the burden on the Disabled Plaintiffs to go to court each time they were cited and explain why the City acted unlawfully.

In California, parking regulation is a matter of state preemption. *Rumford v. City of Berkeley*, 31 Cal.3d 545, 550 (1982). A local government may act in this area only within the scope of authority expressly delegated by the State to enact local laws. *People v. Garth*, 234 Cal.App.3d 1797, 1799, 1800 (1991). California Vehicle Code §22507(a) authorizes local laws. At the same time, Vehicle Code §22511.5 forbids the enactment of local laws restricting the protections for disabled drivers provided by §22507(a). There is nothing cryptic about these privileges as they are posted on the California Department of Motor Vehicle's website as well.¹ Together, §§22507(a) and 22511.5 express the California Legislature's decision of the protections necessary to ensure equal access to the streets for disabled drivers. The district court may not substitute its judgment for the California Legislature's on whether targeting disabled drivers in violation of state law denies them equal access to the public streets.

The repeated citations issued to the Disabled Plaintiffs were not accidental, but it does not matter if they were. As stated above, City officials announced at the Townhall on Homelessness that they would increase parking enforcement against people believed to be living in their vehicles. So, even though the vehicles of the Disabled Plaintiffs had plainly visible plates and/or placards bearing the universal symbol indicating disability, they were repeatedly cited for violating local laws from which they were expressly exempt. See *Spicer v. City of Camarillo*, 195 Cal.App.4th 1423, 1425 (2011) (VC §22511.5 requires that, where posted street signs restrict parking, disabled persons may park no matter the limits enacted by a local entity).

No matter what its reason for doing so, the City may not pass a law that conflicts with the state Vehicle Code. *Wooldridge v. Mounts*, 199 Cal.App.2d 620, 623-24 (1962). Vehicle Code §22511.5(a)(1)(A) expressly exempts drivers with disability plates or placards from the laws enacted by Los Angeles and applied to plaintiffs. These include LAMC §80.69(b), prohibiting parking except by preferential permits; §80.69(d), restricting height limits of vehicles parked within 100 feet of an intersection; and §80.69.4(a), restricting nighttime parking of oversized vehicles. Vehicle Code §22511.5(a)(1)(B) exempts disabled drivers from LAMC §80.69(c), restricting parking longer than the posted time limits. Vehicle Code §22511(a)(1)(D)(2) excuses disabled drivers from putting money in a parking meter.

¹ See http://dmv.ca.gov/pubs/brochures/fact_facts/ffvr07.htm "Disabled Person Parking Privileges."

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

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August 26, 2010

Mark Mariscal
City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks
Superintendent, Pacific Region
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Subject: Imposition of an ordinance establishing a beach curfew

Dear Mr. Mariscal,

Public access to and along the California coast and coastal waters is a right guaranteed by California's Constitution and the Coastal Act. When public agencies initiate and institute actions designed and intended to place a limitation on public access to the coast, such as, but not limited to imposition of a beach curfew, such limitations must be reviewed before taking effect under the policies of the Coastal Act through the coastal development permit process.

Our staff has confirmed that the City of Los Angeles established a beach curfew, found in City of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44(B)(14)(b), for city beaches via Ordinance No. 164209, adopted on November 22, 1988. Section 63.44(B)(14)(b) states:

No person shall enter, remain, stay or loiter in any park which consists of an ocean area, beach or pier between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day or such other hours as the Council may establish for each such park by ordinance. On any park which consists of an ocean area, beach or pier subject to this Section, the supervising employee at such site may extend the closing time to accommodate special events such as grunion runs and other events approved by the Department of Recreation and Parks or the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches, as applicable. Provided, however, that no person shall enter, remain, stay or loiter on Royal Palms Beach between the hours of 8:00 o'clock p.m. and 5:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day.

The imposition of this beach curfew, as is its clearly stated intent, restricts public access to the sea. The Coastal Act defines "development" (Public Resources Code Section 30106) requiring a coastal development permit from either the Commission or local government, where a Local Coastal Program has been certified, or where the local government issues coastal development permits pursuant to the Coastal Act, to include a "...change in the ... intensity of use of land...change in the intensity of use of water, or of access thereto." In addition, the Commission and local governments are mandated under the Coastal Act (Section 30210) to ensure that "...maximum access ... and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse."

Commission staff have researched our permit files and concluded that no coastal development permits have been issued for this particular public access restriction. In this particular case, the

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closure of beaches within the City's coastal development permit jurisdiction would require a local coastal development permit from the City, as well as the Commission, since City beaches are located in the "dual permit jurisdiction." Implementation of an ordinance affecting access to the Commission's area of original jurisdiction, i.e. State tidelands or public trust lands, would also require a coastal development permit from the Commission. In the absence of such Coastal Act review, such restrictions on public access constitute a violation of law exposing the responsible agency to possible enforcement actions.

While the Commission understands and appreciates the many pressures on public agencies, especially local government to ensure public safety, preserve resident convenience and neighborhood amenities, and carry out land management responsibilities within constrained budgets, we are concerned because many of these restrictions on lawful public rights of use have been instituted without benefit of coastal development permits required by the Coastal Act. The Commission has a long history of reviewing these types of public coastal access restrictions and has approved those that are narrowly drawn to effectively address proven public safety issues and concerns. Unfortunately, many access restrictions that infringe on protected legal public rights are drawn and applied in an overly broad manner, often because of political expediency or ease of administration by implementing or enforcing agencies.

Beach curfews or closures have been problematic on occasion in the past. However, working with local agencies in the context of the coastal development permit process, we have usually been able to achieve a mutually acceptable resolution that protects both public safety and public access to beaches and State waters. We want to work in cooperation with you to achieve this dual mission in the most efficient and effective manner and to avoid potential conflict and controversy over law enforcement requirements.

In conclusion, it is the position of Commission staff that implementation of the beach curfew ordinance identified above qualifies as development under the Coastal Act and therefore requires a coastal development permit. If the City wishes to implement a beach curfew, it would first need to obtain authorization for such restriction through issuance of both a local coastal development permit and a coastal development permit from the Commission. Staff feels that by working together within the coastal development permit context, we can achieve a positive resolution to this matter that is consistent with the Coastal Act. Please contact me or South Coast District Manager Teresa Henry at (563) 590-5071 within two weeks of the mailing date of this letter in order to discuss any questions raised by this letter and how we can work together to reach a mutually acceptable solution to this important matter affecting coastal access.

Sincerely,



Andrew Willis
District Enforcement Analyst

cc: Councilman Rosendahl's office
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October 1, 2010

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RE: LAMC section 63.44(B)(14)(b)

Dear Mr. Willis:

We have considered your letters and accompanying documents regarding your investigation into the laws of the City of Los Angeles concerning beach hours.

Please be advised that LAMC section 63.44(B)(14)(b) is a duly-adopted ordinance and law of the City of Los Angeles. As such, the ordinance is not in need of a coastal development permit or any other written permission of the California Coastal Commission for its continued existence and enforcement. The City of Los Angeles will therefore not be applying for a coastal development permit from the Commission.

You would have the Commission exercise the powers of a super-legislature or court with powers to effectively veto or nullify the laws of Charter Cities. The Coastal Act simply cannot be interpreted that way. Indeed, your interpretation of the Coastal Act is contrary to the separation of powers defined by the Constitution of the State of California.

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Additionally, a duly-adopted municipal ordinance or law regardless of its subject matter is not a "development" as that word is used in the Coastal Act. A "development" in the Coastal Act always refers to physical structures and things: buildings, walls, fences, etc.

If the Commission believes that City law violates state or federal law, the Commission has the same civil capacity as individuals and other legal entities to raise that issue in a judicial proceeding. But the Commission is without jurisdiction to adjudicate the merits of its own legal contentions about local law. Again, the Commission is not a court.

We trust that the concept of the democratic process is not completely lost on the Commission and its staff. Therefore, you are respectfully reminded that the Commission and/or its staff can engage the political process in an effort to persuade the City Council of the City of Los Angeles to change its law regarding beach hours or any other subject.

It has not escaped our notice that you have proceeded with your "investigation" into LAMC section 63.44(B)(14)(b) only *after* the City initiated an administrative mandate proceeding in the Superior Court to challenge the Commission's decision regarding overnight parking districts in Venice. If the City had not taken the Commission to court, the Commission and its staff would not now be investigating a law concerning beach hours which has existed in some form for more than three decades. The Commission obviously intends its investigation to harass the City into abandoning its litigation against the Commission. The ongoing investigation is totally unjustified, without any legal merit, and represents retaliation against the City of Los Angeles for exercising its constitutional right to seek redress in the court against the Commission's abuses of discretion. We therefore demand that the investigation be terminated forthwith. *You are requested to send us written confirmation of this termination by the end of business October 11, 2010.*

Andrew Willis, District Enforcement Analyst

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Please consult legal counsel about the matters discussed above. Your immediate attention to this matter is requested.

Very truly yours

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By:



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cc: Wyatt Sloan-Tribe, Deputy Attorney General
Bill Rosendahl, Member of the City Council, City of Los Angeles
Janice Hahn, Member of the City Council, City of Los Angeles
Jon Kirk Makri, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks

To The California Coastal Commission:

Please regard this communication as a FORMAL COMPLAINT.

The City of Los Angeles is removing and restricting parking in the Venice Coastal Zone without California Coastal Commission permits or other requirements necessary with the California Coastal Commission in order to remove or restrict parking in the Coastal Zone.

These actions taken by the City of Los Angeles [to remove parking or restrict parking] are limiting coastal access for people of all economic status.

The California Coastal Act, Section 30001.5, states that one of the basic goals of the state for the coastal zone are to maximize coastal access.

Please find a list below of Los Angeles City parking signs, meters, and painted curbs in the Venice Coastal Zone that restrict parking and limit coastal access.

Some of the below listed parking restrictions have been the result of efforts by the City of Los Angeles to relieve the agitation some Venice homeowners, business owners, or others feel when viewing people living in abject poverty on the streets. I submit that removing or restricting street parking to remove poverty from the area hurts the majority of people living in Venice who need to use street parking. I further submit that removing or restricting street parking for this reason harms the lower income people wishing to visit the beach by limiting their access to the beach. Plus it is simply a waste of City money that could be much better spent on actual solutions to parking or poverty. And it is wrong to value the wishes of those few [who may have property in Venice] over the needs or wishes of human beings living with a lower economic status.

Some of the below listed parking restrictions have been the result of the City helping businesses, but I submit that if a business has provided the required parking [by law] or has been given an exemption to this required parking - the City should not be removing parking from other people living or visiting the beach by giving it away to a business.

Some of the below listed parking restrictions may have been done to just satisfy complaining residents, but if doing so limits coastal access and parking to the general public, it is wrong.

Research with the Department of Transportation to identify the origin of the work orders for these signs and painted curbs may lead the Coastal Commission to these facts.

This list is a detailed example of recently created parking restrictions that limit public access in the Venice Coastal Zone, but it is not a complete list of all situations created in Venice that have restricted or removed parking in the Venice Coastal Zone.

- In the Rose Ave beach parking lot, a concession/rental stand was built in the middle/back of the parking lot that removed pay parking spaces for the beach.
- There are parking lots not on this list that used to be free and open 24-hours, but have been recently restricted with City parking signs or meters.

- There are City parking lots used for generating income, which are closed to the general public at night and are operated by independent contractors.
- The area bordered between Venice Blvd and the Santa Monica City limit, between Main Street and the Pacific Ocean has not yet been inventoried.
- Only a limited effort was taken thus far looking at issues of street parking removed using painted curbing or meters.

I am happy to continue on this job, unpaid, of identifying the ways that the City of Los Angeles is removing or limiting public access to the Beach in Venice and I plan to amend this complaint with a new, more complete list.

I am also asking other Venice residents or visitors to Venice Beach to contact me at HumanRights@freevenice.org with any parking restrictions that I may have missed.

I will wait anxiously to be informed by the California Coastal Commission regarding any actions or progress regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,
 Peggy Lee Kennedy 310 365 0985
 P.O. Box 2881, Venice CA 90294

List of Los Angeles City Street Signs, Meters, or Painted Curbs IN VENICE

Limiting Coastal Access and Parking for All People

- **Rose Ave 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Lincoln Blvd and 6th Ave
 - Multiple blocks on both sides of the street
- **Rose Ave 1-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by 5th Ave and Hampton Drive
 - Multiple blocks on both sides of the street
- **Hampton Drive 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sat & Sun Signs**
 - Bordered by Rose Ave and Navy or the Santa Monica City Limit
 - One long block or block ½ on both sides of the street
- **Rose Ave 1-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Daily Signs**
 - Bordered by Hampton Drive and Main Street
 - One Block on both sides of the street
- **Hampton Drive 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Rose Ave and Sunset Ave
 - One long block on both sides of the street
- **Hampton Drive No Parking 2AM to 4AM Nightly Signs (same as above block)**
 - Bordered by Rose Ave and Sunset Ave
 - One long block on both sides of the street
- **3rd Ave No Parking 2AM to 4AM Nightly Signs**

- Bordered by Rose Ave and Sunset Ave
 - One long block on both sides of the street
- **Sunset Ave 4-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sat/Sun Signs**
 - Bordered by 4th Ave and 5th Ave
 - One block, signs on south side of street
- **4th Ave 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sat & Sun Signs**
 - Bordered by Sunset Ave and Vernon Ave
 - One Block, signs on east side of street
- **Vernon Ave 4-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sat/Sun Signs**
 - Bordered by 4th Ave and 5th Ave
 - One block, signs on north side of street
- **Abbot Kinney 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Brooks/Main Street and California Ave
 - Multiple blocks on both sides of the street
- **Abbot Kinney 4-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Rialto/Palms Blvd and Venice Blvd
 - One long block on both sides of the street
- **Venice Blvd North 1-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Lincoln Blvd and Brenta Place
 - Multiple blocks, signs on North Side of Blvd
- **Venice Blvd North No Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Moade Place and Victoria Ave
 - One long block
- **Lot # 613 No Parking 2AM to 4AM Nightly Sign by older 10-Hour Parking Sign**
 - Located at the end of Pisani Place (behind Spark 685 Venice Blvd)
- **Venice Blvd North No Parking 10PM to 5AM Nightly Signs**
 - Bordered by Electric Ave and Abbot Kinney
 - One long block
- **Venice Blvd North 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Daily Signs**
 - Bordered by Abbot Kinney and Venice Way
 - Multiple Blocks
- **17th Ave Tow Away No Stopping Anytime Signs**
 - Bordered by Pacific Ave and Speedway
 - North Side of very wide street, One long block
- **17th Ave Red Painted Curbing (same as above street)**
 - Bordered by Pacific Ave and Speedway
 - North Side of very wide street, One long block
- **18th Ave 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sat & Sun Signs**
 - Bordered by Pacific and Speedway
 - Both sides of a long block
- **Strong's Drive No Parking Anytime Signs**
 - Bordered by Mildred Ave and North Venice Blvd
 - Only on 2/3 of block, west side of street
- **Strong's Drive Red Painted Curbing (same as above street)**
 - Bordered by Mildred Ave and North Venice Blvd
 - In the middle of the block, west side of street

- **Venice Blvd North 1-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM with Meters**
 - Bordered by Pacific and Speedway
 - One Long Block, north side of one way street
- **Venice Blvd North No Parking Anytime** (same as above street)
 - Bordered by Pacific and Speedway
 - One Long Block, south side of one way street

(the reason I put the two above line items is because the exact same block of South Venice Blvd is open to parking on both sides of a one way street.)

- **Venice Blvd South 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Daily Signs**
 - Bordered by Washington Way and Abbot Kinney
 - Multiple blocks
- **Venice Blvd South No Parking 11PM to 5AM Nightly**
 - Bordered by Abbot Kinney and 670 Venice Blvd
 - Multiple Blocks
- **Washington Blvd 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Except Sunday Signs**
 - Bordered by Yale Ave and Abbot Kinney
 - Multiple Blocks, both side of street
- **Washington Blvd White & Green Painted Curb**
 - Bordered by Marr St and 727 Washington Blvd
 - 2/3 of one long block
- **Harbor Street No Parking 8PM to 6PM Nightly**
 - Bordered by Clark Ave and Wilson Ave
 - Multiple blocks
- **Washington Blvd 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Daily Signs & Meters**
 - Bordered by Dell Ave and Beach Ave/Pahwan Way
 - Multiple Blocks
- **Washington Blvd 1-Hour Parking 8AM to 6PM Daily Signs & Meters**
 - Bordered by Speedway and Pacific
 - One long block, both sides of street
- **Washington Blvd Loading Zone 6PM to 12Midnight** (same as above street)
 - Bordered by Speedway, multiple parking spaces
 - Given to C&O Restaurant for Valet Parking
- **Washington Blvd 2-Hour Parking 8AM to 12Midnight Daily**
 - Bordered by Palawan Way and Mildred Ave
 - Multiple blocks, south side of street
- **Mildred Ave Tow Away 10PM to 6AM Nightly**
 - Bordered by Washington Blv and Boone Ave
 - Multiple blocks, one side of street

PETITION TO REMOVE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 525

Only one signature per dwelling unit will be counted. At least 34% of the dwelling units on a street segment must sign to be considered for the removal of the Overnight Parking District.

We, the undersigned, who reside on INDIANA AVE between LINCOLN BL and VALITA ST hereby petition the City Council to remove the existing Overnight Parking District from our street segment and to remove the signs posted with the overnight parking restriction "NO PARKING 2AM - 6AM NIGHTLY, VEHICLES WITH PERMIT NO. 525 EXEMPTED" from our street segment.

This petition circulated by: PETER LONNIES 310/392-8225
Print Name Daytime phone no.

Name	Address	Appt	Daytime Phone
Print <u>KAREN FLAHERTY</u>	<u>959 Indiana</u>		<u>310 924 9690</u>
Sign <u>Karen Flaherty</u>			
Print <u>BARBARA WHITE</u>	<u>951 INDIANA AVE.</u>		<u>310 393 1984</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>			
Print <u>STANCO HER OEG</u>	<u>943 INDIANA AVE</u>		<u>310 396 4367</u>
Sign <u>Stanco Herceg</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>		
Print <u>935</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>✓</u> <u>970</u>
<u>938</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>✓</u> <u>938</u>
Sign <u>931</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>✓</u> <u>942</u>
<u>927</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>✓</u> <u>939</u>
Print <u>LINDA LOMBARDI</u>	<u>923 INDIANA AVE</u>		<u>310 399 5127</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>			
Print <u>WALTER SUTHERLAND</u>	<u>999 INDIANA</u>		<u>310/399-0918</u>
<u>999 Indiana Ave</u>			
Sign <u>Walter Sutherland</u>			
<u>310-399-0918</u>			
Print <u>GRACIE L RODRIGUEZ</u>	<u>962 INDIANA AVE</u>		<u>310-399-8308</u>
Sign <u>Gracie L. Rodriguez</u>			

PETITION TO REMOVE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 525

Only one signature per dwelling unit will be counted. At least 34% of the dwelling units on a street segment must sign to be considered for the removal of the Overnight Parking District.

We, the undersigned, who reside on INDIANA AVENUE between LINCOLN BOULEVARD and VALITA STREET hereby petition the City Council to remove the existing Overnight Parking District from our street segment and to remove the signs posted with the overnight parking restriction "NO PARKING 2AM - 6AM NIGHTLY, VEHICLES WITH PERMIT NO. 525 EXEMPTED" from our street segment.

This petition circulated by: PETER LOWMEYER 310/392-8228
 Print Name Daytime phone no.

Name	Address	Ant	Daytime Phone
Print <u>SPENCER R. KELL</u>	<u>975 INDIANA AVE</u>	<u>(310) 396-9525</u>	
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>VENICE, CA 90291</u>		
Print <u>ROBERTA ORSAGUARA</u>	<u>9805 INDIANA AVE</u>	<u>(310) 235-4767</u>	
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>VENICE CA 90291</u>		
Print <u>Margarita Kouzel</u>	<u>955 Indiana Ave</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>488-2665</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Venice, CA 90291</u>		
Print <u>LEONARD KALINA</u>	<u>974 Indiana Ave</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>399-0136</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>			
Print <u>STEVE TERLIZZI</u>	<u>971 INDIANA AVE</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>428-9935</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>VENICE CA 90291</u>		
Print <u>Anne Bares</u>	<u>911 Indiana Avenue</u>	<u>310 4668908</u>	
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>			
Print <u>SUCORRO MARTIN</u>	<u>950 Indiana Ave</u>	<u>310 396-9239</u>	
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Venice CA 90291</u>		

PETITION TO REMOVE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 525

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We, the undersigned, who reside on INDIANA AVE between LINCOLN BL and VALTA ST hereby petition the City Council to remove the existing Overnight Parking District from our street segment and to remove the signs posted with the overnight parking restriction "NO PARKING 2AM - 6AM NIGHTLY, VEHICLES WITH PERMIT NO. 525 EXEMPTED" from our street segment.

This petition circulated by: PETER LONNIES 310/392-8225
 Print Name Daytime phone no.

Name	Address	Apt	Daytime Phone
Print <u>RICHARD COHEN</u>	<u>963 INDIANA AVE</u>		<u>310.569-8555</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>			
Print <u>PETER LONNIES</u>	<u>967 INDIANA AVE</u>		<u>310/392-8225</u>
Sign <u>Peter W. Lonnies</u>	<u>VENICE, CALIF. 90291</u>		
Print <u>Madeline Mitchell</u>	<u>979 Indiana Ave</u>		<u>310-399-2191</u>
Sign <u>[Signature]</u>			
Print <u>Pamela Flax</u>	<u>984 Indiana Ave</u>		<u>310-399-6609</u>
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By email: chuck.posner@coastal.ca.gov

RE: DENY application for Venice Overnight Parking District; CPD 8-10; OPD 523; CDP 8-11; OPD 526

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Commisioners:

Please DENY this third attempt by the Venice Stakeholders Association and the City of Los Angeles to restrict Venice Coastal Zone parking via the Overnight Parking District (OPD) settlement.

We understand that our parking issues are complex, combined with residential development, social and commercial impacts that are specific to each Venice subarea in which they occur. Today's "blanket solution" again fails to acknowledge the City's combined need to preserve Coastal access and address individual local issues – despite your prior advisement to do exactly that.

OPD is the latest- but not the last - in an arsenal of "wedge" tools devised to restrict Venice coastal access since at least 1988. The illegal beach nighttime curfew imposed in 1989 was promoted as a tool to ease crime enforcement and prevent homeless persons from sleeping on the beach. It worked.

That illegal law was the "camel's nose under the tent" – now grown into a thirty-five year "winking eye" for the City that it could get away with measures that appeared to be symptom-serving and short-sighted, all the while masking a long-term goal to commandeer our Venice Coast from the public realm.

In 2010, you allowed the City to proceed with the Overnight Vehicle Ordinance as a six-month experiment to fund a "Vehicles to Homes" program for RV dwellers.

It worked. Some Venetian RV dwellers moved away. Some transitioned to homes without wheels. All are gone. At the same time, fatigued travelers in recreational vehicles can no longer park at night on 110 Venice blocks. This restriction can scale to the other 90% of Venice blocks at any time.

In 2011, the City expanded implementation of its illegal beach curfew to include Oceanfront Walk – in order to eradicate impacts of overnight homelessness there. It worked. At the same time, Venice residents whose front doors open to the Oceanfront Walk can no longer walk home within sight of the beach late at night. Visitors cannot leave by the front door to walk to their own homes or cars.

Now the same OPD proposal is before you a third time, offering existing public parking spaces as if they were new (and as if they complied with our Land Use Plan, which they do not), offering parking space at

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Jed Pauker
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a time of day when none is needed, making promises for some future time and – critically – failing to limit the scope of coastal access restrictions which you are being asked to approve.

On OPD's heels is the 24/7 Preferential Parking District (PPD) scheme – which you do not see today only because the proposal missed this month's submission deadline. Complete privatization of Coastal Zone parking – this is the next step for OPD promoters.

The Venice Stakeholders Association's published mission statement includes *"protection of the limits of the Venice Local Coastal Specific Plan"* and *"increased parking for residents"* (<http://www.venicestakeholdersassociation.org>).

The malformed first segment, with the title *"Venice Local Coastal Specific Plan,"* adroitly pieces together two different planning document titles into the title of one imaginary document. In doing so, it pursues multiple legerdemains: 1) to encircle all of Venice's Coastal Zone with a single Specific Plan (We have two); 2) to mix in our "deferred" Local Coastal Program – the imaginary land use document that Los Angeles has yet to present to you for review and approval and 3) to emphasize protection of the plan's limits rather than its empowerment and unique planning goals.

The "increased parking for residents" reference is obvious – it is why we must invest energy and taxpayer funds a third time on this issue. The powers driving the OPD effort are relentless.

A technically minor note exemplifies our City's failure to make its case regarding available parking spaces: The City has yet to provide a full accounting and removal of unauthorized Coastal "No Parking" red striping which received public attention from all local parties in 2010. The City could recover some unknown number of Coastal parking spaces by completing its simple inventory and follow-up. Despite news, letters and civic conversations, the City did not pursue this simple issue to its positive conclusion.

Los Angeles has now failed twice while following the flawed and litigious lead of a former land use lobbyist who hides, this time, behind the label of a non-profit to pursue a private Coastal Venice. All the while, you gave the City all the rope it could pull. Amid all of the accelerating contentiousness, duplicity and human turmoil over this issue throughout the worst economic times that most living Americans have ever known, one simple saying applies: "The third time's a charm."

Twice, you told Los Angeles to approach its social challenges and coastal access mandate with equal fairness and respect for all. Twice, you fulfilled your mandate to protect our unique Coastal community from a deeply flawed and ill-intended proposal. Today – the third time, you can take your final action to preserve your Coastal charge's charm for all who reside and visit here, setting accountability for resolving our local issues where it belongs – with us.

Sixteen million Venice visitors per year – on average, nearly 44,000 daily tourists – outnumbering us Venetians by fifteen percent every day – await your decision. Now that we all must revisit this issue, I urge you to fulfill your mandate – one last time – and join us in welcoming visitors to a free Venice coast.

Amid all this, I appreciate and thank you for your dedicated public service.

RE: DENY application for Venice Overnight Parking District; CPD 8-10: OPD 523; CDP 8-11: OPD 526
Jed Pauker
June 13, 2013

Sincerely,

Jed Pauker

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PS - Understanding the constraints and time challenges of this process – and particularly how Coastal Commission staff has surely been bombarded with ongoing and repeated requests for all kinds of information, direction and support, provision of six days for the public to review final materials regarding an issue that has, to a great extent, been considered behind closed doors for nearly three years seems patently unfair, even if it is unavoidable.

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COASTAL COMMISSION**California Coastal Commission
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Parking District; Agenda Item Th10a on June 13, 2013

Honorable Commissioners,

On behalf of the Venice Community Housing Corporation, we object to the reconsideration of application number 5-08-313 and appeal number A-5-VEN-08-343 pertaining to the request to establish Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) with early morning parking restrictions on public streets in Venice. This matter, which was previously denied on June 11, 2009 and again on June 10, 2010, is scheduled to be heard for the third time at the June 13, 2013 hearing. The request to establish OPDs should not be reconsidered, and if it is, it should be denied.

As has been explained by Mr. Ralph Faust in his letter to the Commission dated June 5, 2013 on behalf of the Venice Action Alliance, there is not substantial evidence to support the conclusions that the OPDs would alleviate the concerns expressed by proponents of the OPDs and that the OPDs comply with Venice's Land Use Plan. Mr. Faust explained the following deficiencies: 1) the City's illegal curfew on Venice Beach supersedes the public access limitations of the OPD and the curfew's validity must be determined prior to the OPD's consideration¹; 2) no evidence supports the Commission staff's proposed findings that on-street parking is scarce for the reasons stated; and 3) no analysis has been conducted to determine how the proposed OPDs conform to the policies of Venice's Land Use Plan, which requires replacing displaced public parking at a minimum 1:1 ratio. We concur with Mr. Faust's analysis and request that the Commission deny the application.

Furthermore, the Coastal Commission Staff Report states that the Coastal

¹ Correspondence to the City Attorney's office from the Coastal Commission's Enforcement Analyst, Executive Director, and Senior Staff Counsel establishing the illegality of the curfew is attached as Enclosures 1, 3, and 4 to this letter. The City Attorney's response is Enclosure 2.

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Commission is taking "de novo review" of Application number 5-08-313, despite the staff's acknowledgment that this is the same application that was previously denied twice. Since this matter has already been decided by the Commission, it is precluded from setting aside, reconsidering, or modifying its prior denials without a new application. However, the Staff Report states that this reconsideration is being undertaken pursuant to a settlement agreement in the lawsuit filed by the Venice Stakeholders Association (*Venice Stakeholders Association v. California Coastal Commission*, Los Angeles Superior Court case no. BS122073.) (California Coastal Commission Staff Report, p. 2.) An agency has no inherent power to rescind an order once it is final. (*Heap v. City of Los Angeles* (1936) 6 Cal. 2d 405; *Talma v. Civil Service Com.* (1991) 231 Cal. App. 3d 210.) In the absence of express statutory authority, an administrative agency may not modify a determination made on the facts presented at a full hearing once its decision has become final. (*Olive Proration Program Committee for Olive Proration Zone No. 1 v. Agricultural Prorate Commission* (1941) 17 Cal. 2d 204; *Save Oxnard Shores v. California Coastal Com.* (1986) 179 Cal. App. 3d 140; *Guilbert v. Regents of University of California* (1979) 93 Cal. App. 3d 233.) The Commission's June 10, 2010 denial of the current OPD application is now final.

As pointed out by Steve Clare, Executive Director of Venice Community Housing Corporation in his letter of June 3, 2013 to the Commission, the Commission previously found that "proposed parking restrictions in the early morning hours would adversely affect the public's ability to utilize public street parking that supports access to the beach and other coastal recreation areas." (Clare letter, p. 2, citing 2010 Staff Report: Revised Findings, Page 9.) The Commission also previously found that "The proposal to reserve onstreet parking only for residents with parking permits is not consistent with Venice LUP policies. . ." (*Id.* at p. 6, emphasis added.) These findings have not been set aside so they are still valid.

The Venice Land Use Plan (LUP) policies such as those requiring replacement of displaced public parking spaces with new public parking at a minimum one-to-one ratio are not mere guidelines. The LUP is part of the City's General Plan. "The term 'land use plan' in Public Resources Code section 30108.6 is defined in Public Resources Code section 30108.5 as follows, "'Land use plan' means the relevant portions of a local government's general plan, or local coastal element which are sufficiently detailed to indicate the kinds, location, and intensity of land uses, the applicable resource protection and development policies and, where necessary, a listing of implementing actions." (*Ross v. California Coastal Com.* (2011) 199 Cal.App.4th 900, 923-924.) The General Plan, and thus the Venice LUP, is a "charter for future development" within a city or county. (*Leshner Communications, Inc. v. City of Walnut Creek* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 531, 540.) It embodies fundamental policy decisions to guide future growth and development so virtually all local decisions affecting land use and development must be consistent with the general plan. (*Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations v. City of Los*

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Angeles (2000) 83 Cal.App.4th 1252, 1259-1260.) The Commission must not approve OPDs that would violate the Venice LUP.

In addition to the comments by Mr. Ralph Faust and Mr. Steve Clare, we also support and join the comments submitted to you by the Surfrider Foundation West LA/Malibu Chapter and by the National Lawyers Guild Los Angeles Chapter opposing the OPD proposal.

Finally, we note that once OPDs are authorized, they may be set along any street when the 11th District City Council Office notifies the City's Department of Transportation to post them. (Staff Report, p. 7.) Although staff reports that "The City has indicated" it would require a petition by 2/3 of the affected residents on a block before implementation of a permit parking system (Staff Report, p. 7), there are no such requirements for this in the Special Conditions (Staff Report, p. 5) or any other similarly protective procedure. This promise to proceed by way of block by block petition was apparently made by Councilmember Rosendahl who is leaving office on June 30. Councilmember-Elect Bonin has made no similar promise of which we are aware. As currently written, the OPDs could be created immediately and without input from affected residents or others.

Conclusion

In summary, the Coastal Commission's June 11, 2009 and June 10, 2010 denial of the present application for OPDs is final. Since the Commission should not modify this denial, as recommended by staff, we request the Commission deny approval of the OPDs. If the Project is not denied, the agenda item should be continued until the Commission addresses Venice's illegal beach curfew and determines whether the problems for which the OPDs were originally proposed have been remedied through enforcement of oversize vehicle parking restrictions. The Commission should direct the City to lift the illegal beach curfew immediately and to file a new application for a Coastal Development Permit before attempting to enforce the curfew or adopt Overnight Parking Districts.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,



Douglas P. Carstens

Enclosures:

- (1) Coastal Commission Letter to Recreation and Parks dated August 26, 2010
- (2) City of Los Angeles Letter to Andrew Willis dated October 1, 2010
- (3) Coastal Commission Letter to Deputy City Attorney Sato dated November 8, 2010
- (4) Coastal Commission Letter to Deputy City Attorney Sato dated February 3, 2011

ENCLOSURE 1-4

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August 26, 2010

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Subject: Imposition of an ordinance establishing a beach curfew

Dear Mr. Mariscal,

Public access to and along the California coast and coastal waters is a right guaranteed by California's Constitution and the Coastal Act. When public agencies initiate and institute actions designed and intended to place a limitation on public access to the coast, such as, but not limited to imposition of a beach curfew, such limitations must be reviewed before taking effect under the policies of the Coastal Act through the coastal development permit process.

Our staff has confirmed that the City of Los Angeles established a beach curfew, found in City of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44(B)(14)(b), for city beaches via Ordinance No. 164209, adopted on November 22, 1988. Section 63.44(B)(14)(b) states:

No person shall enter, remain, stay or loiter in any park which consists of an ocean area, beach or pier between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day or such other hours as the Council may establish for each such park by ordinance. On any park which consists of an ocean area, beach or pier subject to this Section, the supervising employee at such site may extend the closing time to accommodate special events such as grunion runs and other events approved by the Department of Recreation and Parks or the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches, as applicable. Provided, however, that no person shall enter, remain, stay or loiter on Royal Palms Beach between the hours of 8:00 o'clock p.m. and 5:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day.

The imposition of this beach curfew, as is its clearly stated intent, restricts public access to the sea. The Coastal Act defines "development" (Public Resources Code Section 30106) requiring a coastal development permit from either the Commission or local government, where a Local Coastal Program has been certified, or where the local government issues coastal development permits pursuant to the Coastal Act, to include a "...change in the ... intensity of use of land...change in the intensity of use of water, or of access thereto." In addition, the Commission and local governments are mandated under the Coastal Act (Section 30210) to ensure that "...maximum access ... and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse."

Commission staff have researched our permit files and concluded that no coastal development permits have been issued for this particular public access restriction. In this particular case, the

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closure of beaches within the City's coastal development permit jurisdiction would require a local coastal development permit from the City, as well as the Commission, since City beaches are located in the "dual permit jurisdiction." Implementation of an ordinance affecting access to the Commission's area of original jurisdiction, i.e. State tidelands or public trust lands, would also require a coastal development permit from the Commission. In the absence of such Coastal Act review, such restrictions on public access constitute a violation of law exposing the responsible agency to possible enforcement actions.

While the Commission understands and appreciates the many pressures on public agencies, especially local government to ensure public safety, preserve resident convenience and neighborhood amenities, and carry out land management responsibilities within constrained budgets, we are concerned because many of these restrictions on lawful public rights of use have been instituted without benefit of coastal development permits required by the Coastal Act. The Commission has a long history of reviewing these types of public coastal access restrictions and has approved those that are narrowly drawn to effectively address proven public safety issues and concerns. Unfortunately, many access restrictions that infringe on protected legal public rights are drawn and applied in an overly broad manner, often because of political expediency or ease of administration by implementing or enforcing agencies.

Beach curfews or closures have been problematic on occasion in the past. However, working with local agencies in the context of the coastal development permit process, we have usually been able to achieve a mutually acceptable resolution that protects both public safety and public access to beaches and State waters. We want to work in cooperation with you to achieve this dual mission in the most efficient and effective manner and to avoid potential conflict and controversy over law enforcement requirements.

In conclusion, it is the position of Commission staff that implementation of the beach curfew ordinance identified above qualifies as development under the Coastal Act and therefore requires a coastal development permit. If the City wishes to implement a beach curfew, it would first need to obtain authorization for such restriction through issuance of both a local coastal development permit and a coastal development permit from the Commission. Staff feels that by working together within the coastal development permit context, we can achieve a positive resolution to this matter that is consistent with the Coastal Act. Please contact me or South Coast District Manager Teresa Henry at (563) 590-5071 within two weeks of the mailing date of this letter in order to discuss any questions raised by this letter and how we can work together to reach a mutually acceptable solution to this important matter affecting coastal access.

Sincerely,



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RE: LAMC section 63.44(B)(14)(b)

Dear Mr. Willis:

We have considered your letters and accompanying documents regarding your investigation into the laws of the City of Los Angeles concerning beach hours.

Please be advised that LAMC section 63.44(B)(14)(b) is a duly-adopted ordinance and law of the City of Los Angeles. As such, the ordinance is not in need of a coastal development permit or any other written permission of the California Coastal Commission for its continued existence and enforcement. The City of Los Angeles will therefore not be applying for a coastal development permit from the Commission.

You would have the Commission exercise the powers of a super-legislature or court with powers to effectively veto or nullify the laws of Charter Cities. The Coastal Act simply cannot be interpreted that way. Indeed, your interpretation of the Coastal Act is contrary to the separation of powers defined by the Constitution of the State of California.

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Additionally, a duly-adopted municipal ordinance or law regardless of its subject matter is not a "development" as that word is used in the Coastal Act. A "development" in the Coastal Act always refers to physical structures and things: buildings, walls, fences, etc.

If the Commission believes that City law violates state or federal law, the Commission has the same civil capacity as individuals and other legal entities to raise that issue in a judicial proceeding. But the Commission is without jurisdiction to adjudicate the merits of its own legal contentions about local law. Again, the Commission is not a court.

We trust that the concept of the democratic process is not completely lost on the Commission and its staff. Therefore, you are respectfully reminded that the Commission and/or its staff can engage the political process in an effort to persuade the City Council of the City of Los Angeles to change its law regarding beach hours or any other subject.

It has not escaped our notice that you have proceeded with your "investigation" into LAMC section 63.44(B)(14)(b) only *after* the City initiated an administrative mandate proceeding in the Superior Court to challenge the Commission's decision regarding overnight parking districts in Venice. If the City had not taken the Commission to court, the Commission and its staff would not now be investigating a law concerning beach hours which has existed in some form for more than three decades. The Commission obviously intends its investigation to harass the City into abandoning its litigation against the Commission. The ongoing investigation is totally unjustified, without any legal merit, and represents retaliation against the City of Los Angeles for exercising its constitutional right to seek redress in the court against the Commission's abuses of discretion. We therefore demand that the investigation be terminated forthwith. *You are requested to send us written confirmation of this termination by the end of business October 11, 2010.*

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Please consult legal counsel about the matters discussed above. Your immediate attention to this matter is requested.

Very truly yours

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November 8, 2010

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Subject: Imposition of an ordinance establishing a beach curfew without the required coastal development permit

Dear Mr. Sato:

I am writing this letter in response to your October 1, 2010 letter to reiterate what my staff has already expressed regarding our desire to work with the City of Los Angeles to reach an amicable resolution to the issue of the City's imposition of a City beach curfew (via LAMC Section 63.44(B)(14)(b)) without the required coastal development permit. As you know, Commission staff has offered to work with the City to process the required coastal development permit in order to address the City's public safety and/or other concerns while still protecting and preserving public access to public beaches, as required by the Coastal Act. Instead, the City's position, as expressed in your letter, is to dispute the applicability of the Coastal Act in this matter.

You assert in your October 1 letter that imposition of the subject beach curfew ordinance does not require a coastal development permit because an ordinance is not development pursuant to the Coastal Act. You claim that "development" in the Coastal Act always refers to "physical structures and things: buildings, walls, fences, etc." Thus, you argue that in reviewing the beach curfew ordinance, which you assert does not constitute development, through the coastal development permit process, the Coastal Commission would be acting as "super legislature or court," inconsistent with the separation of powers defined by the Constitution of the State of California.

Contrary to the assertions in your October 1 letter, the term "development" in the Coastal Act is not limited to physical structures. The Court of Appeals has repeatedly rejected similar claims, most recently earlier this year. See Gualala Festivals Committee v. California Coastal Comm'n (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 80, 88, review denied (June 9, 2010). "Development" is broadly defined by Section 30106 of the Coastal Act as:

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"Development" means, on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of any solid material or structure; discharge or disposal of any dredged material or of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste; grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials; change in the density or intensity of the use of land, including, but not limited to, subdivision pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (commencing with Section 66410 of the Government Code), and any other division of land, including lot splits, except where the land division is brought about in connection with the purchase of such land by a public agency for public recreational use; change in the intensity of use of water, or of access thereto; construction, reconstruction, demolition, or alteration of the size of any structure, including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility; and the removal or harvest of major vegetation other than for agricultural purposes, kelp harvesting, and timber operations....[underlining added]

Consistent with this definition, the Coastal Commission routinely regulates development that does not involve physical structures, as it is clearly authorized to do, and the courts have routinely upheld this. See, e.g., California Coastal Comm'n v. Quanta Investment Co. (1980) 113 Cal.App.3d 579 (affirming the Commission's jurisdiction over conversion of an apartment complex into a stock cooperative); La Fe, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles (1999) 73 Cal. App. 4th 231 (affirming the Commission's jurisdiction over lot line adjustments); Gualala Festivals Committee, supra (affirming the Commission's jurisdiction over a proposed fireworks display). As a change in intensity of use of land and access to water, a beach curfew ordinance restricting public access certainly is development pursuant to the Coastal Act, and therefore, requires a coastal development permit. Our letter dated September 17, 2010, and its attachments documented some of the Commission's long history of reviewing access restrictions such as beach curfew ordinances.

Imposition of the beach curfew ordinance clearly constitutes development since it restricts public access to the sea. Pursuant to Section 30500(a) of the Coastal Act, any person wishing to perform or undertake development in the Coastal Zone must obtain a coastal development permit, in addition to any other permit required by law. The subject beach curfew ordinance lacks the required coastal development permit. Thus, far from acting as a "super-legislature or court," in notifying the City that its beach curfew ordinance requires a coastal development permit, the Commission is seeking to ensure protection of coastal resources by administering the permit program that state law requires it to implement. Nor do we agree with your contention that if the Commission were able to review the laws of charter cities, it would create a separation of power problem. Indeed, the fundamental structure of the Coastal Act (honored in countless cases over more than 30 years) gives the Commission review authority over local governments' general plans and zoning ordinances. See Chapter 6 of the Coastal Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code ("PRC") §§ 30500 et seq.), and in particular sections 30512, 30513, and 30514 ("ordinances, regulations, and other actions may be amended by the

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appropriate local government, but no such amendment shall take effect until it has been certified by the commission"), and PRC sections 30108.6 and 30108.5.¹

Since imposition of the beach curfew ordinance is properly subject to the permit requirements of the Coastal Act, as explained in the previous paragraph, it is unnecessary for the Commission to address this matter through the judicial or political process, avenues to resolution of this issue that your letter suggests the Commission consider. As you know from our prior communications, we are more than willing to work with you via the coastal development permit process to analyze the situation regarding what would be approvable under the relevant Coastal Act provisions. Furthermore, as explained herein, the Commission certainly has the statutory right and responsibility to enforce the permit requirements of the Coastal Act.

You assert in your letter that the Commission is requiring the City to obtain a coastal development permit for development the City has undertaken because the City and Commission are engaged in litigation over the issue of overnight parking districts in Venice. Although it is altogether unfortunate in terms of both of our staffs' time and resources that the permit process did not resolve that issue, despite both of our staffs agreeing to a proposed resolution of the matter, I assure you that the Commission staff's investigation of the instant matter is independent of the Venice overnight parking district dispute and is not intended, as you put it, to "harass the City into abandoning its litigation against the Commission." Again, our September 17, 2010 letter demonstrates the Commission's historical focus on access restrictions such as beach curfew ordinances.

We cannot stress enough that the significance of the coastal resource affected by the subject beach curfew ordinance warrants a considerable effort by our agencies to work together to reach a mutually acceptable solution. Protection of public access in the Coastal Zone is among the highest priority policies of the Coastal Act; the Commission and local governments are mandated under Section 30210 of the Coastal Act to ensure that "...maximum access...and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse." As the population in coastal regions continues to grow, beaches and coastal parklands have become more popular and vital everywhere as visitor destinations for recreational use throughout the day, night, and year. Increasingly, coastal communities have experienced an intensification of conflicts between residents and visitors resulting in imposition of a variety of restrictions on public access to or use of public beaches and coastal public recreation areas. The contemporary situation demands the Commission take special care to address local actions pertaining to beach access.

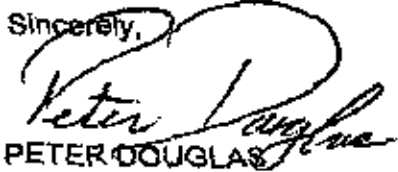
¹ Similar arguments were also raised with respect to the Commission's predecessor's permitting authority (that it was an "invalid state intrusion into municipal affairs of chartered cities") after the passage of Proposition 20 (the predecessor to the Coastal Act) in 1972, and the courts rejected those arguments as well. See CERP v. California Coastal Zone Conservation Comm'n (1974) 43 Cal.App.3d 306, 320-324.

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As you are no doubt aware, use of public beach access opportunities along a heavily urbanized coastline such as Los Angeles by its many residents (and visitors) for their recreational needs is intense. Any potential infringement upon these opportunities must be considered as a potentially serious threat to public access to the coast and addressed accordingly. We believe that through the coastal development permit process, the City's concerns can be addressed, and hours of use may be legally established for City beaches consistent with Coastal Act provisions. Should the City decide to pursue the coastal development permit route, Commission staff is immediately available for consultation. However, should the City take the position that no further action is required, or otherwise ignore the coastal development permit requirements of the Coastal Act, Commission staff will have no choice but to pursue formal enforcement action to resolve this matter. Please note that although we strongly prefer to resolve this matter through the coastal development permit process, Coastal Act Section 30809 states that if the Executive Director of the Commission determines that any person (defined in PRC section 30111 to include a "local government") or government agency has undertaken, or is threatening to undertake, any activity that requires a permit from the Coastal Commission without first securing a permit, the Executive Director may issue an order directing that person to cease and desist. Coastal Act section 30810 states that the Coastal Commission itself may also issue a cease and desist order.

We remain hopeful that an amicable resolution to this matter can be achieved and are committed to working with City staff to that end. I respectfully request your reply by November 23, 2010 with an indication of how the City intends to proceed. If you have any questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Willis at (562) 590-5071 or me at (415) 590-5202.

Sincerely,



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Re: Los Angeles Municipal Code section 63.44(B)(14)(b)

Dear Mr. Sato,

The last letter in the exchange of correspondence between California Coastal Commission ("Commission") staff and you regarding the above-referenced Los Angeles Municipal Code section (the "Beach Curfew") was a November 8 letter from the Commission's Executive Director. Later that month, you indicated to our Executive Director that you intended to arrange for him to meet with your City Attorney to discuss this matter. However, Commission staff subsequently made several, unsuccessful attempts to reach you to follow up, and we have received no response. It therefore appears that no such meeting is to take place.

Given our apparent stalemate on this issue, and consistent with our Executive Director's statements in his November 8 letter, our Enforcement Division is currently preparing to take the appropriate next steps.

Pending resolution of this matter, this letter is intended to convey our position regarding the status of the Beach Curfew. As we explained in our initial letter (dated August 26, 2010), the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of such a curfew, which restricts access to the sea, constitutes "development" as that term is defined in the California Coastal Act (see Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 30106), and any such development must be authorized pursuant to the Coastal Act to be valid (see *id.* at § 30600). Because no such authorization has been granted, it is the position of the Commission's Legal Division that the Beach Curfew is currently of no legal force or effect.

Please contact Andrew Willis (562-590-5071) or me (at the number above) by February 11, 2011, if you would like to discuss an amicable resolution of this matter. And feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

This is a plea from a long-time Venice resident and homeowner that you vote to reject the proposed settlement of the lawsuit, Venice Stakeholders Assn. v. CCC.

This lawsuit seeks to force pay permit parking on those of us who live in the coastal zone. It is a restriction of access and a violation of the Coastal Act, Article 2.

Further, if the Commission accepts this settlement it will mean the erosion of your ability to control not only parking, but also development in the coastal zone. It will be used by developers and others who wish to destroy all coastal protections and restrictions of development.

Sincerely,



James R Smith

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Subject: David Ewing letter and addenda
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Mary Shallenberger, Chair
Coastal Commissioners
California Coastal Commission
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Dear Chair Shallenberger and Coastal Commissioners:

Re: City of Los Angeles proposal for Overnight Parking District in Venice, to be heard on June 13, 2013;
agenda item # 10a

I am writing in some distress at the circumstances under which the Coastal Commission is making a determination on this application. It should never have come to this third bite at the apple, and the process by which it did has not been an admirable one.

The litigants who have forced this back in front of you have had three years to develop this application behind closed doors as a settlement proposal since their last attempt in 2010. The citizens of Venice and other communities in and around Los Angeles whose coastal access will be affected by your determination have spent three years chasing shadows, as whispers have emerged from the City Council office, from the City Attorney's Office, from the LA Dept. of Transportation (LADOT) office, and from the CCC office about what was to be included in the settlement proposal. These have ranged from a "global settlement" including a Preferential Parking District for Playa del Rey to the south of Venice, to a negotiated compromise on the City's beach curfew ordinance, which applies to beaches from Venice to San Pedro. Most recently the City attempted to insert Preferential Parking Districts for Venice into the settlement agreement, which would have conferred on the City the power, in conjunction with the OPD, to impose twenty-four-hour parking restrictions on nearly the entire Venice Coastal Zone. According to LADOT's Yadi Hashemi, who helped craft the terms of the settlement agreement, CCC staff wisely advised the City that such a scheme might not be appropriate to include in the settlement. LADOT had already made a power-point presentation to the Venice Neighborhood Council about the OPD and PPD together by the time it received this advice from Coastal staff. Nevertheless, the City plans to bring it before you in the near future. In March we finally received a document titled "Proposed Venice Beach OPD Final Compromise" from Hashemi, but this turned out not to be the final document. On May 20, Coastal staff provided us with Draft Venice OPD Project Description, but this was not the final document, either.

After three years of chasing this largely hidden, constantly moving target, we finally finally got the staff report on May 31st. This was not staff's fault. They were working on it up to the deadline. However, this allowed the affected public only six days to analyze it, develop legal arguments, organize our community, and submit our

responses. While the hearing is on June 13, the cut-off for submission of materials to be included in the Staff Report addendum, and thereby into the record, is today, June 6th.

Meanwhile, the group on the other side of the issue, because of its willingness to pursue you collectively and individually in court, has been privileged to shape the application with the cooperation and assistance of City personnel. They have taken full advantage of this private relationship, shielded from the sunshine statutes by the attorney/client privilege, to come up with plans that go beyond the Overnight Parking District before you today, but of which the OPD is part and parcel.

All of this may or may not be legal, but in any case seems an extremely poor public process by which to arrive at an important Coastal policy decision.

Even so, you might have expected the applicants to have used their time to conduct a basic parking studies to determine the need for an OPD as well as the possible collateral damage. You brought up this deficiency in the past, but the City has not seen fit to do one. Instead it insists on a passing grade without doing a lick of homework.

It is important that you be aware that the OPD is part of an ongoing, decades-long project to limit public access to the Venice coastal zone as an accelerating gentrification has created demands for exclusivity.

This has been pursued through various means, including nighttime closure of parking areas that had been available to residents and visitors alike, including our three major beach parking lots, as well as several of the lots the City is offering to re-open as mitigations for the OPD's restriction of beach access. This makes a mockery of the Venice Local Coastal Program Certified Land Use Plan. Another major component of this project is the City's beach curfew, in place since 1989 without benefit of a Coastal Development Permit, which was brought to Coastal staff's attention in 2007. It was raised as an issue when the OPD application was brought before you in 2010, since OPD parking mitigations were rendered meaningless by the outright prohibition of access to the beach. The City's response was arrogant and provocative, both in correspondence denying your jurisdiction (see appendices) and in action. In January of 2012 the City extended the application of the curfew to include Ocean Front Walk, also known as the Venice boardwalk, posted new curfew signs and markedly increased the vigor of its enforcement. The deployment of the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO) to purge the Coastal Zone of campers and RVs has been another prong in this siege on coastal access.

You as a Commission have been put in a position like one of the blind men in the fable where each is asked to describe an elephant according the part he is able to touch. Each has a very different image, because one only feels only the trunk, one feels a tusk and one feels a leg. In this case, you are asked to make a determination about the OPD application without having the opportunity to examine the other parts of the whole, which are designed to work together in common purpose.

In a few weeks, we will have a new City Attorney and a new City Councilman representing Venice. Neither has a stake in moving the OPD forward, and neither has the hubris of their predecessors. If you feel the need to negotiate further with the City, we feel confident that you will find a more reasonable negotiating partner.

We hope, though, that you will do the right thing and reject this application.

Yours truly,

David Ewing

Venice Action Alliance

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE
MORE PARKING AVAILABLE
ON YOUR STREET?**

**If so, please send the enclosed
postcard supporting Overnight
Restricted Parking to the Califor-
nia Coastal Commission today.**

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**VENICE
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ASSOCIATION**

Venice residents have been fighting for over 25 years for preferential parking for residents. At its June 12-14 meeting in Long Beach (exact date and time TBD), the Commission will consider a settlement in the lawsuit brought by the Venice Stakeholders Association that will allow residents the opportunity to implement Overnight Restricted Parking (OPDs) from 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM on their blocks.

The program would be **voluntary**; in order to establish an OPD on their block, the block's residents would have to secure two-thirds of the signatures on the block. Annual permits are \$15 per vehicle and four-month visitor permits are \$10. Once you obtain a permit at the West Los Angeles office of the Department of Transportation, renewals can be handled online or by mail.

The object of OPDs is to secure street parking overnight for residents by preventing non-resident vehicles from parking on your block for extended periods. It would stop people from living in vehicles at night on your street and would remove cars stored by LAX-bound travelers, auto garages, rental car agencies, Boardwalk vendors, and visitors at local hotels (who can afford to pay for off-street parking).

We have enclosed a postcard for you to support OPDs. Please sign it, add your address and a stamp, and mail it today to the Coastal Commission.

PLEASE MAIL THE POSTCARD BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

On the reverse we have provided answers to commonly asked questions about OPDs and links to City websites for more information.

Please also join us in person at the hearing to support OPDs; the date and time will be posted at www.venicestakeholdersassociation.org.

Thank you!

Mark

Mark Ryavec, President
Venice Stakeholders Association

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Stewart Oscars, Co-Chair, OPD Committee
Venice Neighborhood Council

OPD Q&A

Q. Can only the residents of a block with overnight restrictions park on that block?

A. Anyone with the \$15 annual permit can park on **any** block with the overnight restriction.

Q. Who can sign the petition to set up restrictions on my block?

A. Any resident, which is defined as homeowners and renters.

Q. Are there separate OPD districts in which only residents of a district can park?

A. No, there is only one district for Venice west of Lincoln and any resident of Venice with the \$15 permit can park anywhere in Venice.

Q. Will the Coastal Commission's approval of OPDs result in all Venice residents having to get a parking permit?

A. No. The program is voluntary. The Department of Transportation has found in other neighborhoods that OPDs are not adopted universally. The requirement to obtain two-thirds of the signatures on individual blocks will also limit adoption. For example, when the "No Oversize Vehicle" ordinance was passed, only 110 of about 1,000 blocks in Venice opted for the signage, and even residents of many heavily impacted blocks, such as Market Street, never opted for the limitation. OPDs tend to get implemented only where residents feel a very strong need to address non-resident vehicles taking up street parking at night.

Q. Why is the OPD restriction only from 2:00 to 5:00 AM when residents really need help securing parking earlier in the evening?

OPDs are a form of preferential parking; adopting them sets the precedent that Venice is eligible for preferential parking despite being in the Coastal Zone. As Venice's experience with the "No Oversize Vehicle" signs shows, if a non-resident cannot park on a street from 2:00 to 5:00 AM, they frequently will not park there at all, as no one wants to get up at 2:00 AM to move their car. Also, the 2:00 to 5:00 AM restriction will encourage employees and patrons who plan to leave bars and restaurants at 2:00 AM or later to park their cars elsewhere, so OPDs will provide some relief to residential streets near commercial corridors.

Q. How will beach access for early morning visitors be enhanced by the Coastal Commission/City/VSA legal settlement?

A. Several City parking lots that are now closed at night to non-residents will be opened early in the morning to allow visitors, such as joggers, fishers and surfers, to park. Also, 351 metered spaces and other spaces in front of commercial and government buildings (e.g., a school, the MTA lot, a park) near the beach will be ineligible for overnight restrictions. As Boardwalk visitors depart these spaces in the evening it leaves them open for early morning visitors. The settlement terms assure they will remain open in the early morning.

Links for information on OPD permits:

http://www.lacity-parking.org/laopm/annual_overnight_permit.html
http://www.lacity-parking.org/laopm/visitor_overnight_permit.html
http://www.lacity-parking.org/laopm/guest_overnight_permit.html

If you have a question, please contact venicestakeholders@ca.rr.com

If you would like to support the VSA's efforts to pass OPDs, you can make a contribution by PayPal at www.venicestakeholdersassociation.org.

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Hi Chuck:

Here is a PDF of petitions against the Venice OPD. There are 31 pages; hard copy to follow. I've sent to Jeff Staben also in case there are any problems with servers, email programs, etc.. If you have any questions or difficulty opening, please notify me by phone at 310/339-0848. I'll be out of the office, but one of the others I've copied should be able to resend or whatever needs to be done.

Thanks,

David Ewing



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KEEP VENICE PARKING FREE

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Date 6/01/13

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Date: 6/01/13

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Olga Kaplan		715 Superba	Olga Kaplan
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Lisa Green

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Date: 5/19/2013

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Zip

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Email

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Signature

Courtney Brown

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Philip Martinez (782911) Martinez Martinez Martinez



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Date: 5-25-13

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Date: 5/23/13

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Date 5/11/13

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South Coast Region
JUN 06 2013

May 20, 2013

CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Posner,

I am a forty-five year resident, property owner and property manager here in Venice, CA. I am strongly opposed to any proposed OPD parking requirement for Venice.

The OPD guarantees no one a parking place in Venice; it would be simply punitive and an imposed tax on residents. It would only guarantee that we can continue to circle the neighboring streets looking for a parking space, which we do now, at no cost to us other than the various property and local taxes we already pay. I have never had parking for me or my tenants, except on the local streets. At a time when there is more demand for parking than there are available spaces, the City and the CCC should be seeking ways to expand public parking, not constrict it, as the proposed OPD would do. It makes no sense, and is a money-grab with no benefit to the public. There is plenty of land available here to create local public parking spaces, including subterranean areas.

It makes no sense to try to abate the opposition to OPD's from those of us who live within two blocks of the beach by exempting our areas; that would only create more pressure on our area by folks who live east of Main Street and who are opposed to the OPD's, thus refusing to pay for a permit. They would then come to the beach areas looking for parking, creating a worse problem for us here.

The recent problems we had by over-night parking of RV's and over-size vehicles has been abated now, due to a code change, and by good enforcement by the LAPD. Please continue the good work of the CCC, and vote No on the OPD proposal.

Sincerely yours,



The Morrison Apartments
14 Westminster Avenue
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Venice, CA 90291-USA

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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Subject: No OPD in Venice

Hi There,

I Alex Thevenot and Christina Ross oppose this measure and want to keep Venice and Los Angeles beaches open for public access as stated in the coastal commission ordinances and therefore are voting against the OPD measure to restrict the parking issue near the beach with this costly restrictive measure.

We vote No to OPD.

Thank you for listening,

Alex Thevenot & Christina Ross
(Venice Residents since 1997)

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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Subject: No OPD in Venice

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Sincerely,

Erin McMorrow

Venice Resident

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From: Gogi Overhoff <gogi@ideology.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 12:38 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; ncpd@veniceaction.org
Subject: Vote NO on Overnight Parking District for Venice

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I am against turning Venice into an Overnight Parking District.

It is elitist and gives the wrong impression to those visiting the neighborhood. We are diverse and welcome newcomers.

It creates needless difficulties for the people who live in houses that do not have garages. Many of the historic craftsman homes do not have garages.

It is a "turn-off" to those visiting the beaches. We should encourage more people to experience the beauty and wonder of our special coastal zone and not create additional hoops that discourage visitors.

Please lend a hand to the many of us who are trying to keep Venice diverse, funky and open to all, regardless of ability to pay.

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."

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.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Gogi
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: anne murphy <amurphy2009@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Opposition to Venice OPD
Attachments: Letter of Opposition to Venice OPD.doc

Dear Mr. Posner,

Please find attached my letter of opposition to the Venice OPD. I am a longtime Venice resident and homeowner and I am strongly opposed to this OPD proposal.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at this email address.

Anne Murphy

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RE: My opposition to Venice OPDs

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I am a longtime resident and homeowner in Venice and I am strongly opposed to the Venice OPD. The OPD restricts beach access and does not add any additional parking spaces for residents. **Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, 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."**

Moreover, as a longtime resident, I am furious that I would be required to pay to park on my own street, as well as for permits for my visitors. This is an unnecessary expense. Maybe the rich can afford this, and maybe the City needs the revenue, but it hurts middle income households like mine. I see no benefit to OPDs; they will not help with the parking problems.

The push for the Venice OPD is very mean spirited. It is so transparent in its heartless attempt to displace un-housed persons and appease the newly arrived gentrifying homeowners, that I have seriously thought about leaving Venice. That is how angry and upset I have become throughout this process. I have been to community meeting after community meeting and have found the process to be such a sham, giving a strong voice to those who would build a security fence around Venice if they thought it could keep the homeless out of their sight - and out of Venice.

I moved to Venice to be part of a community that was better than this, a community that cared about the human condition. I did not move to live behind 8 foot fences and security gates. I moved to Venice specifically because of the openness, and diversity of the community; I moved for the beaches, the drum circles, and for the people who cared about their neighbors.

Please protect Venice's special sense of community and charm. I beg you to stop this nonsense with the OPD. Please provide access to our wonderful Venice Beach community to everyone, not just the rich.

Sincerely,

Anne Murphy

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Mark Rago <markrago1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 3:41 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: Venice Beach OPDs

To everyone in the Coastal Commission,

After thoroughly reading the proposal sent forth by the VSA regarding parking permits in Venice Beach, I have to say this would be the most detrimental thing to happen to residents, community supporters and local visitors of the area in the 14 years I've lived here. I cannot fathom how this proposal has even gotten any attention at all given the inevitable drawbacks to residents that will certainly ensue once it is implemented. Actually I do know - the residents who are in favor of permits are being misled and like many issues, they aren't being informed of the disadvantages that would ensue if this action is put into place. I will simply explain....

I have no doubt that these permits will create a backlash domino effect for all residents. I have no doubt that most the residents who think they want them will change their mind once the policy is in effect and they realize the many more troubles, frustrations and inconveniences that the permits ultimately present.

I have no doubt because some of my neighborly friends believe that permits are needed until I explain to them the entire cause and effects of these permits. Because of our small beach-side touristy community and the increase of population and tourism it receives, just about all Venice residents, obviously and justifiably, immediately think "Permits! What a great idea! Brilliant!". Of course they do - even I did until I started talking to people that live in other beach-side communities that have to deal with permits on their streets and understanding what would entail for the average resident in Venice: More money out of our pockets, more time consumed engaging with the issue, extreme inconveniences for our guests, our friends, our neighbors and ourselves. How these permits are supposed to make our lives better is truly beyond me and this would only be the beginning of what could become much worse in years to come: Increased costs, limits on quantity, theft of these permits and the hassle of replacing them, more time wasted and more stress for each and every resident, not to mention our beloved friends and family who currently have no problems visiting us at all right now, as it is.

The parking situation at Venice Beach is not perfect, but this so-called solution will not change things for the better for the entire Venice community, only a select few who are mildly inconvenienced after deciding to live in an area that has virtually been the same for the last 40 years.

I've traveled extensively my entire life and I've always said Venice Beach is unlike any other place on Earth and I challenge anyone to question that. The city already took steps to kick out the homeless and permit parking would be a grand leap to the next step of making it more like Santa Monica which is one of the ridiculous arguments the VSA are using as a reason for having them. It's unfathomably and utterly ridiculous and I truly hope everyone involved in making this decision realizes that Venice Beach truly is unlike any other community on this planet, and although there are problems that have been with the community for many many **MANY** years, permit parking may be a well-intended attempt to make things better, but ultimately is a selfish, ignorant and ill-fated attempt for a solution. It's simply wrong. Change happens but there is a reason Venice is not Marina del Rey or Santa Monica and everyone I know in Venice would like to keep it that way.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Mark Rago
19 Breeze Avenue
Venice Beach resident of 14 years

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Erin Darling <erindeezy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 2:15 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; mmcclureccc@co.del-norte.ca.us; zimmerccc@gmail.com; esanchezccc@aol.com
Subject: National Lawyers Guild opposition letter to Venice OPD proposal
Attachments: NLGoppositionOPD.pdf

Attached, please find a letter voicing opposition to the proposed Overnight Parking District in Venice (Application No. 5-08-313).

Thank you for considering the NLG's letter.

Regards,

-Erin Darling
Co-President
Los Angeles Chapter, NLG

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Todd Hickman <todd.hickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 2:08 PM
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skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD

As a long time Venice Resident, I feel the exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Regards,

Todd

10 east 19th Ave, Venice CA 90291.

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Leah Santa Cruz <lesant@microsoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 1:56 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD

Dear Coastal Commission,

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit.

Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people. Please Keep Venice Free. **Say No to OPD.** Let's work together to find better solutions.

Thank you,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: The Makepeace Brothers <info@makepeacebrothers.com>
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skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: KEEP VENICE FREE

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Sincerely,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Ray Rae Goldman <rayraegoldman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Please uphold previous rulings against permit parking in Venice.

Dear Sir,

As you may already know the campaign for permit parking here in Venice has been a deceptive, wag the dog campaign from the beginning funded by real estate owners and attorneys with two car garages who are apparently now suing the commission for "Denying their right to park." It openly and admittedly targets people living in their vehicles on what makes up only a small minority of streets in Venice. As a 40 year plus resident of Venice who has long accepted the difficulty of finding a parking space as part of the privilege of living in a coastal community I urge you to uphold your previous rulings against permit parking in Venice Beach.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: RMRosey@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 12:55 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPDs

Mr Posner:

As a Venice resident I simply want to voice my view against OPDs as they will work as a hardship for the residents and cause unnecessary burdens.

Robert M Rosenfeld

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Nick Harper <nhwriting@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 4:10 PM
To: Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; billrosendahl@aol.com; mike.bonin@lacity.org; Arturo.Pina@lacity.org; Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org; paola.valdivia@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; tamara.martin@lacity.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Board@VeniceNC.org; Lester, Charles@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; venessa.miller@coastal.ca.gov; skinsey@marincounty.org; ann@ceresfm.com
Subject: No Parking Permits in Venice, CA

Sirs and Madams;

I live at 405 Venice Way, in Venice, CA, and I oppose the measure proposed by the "Venice Stakeholders Association" to implement resident-only parking permits. All five of the members of my household, with three cars among us, do not want permitted parking in our neighborhood.

With the current non-permitted parking rules, we are able to park all of our vehicles near our home at most hours of the day or night, although we do sometimes plan ahead or ride a bike in order to avoid competing for parking during summer days.

The proposed parking rules would compel us to pay \$15 per car, per year, in order to park overnight near our home for the hours between 2:00 and 5:00 a.m. This would be an additional financial burden on us, and would not improve our current parking situation in any way. The three hours for which the proposed permits would be required are among the least-congested hours of the day in terms of parking; furthermore, this plan would not improve congestion during the only times that I experience it, which is in the late morning to early afternoon hours of the summer.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please consider the five digital signatures below as informal votes against this proposed parking measure.

Respectfully,

Nick Harper
Resident, 405 Venice Way

Signatures:
NICK HARPER
ANDREW HARPER
ROBERT HARPER
JOSH HARPER
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To the California Coastal Commissioners:

This letter is to urge the California Coastal Commission to deny the proposed Overnight Parking District (OPD) in Venice (Application No. 5-08-313). The National Lawyers Guild is the oldest racially integrated bar association in the country and is dedicated to protecting the rights of the most vulnerable members of our society. Our members have successfully litigated lawsuits against the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, amongst others. The proposed OPD concerns us because it would prevent democratic access to one of the last economically diverse areas on the California coastline, and because the proposal seems motivated by an anti-homeless animus that contradicts the values of any just society.

In 2009, the Coastal Commission rightly denied a similar proposal to establish overnight parking districts in Venice. Now the Coastal Commission is being asked to approve essentially the same fatally flawed plan on the basis of a few minor tweaks regarding additional parking spaces and bike lanes. Like its predecessor, this proposal is clearly directed at homeless people living in Venice. However, the proposed OPD will affect all Venice residents and all Californians who seek to access the beaches of one of the densest and most culturally diverse parts of the Californian coastline. In short, the OPD should not be approved because: (1) the OPD contradicts the letter and spirit of the California Coastal Act of 1976; (2) the OPD mitigation measures are grossly inadequate; and, (3) the proposed OPD unnecessarily and unfairly imperils the rights of homeless individuals who live in Venice.

First, as to access to the California coastline, the proposed OPD contradicts the California Coastal Act of 1976 in a number of ways. Section 30212.5 of the Coastal Act states that wherever appropriate and feasible, parking areas "shall be distributed throughout an area so as to mitigate against the impacts, social and otherwise, of overcrowding or overuse by the public of any single area." California Coastal Act of 1976 § 30212.5. Yet the proposed OPD would greatly exacerbate overcrowding and overuse. Existing on-street parking is distributed along Venice streets. The OPD would create a confusing patchwork of both on-street and lot parking that would essentially squeeze drivers into a smaller number of spaces within a more concentrated geographic area.

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Likewise, Section 30252 of the Coastal Act states, in part, that new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast by "providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development of public transportation." California Coastal Act of 1976 § 30252(4). The OPD proposal would do the opposite; it would take away public parking spaces without a corresponding gain in parking spaces. Under the OPD scheme, long-time Venice residents would have to pay for the right to park (or merely look for a parking space) on public streets they have always used. The OPD proposal itself decreases the number of parking spaces available while imposing a fee without a guaranteed benefit. Even more onerous, an overnight guest of a long-time Venice resident would conceivably be required to obtain a permit from a Venice resident who may not have already purchased a guest permit. In the ideal scenario for OPD proponents, the only people who could park at night in Venice are those who have proven their residency, bought their permits, distributed such permits to their guests, all for spaces previously free. Simply put, if you do not have money, or you are a guest of someone who does not have money (or time) to buy a parking space, you cannot drive to Venice at night, spend the night, and wake up and go to the beach without risking a parking ticket.

It does not take much creativity for a lawyer argue that such a proposal violates the constitutional right to free association and freedom of movement. In addition to unnecessarily requiring engagement with the parking bureaucracy of the City of Los Angeles and unnecessarily complicating daily life in Venice, the OPD gravely threatens coastal access because it privatizes public space, an effect that runs counter to the letter and spirit of the California Coastal Act.

Second, proposed mitigation efforts are woefully unsatisfactory. Such efforts include preserving 351 on-street parking spaces when the area within the OPD boundary houses around 10,000 people. Another proposed modification includes the operation of off-street parking lots with four-hour time limits in the name of encouraging turnover of spaces. How would someone visiting Venice overnight, who cannot obtain access to an overnight permit for myriad reasons, sleep in Venice and enjoy the coast the next day? A proposal that would have people move their cars every six hour is not just anti-homeless, it is anti-Venice visitor, since any visitor to Venice who is not sanctioned by a host with an already-purchased guest parking permit would be forced to engage in an absurd pre-dawn parking shuffle every four hours. Also, though we applaud all efforts to encourage bicycling, adding bike lanes and shared-lane markings is irrelevant to issues surrounding coastal access for those who live too far from the coast to bicycle to Venice. Rather, the bike lane modification serves as mere window-dressing to a scheme designed to take away access to public space near the beach.

Third, as to the perceived homeless problem: just because some members of the Venice community are homeless does not mean that Venice is not their home. The OPD proposal comes on the heels of the imposition of No Parking signs for "oversized vehicles," which effectively prohibit people living in their vans and trucks from sleeping in their cars while parked in Venice.

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The OPD proposal would merely make life difficult for the most vulnerable residents of Venice. The OPD proposal and the mitigations contained therein do nothing to improve the lives of homeless Venice residents. In response to any behavior concerns or nuisance issues posed by people sleeping in their cars, we ask, does the OPD proposal address those concerns or merely push the "problem" to a neighborhood farther from the beach. The Coastal Commission should not condone policy proposals rooted in NIMBY sentiments.

It must also be added that the OPD proposal's inclusion of a provision regarding attorney's fees (Paragraph 7, p. 6 of 10, "California Coastal Commission Staff Report, Application No.: 5-08-313," dated May 31, 2013) raises eyebrows and causes concern. It seems unethical for the applicant (the City of Los Angeles) to essentially promise to indemnify the California Coastal Commission against any potential legal fees in order to obtain permission for its application. By agreeing to reimburse the Coastal Commission in full for costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending a challenge to the issuance of this permit, has the City of Los Angeles effectively bought the permission of the Coastal Commission? Furthermore, if the City of Los Angeles is paying in full the legal fees and costs associated with defending any challenge to the OPD scheme, then is the Coastal Commission really retaining complete authority to conduct and direct the legal defense of any action against the Commission?

We are surprised and dismayed that the Coastal Commission, which has succeeded in protecting beach access in other parts of Los Angeles County, such as Malibu's Carbon Beach, and has historically gone to great lengths to protect the relationship between the California coastline and the California public, would be willing to restrict coastal access in Venice. We understand that the Coastal Commission's task of preserving coastal access to all Californians is increasingly difficult in an era of skyrocketing coastal property values and economic polarization. Yet the establishment of the OPD would only diminish access and runs counter to the Commission's longstanding legacy as public guardian of the California coast. With that we urge you to vote no to the OPD permit proposal.

Respectfully,



Erin Darling
Co-President Los Angeles Chapter
National Lawyers Guild

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: christina Ross <christina@love-fed.com>
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Cc: Alex Thevenot
Subject: No to Venice OPD

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Thank you for listening.

Christina Ross- resident

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Dan Sanvicens <dansanvicens@gmail.com>
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skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD

Dear Coastal Commission,

As a Venice resident, after learning about the proposed OPD plan and its implications on the freedoms and unique spirit of the area, I stand resolutely against it.

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Regards,

Dan Sanvicens
Venice

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Daniela Ardizzone <werockvenice@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 2:27 PM
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skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: please no to OPD in Venice Beach

As a Venice Beach resident and leader of the artist group Dogtown Artists United (www.facebook.com/dogtownartists) - and like many other Venice residents - I really do not welcome OPD in Venice.

It will kill the precious creativity that has been the main attraction of Venice for years and the main reason why we all like to live in Venice.

Please re-consider the parking policies and do not let OPD ruin the spirit of Venice beach.

Thank you,

Daniela Ardizzone
Dogtown Artists United

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: kappy715@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: No o OPDs

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice.

I do not want to pay for parking in front of my own house. I do not want to pay for a guest to stay over. I do not wish to have to plan guest visits in advance. The parking on our street and nearby are fine.

Why create more problems. Things work just fine as they are.

Some residents may have a hardship paying for this. And heaven knows if we FORGET our pass, we'll be penalized with a ticket every time.

What if we have to park a few blocks from our house? Will we need a guest pass????

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT OPDS.

Thanks,

Olga Kaplan

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: kappy715@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: No OPDs

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. 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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods. Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. 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." 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 protect the Venice we love. Yours truly,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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Subject: PLEASE SAY NO TO OPD

Dear Councilmembers,

I've been a resident of Venice Beach for the last two years and have enjoyed both the spirit of community and freedom that Venice represents.

I do agree that exclusionary parking policies will redefine the character of our community.

The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit.

Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people. This land and coast is designed to be free for the people!

Please Keep Venice Free and vote no to OPD.

Let's work together to find better solutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Allen Romero
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: King, Katherine <king@humnet.ucla.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:57 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No Overnight Parking Ordinance in Venice

Dear Mr Posner,

Please enter my comment into the record. I am against an Overnight Parking Ordinance in Venice because it is not needed and it will cause hassle to me when I have overnight guests. Venice is coastal land and should be available to all—no restrictions.

Thank you,

Katherine c. King
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: karl abrams <karljabrams@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 3:50 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Stop OPDs Please!

Dear Commissioners,

I beg you, please vote to reject the proposed settlement of the lawsuit, Venice Stakeholders Association vs. CCC.

This is a mean-spirited lawsuit which seeks to illegitimately force pay permit parking on those of us who live in the coastal one. It is a restriction of access and a gross violation of the Coastal Act, Article 2!

Many are aware that it (OPDs) is supported by individuals and organizations who are motivated to destroy our coastal protections that the CCC so carefully defends.

Professor Karl Abrams (Emeritus)
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: nbwills@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 3:41 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD june 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of S-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

ATTN: California Coastal Commissioners and Staff

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

As you probably know, parking for residents of Venice has always been a problem for those of us without garages. I, personally, would love to see this situation improve – however OPD's will NOT improve the situation.

It is NOT the oversize vehicles that cause problems. Far more numerous are the shoppers on Abbott Kinney, and (especially in summer months) the cars from beach goers and vacationers from all over the country.

OPD's will not ease the parking situation for residents. But OPD's WILL cost residents money and inconvenience, because of the new requirement for parking permits.

Please – I urge you – Do not allow OPD's to become a fact in Venice!

Sincerely,

Nancy Williamson
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Maxwell Harris <mharris5819@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 3:45 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Fwd: CA Coastal Commission Staff

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From: Maxwell Harris <mharris5819@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 6, 2013 at 3:42 PM
Subject: CA Coastal Commission Staff
To: Posner@coastal.ca.gov

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Over the years, many people have come to know Venice because of its uniqueness. Although things change over time, the collective synergy that drives Venice is one reason why Venice California is known the world over.

Sight unseen many people from around the world dream of visiting her with her uniqueness of self expression of freedom, liberty and life explored in her walk. Imagine what would happen to Venice if the wheels of restriction seat on her chest? Restricted Venice yearning to be, to be free from unruly government intervention to satisfy the well funded and individualized anarchist. Is government for business or is for the people by the people? Some would say they both are the same. But listen to the people who have been attracted to Venice. Listen to what they say. Despite their former self, they moved to Venice: Was it an investment or was it for a way of life? Either way, they chose to move closer to her and thus she's to be maintained and developed in a way that remains inclusive and expanding that's good for all who pass through her borders and those that aspire to visit her with their liberty kindled and idealism displayed upon their chest.

For those that see the glass half full and those that see the glass half empty, are both correct. Yet, those folks are most likely like oil and water in their approach to expansionism. Good governance is what's needed. Think of the future, resist the immediacy of self gratification and do what's right for the citizen of Venice and her uniqueness and for those who are yet to know her yet yearns for her soul. Let her be nourished and developed for those that see the glass half full and for those that see the glass half emptied.

Governance is necessary to keep us safe and moving forward in the right direction. If not, we will become myriad in pettiness and pursue un-punishable outcomes with wasted life.

Please vote No to OPD, it's not needed today. Restricting the people is a vial way to promote one social economic group of people over the other. Some would say yes. Let's do that. I say listen, it's your job to keep the beaches open for off of her people, so please be open and understanding what's really at stake. Do your job.

For the people today, tomorrow and forever! Be free.

Maxwell Harris

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Margaret Molloy <mmmolloy@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:36 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Re: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-
VEN-08-343

Attn: California Coastal Commissioners and Staff

Dear Mr Posner,

I believe that a study of "the cumulative effects" that permit and restrictive parking has had on low income people regarding access to the California Coastal Zones is due before any further restrictions on parking are pursued in Venice. This is the equivalent of environmental impact studies that are required for all large developments.

Between the turning the beach into a park with applicable curfew, the purge of vehicle dwellers with no mitigating services or parking facilities, and this...it really is a developers war on the poor facilitated by the California Coastal Commission and the City of Los Angeles.

I have gone to Bruffy's car auction (the official tow company for LAPD in the Venice area) several times in the last few months. It is really apparent that there has been a concerted effort to target people living in their vehicles as so many cars at the auctions have peoples entire possessions in them. Several years ago that was not the case. Now it is a weekly reality.

Please say no on OPD's in Venice.

Sincerely,

Margaret Molloy

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Elena Lerma <paloma10190291@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:04 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPD/Venice

Coastal Commision/ Chuck Posner

Please NOPD's In Venice !!!

Thank You!!!

Elena Lerma

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Dan Factor <djusticefactor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:13 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NO OPDs

Re: Venice OPD, June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

To: The California Coastal Commissioners, the Coastal Commission Executive Director, and Appropriate Coastal Commission Staff.

Dear California Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

Please deny the Venice OPDs.

They are not needed in any way and will do nothing to provide additional parking for residents. In the area I live in there is already a restriction for oversize vehicles, and "No Overnight Parking Districts" are not necessary, in trying to solve a problem that does not exist. They are both part of a moneymaking scheme to balance the L.A. budget on the back of parking enforcement and a vindictive attempt to limit coastal access by a few and for a few.

Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, 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. Venice does not need OPDs and the City of Los Angeles has not proven that it does.

Furthermore, the City should prove that it is actually trying to maximize access first by removing the miles of already restrictive street signs it installed without a coastal permit (2-hour parking, no parking from 8pm to 6am, etc.). It could also install diagonal parking on some of the very wide streets in the Venice Coastal Zone. It makes no sense to do not do these things first!

The OPDs are also very bad for the walk street residents, who have no say regarding the streets adjacent to them. A few vocal residents can control many blocks of street parking. This is just not a fair system for those who do not want to have to buy a permit.

The City says that there will be a petition showing resident support prior to installing an OPD, but nothing in the OPD law states that. There's absolutely no enforcement mechanism for the average resident who does not want permit parking. If the city is serious about requiring petitions, it should amend the law to include it. And the Coastal Commission should require them to.

Until these issues can be resolved, please deny the Venice OPDs.

Sincerely, Dan and Donna Factor

234 Dimmick Ave., Venice Ca. 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Trek Kelly <rattlesnaketaco@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:57 PM
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skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com; act@thepeoplesbeach.com
Subject: PLEASE SAY NO TO OPD

Dear Councilmembers,

I have been a resident and business owner in Venice for over two decades. I firmly disagree with this new parking initiative.

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people. Please Keep Venice Free. Say no to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions. Thank you for your consideration.

TREK T. KELLY

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: randy brook <R7B@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 3:10 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: randy brook; Venice Action Alliance
Subject: "NO" on Overnight Parking Districts in Venice,

"Dear Mr. Posner:

Please do NOT support Overnight Parking Districts in Venice, CA. They would create significant problems for residents throughout Venice, as well as further restricting the public's access to the beach.

The add ZERO parking spaces for residents. On the contrary, residents will have to pay to park on THEIR OWN STREET where they (and the public) now park for free. If they forget to post their permit, they will have to pay a fine, and if they want a guest to stay overnight they will have to decide well in advance and drive downtown to pay for a temporary guest permit.

They were designed to combat unhoused people living in RVs on neighborhood streets, but the Oversized Vehicle Parking restrictions recently implemented have already accomplished this. The vast majority of RV dwellers on Venice streets (over two hundred vehicles) are gone now, and have been for months.

The idea that OPDs will solve parking problems is ludicrous. In fact, they will CREATE parking problems.

Do your job. Protect coastal access and the right of coastal residents and their guests to park in front of their homes.

Thank you,

Randy Brook
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Rob Dew <robbiedew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:53 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No OPDs

I want to voice my opinion against OPDs in Venice. This is an unneeded, unwanted and unwarranted intrusion in to the beach community that I and this community don't want. We defeated this move twice in the past 6 years and I wonder why we have to do so again. Venice is the people's beach - keep it free. Dont let the self centered efforts of Mark Ryavec and the so called Venice Stake holders ruin this community for all. NO on OPDs in VENICE!!!

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: WENDY PAQUIN <wpaq@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:50 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No OPDs in Venice

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I am writing this to plead that you do not give in to the elite group who have unfortunately been attempting to re shape Venice as their type of community. As an almost 40 year resident of Venice I side with all the other long term residents who do not want OPDs here.

I was at the meeting a few years ago where you rejected this as a ploy to get rid of the homeless living in their cars. I applaud you standing up to the Coastal Commissions' Act. OPDs will make it extremely difficult for the inner city people who want to visit the beach. My understanding is that Section 30001.5(b) of the California Coastal Act states that your goal is to maximize public access and not take it away as some people do. The people pushing for OPDs would like nothing better than to have less people coming to the beach. I object to that and am hoping you do as well.

Venice is a special community unlike any other and the could this destroy our sensitive coastal resource. We have an extreme diverse residency and I feel this would only put an unda burden on many of the elderly and less affluent residents who have lived here for generations. OPDs are wrong for our community and I believe will become a ploy to halt beach goers and try to turn our community into a private resource for the elite few. I implore you to continue your stance against OPDs.

Please protect our community. Thank you

Sincerely,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Andrew Keegan <andrewkeegan79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 1:28 PM
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skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com; act@thepeoplesbeach.com
Subject: PLEASE SAY NO TO OPD

Dear Councilmembers,

As a long time resident and owner of a 3 unit building I understand the need for solutions regarding the parking situation.

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people. Please Keep Venice Free. Say no to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions. Thank you for your consideration.

With Love,
Andrew Keegan

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Malte Hagemeister <malte@nordmeister.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 1:09 PM
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Subject: please say no to OPD

Dear Council members,

I appreciate your engagement in creating a Venice that we all love!

In matter of OPD i just want to let you know how much I think this is not the right way to solve the challenges we face. This is the wrong move - it does not solve problems of parking for us locals, or even problems with homeless people living in their cars. POD will make life for us living in this wonderful spot more difficult, and it will change the face of Venice towards a regimented non welcome place.

I am a German citizen that lives in Venice. I came here because this place welcomed me like no other place. I am sure you want to help keep this free spirit alive. Let's work together on effective ways to solve the problems we face.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best,

Malte

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Anne Zimmerman <azimmerman@azarchitecturestudio.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 1:24 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: PLEASE NO Overnight Parking Districts in Venice, CA

Dear Mr. Posner:

I am writing to strongly request that you NOT support Overnight Parking Districts in Venice, CA.

This creates a major inconvenience for residents throughout Venice AND

Overnight Parking Districts restricts beach access for and by the public.

Overnight Parking Districts will not add one parking space for residents and it will require residents to pay to park (or at least deal with the hassle of getting a permit for themselves and their guests) on their own street. If a resident forgets to post or have the permit, they may face a fine.

Overnight Parking Districts privatizes public streets which is not the direction we want to go to improve our communities and cities.

Overnight Parking Districts will NOT help solve parking problems.

Already, the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO) has basically eradicated the RV dweller which I believe is mean spirited and unnecessary. It also means the oversized vehicles are wasting gas, polluting more, because they are trying to figure out places to park. This hurts everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Zimmerman
Property Owner
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Greta Cobar <gretathegreat99@aim.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 1:49 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in Venice

Dear California Coastal Commissioner,

As you may be aware, the issue of Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) will be considered at the June 13 CCC hearing in Long Beach.

Please take a moment to read what the local paper, the Free Venice Beachhead, has to say about parking restrictions in the Coastal Zone and particularly in Venice.

In the last three months we published nine articles regarding OPDs in Venice, including an interview with Sara Wan, past Commissioner with the CCC. Here are the links:

<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/05/01/venice-loves-you-nopds/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/05/01/censored-at-the-april-vnc-meeting-interview-with-sara-wan/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/05/01/venice-stakeholder-opd-pain-in-the-ass/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/04/01/keep-venice-free-no-opds/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/05/01/tell-the-bullies-to-seek-help/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/06/03/keep-it-free-your-spirit-and-your-parking-spot/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/06/01/one-more-time/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/05/01/a-few-more-arguments-against-opds-in-venice/>
<http://freevenicebeachhead.wordpress.com/2013/06/01/nopd-nopd-a-thousand-times-nopd/>

Thanks for continuing to protect the Coastal Zone!

Sincerely,
Greta Cobar

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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Thank you for your consideration.

Leah

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Everson Marsh <eversonmarsh@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Matthew McCarthy

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Ashley Fontaine <ashley@fruitionagency.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:08 PM
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Ashley

Ashley Fontaine
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Judy Branfman <branfman@ucla.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:08 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: 'David Ewing'; 'Judy Branfman'
Subject: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

Dear California Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

I'm writing to request that you deny the Venice Overnight Parking District proposal.

First, I am asking that you postpone your vote until the community has had more time to review this complex proposal. I am very concerned that the community has only had six days to review the OPD proposal; this is not enough time to read it thoroughly, ask questions and get answers, and think about how to respond. Mark Ryaveck and the City have been working on this proposal for three years and yet you have only given the public less than a week to evaluate a very complex proposal that will impact residents and businesses in many ways for years to come – and respond before a June 6th deadline for public comment. This seems very, very lopsided, unfair, and unreasonable.

Second, in Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, it 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. Venice does not need OPDs and the City of Los Angeles has not proven that it does. Before putting this burden on Venice residents and businesses, the City should prove that it is actually trying to maximize access first by removing the miles of already restrictive street signs it installed without a coastal permit (2-hour parking, no parking from 8pm to 6am, etc.). It could also install diagonal parking on some of the very wide streets in the Venice Coastal Zone. It makes no sense to do give these things a try first!

Third, in dealing with the Oversize Vehicle ordinance we saw that a few vocal residents can control many blocks of street parking. This is just not a fair system for those who do not want to have to buy a permit. The City says that there will be a petition showing resident support prior to installing an OPD, but nothing in the OPD law states that. There's absolutely no enforcement mechanism for the average resident who does not want permit parking. If the city is serious about requiring petitions, it should amend the law to include it. And the Coastal Commission should require them to.

Fourth - Throughout the Venice OPD process, homeless people living in vehicles have been the reasons stated for creating the Overnight Permit Parking Districts (OPDs). These homeless people have not been acknowledged as being members of the public nor have they been acknowledged as residents. Some are life-long Venice residents and are also Venice OPD appellants. They were born in nearby hospitals and grew up going to schools in Venice. They not only call Venice home, they absolutely are members of the public. No person, whether they are homeless or have any other type of status of being, should be treated as somehow less than human. Yet these Vehicle Homeless public members and Venice residents have been treated and described as less than human. They do not qualify for an OPD permit and they will be denied access by the Venice OPDs.

These are but a few of the problems with this proposal so please deny the Venice OPDs.

Sincerely,

Judy Branfman

535 Rose

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Katherine Savage <pinkmodena@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:10 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com; act@thepeoplesbeach.com
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Sent from my iPhone

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Ev <evana.vasilj@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:07 PM
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Cindy Chambers <chambers.cindy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: Peggy Lee Kennedy; David Ewing; Linda Lucks; Steve Clare; Colleen Saro
Subject: Follow the Law - Keep Venice Beach Access Free & Open to the Public

Dear Mr. Posner & Coastal Commissioners,

I'll keep this brief as I'm boarding a plane and have limited time to respond. In fact, that concept -- limited time to respond AND the apparent secret nature of this transaction between the Venice Stakeholders Association and the CCC -- is part of the disgust I'd like included in the open record of these proceedings. It is nothing short of a travesty of justice that these activities have occurred all these months WITHOUT public/community knowledge and multiple opportunities for input. The fact that I hear today, that any public/community input must occur before 4 pm just adds salt to this wound.

As I said, I'll make this brief. I'm a 19 year resident of Venice living on Pacific Avenue. I along with my neighbors, friends and many Angelenos do NOT support OPDs NOR turning Venice into a gated community. You MUST with all good conscience follow the letter of the law, put this ridiculous waste of time and taxpayer dollars to rest and stand up to the VSA bullying! We do NOT change laws, restrict access to or otherwise disenfranchise those not wealthy or white enough to access the beach. You cannot allow this to happen.

Please stop OPDs.

Thank you,

Cindy Chambers
Venice Resident

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

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From: Deborah Lashever <bohemianexchange@gmail.com>
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Subject: NO on OPDs!

Dear Commissioners,

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. You know this and have turned OPDs down twice already, and rightly so. Do not let the threat of a lawsuit by self seeking developers scare you into doing the wrong thing!

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Keep Venice Free.

Say no to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions. They are many and inexpensive and easy solutions to parking problems, for example diagonal spaces on all our wide streets.

The problem, as you know is actually the wealthy trying to "clean up" Venice Beach and make it into their private gated community. Help us stop this Slash and Burn Gentrification! We need to do our developing with forethought and a clear head to what is best for ALL people that visit Venice and call her home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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"As long as you can laugh at yourself you will never cease to be amused." -Anonymous

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Christine Steele <christine@steelepix.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:21 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Please keep our community free from permit parking



I am not in favor of paid permit parking in Venice. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Christine Steele

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Andy Sternberg <andysternberg@gmail.com>
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Natanel Edelson <gaussdog@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:27 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No OPD's

HORRIBLE IDEA

No OPD's please

Restricts ME

Restricts MY GUESTS

PASS THIS AND WATCH MY INTEREST IN YOUR JOBS ACTIVITY SKYROCKET FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS!!! I'll be the thorn in the boards side FOR REAL!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Nate

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Emily Bobotas <eabobotas@gmail.com>
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Linda Lucks
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jay Burke - NPC <jburke@newproductconsulting.com>
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Jay Burke

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Brandon Piety <brandon@partnershub.com>
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ONE LOVE! <3

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Chris Sage <sage@luma-pictures.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:43 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice, NO OPD's

To whom it may concern.

Overnight parking in Venice has never been a problem for anyone I know. There are occasional shortages on the nights before street cleanings, but we have never been unable to find a space to park.

Adding OPD's will not fix the primary issue for many Venetians which is the inability to leave the westside on a summer weekend day for fear of not being able to park on your return. OPD's force the community to pay for a privilege they already have and would greatly discourage friends and relatives from coming to visit during the evening hours.

There are many areas of Santa Monica that have OPD's and most people I know actively avoid going to restaurants and businesses in those areas because the restrictions create a parking nightmare.

OPD's will also hurt the community events that happen in the evenings like Venice Art Walk and First Fridays.

PLEASE NO OPD'S in Venice

Thanks
-Chris Sage | Venice Resident

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: WorkingDemocracy! <workingatdemocracy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:46 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Beach Curfew and OPD's In Venice Illegal restrict Public Access and Threaten Venice Beach Prosperity

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing this as a life-long Southern Californian, who first moved to Venice Beach in 1980. For decades now, Venice Beach has been a uniquely creative community; where tolerance, experimentation, openness, access to the coast --and us sharing it all together --has been a big part of making it one of California's most unique, and biggest-ever, tourist destinations.

This renowned and haphazardly created Venice community --including it's homeless, it's beach vagabonds, and often hippy-van-housed --have always, interestingly enough, also been a constituency for decades at the forefront of environmental activism. Not just support --but actual leadership in scores of battles in our lifetimes: to advance coastal and ocean protection, wetlands protection, and coastal access --among others.

Of course --all those taking the forefront, back then, for these broad environmental interests, bigger public interest battles, and equal access battles --were, back-then, called nutty. We stood against big money forces, and established "public officials," and "righteously outraged homeowners."

Not because they were bad. But simply because they were not looking out --at those moments, at the public interest --and at the long-term good.

For all of us,

No, it has not been the City of Los Angeles, any of our current Councilmen, or any developers, who really led on these issues --or even made Venice Beach such a daring visitor success as it is now. Or such a well-known home for environmental leaders. The best of them, really, were just the few brave enough to have followed us. Venice has always been a place for colorful, eclectic and heart-full (and maybe just a little too-smart) truth-seekers who have always lobbied, implored, cajoled, sat-in, protested, *gathered signatures and even gently* reminded their public officials --that we esteem them for their service to the public --and fidelity to their mandate --and will always enthusiastically support them for it.

We are the public spirited of Venice --and we are urging you to look to the greater good here for the public, and for Los Angeles, and Venice.

So firstly --we urge you to continue in opposing the imposition of Venice Beach's current illegal curfew --and now, too, the city's related, increasing, pressure against public parking in the area. It is blatant, special-interest bullying, by a certain few of the past in the City of Los Angeles; and a challenge to your overall Statewide responsibility to facilitate all the public's access to it beaches.

Not to continually allow any merely local interests to decrease it. Or think that they are too big to pay attention to Statewide oversight.

In this context then, before you now -- the City of Los Angeles' newest old claim, on top of all this, is that the

meager handful of parking spaces it now proposes from the past to set aside for future nighttime access to Venice Beach --will now be enough to meet the public's future demand. But let me get this straight --first they close the beach at night --with an illegal curfew. Then, nearly two years later --they now claim that there is no need to accommodate public parking there --because, according to "their current count" there are now no appreciable late night visitors to Venice Beach!

And on top of this, after over two years of squads of police now chasing 1,000's of tourists off of Venice Beach, each weekend --as early as sunset. This is not because there is no worldwide tourist demand to visit Venice Beach --but, largely under the rational that the LAPD now has a curfew --that they now impose strictly, and illegally --at midnight. Again, today, this curfew results, practically, in police beginning their closing off of Venice Beach at sunset. This is 6 to 3 hours --even before their illegal curfew. All this is to accommodate a newly-arrived small minority of local property owners and business interests who chose --recently, to move adjacent to one of California's most popular beaches --and now, increasingly, want to treat it more and more as a private enclave: that they alone can control access to, and shut down each night.

And, on top of this, they sue you to bully you?

Because you recognize it is your legal mandate to treat all cities and special interests that do such things --as a threat to the greater public interest-- and balanced public policies of all of this State, its tourists --and the larger majority of all of Los Angeles' people ?

Venice Beach simply, and clearly, now needs more public parking, not less.

And OPDs are not the answer --for people who move next to a public beach --thinking that it'll then magically give them the right to control its gates at night.

Or the right to increasingly block off all the public parking --on it's adjacent streets.

The proposed settlement is based on a biased analysis of nighttime beach demand in Venice--a nighttime demand that has been deliberately and wrongly curtailed. It sits behind a plan by local special interests to shut out Venice's thousands of traditionally low-income youth tourists --and replace them with high-end wealthy ones. The city of Los Angeles can do better than this. The key to Venice Beach's current success is it's diversity. Steps to close off certain classes of tourist, such as the homeless, or poor inner-city youth, or beach-vagabonds does not benefit the worldwide popularity of Venice Beach as a uniquely American example: of a nation's daring and sometimes entertaining compassion, tolerance, freedom and democracy. Keep Venice free. Tell the City of Los Angeles that you'll work with the city to preserve it's access to all classes of tourists, and to increase its parking and nighttime access responsibly --but that the current proposed settlement is built on a backwards progression from an illegal beach curfew, to an increasing parking shutdown --and dispiriting and also growing plans to discriminate against the area's traditional access and accommodation to thousands of low-income youth tourists. We have many high-end beach destinations in Southern California and Los Angeles we don't have many low-income ones. Venice Beach is still currently that --and it is a key to it's worldwide popularity and cultural and recreational value to all of this region's low-income people. The curfew and the new parking restrictions wrong-headedly work against that.

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: ruth.ellingsen@gmail.com on behalf of Ruth Ellingsen <ruthellingsen@ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice overnight parking districts

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

As a resident of Venice for the past 3 years, I am saddened by the possibility that parking permits may now be required. I am a graduate student at UCLA with a very limited stipend, and one of the reasons why I chose this district was due to its affordability and welcoming community (culturally and financially). I would love to continue living here, and while doing so, know that friends and family can visit me overnight with ease.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ruth Ellingsen

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Ruth Ellingsen, M.A.
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Scott Reynolds <siphon024@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 2:19 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Regarding the opd issue. Please read.

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I respectfully write this to you as a concerned resident. I am not often involved in what is happening politically within our city, but I believe this is worth voicing. I can afford the extra cost for a permit, however it's the idea behind them that I disagree with, and this is on behalf of the reason I chose to live here in the first place.

Overnight Parking Districts do not seem to be a beneficial change for this community. They make things more difficult for those of us that live here and don't solve the parking issues. Parking is not that difficult at night. It is during the day when there are large numbers of tourist that we have an issue, but that is the nature of being a tourist town. The people that live here, the lifeblood of Venice, shouldn't be the ones that have to pay because a few people want to gripe about their parking difficulties. I live less than 200 feet from the boardwalk and the longest I have had to look for parking is maybe 5-10 minutes, but most evenings a have little problem finding something close. On weekends I might have to walk a little farther, but I don't see this changing with the addition of permit parking. We will just have to pay for the parking we will be hunting for anyways.

It seems to be a common opinion you are trying to minimize the homeless and poor hippy element in Venice, but that group of people don't fall into a black and white category. Many of those people are low income artists and while they might be an element that bothers some of the more uptight people in our community, most of the people that come here come here for the culture that these people create. Many of them scrape by on what they make and giving them another cost could make the difference in them staying. I'm not saying that the homeless situation doesn't need some work, but an indirect approach of forcing them out is not the answer, and it doesn't affect only them. It affects anyone who is low income.

There are plenty of beaches for people to visit, but think about what makes Venice different. I didn't come to Venice and spend my money to see posh galleries on Abbot Kinney. I came because I was interested in the diversity, the bizarre people and their crazy art on the boardwalk, the loads of street art everywhere.

Check out the blog on this page. This is the general opinion of many people who I have heard about this issue from.

<http://spiritofvenice.wordpress.com/nopd/>

Please protect "the People's Beach." Listen to the people that live here

Please honor Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, which states that one of the "basic goals of the

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jack Neff <jackneff01@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 2:08 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Bill.rosendahl@lacity.org
Cc: NOPD@veniceaction.org
Subject: *Oppose Venice Overnight Parking - CC Hearing June 13, 2013*

Dear Mr. Posner and Bill - I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. I also oppose any parking tax, and say no to establishing a Venice Overnight Parking District. I have supported Bill's work fighting homelessness, finding shelters and getting people off the street. Bill's programs are steps in the right direction, I will not support a reactionary punitive law punishing the most helpless of people. We need housing and health care, not a school-to-prison pipeline. Thank you.

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Wanda Johnson <wjbird1958@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 1:53 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD - Just say NO

Chuck Posner,

I have never written to my congressman before so don't be offended or take offense to anything I write. I have always lived in the community of Venice, here in Southern California and see no reason at all for these Overnight Pay Parking Districts. WTF. My take: When you let people come into a community and take over they try to make everything all about them. That is what the white community has done to Venice. They want nothing to do with those of us who have always lived here, talk foul to our children, make threats they know they can't back up, then try to rename everything to what they want it. Now they want you to pay to park in your own back yard?

I don't hardly think so. All this needs to stop. Venice has always been a community where people looked out for each other, but with the influx of whites in a predominately Black and Mexican area, all that has changed. If I had wanted to live in the fucking Valley, Thousand Oaks, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, etc., I would have moved there. I didn't want to and yes, before you even think it I could afford it, but these new people are really trying my patience. Let me hip you to something. God don't like ugly. Everyone white with an attitude better wake up and smell the coffee. When God decides to get even you people want to say it's Murphy's Law but it isn't. That's God talking.

Make it a point to just say NO to NOPD's. Do not pass this into law. It isn't fair to anyone that has always lived here to have to suddenly pay to park on their own street in front of their own house. That is just BS. If whites want that then they need to go back to the areas they came from and get out of Venice.

Wanda Johnson

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Reshima McKelvin Wilkinson <reshima@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 12:43 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts in Venice

Dear Mr. Posner,

As a Venice resident, I am writing to ask that you please vote against the approval of an overnight parking district in Venice. This issue has twice been rejected by the Coastal Commission. I do not believe this measure will provide any relief for parking problems in Venice, *which occur during daytime and evening hours. It would also create more expense* and inconvenience to both residents and non-residents. I believe the city needs to work on helping to alleviate parking and other issues in Venice. However, limiting access to the beach during early morning hours is not a real solution. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,
Reshima Wilkinson

Sent from my iPad

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Bennett, Bill <bbennett@athletics.ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; n opd@veniceaction.org
Subject: OPDs are not good for Venice

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century.

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."

Bill Bennett
Venice, CA

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Graham Hamilton <ghamilton@surfriderwlam.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Letter from the Surfrider Foundation

Hello Chuck,

I've attached a letter addressed to the Commissioners regarding the City of Los Angeles' proposal to establish OPDs in the Venice coastal zone.

Would you please forward this on to them all?

Thank you,

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Graham Hamilton

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION West LA / Malibu Chapter Executive Committee Chairman Rise Above Plastics Co-chair

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Hon. Mary K. Stallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

June 5, 2013

**RE: CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSAL FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICTS IN
VENICE BEACH**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's West LA / Malibu and South Bay chapters, which represent over 3000 active members, I am writing to express concern about the Overnight Parking Districts that the City of Los Angeles is once again proposing to establish in the Venice coastal zone.

Known throughout the world, with an estimated 16 million visitors per year, Venice Beach is arguably the most popular beach in the state of California. There is little doubt that the social and economic thriving of Venice Beach exists and continues to flourish because of the visiting multitudes, and not the residing few that seek to establish OPDs.

One of the principal missions of the Surfrider Foundation is to promote the right of low-impact, free and open access to the world's waves and beaches for *all people*. We believe beach access to be a universal right necessary for the public's enjoyment of coastal areas, as well as the economic vitality of the businesses that operate there.

Many surfers enjoy what is commonly known as Dawn Patrol: a surf session commencing in the pre-dawn hours and lasting into the early morning. This is often the only time of day that surfers who hold 9-5 jobs can get in the water. If OPDs are established in the Venice coastal zone, effectively restricting public parking between the hours of 2 and 6am, it will make beach access for the Dawn Patrol crowd virtually impossible.

The Coastal Commission has demonstrated wise decision-making on this issue in the past.

In June 2009, the Commission found that OPDs in the coastal zone would adversely impact public access by all but eliminating the primary parking supply for early-morning beachgoers, giving permitted residents preferential access to public parking spaces without establishing adequate safeguards for visitor parking. As a result, the Commission denied the City's request, concluding that the proposal to establish OPDs in the Venice coastal zone directly contravenes the policies of the Coastal Act.

This will be the third time in roughly five years that this issue has been presented to the Coastal Commission. There has been ample deliberation on the subject, and there is no reason why it should be rehashed when such wisdom has prevailed time and again, especially given the fact that there are no elements in the City's latest proposal that make it worthy of the Commissions' consideration. It is also worth noting that any threat of litigation against the Coastal Commission for maintaining their lawfully established position should be taken with a grain of salt. In the court of law, judges will dismiss a case that has already been tried in the interest of "judicial economy".

The fact remains that this latest proposal by the City of Los Angeles to establish OPDs in the Venice coastal zone is once again nothing more than attempt to privatize what is public property, property clearly protected in the California Constitution (Article 10, Section 4), and the Access and Recreation policies of the Coastal Act (Public Resources Code, Sections 30210-30224).

With so many visitors from all walks of life flocking to enjoy the unique social ecology of Venice Beach, the Surfrider Foundation and its members respectfully request that you uphold your longstanding responsibility to implement the policies of the Coastal Act and once again deny the City of Los Angeles permission to establish Overnight Parking Districts in the Venice coastal zone.

Sincerely,

Graham Hamilton
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: david gueriera <tilt_dave@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Attn: California Coastal Commissioners and Staff

Re: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a, Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VI-N-08-343

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century.

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."

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 protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

David Gueriera
2355 Abbot Kinney Blvd
Venice, CA 90291

David Gueriera
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Luca Pusceddu <pusceddu.luca@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No to OPDs

No to OPDs !!!

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Luca Pusceddu

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Joy Rheman <joyrheman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 12:30 PM
To: deanzamusic@yahoo.com
Cc: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD

I feel the exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Regards,

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Rick Vanzini <rickvanzini@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 12:29 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com;
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brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net
Subject: PLEASE SAY NO TO OPD

Dear Councilmembers, Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people. Please Keep Venice Free. Say no to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions. Thank you for your consideration.

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Rick Vanzini
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Amy Doering <doeringamy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 3:24 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century.

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Please protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Amy Doering a resident of Venice for 20 year

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: JESSICA CASTANEDA <castaneda_jessica_an@student.smc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD

No overnight pay parking districts! The streets are all messed up. It's not worth it. Don't do it. We don't have money, especially if we work here!

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: John Goldsworthy <goldsworthyj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPDs don't belong in Venice

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Yours truly,
John Goldsworthy

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Debra Gavlak <dgavlak@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:11 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: No Overnight Parking Permits, Please.

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Yours truly,
Debra Gavlak
5 Westminster Ave. PH6
Venice, Ca. 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: shirleydegitz@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; n opd@veniceaction.org

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. 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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods. Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. 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." 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 protect the Venice we love. Yours truly, [Your name, address]

Shirley Reynolds
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: tiffany@usc.edu on behalf of Daniel Tiffany, <tiffany@usc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 8:42 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: OPD

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Please protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Daniel Tiffany
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Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Alicia Arlow <alicia@arlocreative.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 1:40 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Yours truly,
Alicia Arlow
10 year Venice Blvd resident and business owner

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: roccoklein@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: Long time Venice resident

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. 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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods. Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. 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." 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 protect the Venice we love. Yours truly, [Your name, address]

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Alice Goldstein <ibrake4roses@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 5:02 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPD Nos. 523 and 526

Dear Mr. Posner,

I have lived in Venice for 32 years. I can bore you with many pages of why these parking restrictions are insane. My family and I are so very opposed to this idea of imposing restrictions. We refuse to pay for parking!!!

Alice E. Goldstein, Ellie J.C. Goldstein, Maurice A. Goldstein and Theresa R. Goldstein
30 Thornton Ave.
Venice, Ca.
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Sent from my iPad

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: M. C. <tallmelinda@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 5:00 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No OPD'S in Venice. Please!

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I strongly oppose OPD's in Venice. The biggest parking problem I've noticed lately is that Whole Foods has instructed their workers to park on neighboring streets, instead of in the store's own lot. This is the kind of thing that threatens Venice parking availability, not people parked in the middle of the night. It's daytime, when I, a longtime Venice resident, cannot find parking. The last thing I need are even more restrictions on my parking, without even guaranteeing me a spot!

I don't want to have to pay just for the potential to park on a public street in front of my house. Also, who's to say what that cost will be?

I don't want OPD's in Venice, never did, never will. What I do want is fair and equal access to parking for all.

Please uphold 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."

Please protect Venice's special combination of visitors and residents, which makes it a "Sensitive coastal resource area" as defined by California Coastal Act, Section 30116:

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(f) Areas that provide existing coastal housing or recreational opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Please protect our rights. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Melinda Ahrens
16 Thornton Ave. #302
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Matthew Tyler <matthewbtyler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice Overnight Parking Permits

Hi,

My name is Matt Tyler and I'm a longtime Venice resident. I live at 607 Westminster Ave, right in the center of the Oakwood neighborhood. I'm writing you to express my opinion in the debate about Overnight Parking Permits here in Venice. This is a very polarized and hot button topic here in the neighborhood.

I strongly oppose Overnight Parking Permits. Personally, I don't feel like it will make a single positive change in my neighborhood. The main effect it will have on my life is requiring me to deal with bureaucracy in order to park my car in front of my house, and it will prevent any future guests I have of staying overnight if they've had too much to drink and are unable to drive home safely.

It seems obvious to me that this idea is mainly forward by wealthy landowners that would like their property values to go up by kicking any homeless people dwelling in vans and RVs out of their neighborhood. These poor people use the beach more than anyone else, and are being moved because they are an eyesore. Since when is it a crime to be poor? California has a beautiful rule of public beach access that is at risk here and now. This is class conflict disguised as parking restrictions.

Thank you,
Matt Tyler

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Vedete CTS <salve.program@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD - Please

Dear

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

MANY THANKS AND BLESS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

—
Blessed Love,
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Gabriella Redding <gabriella@hoopnotica.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 10:45 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. I do NOT want to hinder the traffic patterns of my neighbors or the guests of our collective community. As a homeowner and a business owner, I want to be given other options to this issue.

The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. While I agree that we have a homeless problem, I do not think that kicking them out is the way to resolve it.

Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people. Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: F P <f700943@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 9:43 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

Please forward this email to: The California Coastal Commissioners, The Coastal Commission Executive Director, and Appropriate Coastal Commission Staff.

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing to oppose Venice OPDs.

If this project is approved, the Coastal Commission will be violating Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution and California Coastal Act Section 30210, specifically regarding the public's rights of access.

Throughout the Venice OPD process, homeless people living in vehicles have been the reasons stated for creating the Overnight Permit Parking Districts (OPDs). These homeless people have not been acknowledged as being members of the public nor have they been acknowledged as residents. Some are life-long Venice residents and are also Venice OPD appellants. They were born in nearby hospitals and grew up going to schools in Venice. They not only call Venice home, they absolutely are members of the public.

No person, whether they are homeless or have any other type of status of being, should be treated as somehow less than human. Yet these Vehicle Homeless public members and Venice residents have been treated and described as less than human. They do not qualify for an OPD permit and they will be denied access by the Venice OPDs.

Homeless people living in vehicles have been consistently identified (by the City of Los Angeles, by the proponents of the Venice OPDs, and even by the California Coastal Commission) as a "problem." Homeless people living in vehicles have been equated with and described as "nuisances." The suggestions of (see Coastal Commission Findings for 2010 decision to deny Venice OPDs) and actions of using laws and law enforcement as some kind of a resolution to homelessness is unconscionable, considering the fact that the vast majority of homeless people are disabled, people of color, and there is no sufficient provision for affordable housing – not anything close.

I am asking you now to help us decide who can have access to the coast. Should it be mainly those with a two million dollar property? Or should it be ALL people? One human is not less deserving than another, which is exactly the intent of the OPD law. It is a law created with the intent to remove homeless people living in vehicles out of Venice because property values have risen. Venice happens to have services second only to Skid Row, including the Venice Clinic, and one of the main causes to homelessness is the lack of affordable housing!

Deny the OPDs because they are wrong.

Sincerely,

Fortunato Procopio

Flower Ave, Venice

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Another Worldview <awvipkpfk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 7:50 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Do NOT allow OPD's in Venice!!!

To the Coastal Commission and it's staff,

I'm taking a brief moment to address the Coastal Commission and its staff - to implore you to once again deny the attempt by a few mean spirited bigots, most of whom have only recently moved to our community, to drive out the poor and less fortunate members of our Venice community - based solely on their housing status. Gentrification and rising rents have already served to push out many of the poor from the coastal zone, and now this small clique, backed-by - and composed mostly of - Real Estate speculators, is using the long standing and understandable parking scarcity in the daytime, to fool people into agreeing to these overnight parking districts. There is no reason to allow this invidious and discriminatory plan to move forward. It is merely yet another attempt by the misnamed "Venice Stakeholders (stockholders?) Association" to economically cleanse Venice of its un-housed population.

Already the Commission appears to be allowing this vile group, and it's allies within city government, to prevent Coastal Access from 12AM-5AM with the spurious designation of "park" - as your staff has pointed out - IN VIOLATION of both the letter and spirit of the Coastal act, without even seeking the required permits for Coastal Development. Now it appears that by threatening (doomed) litigation that they may have cowed the Coastal Commission into countenancing the further degradation of the RIGHT to Coastal Access (see Magna Charta 1215 A.D., the California Constitution of 1849 and subsequent, etc.). And for what?!?! Perhaps to further their agenda of fashioning Venice into that much more of an enclave for the rich and politically well-connected? The Commission needs to STAND-UP against these erosions of the right to Coastal Access, already underway - not further shirk it's duties by allowing for the increase of this lamentable trend!

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Throughout the Venice OPD process, homeless people living in vehicles have been the reasons stated for creating the Overnight Permit Parking Districts (OPDs). These homeless people have not been acknowledged as being members of the public nor have they been acknowledged as Citizens or residents. Some are life-long Venetians and are also Venice OPD appellants. They were born in nearby hospitals and grew up going to schools in Venice. They not only call Venice home, they all have innate human value and dignity, and are indispensable members to the Venice family.

No one, whether they are homeless or have any other type of status of being, should be treated as somehow less than human. Yet these vehicularly housed public members and Venice residents have been treated and described as less than human. They do not qualify for an OPD permit and they will be denied access by the Venice OPDs.

UnHoused people living in vehicles have been consistently identified (by the City of Los Angeles, by the proponents of the Venice OPDs, and even by the California Coastal Commission) as a "problem." UnHoused people living in vehicles have been equated with and described as "nuisances." The suggestions of (see Coastal Commission Findings for 2010 decision to deny Venice OPDs) and actions of using laws and law enforcement as some kind of a resolution to the plight and situation of the UnHoused is unconscionable, considering the fact that the vast majority of these people are disabled, people of color, Veterans, artists and performers, and there is no sufficient provision for affordable housing - not anything close.

I am asking you now to help us decide who can have access to the coast. Should it be mainly those with a two million dollar property? Or should it be ALL people? One human is not less deserving than another, which is exactly the intent of the OPD law. It is a law created with the intent to remove UnHoused people living in vehicles out of Venice because property values have risen. Venice happens to have services second only to Skid Row, including the Venice Clinic, and one of the main causes to homelessness is the lack of affordable housing!

Please deny the OPDs because they are wrong.

Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, 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. Venice does not need OPDs and the City of Los Angeles has not proven that it does.

Furthermore, the City should prove that it is actually trying to maximize access first by removing the miles of already restrictive street signs it installed without a coastal permit (2-hour parking, no parking from 8pm to 6am, etc.). It could also install diagonal parking on some of the very wide streets in the Venice Coastal Zone. It makes no sense to do not do these things first!

The OPDs are also very bad for the people who live on walk streets, who have no say regarding the streets adjacent to them. A few vocal residents can control many blocks of street parking. This is just not a fair system for those who do not want to have to buy a permit. As the Court found in *Whyte vs. the City of Sacramento* - the streets of a city belong to the people of California - the vast preponderance of whom, will have no opportunity to speak to this issue, once it leaves the Commission, and most of whom are likely unaware of the pending matter, or I'd imagine that the outcry would otherwise be deafening.

The City says that there will be a petition showing resident support prior to installing an OPD, but nothing in the OPD law states that. There's absolutely no enforcement mechanism for the people who do not want permit parking. If the city is serious about requiring petitions, it should amend the law to include it. And the Coastal Commission should require them to. But that would imply the Commission allowing this invidious and discriminatory plan to move forward - which MUST not (if it is to remain faithful to the Coastal Act).

Regardless of whether or not these issues can be resolved, please deny the Venice OPDs, as the "justifications" for seeking them in the first place, are wholly unjustifiable.

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"Cowardice asks the question: Is it Safe?

Expediency asks the question: Is it politic?

Vanity asks the question: Is it popular?

But conscience asks the question: Is it Right?

And there comes a time one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular – but one must take it simply because it is right."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"All truth passes through three stages.

First, it is ridiculed.

Second, it is violently opposed.

Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."

Arthur Schopenhauer 1788-

1860

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Dana Schumacher <dana.schumacher.ca@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 6:33 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts, Venice, CA

303 N. Venice Blvd.
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June 6, 2013

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I live in Venice, California three blocks from the Venice Boardwalk and Ocean. I am keenly aware of the access issues to the Venice Beach area and parking.

Overnight Parking Districts will limit access to the Coast for individuals who come to Venice early in the morning to surf or walk along the beach/boardwalk. Often I observe surfers park their cars outside of my home in the early morning hours so they can surf before they go to work.

Overnight Parking Districts will also limit access for individuals who come to Venice and stay with friends or family overnight. Requiring residents to have guest permits for their family and friends is burdensome and an unnecessary expense. Family and friends will be unable to visit their friends and family because they don't have the required permits to stay overnight. Also, as a resident, I don't want or need the hassle and expense of having to apply for permits for myself and guests.

Overnight Parking Districts will not solve Venice's real parking problems. I walk my dogs late at night and early in the morning and there is sufficient parking for residents. The parking problems are during the day on weekends and summer months when Venice receives visitors from all over the Los Angeles area, state, country and world.

So I have to question, what is the real motive behind the Overnight Parking Districts. I believe this motivation is to restrict certain individuals from accessing the ocean and beach and to reshape Venice into an exclusive area. I moved to Venice several years ago because of its proximity to the ocean, and its unique character and diversity as a beach community. I do not want the character and nature of Venice Beach to change nor do I want the Overnight Parking Districts to limit access to such a wonderful community.

As Commissioners it is your obligation to protect access to Venice beach. Please take a firm stand against those who want to limit access. Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, 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."

Also, due to Venice's unique character, it is classified as a "Sensitive coastal resource area" as defined by California Coastal Act, Section 30116, subsections (e) and (f):

(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.

I am requesting that you protect Venice and access to Venice Beach for all. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dana Schumacher

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By email: chuck.posner@coastal.ca.gov

RE: FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL TIME, DENY PERMIT FOR OPD 523 and OPD 526

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Commisioners:

I am writing to urge you to not accept the Venice Stakeholders Association's and the City of Los Angeles' proposed settlement. Venice has its parking problems, its difficulties for residents in the Coastal Zone, but an Overnight Parking District (OPD) will not ease the demand for parking by residents within the coastal zone.

Over the past year, I came before you on several occasions to present to you the reasons that the OPD should be denied for the third time. The conditions remain the same as the time of the two earlier applications with one exception as I explain further.

The original intent for OPDs was to rid Venice of the "noxious" oversize vehicles and their occupants. You rightly observed that the VSA and the City were trying solve a social problem by limiting coastal access. You suggested that the City had other means available that would have less impact on coastal access.

In its 2010 settlement proposal, the City agreed to implement its the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO) for a six-month period; if it accomplished its goal, then the OPD would no longer be considered.

You ultimately turned down the settlement, in part, because there was no means for the Commission to evaluate the outcome of any of the programs they had at their disposal. It would have left the ultimate decision in the City's hands

Your former General Council, Ralph Faust, brought it to your attention that it was not only inadvisable but illegal for this Commission to delegate this decision to the City (letter to the Commission from Ralph Faust, June 2010).

But the city went forward; it implemented the OVO that prohibited large vehicles from parking between 2 - 6 am where the signs were posted.

It achieved the desired outcome; Venice was rid of more than 75% of the RVs. In its 2010 Tax Return the VSA listed this as one of its notable successes as a non-profit. They say the OVO has freed up over 329 parking spaces.

The City and VSA showed that they had no intention to abide by the agreed-upon terms. They view this six-month period as a "precondition rather than an alternative" (Faust, idem). They act as though the OPD can go forward because the OVO has been in place for over six months rather

than admit there is now no need for the OPD because the OVO was a success. So why is it coming back for a third time?

It is because the OPD is being used for other motives. First, it was part of a plan to rid Venice of the homeless and the RVs, and now it is to ultimately privatize the streets for the residents only. The litigants are not interested in the OPD as such but are trying to push you to consider a PPD plan without an application or study as to its need. Mark Ryavec, president of the VSA, in a public online forum, stated:

"OPDs, though, are a first step and a door opener. For example, restaurant and bar employees and patrons who intend to stay past 2 AM – and we know that some do – are not going to park on Electric or Cabrillo if they are posted with "Permit Only 2-5 AM" signs. It is not the perfect answer, but will address part of the problem in these corridors." (YoVenice, May 23, 2013)

On April 9th, the VSA also posted on its website: "Alert: We Need Support For OPDs And PPDs Now." A recent VSA flyer was even more specific about its motives:

"Q. Why is the OPD restriction only from 2:00 to 5:00AM when residents really need help securing parking earlier in the evening?"

OPDs are a form of preferential parking; adopting them sets the precedent that Venice is eligible for preferential parking despite being in the Coastal Zone."

They are not interested in a solution that fits the problem but-in restricting access on our streets, thus making it more difficult if not impossible for beachgoers to spend a day at their beach. This is the real reason: to privatize the streets and to deny the rest of Los Angeles their day at the beach.

And that is the heart of the matter: access. The Coastal Act was voted into place so that the beaches would be there all, not just Venetians. Obstructing access is against everything the Coastal Act represents and is contrary to the reason the Coastal Act and you, the Commission, exist. Deny the request and keep Venice beaches open and free.

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Ivonne Guzman <ivonne.a.guzman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Please vote NO on OPD

Please stop the privatization of Venice. We cannot use the Venice Boardwalk. We have lots being subdivided and built on without adequate parking. Restaurants are coming in and taking any available parking on the streets leaving little to no parking for residents. This is not the solution to the problems we are having. This is a waste of time and money for residents. Please vote no. We need your help to keep access to the beach. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Chris Teuber <chrsteuber@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 8:39 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No Overnight pay parking districts in Venice

I bought my home in Venice 33 years ago.
I have lived here and appreciate the wonderful neighborhood we have.
I have parking for all our vehicles on our property and generally do not use street parking.
Even so, I am opposed to Overnight Pay Parking Districts.

The streets of Venice were paid for by all of the taxpayers, they do not belong to the homeowners.
Without parking access to the beach is limited to homeowners and their guests.

Some people have moved to Venice and spent a lot of money for their homes.
They do not like people who might live in their vehicles parking in front of their house.
Neither do I, but it is part of being a community that includes everyone, not just the rich.

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From: Christopher Plourde <wienerdogproductions@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 9:40 AM
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Subject: RE: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-
VEN-08-343

Please forward this email to: The California Coastal Commissioners, The Coastal Commission Executive Director, and Appropriate Coastal Commission Staff.

Dear Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

It's hard to believe that we're back for a third time to discuss whether a flawed solution to Venice parking issues sufficiently guarantees public access to the beach.

Once again the answer is "no."

The answer is "no," because the spaces allegedly guaranteed to the public are already nearly entirely used by residents for overnight parking, and residents are not prohibited from parking in those spaces.

It is "no" because the spaces guaranteed to the public happen to be in the section of Venice where there are far more residential units than parking spaces, where the parking inventory is already insufficient to meet the current demand.

It is "no" because so many of those spaces guaranteed to the public are restricted during other times of the day, as on the stretch of Main Street near my home where parking is forbidden from 7am – 5pm on "School Days" which with few exceptions means Monday-Friday from September thru June. Venice residents learn how to play the "Venice parking shuffle" to avoid tickets and impounds due to the multiple overlapping parking restrictions, visitors to the beach will be the rube at the game.

And furthermore, the proponents promise that this plan will result in more parking for residents arguing that residents can use the restriction to shut out visitors from parking on the street outside of the restriction.

So the spaces you think the public is being guaranteed aren't really guaranteed at all, but rather are a kind of fraud perpetrated upon this Commission.

And why do this?

Proponents lead by telling us that this will create more parking in Venice, but the plan does not add a single parking space to the inventory in Venice. Again, they rely on residents being able to shut visitors out from street parking using this device.

Proponents then tell us this will solve Venice's parking problems, though our real problems are on sunny and warm days, most weekends, and during Abbot Kinney promotions such as First Fridays, which end before the OPD's proposed parking restriction begins.

Proponents eventually tell us the truth, this is really about cracking down on people sleeping in their vehicles,

because apparently a meter maid is going to do more than the LAPD task force, Councilman Rosendahl's homeless to homes program, and the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance combined (a triple effort proponents have acknowledged nearly entirely addresses their concerns) to address the real problem of homelessness in Venice.

In essence, this is a flawed solution in search of a plausible problem.

And the price: Reduced public access to the coast, community members pitted against each other block-by-block, and poverty further criminalized.

I don't think Mark Ryavec and the VSA are bad people, but I do think their egos have driven this, and I think they don't particularly care whether residents of my part of Venice, west of Main, or the people of California suffer harm so long as they "win."

The Coastal Commission was established to keep the California coast accessible to all Californians, rich and poor, those who can afford to live at the beach and those who cannot. The members of this Commission have properly discharged your obligation twice before on this issue, and I ask that you properly discharge it again.

Sincerely,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Melissa Diner <mdiner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:49 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: I am not in favor of OPDs

Hello.

I am not in favor of OPDs in Venice because it will make it even more difficult of my tents, our guests and myself to park and it is an additional fee to the already outrageous parking tickets.

Please deny OPDs in Venice.

Thank you.

Melissa Diner
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From: David Lewis <dav@fallingwhistles.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 10:14 AM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal
Subject: No to Venice OPD

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

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Be a whistleblower for peace

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Eduardo Manilla <edmanilla@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No Opds in Venice
Attachments: image.png; ATT00001.txt; image.png; ATT00002.txt; image.png; ATT00003.txt

Please do not approve OPDs in Venice.

Give us time to create alternative sustainable and urban planned solutions to our parking problems and to provide access for all.

Love

Eduardo Manilla

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Elijah Grindstaff <music.elijah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:24 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD's

Good Morning Chuck.

I wanted to make sure and take a moment to write in with my personal opinion and concerns with OPD's. I know that in Venice there are issues; parking, the transient communities impact on Venice, the corporate impact on Venice, among other things. I just do NOT believe OPD's is the right solution. I would love to be part of working through solutions to better Venice but I will never be for something that restricts and cuts people off and restricts the coast. We all have a right to the beautiful surroundings and to take that away is not right.

Lets make Venice better but not by restricting and cutting off the people that make it Venice. When we start down that road there is no turning back!

Thanks for your time.

Elijah-

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: karrabikson@gmail.com on behalf of Karra Bikson <bikson@usc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Please do not institute parking permits in Venice CA

Dear Mr. Posner and the Coastal Commission,

As a long term resident of Venice CA (my family moved here in 1969) I have seen many changes over the decades. Many residents here, both renters and homeowners alike, do not have off street parking (myself included). I live at 1123 Grant Ave, Venice, CA 90291, West of Lincoln Blvd. While I certainly understand the challenges of parking in this popular destination, the institution of parking permits would create an unfair burden on Venice residents.

Beach parking lots routinely fill up and are inadequate for the need, especially on weekends and generally throughout the summer. Public transportation is also inadequate to meet the need. Tourism here is critical for local businesses and benefits the larger community, however, coastal access for all is far more important. The institution of parking permits would restrict coastal access-- and our beautiful coast belongs to everyone.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karra

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From: Elijah Grindstaff <elijah.grindstaff@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:14 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD!

From: Charlotte Sullivan <charlottenichola@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD

Dear Chuck,

Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo?!?!? Paying for parking?!?! Chuck say it ain't so.
Please don't make me have to pay for overnight parking. There are parts of Venice that aren't as safe as West Hollywood. I have girlfriends who come over for sleepovers and if they have to park somewhere farther away to avoid getting a parking ticket then not only is that a hassle it just plain unsafe for a woman to be walking alone at night. Do you have daughters, sisters or mothers? Safety first not money first. Please keep that in mind. Thanks for reading.

Warmly,
Charlotte Sullivan

Sent from my iPad

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jeffery Davis <iamjefferydavis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 10:29 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: free parking only

The parking situation in Venice should not be changed. This is one of the reasons that I live in Venice, as a taxpayer and contributor to the community. Do NOT change this policy. It is not wanted or supported by the community that you represent

Jeffery Davis



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RE: Venice Overnight Parking District (OPD's)
CPD 8-10: OPD 523
CDP 8-11: OPD 526

To the California Coastal Commission:

This letter communicates the opposition of the Venice Community Housing Corporation (VCHC) to the revised applications of the City of Los Angeles to permit the establishment of Overnight Parking Districts (OPD's) in Venice.

At VCHC's regular board meeting of August 28, 2008 the Board of Directors of VCHC unanimously approved a resolution to appeal the decision of the Bureau of Engineering of the City of Los Angeles to approve OPD's for Venice and later testified in opposition to those applications at the Coastal Commission meeting of June 11, 2009. Along with hundreds of other Venice residents, we were gratified and relieved to witness the Commission's deliberations and its eventual denial of the City's applications.

Thereafter, some Venice residents identifying themselves as the Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA) filed a lawsuit challenging the decision of the Coastal Commission and joined the City of Los Angeles and the Coastal Commission as defendants. The parties to that litigation reached a settlement which included a remand of the lawsuit and consideration by the Coastal Commission of a revised application. In June, 2010 the Coastal Commission conducted another hearing and again denied the City's application. Now the City comes before the Coastal commission for a third bite at the apple, pursuant to another proposed settlement of the lawsuit.

It is our understanding, based on communication with staff, that the application itself remains the same but that the City, VSA and the Coastal Commission staff have agreed that certain measures now proposed by the City to mitigate the negative impact on beach access an OPD in the Venice Coastal Zone would have are now sufficient to justify approving the City's application.

For the reasons already specified by the Coastal Commission in its last decision and those herein specified, the mitigation measures are insufficient and Venice Community Housing continues to urge the Coastal Commission to once again deny the City's application.

An Overnight Parking District (OPD) in the Venice Coastal Zone would reduce public access to Venice Beach.

The two proposed OPD's encompass almost all of the Venice Coastal Zone. Although the City has not indicated in its application or subsequently exactly how many miles of City streets would be subject to the proposed limitations, the Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA) the primary supporter of the City's application indicates that the District would cover at least 1000 city blocks. Assuming an average sized block of 300' and a parking space of 20 feet, the public would lose the right to utilize some 10,000- 15,000 parking spaces ($300 \times 1000 / 20 = 15,000$) between the hours of 2am-5am or 2am-6am depending upon how close the street is to the beach.

The proposed resident only restriction would reduce public access not only during those hours but also before 2am by discouraging parking by members of the public who might wish to stay after 2am but do not wish to move their cars, and after five am because those spaces would not come available to the public, if at all, until residents chose to vacate the spaces they occupied. In sum, the OPD's would substantially impact the public's ability to access the beach, and the Coastal Commission has already made this finding in its previous determination.

"The Commission finds that proposed parking restrictions in the early morning hours would adversely affect the public's ability to utilize public street parking that supports access to the beach and other coastal recreation areas (for surfing, swimming, walking, exercising, fishing etc.). The proposed overnight parking districts are exclusionary because non-residents would be excluded from utilizing on-street public parking for coastal access between the hours of 2a.m. and 6 a.m. Beachgoers who arrive before 6 a.m. would not have permits to park and therefore would have difficulty finding a place to leave their vehicles while they recreate along the shoreline. The limited number of on-street spaces where a parking permit would not be required would be subject to intense competition among all the people who do not have parking permits; whether they be residents unable to afford a parking permit, residents living in recreational vehicles, or visitors. Even after 6 a.m., the proposed parking restrictions would continue to restrict coastal access by giving residents preferential access to the public street parking by allowing only residential permit-holders to occupy the on-street parking spaces before they become available to the general public after 6a.m. and continue to occupy the spaces throughout the day." (2010 Staff Report: Revised Findings, Page 9).

The City has offered no evidence to justify imposition of any restriction on the public's right to access the beach.

The California Constitution protects the public's right of access to the beach and the California Coastal Act, Section 30210 provides that the public have "maximum access...consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners and natural resource areas from overuse." The City's original Resolutions proposing OPD's references a parking problem "exacerbated by the overnight parking of commercial vehicles and abandonment of vehicles on the streets of [Venice]" Although no new application has been filed with the Coastal Commission, the staff report now claims the City is proposing OPD's for a myriad additional reasons, including "concern that people are living out of their cars on residential streets" and "because of residents' complaints about scarce on-street parking being occupied by nonresidents' vehicles, including: Santa Monica residents trying to avoid vehicle size limits and parking permit fees, airport travelers who store their cars in the Villa Marina and Oxford Triangle areas while they are out of town, car rental companies and fleets,

vendors who store products overnight in trucks near the boardwalk, employees of restaurants and bars, and hotel customers looking for free parking."

The City has provided no parking study or other evidence supporting most of these claims. Rather, as the volumes of information, correspondence and inter departmental communications (all provided pursuant to a Public Records Request) and public testimony at previous hearings amply demonstrate, the effort to institute OPD's is a not very thinly veiled scheme to eliminate homeless people with vehicles from our community - not by providing alternative places for them to park their vehicles, or housing that they so desperately need, but by denying them any public space to park overnight. The City admits that it lacks sufficient resources to respond to the housing needs of the homeless and that "housing options that do not require rent...are necessary, especially for the homeless living with disabilities". In the face of such need, fully acknowledged by the City, it is unconscionable, against good public policy and perhaps illegal (see Jones v the City of Los Angeles), to pursue such a punitive parking scheme.

Moreover, assuming that the reasons provided by the City as reflected in the staff report were true, they would not justify separately or together the proposed restriction of public accesses. No public safety needs have been documented, no private property rights are implicated (Venice residents have no greater right to enjoy public right-of-ways than residents of other parts of Los Angeles) and the proposed restrictions are not intended to protect natural resources from overuse. The obvious and apparent reason for this application is to drive homeless people living in their vehicles out of Venice and to favor increasingly affluent Venice residents over the general public in accessing this public resource.

The mitigations needed to protect public access are unknown and unknowable at this time.

Over the past two decades the City has engaged in a systematic campaign to deny homeless people access to Venice beach and in so doing has significantly reduced beach access for everyone. The beach parking lots (981 spaces) have been closed for years from midnight and 5:00 AM. In fact, of the total number of public parking lot spaces in the Venice Coastal Zone, 1681, 1550 are now closed to the public at night. In 1989 the beach itself was closed to the public between the hours of midnight and 5:00 am (LAMC Article 3, Section 6344B14 (b)). The public restroom facilities at the beach have long been closed from sundown to sunrise. In 2010 the City began posting No Parking signs for "oversized vehicles" from 2am to 5 am which now cover 110 blocks in the Venice Coastal zone. And last year the City extended the beach-curfew to the Venice Boardwalk. All of these measures were taken without California Coastal Commission approval and some notwithstanding specific notice from the CCC that the City's actions required a coastal development permit (See for instance August 26, 2010 CCC letter to City of Los Angeles). It is noteworthy that neither the County of Los Angeles nor the City of Santa Monica, the two local jurisdictions with beaches adjacent to Venice Beach have applied for or instituted any night time beach curfew. All of these measures separately and together make it impossible to determine the extent of the impact of OPD's on public access because the public has already been denied any legal nighttime access to Venice Beach.

The mitigations offered by the City are inadequate.

The City of Los Angeles claims that it has created 357 new parking spaces for public use by opening up 4 public parking lots it had previously closed at night to the public and metering (sometime in the future) spaces in 2 additional lots that are already free and open to the public at night. The City provided no evidence to support its claim that providing 228 new spaces and metering (assuming the City follows through) 129 other spaces already open at night will provide sufficient parking to mitigate the impact of the proposed closure of most residential streets in the Venice Coastal Zone to public access.

There is no dispute that access to a parking space in Venice any time is a problem for residents and visitors alike. With over 16 million visitors every year, Venice beach is a tourist attraction second only to Disneyland in Southern California. Unlike the City of Santa Monica, however, which has provided over 12,000 public parking lot spaces in the Coastal Zone for tourists, Los Angeles has provided a total of just 1681 public parking lot spaces for residents and tourists alike, almost all of which are now closed at night. Absent a parking study and taking into account that public access to the beach at night has already been artificially constricted by the City's unlawful beach curfew, it is fanciful to assume that 228 newly opened up spaces and metering 129 other spaces already available to the public will be sufficient to accommodate the parking needs of 1. Venice residents and their guests who either choose not to purchase or cannot afford OPD permits, 2. visitors of Venice residents who come without advance notice so cannot be provided with a permit, and 3. Venice residents who cannot obtain permits because their vehicles are registered to someone not living in the OPD area or are registered at an address outside the OPD area and also provide parking for other visitors who come to Venice Beach.

Without explanation or rationale, The City also claims as mitigation 351 parking spaces it did not restrict. Considering that the Venice Land Use Plan approved by the Coastal Commission in 2001 requires 1 for 1 replacement of any restricted parking spaces, it is difficult to imagine on what basis the City claims the absence of restriction as mitigation for taking other spaces out of the public realm.

The City claims that because they have eliminated some number of oversized vehicles from parking in Venice at night (the result of the imposition of OVO's) that such action has opened up 320 spaces for public parking. Considering that the total number of vehicles (including those not subject to OVO restriction) was just over 200 at its highest level in 2010, the number of spaces claimed as "mitigation" is substantially inflated, supported by no study or City sponsored count. In any event, the 110 blocks subject to OVO restrictions are in the areas proposed for OPD's so whatever spaces may have been "created" by eliminating RV's will not be available to the general public during the hours proposed for OPD's.

And lastly, the City promises to introduce a Bike Share Program (undefined in the Staff Report) and to paint bike lanes and sharrows on some Venice streets. While such action may improve bicycle safety, (assuming the City followed through on its promise) and provide benefit to some Venice residents, there is no evidence, or even an assertion by the City, that a bike share program and a few more bike lanes and sharrows in Venice, would give the general public, i.e. those living outside Venice, any greater access to the beach.

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In its 2010 decision, (Staff Report: Revised Findings, page 11) the Coastal Commission called particular attention to the City's failure to provide any parking study "that evaluated the adequacy of the mitigation for the loss of public parking in the proposed preferential parking scheme. Absent such a report, the Commission cannot find that these measures will adequately mitigate loss of public parking in the proposed OPD." (Emphasis added.) Here is the City again asking the Coastal Commission for OPD's without any analysis of the need or the benefit of this restriction and without any evidence that the measures proposed by the City to mitigate the impact on public access are sufficient. The only conclusion that can reasonably be drawn from the City's refusal to engage in such analysis over a period of more than 5 years and after specific direction from the Coastal Commission is that the City is concerned that such a study would not demonstrate the efficacy of the mitigation measures proposed.

The Coastal Commission recognized in its decision that "the Commission was being asked to balance the needs of the local residents and the homeless problem, but the Commission's responsibility under the Coastal Act is to protect the public's ability to access the coast." It pointed out that there were alternatives available to the City that could accomplish some of the City's goals without adversely impacting public access. After outlining several tools and strategies available to the City, the Commission encouraged the City to pursue those strategies and if "the problems persist despite the City's implementation of strategies discussed, ...the Commission could then evaluate the appropriateness of restrictions that target public parking." Again, the City has failed to produce any evidence that the City pursued the strategies suggested and that their efforts were not rewarded. On the contrary, the only strategies employed by the City, i.e. the implementation of OVO's in Venice and a City sponsored Vehicles to Homes program which provided social services to people sleeping in their vehicles, "played a significant role in overcoming problems associated with individuals sleeping in their cars during night time hours." Staff Report, Page 8. Until the City demonstrates that it has employed unsuccessfully all of the tools available to it to solve the problems it claims to suffer, this Commission should not consider any proposal to restrict the public's right to use and enjoy Venice Beach. .

The City's application for OPD's is contrary to the policies contained in the Venice Land Use Plan (LUP) approved by the Coastal Commission in 2001.

Policy IIA 1 states the City's policy to *increase* parking opportunities for visitors and Venice residents. It calls for an increase in parking facilities including "lots or structures" and specifically states that "simply restricting use of on-street parking without providing an alternative would diminish public access to the beach". Policy IIA6 requires the City to replace any "displaced public parking spaces with new public parking at a minimum **one-to-one ratio.**", and Policy IIA9

requires that the City protect and enhance public parking opportunities provided *on public rights-of-way* and in off-street parking areas.”

In its 2010 decision, Staff Report, Revised Findings, page 10, the Coastal Commission found and concluded: “The proposal to reserve on-street parking only for residents with parking permits is not consistent with the Venice LUP policies. Policy II A 1... Policy IIA6... and Policy IIA9.” It further determined that “in its mitigation proposal, the City did not submit a report that evaluated the adequacy of the mitigation for the loss of public parking in the proposed preferential parking scheme. Absent such a report, the Commission cannot find that the loss of public parking in the proposed preferential parking scheme will be adequately mitigated at a minimum of a one-to-one ratio.”

There is nothing in the City’s application that even purports to address these policies. On the contrary, as detailed above, over the years, the City has followed policies and implemented strategies that have reduced parking options for the public while reducing and finally eliminating the public’s right to access Venice beach altogether during night time hours. Nevertheless, without analysis or comment, the Staff Report asserts that “the proposed project, only as conditioned to protect the public’s ability to access the coast, conforms to the policies of the certified Venice LUP.” There is nothing in the City’s application or in the Coastal Commission’s Staff Report that indicates that parking opportunities will be increased or that all of the public parking spaces that would be lost to OPD’s would be replaced. In fact no where has it even been specified how many public parking spaces would be lost by the imposition of OPD’s. And of course, there is no contention that parking opportunities on residential streets in Venice are being protected or enhanced by this application.

The City’s application is inconsistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prohibits a proposed development “if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment.” While the City claimed that its project was exempt under the Act, the Coastal Commission determined in its 2010 Decision, Staff Report Revised Findings, page 14, found to the contrary:

“The proposed project has been found to be inconsistent with ...the Coastal Act because the proposed overnight parking districts would adversely affect coastal access. The adverse impacts have not been avoided or minimized. There are alternative measures available to address parking concerns that would avoid substantial adverse effects on coastal access. The City can pass an ordinance that bans vehicles that exceed a certain size, as other cities have done. The City can address problems such as sleeping in vehicles, littering, public intoxication and dumping through enforcement of the City’s existing police authority. None of these measures would exclude the general public from parking on the streets that support coastal access. Therefore, the Commission denies the proposed project because of the availability of environmentally preferable alternatives.”

The Staff Report points to no study or evaluation to support its assertion that “the proposed project, as conditioned, has been found consistent with the Chapter 3 Policies of the Coastal Act. All adverse impacts have been minimized by the recommended conditions of approval and there are no feasible alternatives or additional feasible mitigation measures available that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impact that the activity may have on the environment.”

What exactly are the problems that cannot be addressed with anything other than OPD's? The LAPD reports that crime is going down in Venice. Property values are increasing. The City has adopted an OVO ordinance which has according to the City eliminated 200 oversized vehicles and created 320 more parking spaces. It also claims that a Vehicle to Homes program has provided additional social services to homeless Venice residents. These are all indicators of improving conditions and less justification, if there was ever any, than previously existed when the Coastal Commission denied the City's application first in 2009 and again in 2010, to approve restrictive parking measures that would substantially reduce the public's right of access.

This is the third time that the City has brought the same application for OPD's to the Coastal Commission, each time hoping that offering a few more parking spaces as mitigation will tip the balance in its favor. The City has steadfastly ignored the clear directives of the Commission that it requires more than just assertions of problems and assurances that the mitigations proposed are sufficient to justify the restrictions on public access that the City seeks. Instead, the City relies on the threat of litigation to pressure the Commissioners to turn their backs on their previous decisions. VCH encourages the Commission to stand by its decision to protect the public's right to full access to the California Coast and to defend in court, if need be, the plain language of the Coastal Act which gives the Commission full authority and responsibility to regulate development in the Coastal Zone, including those developments that "change the intensity of use of water or access thereto...". Pursuant to that authority the Commission should also demand (again) that the City end its beach curfew or make application to the Coastal Commission for a permit to close the beach, and further, make plain to the City that the Commission will entertain no other application for restrictive parking in the Venice Coastal Zone until the scope of the public's right to access Venice Beach has been properly determined.

For all of these reasons, the Venice Community Housing Corporation urges that the Coastal Commission reject again, the City's application to establish OPD's in the Venice Coastal Zone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Clare
Executive Director

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Steve Clare <sclare@vchcorp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 6:36 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: us@veniceaction.org; lisaaverde@yahoo.com
Subject: No OPD letters
Attachments: NO OPD letters.pdf

Dear Mr. Posner,

Attached please find 7 letters from Venice residents opposed to OPD's proposed for Venice. Please place these letters in the public record and make the Commissioners aware of their sentiments.

Thank you.

Steve Clare



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Fax To: Executive Director 415 357 3787

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Dear California Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

I am against Venice OPD's because they are a hardship for everyone. My children lived in LA where OPD's existed. As a responsible parent I frequently had to pay parking fines and sometime impound fees. OPD's create problems for residents and their visitors as well as anyone who is responsible for paying fines.

Thank you

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*Jayson Kaufman
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[Signature]
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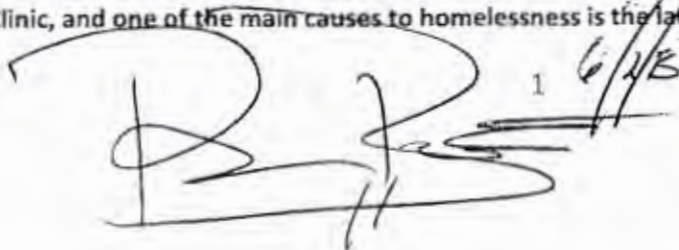
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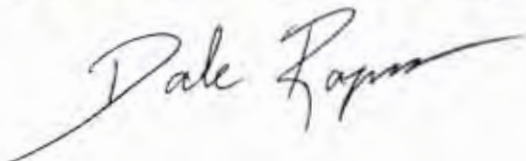
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Deny the OPDs because they are wrong.



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Yours truly,

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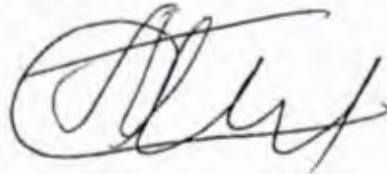
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jonathan Roskos <jproskos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 5:45 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts - No

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June 4, 2013

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Re: Opposition to proposal to approve overnight parking restrictions in Venice

Dear Mr. Posner and the Commissioners:

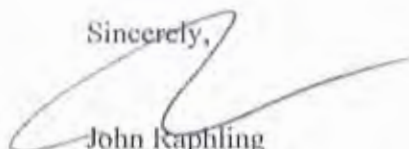
I am an attorney with an office in Venice. I also own a home in Venice. My children go to our local schools. We take great advantage of our proximity to the ocean and have the great fortune to be able to swim in it and surf in it and even just walk by it, look at it and breathe its healing air every day, whenever we want. Like the majority of our Venice neighbors, we have always been willing to share this great treasure with anyone who wants to visit, whenever they want to visit.

Now, a vocal and politically connected minority is seeking to restrict access to our ocean and this coastal region by imposing overnight parking restrictions on the once free Venice. The restrictions will limit the ability of visitors to enjoy our beaches. It will subject residents to fees and parking tickets and will change the free and open nature of this small stretch of our coast.

The crucial subtext of the effort to impose OPD's on Venice is that a small group of people have invested in the idea of changing this "people's beach" into another exclusive coastal enclave for the rich only. OPD's are not designed to solve any actual parking problem. They are designed to force homeless people who take shelter in vehicles to leave the area. Many of the people who stay in their cars and vans will have nowhere else to go and will lose the home that they have known, in many cases, for years and years. OPD's are an inhumane solution to a housing problem that the City of Los Angeles refuses to commit sufficient resources to resolve. OPD's allow a wealthy community to simply move the problem away to somewhere else.

Please use your powers to guarantee that everyone has complete access to this coastal area and to prevent the economic purging of our community by a few selfish people. Please reject OPD's in Venice.

Sincerely,



John Raphling

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: jose figueroa <figueroaj95@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 4:58 PM
To: mkshallenberger@gmail.com; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net;
Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com;
dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov;
brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us
Subject: NO to Venice OPD

Please keep Venice Free and lets all say NO to OPD. There are other ways to find better solutions to the main focus of this issue. Which is people living in cars. Lets come together and think of a better solution together and by doing so withhold the law and keep the Coastal access free and open to the public. These parking policies will change how the Venice Community is and take away from what is Venice and its culture. Stand with those who live love and care for Venice by keeping the Access to the Coast free for all people. Keep Venice diverse and the spirit alive!

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Peter Benjamin <pete@petebenjamin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 4:42 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmcclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD

Hello,

I am just emailing to let you know that I, as a resident of Venice (641 Westminster) am opposed to the plans of introducing the OPD restrictions.

Exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit.

Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Thank you for the work you do, lets keep Venice beach free, and this area open to everyone.

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Milliken Barbara B. <millikenlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 4:35 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: Milliken Barbara B.
Subject: OPDs

We are long-time residents of Venice, CA. My husband and I strongly oppose OPDs in Venice. We don't want to be another Beverly Hills where visitors feel unwanted, unwelcome and unwilling to explore. Our beach city is a treasure for ALL to enjoy. There is no reasonable reason to institute OPDs; any purported problems can be dealt with by the community and local government.

Barbara B. Milliken
millibusi@gmail.com

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Rhoda Hufey <venicesunspot@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 6:06 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NO OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. No parking tax. No OPD!

Sincerely,

William E. McDonald, Jr.
31 1/2 Clubhouse Avenue
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Carrie J. Marraro <mizzcarrie@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 6:22 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPDs - Opposed

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If this project is approved, the Coastal Commission will be violating Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution and California Coastal Act Section 30210, specifically regarding the public's rights of access.

Throughout the Venice OPD process, homeless people living in vehicles have been the reasons stated for creating the Overnight Permit Parking Districts (OPDs). These homeless people have not been acknowledged as being members of the public nor have they been acknowledged as residents. Some are life-long Venice residents and are also Venice OPD appellants. They were born in nearby hospitals and grew up going to schools in Venice. They not only call Venice home, they absolutely are members of the public.

No person, whether they are homeless or have any other type of status of being, should be treated as somehow less than human. Yet these Vehicle Homeless public members and Venice residents have been treated and described as less than human. They do not qualify for an OPD permit and they will be denied access by the Venice OPDs.

Homeless people living in vehicles have been consistently identified (by the City of Los Angeles, by the proponents of the Venice OPDs, and even by the California Coastal Commission) as a "problem." Homeless people living in vehicles have been equated with and described as "nuisances." The suggestions of (see Coastal Commission Findings for 2010 decision to deny Venice OPDs) and actions of using laws and law enforcement as some kind of a resolution to homelessness is unconscionable, considering the fact that the vast majority of homeless people are disabled, people of color, and there is no sufficient provision for affordable housing – not anything close.

I am asking you now to help us decide who can have access to the coast. Should it be mainly those with a two million dollar property? Or should it be ALL people? One human is not less deserving than another, which is exactly the intent of the OPD law. It is a law created with the intent to remove homeless people living in vehicles out of Venice because property values have risen. Venice happens to have services second only to Skid Row, including the Venice Clinic, and one of the main causes to homelessness is the lack of affordable housing!

Deny the OPDs because they are wrong.

Very Truly Yours,



Carrie Marraro

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: jayne pitchford <ladyenyaj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 9:35 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Oppose OPD's

Greetings,

I am writing to state I have now and always been opposed to OPDs . They were proven a nuisance before and nothing has changed and the same bandits are hollering for them, trying to pester their way, and continue to trample our civil liberties that daily erode.

Keep the ocean for everyone, not an elite...for that is what this decision is really about.

Peace, Jayne Pitchford

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Fortunato Procopio <fp@fortunatoprocopio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 9:43 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD, June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

To: The California Coastal Commissioners, the Coastal Commission Executive Director, and
Appropriate Coastal Commission Staff,

Dear California Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

Please deny the Venice OPDs.

Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, 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. Venice does not need OPDs and the City of Los Angeles has not proven that it does.

Furthermore, the City should prove that it is actually trying to maximize access first by removing the miles of already restrictive street signs it installed without a coastal permit (2-hour parking, no parking from 8pm to 6am, etc.). It could also install diagonal parking on some of the very wide streets in the Venice Coastal Zone. It makes no sense to do not do these things first!

The OPDs are also very bad for the walk street residents, who have no say regarding the streets adjacent to them. A few vocal residents can control many blocks of street parking. This is just not a fair system for those who do not want to have to buy a permit.

The City says that there will be a petition showing resident support prior to installing an OPD, but nothing in the OPD law states that. There's absolutely no enforcement mechanism for the average resident who does not want permit parking. If the city is serious about requiring petitions, it should amend the law to include it. And the Coastal Commission should require them to.

I further feel that OPDs are completely antithetical to the spirit of the Community of Venice and its history.

Until these issues can be resolved, please deny the Venice OPDs.

Sincerely,

Fortunato Procopio
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Joy Rheman <joyrheman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:38 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; esanchezccc@aol.com; dayna.bochco@bochcomedia.com; robert.garcia@longbeach.gov; brian.brennan@ventura.org; mmclure@co.del-norte.ca.us; carolegroom@comcast.net; skinsey@co.marin.ca.us; mkshallenberger@gmail.com
Subject: No to Venice OPD - please

As a long time Venice Resident, I feel the exclusionary parking policies will redefine the fundamental character of our community. The creativity of Venice is fueled by its diversity and inclusive spirit. Help us stand up for freedom and access to the coast in Venice for all people.

Please Keep Venice Free. Say No to OPD. Let's work together to find better solutions.

Thank you,

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[Falling Whistles](#)

"As long as you can laugh at yourself you will never cease to be amused." -Anonymous

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Angela Lima <alima@hailmerry.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No OPDs in Venice

No OPDs in Venice PLEASE!!!!

Thanks,

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: David Hawryluk <dhawryluk1@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 10:59 PM
Subject: No OPD

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. No parking tax. No OPD.

Sincerely,
David Hawryluk

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Venice, CA 90291

David Hawryluk
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From: "Dolores DeLuce" <dolores@deluceknits.com>

Subject: NO to OPD'S for many reasons

Date: April 27, 2013 7:26:51 AM PDT

To: <board@Venicene.org>, <us@veniceaction.org>

I am a concerned Venice resident for over 40 years.

NO to OPD'S for many reasons:

having to drive to town to buy a permit without a guarantee of a parking place

many people who don't want to pay will try to park near the beach which is exempt except for Main Street.

Another possible disaster to avert for people who live near the beach, one of which is encouraging people to drive drunk rather than risk getting a ticket if they leave their car.

<http://argonautnews.com/link-between-abc-license-density-underage-drinking-found/>

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From: Holly Mosher <hollywoodnt@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:29 PM
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Subject: No OPDs in Venice

I was deeply disappointed to hear that Mark Ryavec is once again petitioning the California Coastal Commission to allow OPDs in Venice and that it's been talked about under the guise of being a settlement. I spent several days taking time off to come to both CA Coastal Commission hearings and going to the hearings in downtown LA on this issue several years ago. We thought this issue was settled. I really don't like that they are trying to bully their way through the system to get these OPDs forced on the residents of Venice.

I have been a homeowner in Venice for 11+ years. I specifically chose Venice because the streets do not have prohibitive parking signs that make it difficult for visitors, like they have in neighboring Santa Monica. I continually have guests at my house and do not want to have to pay for parking every year. Additionally I have a second property, which I rent out to tourists (as do hundreds of others in Venice Beach – if you look at the tourist rental sites online). Currently they enjoy the street parking that is readily available here on 6th and Flower. They also appreciate the open access to Venice Beach, which is why they come from around the world to our lovely neighborhood. It is one of the top tourist destinations in the country – and there are more books written about Venice Beach than there are about Los Angeles. To change the parking, will change the entire flavor of what makes this community so amazing.

To put this added hassle of needing to get permits for any overnight guests or guests to a party which will run past 2am, would be a huge burden to me and all of my friends, family and guests who stay here and love Venice.

Again, please abide by the rule of the law to keep the beach access free and accessible to all. I see what they are doing by trying to push this through is to try to limit those, who they see as undesirables, out of the neighborhood that they are trying to gentrify to push their values of homes and rental units through the roof.

The changes of Venice have me deeply concerned.

As I said when I came to speak at the CA Coastal Commission years ago: would *The Doors* have made the music they made in Venice, if they or a bandmate had to go and move their car at 2am? I don't think so. Venice is a community of fellow artists and we work at odd hours of the day.

I **also** find it very disturbing that the police are giving tickets to anybody who is walking on the boardwalk between midnight and 5am. We are supposed to have access to the beach 24 hours a day and the city never got a permit from the CA Coastal Commission for this curfew. I really hope that you can take steps to remedy what they are doing illegally. I love to go to the beach at night on a full moon, and it is disturbing to know that I could be ticketed for doing so. Also if you ever want to see the grunion run, it is best to do it in the wee hours of the night.

Holly Mosher - filmmaker
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Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Elizabeth Braun <elizabeth.e.braun@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPDs

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. Please protect my right to have friends visit me!

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."

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 protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Braun
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: E.M. Spairow <emspairow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 10:49 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; bill.rosendahl@lacity.org; board@venicenc.org
Subject: No OPD

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. No parking tax. NO OPD!!!

Sincerely,

Eden M. Spairow
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: cindy schilder <cindyschilder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:35 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; +nopd@veniceaction.org

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Yours truly,
Cindy Schilder
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Dale Starnes <dale.starnes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts -- Venice

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Please protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Dale Starnes
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Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: lulusmail@mac.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 8:15 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No on OPD

Hello Chuck,
I am a long time Venice resident and strongly oppose this measure.
This will have a strong and negative effect on this community.
Thank you for your time.
Elisabeth Stewart
39 Brooks Ave

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Halina Dour <halina.dour@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 8:52 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight parking districts

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

As a PhD graduate student who has resided in Venice over the past year, I am saddened by the possibility that parking permits may now be required. One of the reasons why I chose this district was due to its affordability and welcoming community (culturally and financially). As a PhD student in clinical psychology at UCLA (the top program in the country), I am provided with only a limited stipend, discouraged from making outside income (due to the long hours of clinical and research training), and thus cannot afford to live in areas such as Santa Monica where overnight parking is required. I would love to continue living here, and while doing so, know that friends and family can visit me overnight with ease.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Halina Dour

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Barbara Brown <bwxbrown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 7:45 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: overnight parking

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Yours truly,
Barbara Brown
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Maria Skelly <maria_skelly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 2:54 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOOPD

I am a Venice, CA resident and I am opposed to OPD's!
Sincerely,
Maria Skelly
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Matthias Kuster

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Attn: Jack Ainsworth

200 OceanGate, 10th Floor

Long Beach, CA 90802

Regarding: Establishing Overnight Parking Permit District in Los Angeles, 90291, Venice Beach

Dear California Coastal Commission,

I am writing to you as a long time (10 year plus) resident of Venice, CA. I have been informed that an effort is underway to establish overnight permit parking in my neighborhood. As a business owner, resident of Venice, and steward of public access to California beaches, I am writing to you to express my opposition to such an effort.

Establishing parking permit zones in an area at close proximity to the beach is in itself an act of discrimination against the citizens and people of California and infringes on their right to access their beaches and coastal zones. It would establish access to coastal areas as a privilege reserved for homeowners and residents, whereas it shall always be extended to all people regardless, since the beaches and coastal zones are public domain. The question also arises of whether or not public streets funded by state and federal funds may be restricted to certain groups or people.

Furthermore would such permits put apartment dwellers living in historic buildings which currently do not offer on-site parking opportunities at a great disadvantage: Since their amount of street parking spaces is greatly disproportionate to the amount available in areas with single home residencies, because those areas have a much lower density of occupants, yet monopolize public street access likewise exponentially relative to the density of residents and tenants. The logic of allowing residents of certain blocks to vote and pass policies/regulations regarding the public streets that are adjacent to their homes is flawed and inconclusive, moreover is it unjust, defies Solomonic Judgement, and is likely without any legal basis or justification. A common, public good has a value that supersedes the interests of neighbors immediately in their vicinity. The roads in Venice are such a public, common good and serve a greater purpose than accommodating the minute agendas of the residents of any particular street. These are not private roads and were not part of the sales contract of whatever property was purchased adjacent to them. These public roads provide access to the coastal zones to all people, allow businesses to thrive, and allow public services such as Police and the Fire Department, Utilities access. Providing parking to property owners and residents living on that street is therefore not of paramount importance, yet may be accommodated within reason. For residents like me who live in small apartments in historic Venice buildings, and in particular the area west of Pacific street, the ability to park a few blocks away is of tantamount importance, day or night. It is very often the case that residential streets east of Pacific, oftentimes several blocks away, offer the only way to park a vehicle. We locals give Venice the stability and community that helped it grow and become what it is today. We balance the bohemian qualities found on the boardwalk and extending outward, preserve local historic character and authenticity, have an excellent environmental footprint, and need to be considered as the backbone of this coastal community. Yet due to much higher tenant density, and lack of street parking in our immediate surroundings, we rely on being able to park our cars on public, city streets outside a 2 or 3 blocks' radius.

By limiting access to night-time (or any other time) parking to residents of a certain block, or residents within a certain distance of that block, one inadvertently discriminates against residents who live outside of a certain zone, visitors and tourists, and in the end the public. It also needs to be understood that Venice Beach has intrinsic qualities and idiosyncrasies that have evolved historically and currently provide a cultural and economic asset that must be dealt with and managed wisely. Its welfare shall not be endangered by the interests of the few. This asset is part of the quality of life for the entire city, while rendering it a very popular tourist destination, offering countless boons for the broader economy.

The effort to establish OPDs in my community also seems a cure for a disease that does not exist or at least is not presently afflicting anyone that stands in proportion to this proposed measure. I invite you to drive the residential streets where currently OPDs are being considered, at the times they are being considered for, and you will find plentiful parking surrounding adjacent homes throughout. Furthermore will you find very limited cars in disrepair, abandoned, parked unlawfully, or many if any

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May, 29, 2013

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Members of the California Coastal Commission
200 Oceangate, 10th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

Letter of Opposition for Overnight Restricted Parking in Venice, California

As a longtime resident of Venice, a westside native and a local surfer, I strongly support open access to the coast and oppose the attempts of a select group of residents to litigate for Overnight Restricted Parking in the community.

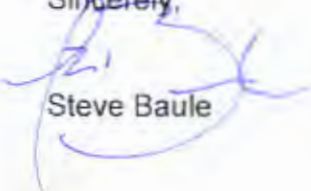
To allow restrictions and limit access to Venice Beach is, I fear, a slippery slope for other beach communities to attempt to do the same. Beaches are to be open and enjoyed by all. Settling in Venice opens the doors to many other communities to re-examine their own coastal access policies and setting up their own special restrictions. The decision made in Venice will be a precedent for the whole State.

Moreover, restricting access to the beach in Venice is against the history and character of the neighborhood. Venice is a place where many across the country come to experience a piece of the California dream and to partake in a diverse, open and eclectic community that has personified this neighborhood for well over half a century. While neighborhood can get crowded and the Boardwalk might attract clashing and recalcitrant groups of people, this is also the very nature of Venice. All of us who have moved into the neighborhood know this. Hearing these select residents' current cries and complaints against this population and parking problems reminds me of a famous William Faulkner quote. If I may repurpose here: to live in Venice and be against crowds and open access is like living in Alaska and being against snow.

Lastly, I'm disheartened by the disingenuous campaign currently being waged by the Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA) to suppress and discredit those views who oppose restricted parking. They do not speak for me and they definitely do not speak for all stakeholders here in the community. Please do not mistake their singular voice for the variegated opinions on the topic here in Venice.

To demand exclusion, to attempt to limit individuals access to the beach in Venice is an attack on the very soul of a community and opens the doors for others across the State to attempt to restrict the right for us all to be at the beach. This is why I am against Overnight Restricted Parking and why ask that you please continue to keep Venice beach free and open. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Steve Baule

From: Karin Lisa Atkinson <solitonimages@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 12:56 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: No to OPD in Venice

Hello Chuck, I hope you are well. As a Venice resident who relies on street parking I am very opposed to any kind of paid parking on the streets of Venice. I have lived in several areas of Los Angeles, where the neighbourhoods changed from being resident-friendly to residents being forced out of their communities due to the nature of neighbour economics changing to first serve those who do not actually reside in the community. It is important that parking in coastal areas remain free, and available to anyone who would like to enjoy the ocean and living in an ocean coastal neighbourhood.

In Venice we are already facing shifts similar to Larchmont Village, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood-Montana, Manhattan Beach Ave etc ... Neighbourhoods where the real estate was purchased by people who do not live in the neighbourhood, shops and restaurants being set up by non-residents, all aimed at attracting clients who were not residents.

When I lived in these areas, what I experienced was the local real estate/rental costs/shop prices/restaurant menus were designed to maximize profit from non-local residents - not based on what locals can afford. What happened in each neighbourhood I lived, was that locals stopped shopping locally, eating locally and actually had to go outside their neighbourhood for goods and services.

The results were that local residents, who pay local taxes, are not actually being serviced and served by their local neighbourhoods. Eventually the locals leave, and the whole character of the coastal communities shifts to being only affordable to the wealthy. The other side effects was that all these areas went to half empty main streets as the false economy crashed - and businesses plus real estate changes hands increasingly often.

How is the coastal community economy connected to charging locals to park on the street in front of their own home?

All community character shift start somewhere, in some way subtle at first then evolve in not so subtle ways. The character shifts on Abbot Kinney, the last couple of years, are not so subtle. We have gone from a locally-owned-community-business-support-system to foreign-owned-non-responsive-to-local-resident-servicing-industry. The locals are left with that much less to enjoy in their own coastal community. Can we please be at least able to park for free in front of our own homes on our own streets.

Now, in the case of Venice as a coastal community, locals are moving their businesses to other streets away from Abbot Kinney. In a way isolating parts of the community from each other, so Abbot Kinney merchants can go through their artificial superficially driven high, peak, then crash back to reality of half empty businesses on main streets (like in Pacific Palisades and Montana/Brentwood). Reality being the prices of Abbot Kinney do not match the community, in which these service industries are located. The economics of a community are driven by the desires to serve the community. Even if we all left Venice, out of disgust and dis-service, the people who move in to replace us can not sustain an artificial economy based on caring about or for the community.

It is important aspect of wealth building to see the riches of a community based on the common unity of serving the life, and forces, of the residential people who are living contributors to the community. Community

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By email: chuck.posner@coastal.ca.gov

RE: **FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL TIME, DENY PERMIT FOR OPD 523 and OPD 526**

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

I am a 38-year Venice resident and homeowner. My home is just a few blocks from the beach. I have always understood how lucky I am, and that this privilege comes with its responsibilities to greater Los Angeles, and those 16 million who travel annually from all reaches of the planet to visit Venice Beach. The Coastal Commission must protect their access to Venice Beach!

We have a shortage of parking in Venice. However, further restricting it will not help. **It will not add one parking space.** Instead, it will further limit parking and therefore access to the beach. OPDs create an unwanted parking tax on residents, add a layer of bureaucracy when having a party or an overnight guest and burden walk street residents. The City should have addressed this parking shortage decades ago, but failed and continues to fail, offering this Trojan Horse instead.

Initially, those seeking OPDs wanted to exclude RV dwellers. However, the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance (OVO) has effectively granted that wish. And ironically, Councilmember Rosendahl calls OPDs a "civil right" (hardly) to please Venice Stakeholders Association, which is actually a handful of residents and one very active lobbyist that has used the legal system to bring this issue here for a THIRD time. Where is the potent legal concept of finality of decisions? Do the wealthy and powerful keep getting second and third bites at the apple?

The Coastal Commission has been entrusted with protecting access to the beach from Malibu (where many residents do everything possible to undermine those efforts) to Venice, and beyond. You have done the right thing the last two times this issue was before you. You must protect access, and do it again.

Very truly yours,



Susan G. Millmann
38-year Venice resident and homeowner

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Cbloomie <cbloomie@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: smillmann@lafla.org
Subject: OPDs

I have lived in Venice for 50 years and deal with parking problems here on a daily basis. I do not need and do not want additional restrictions on parking in Venice.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Bloomquist
214 4th Avenue
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: HOPE HANAFIN <hopehanafincdg@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 11:59 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD parking fees

Dear Mr.Posner,

I have written earlier to state my strong opposition to OPD in Venice.

I did so with our considering the burden and inconvenience of the overnight parking permits. While the neighborhood has experienced an economic shift of late, there are still members of the Venice community of modest and less than modest means for whom parking permits would be a burden. Travel to get the permits, access via internet, which they may or may not have, and the cost of the permit itself falls hard on those without. The extended families of many of my neighbors who visit on a regular basis, for celebrations, "sleep overs" and taking care of elderly relatives would require permits that are not as easily resolved for those without means, transportation or a computer.

Please consider our less than wealthy neighbors when making this determination.

Respectfully,

Hope Hanafin
310.430.5141
241 Rennie Avenue
Venice, California 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: terrbloom@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 11:57 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice overite parking

I am opposed to Overnite Parking Districts. This will not add any parking spaces, nor will it ease the parking problem. We will have to pay to park on our street or get fined if we don't. It will require parking permits for family visiting and overnite guests. We are very familiar with the parking situation having lived on our street since 1962. We have managed our parking and will continue to do so without OPD.

Sincerely,

Terry Bloomquist
214 4th Ave.
Venice, Ca 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: HOPE HANAFIN <hopehanafincdg@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPD Venice

Greetings:

I wish to register my strong opposition to O. P. D. in Venice.

While we do have a shortage of parking in some parts Venice, it is evenings and weekends that are crowded. I regularly return home, half a block away from the "Rose Avenue Restaurant scene" between 5 and 9 night to find there is no available parking on my street or the adjacent blocks. However when I leave for work between 5:30 and 7 over half the spaces on the block are available. This suggests that the cars clogging our parking are not over night visitors but restaurant, bar and yoga studio patrons.

The responsibility for over crowded parking rests with the business in Venice who derive revenue from patrons who drive, not with the poor who can not afford to park at the beach lots. I see O.P.D s as an attempt to undermine the authority of the Coastal commision to protect access to the beach.

It is vital the unrestricted access to the coast be available to all members of the Los Angeles community.

Respectfully,

Hope Hanafin
310.430.5141
241 Rennie Avenue
Venice, California 90291

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Dear Ms. Zimmer,

**CALIFORNIA
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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

From: Ainsworth, John@Coastal
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 10:21 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: FW: Venice Permit Parking

From: Miller, Vanessa@Coastal
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 10:15 AM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal
Subject: FW: Venice Permit Parking

From: Jana Zimmer [<mailto:zimmerccc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 10:08 AM
To: Miller, Vanessa@Coastal
Subject: Fwd: Venice Permit Parking

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sheila Goldberg <sheilagoldberg7@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 3, 2013 at 8:28 AM
Subject: Venice Permit Parking
To: zimmerccc@gmail.com

I have lived in Venice since 1973-when we moved here we realized that we were lucky people to have access to the beach all of the time. We also knew that the beach and beach areas were owned by the public and needed to be shared

For these reasons we feel that there should not be Permitted Parking in Venice-we do not want to discourage people coming to the area.

Sincerely
Sheila Goldberg
15 Via Marina
Venice CA

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Steve Morris <smorris606@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:49 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Vote NO on Venice parking issue

Hi Chuck -

Please listen to the folks who live and work in Venice - We do NOT subscribe to the PAID parking districts being considered for for overnight parking being in our neighborhoods - Access for All -

Thanks for your consideration - Steve

Steve Morris / resident
736 Superba Avenue
Venice, CA 90291
310-574-4444
smorris606@aol.com

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Sheila Goldberg <sheilagoldberg7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:19 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Parking Permits?Venice

Dear Mr. Posner

I have lived in Venice since 1973-when we moved here we realized that we were lucky people to have access to the beach all of the time. We also knew that the beach and beach areas were owned by the public and needed to be shared.

For these reasons we feel that there should not be Permitted Parking in Venice-we do not want to discourage people coming to the area.

Sincerely
Sheila Goldberg
15 Via Marina
Venice CA 90292

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Grant <dloggin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 12:00 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: LA County Application for OPD Parking Restrictions/Taxes in Venice

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Venice who would be subjected to the restrictions of the OPD requirement, I hereby state that I am vehemently and vigorously opposed to yet another such measure imposing more regulations and restrictions on the people and visitors living and patronizing Venice. This is just another step toward making Venice more inaccessible to its residents, the very people who give this City the popularity and color it is famous for. It is clearly an attempt to collect more dollars for the mismanaged City of Los Angeles. The general population of Venice does not benefit in any way and cannot afford more imposition of fines and convoluted requirements of permit rules and regulations, which, once begun, will spin out of control until only specific groups will be able to abide by. This makes such OPD measure discriminatory, among other issues. The law is that beaches are for the public, owned by the public and must be EASILY accessible to all citizens. No parking tax. No OPD. It will only serve the City of Los Angeles and bring disaster to the residents and visitors of Venice, discriminating against us all.

Sincerely,

Sherry Patrizio
33 Horizon Ave.
Venice, CA

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jen McGowan <iamjenmcg@gmail.com> on behalf of Jen McGowan <jjenred5@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts

Dear Mr. Posner,

I am a resident of the Silver Triangle neighborhood in Venice and have recently been receiving flyers on both sides of the parking permit issue.

I am writing to say that while I appreciate people's concerns about parking I do not personally think permits are the answer.

Each street in Venice seems to have different needs with some being closer to the beach and tourist areas than others. For example, on my very residential street a long walk from the beach on Frey Ave we have a limo company who uses our area for parking, a few campers and on very busy summer weekends and holidays a difficulty finding parking. But that's really it.

I would far prefer deal with the small, occasional headaches such as those over the regular headache of permits. We live in an urban environment and we cannot should not regulate everyone around us.

As for the tenor of a permit, I can tell you that I definitely find it to be one of exclusivity and I don't think it belongs in the very special place that is Venice. My personal experiences with Santa Monica and West Hollywood cause me to avoid those areas and I don't think our community should express such unwelcome message.

Additionally I do not like the involuntary aspect of the permits. If one neighbor wants it and one does not it is not something a person could opt out of.

I do hope you will please vote no on this issue.

Thank you,

Jen McGowan
2405 Frey Ave.,
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jenni Wisniewski <jenniwi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2013 9:42 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal
Subject: NO OPDs in Venice Beach

Hello Coastal Commission,

I am a homeowner at 845 Brooks Avenue in Venice Beach and I oppose the OPDs in Venice Beach. No one should have to get overnight permits and guest passes to park on the street they live on.

Please oppose OPDs in Venice Beach,
Jenni Wisniewski

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Karl Roth <karl@sunillumination.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2013 2:48 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; bill.rosendahl@lacity.org; board@venice.org
Subject: Parking in Venice

I have lived here for 18 years and I'm adamantly opposed to any permit parking, tax, or OPD. This will be a great inconvenience and I'll do everything I can to oppose the parties that supported this in future elections if any of it goes thru.

Karl Roth
634 san juan ave
90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Tiger Lily <turtleshmurtle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2013 4:41 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPD Response

Dear California Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

Please deny the Venice OPDs.

Section 30001.5 (b) of the California Coastal Act, 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. Venice does not need OPDs and the City of Los Angeles has not proven that it does.

Furthermore, the City should prove that it is actually trying to maximize access first by removing the miles of already restrictive street signs it installed without a coastal permit (2-hour parking, no parking from 8pm to 6am, etc.). It could also install diagonal parking on some of the very wide streets in the Venice Coastal Zone. It makes no sense to do not do these things first!

The OPDs are also very bad for the walk street residents, who have no say regarding the streets adjacent to them. A few vocal residents can control many blocks of street parking. This is just not a fair system for those who do not want to have to buy a permit.

The City says that there will be a petition showing resident support prior to installing an OPD, but nothing in the OPD law states that. There's absolutely no enforcement mechanism for the average resident who does not want permit parking. If the city is serious about requiring petitions, it should amend the law to include it. And the Coastal Commission should require them to.

Until these issues can be resolved, please deny the Venice OPDs.

Sincerely,

Janice Yudell
Venice Resident (44 years) and Homeowner

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Alan Barker <barkerdrome@gmail.com> on behalf of Alan Barker
<alan@duckinatree.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2013 8:21 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD

Please!

Alan Barker
726 Nowita Place
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Tyler Golden <goldenorange@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 12:46 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal
Subject: PLEASE

Hello,

I was told you guys are the ones to ask to **PLEASE** keep parking in Venice free!!!

Thanks,
Tyler

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Ingrid Mueller <ingridinvenice@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 10:58 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD - 6/13/13 - Agenda #10a - Appl. of 5/8/313/A-5-VEN-08-343

Kindly forward this e-mail to:
The California Coastal Commissioners;
The Coastal Commission Executive Director;
Appropriate Coastal Commission Staff.

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

June 1, 2013

OF COURSE, I AM WRITING TO OPPOSE VENICE OPDs.
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It's about the public's rights of access, as you all know.

Our Venice homeless population are members of the public, as you all know.
Granted, they do not 'qualify' for an OPD permit, thus being denied access by
any Venice OPDs.

As you also know, law enforcement is no resolution, it is unconscionable,
as a lot of homeless are disabled, of all 'colors'...and there simply is
NO SUFFICIENT PROVISION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, not even close!

Please help us all decide who can have access to our coast.
My opinion: ALL PEOPLE.

The intent of the OPD law simply cannot be Real Estate Values Rising:
Venice does have pretty good services...it's all about Affordable Housing!

Please deny those OPDs. They are wrong.

Sincerely, indeed,
Ingrid Mueller at Lincoln Place Garden Apts., once Affordable Housing
1050 Doreen Place
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Carol Beck <rexbeck@gmx.us>
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NO ON OPD PLEASE!

Dear Mr. Posner,

As we know-- in our heart of hearts,-- the coastal areas are for everyone. Everyone means EVERYONE, not just a certain monied few. I urge you and the commission to support the California Coastal Act, as you should.

No one has promised anyone "a Rose Garden", so, do not let the greed and selfishness of these vulgar people dissuade you from doing the right thing!

Thank you again for your compassion.

Sincerely,

Carol V. Beck
1042 Doreen Place, # 2
Lincoln Place
Venice, CA 90291-6231

rexbeck@gmx.us

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: petejab@roadrunner.com
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 7:30 PM
To: Staben, Jeff@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal

Hello,

I am a 20-year resident of Venice, and am opposed to the OPD proposal. It's clear to me that it's an attempt to push renters out to clear the way for hotels and expensive condos, and slowly turn Venice into a commercial area, with franchise merchants, restaurants and hotels. T

The permit amounts to a tax, and is so poorly conceived that it will make parking worse for some people. For example, my building does not qualify for permits. Are we expected to park in the public lot on Venice Blvd?

Meters on Pacific Avenue will eliminate valuable overnight parking.

I urge you to do everything in your power to defeat this proposal. thank you.

Peter Jablonski

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Peter Stebbings <stebbing.peter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 9:59 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: knees bent

Dear Chuck

re: Venice OPD, June 13. And please share this with the other coastal commissioners and whatnot.

Dude, for the love of all that's sacred and decent please don't inflict this parking permit business on us Venetians. We don't want it and, man-alive, for once it would be nice to be heard.

We love Venice. We love it because it's not unnecessarily bureaucratic... Yet. Don't let this OPD thing be a depressing 'evolution' of our great neighbourhood. Simply put, it's a tax we don't want - that goes without saying. But we don't need it either.

Thanks for listening

sincerely,
Peter Stebbings plus family

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May 29, 2013

Members of the California Coastal Commission

Attn: Jack Ainsworth

200 Oceangate, 10th Floor

Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

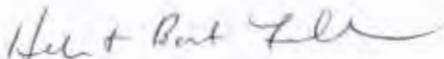
Re: Opposition to Venice Application for OPD

We are longtime residents and property owners in Venice and strongly oppose any parking restrictions in Venice west of Lincoln. We do not need restrictions on overnight parking and we urge that you deny implementation of Overnight Restricted Parking (OPD) in Venice. The issues that the proponents (VSA) claim impact overnight parking such as people living in their cars are easily addressed by other parking ordinances and restrictions. We also strongly object to having to pay for and acquire a permit to park overnight on our local streets and would point out that this obsession for restricting parking will add to an already and steadily increasing visual blight of parking signs.

The Coastal Commission should focus instead on reclaiming public parking spaces that have been co-opted for private use by adjacent property owners, particularly prevalent in the Venice Canals, so that public access is increased. It should also urge the City of Los Angeles to crack down on property owners who convert garages to living space and are probably among those complaining that they can't find a parking space and demanding preferential parking.

Thank you for opposing the application for OPDs in Venice.

Sincerely,



Helen and Bert Fallon

425 Linnie Canal

Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Rob Dew <robbiedew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 5:13 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NO OPDs in Venice

As a resident of Venice I am appalled that we have to fight this ridiculous action yet again. No OPDs in Venice! We don't want it, we don't need it and we don't want to have to fight it again. This measure is being brought before the CC for the third time by unregistered Lobbyist, Mr Mark Ryavec. It serves him and his ilk to only, not the people of Venice. Please strike this measure down and make it so we never have to fight this useless fight again. Let's put our resources toward something constructive.

Rob Dew
PO Box 2091
Venice, CA. 90294
310-309-0792
robbiedew@yahoo.com

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: HOPE HANAFIN <hopehanafincdg@me.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 3:50 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century.

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."

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Please protect the Venice we love.

Hope Hanafin,
241 Rennie Ave,
Venice California 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Carolyn Rios <crlynrios@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 2:44 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal
Subject: OPDs in Venice

Please do not allow OPDs in Venice.

It is ludicrous to think that we have a parking problem between 2 - 5 AM when the businesses are closed and the tourists are gone.

My daughter regularly comes home at 2 am and has never parked more than 1/2 block away from our house.

Venice does NOT HAVE an overnight parking problem. We do have a week-end and early evening AK Blvd parking problem that is real which this does not satisfy

Also the **PROGRAM IS NOT VOLUNTARY**

If the next block goes than my block will have no choice but to do OPDS

I do not want to hassle with permits, and remembering to tell guests to put permit on and then remembering to get it back.

We have enough middle of the night accidents on my street due to drunks driving home. If OPDs passes there will be even more drunks driving down my street instead of sleeping it off or taking a taxi

The Overheight Vehicle Ordinance has shushed most RVs out of Venice.

Some of the people pushing OPDs are just snobs. The Oxford Triangle area always has plenty of parking. They just don't want strangers parking there. Honestly they question people parking on their block if they do not know them. They are pushing hard for the OPDs, but really so they have a few airport parkers, not really a big deal, and there is the 72 hours enforcement possibility. Everytime I drive or walk through the Oxford Triangle there is plenty of parking plus most people actually have driveways and garages.

Please do not allow OPDs. This is a fake problem that does NOT need a solution.

Carolyn Rios
754 California Avenue
Venice, Ca 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Arleen Novotney <akawnov@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. 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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods. Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. 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." 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 protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Arleen Novotney
941 1/2 Palms Blvd.
Venice CA, 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Neil Stratton <neil@carverskateboards.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 10:57 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: bill.rosendahl@lacity.org; board@venice.org; NOPD@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD in Venice!

As a longtime resident, homeowner and business owner I am vehemently opposed to this intrusion into our lives. One of the things we love about our neighborhood is that it is not like other restricted neighborhoods. OPD in Venice will in effect discourage outside visitors and unfairly limit access to the beach and other neighborhood features, as well as create hassles and added expenses for us as residents.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE VENICE OPD!!!

Thanks,

Neil Stratton
706 6th Ave
Venice CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Arleen Novotney <akawnov@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 10:54 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Yours truly,
Bruce Kawazoye
939 Palms Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

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To the California Coastal Commissioners

This letter is to urge the California Coastal Commission to deny the proposed Overnight Parking District (OPD) in Venice (Application No. 5-08-313). The National Lawyers Guild is the oldest racially integrated bar association in the country and is dedicated to protecting the rights of the most vulnerable members of our society. Our members have successfully litigated lawsuits against the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, amongst others. The proposed OPD concerns us because it would prevent democratic access to one of the last economically diverse areas on the California coastline, and because the proposal seems motivated by an anti-homeless animus that contradicts the values of any just society.

In 2009, the Coastal Commission rightly denied a similar proposal to establish overnight parking districts in Venice. Now the Coastal Commission is being asked to approve essentially the same fatally flawed plan on the basis of a few minor tweaks regarding additional parking spaces and bike lanes. Like its predecessor, this proposal is clearly directed at homeless people living in Venice. However, the proposed OPD will affect all Venice residents and all Californians who seek to access the beaches of one of the densest and most culturally diverse parts of the Californian coastline. In short, the OPD should not be approved because: (1) the OPD contradicts the letter and spirit of the California Coastal Act of 1976; (2) the OPD mitigation measures are grossly inadequate; and, (3) the proposed OPD unnecessarily and unfairly imperils the rights of homeless individuals who live in Venice.

First, as to access to the California coastline, the proposed OPD contradicts the California Coastal Act of 1976 in a number of ways. Section 30212.5 of the Coastal Act states that wherever appropriate and feasible, parking areas "shall be distributed throughout an area so as to mitigate against the impacts, social and otherwise, of overcrowding or overuse by the public of any single area." California Coastal Act of 1976 § 30212.5. Yet the proposed OPD would greatly exacerbate overcrowding and overuse. Existing on-street parking is distributed along Venice streets. The OPD would create a confusing patchwork of both on-street and lot parking that would essentially squeeze drivers into a smaller number of spaces within a more concentrated geographic area.

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Likewise, Section 30252 of the Coastal Act states, in part, that new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast by "providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development of public transportation." California Coastal Act of 1976 § 30252(4). The OPD proposal would do the opposite; it would take away public parking spaces without a corresponding gain in parking spaces. Under the OPD scheme, long-time Venice residents would have to pay for the right to park (or merely look for a parking space) on public streets they have always used. The OPD proposal itself decreases the number of parking spaces available while imposing a fee without a guaranteed benefit. Even more onerous, an overnight guest of a long-time Venice resident would conceivably be required to obtain a permit from a Venice resident who may not have already purchased a guest permit. In the ideal scenario for OPD proponents, the only people who could park at night in Venice are those who have proven their residency, bought their permits, distributed such permits to their guests, all for spaces previously free. Simply put, if you do not have money, or you are a guest of someone who does not have money (or time) to buy a parking space, you cannot drive to Venice at night, spend the night, and wake up and go to the beach without risking a parking ticket.

It does not take much creativity for a lawyer argue that such a proposal violates the constitutional right to free association and freedom of movement. In addition to unnecessarily requiring engagement with the parking bureaucracy of the City of Los Angeles and unnecessarily complicating daily life in Venice, the OPD gravely threatens coastal access because it privatizes public space, an effect that runs counter to the letter and spirit of the California Coastal Act.

Second, proposed mitigation efforts are woefully unsatisfactory. Such efforts include preserving 351 on-street parking spaces when the area within the OPD boundary houses around 10,000 people. Another proposed modification includes the operation of off-street parking lots with four-hour time limits in the name of encouraging turnover of spaces. How would someone visiting Venice overnight, who cannot obtain access to an overnight permit for myriad reasons, sleep in Venice and enjoy the coast the next day? A proposal that would have people move their cars every six hour is not just anti-homeless, it is anti-Venice visitor, since any visitor to Venice who is not sanctioned by a host with an already-purchased guest parking permit would be forced to engage in an absurd pre-dawn parking shuffle every four hours. Also, though we applaud all efforts to encourage bicycling, adding bike lanes and shared-lane markings is irrelevant to issues surrounding coastal access for those who live too far from the coast to bicycle to Venice. Rather, the bike lane modification serves as mere window-dressing to a scheme designed to take away access to public space near the beach.

Third, as to the perceived homeless problem: just because some members of the Venice community are homeless does not mean that Venice is not their home. The OPD proposal comes on the heels of the imposition of No Parking signs for "oversized vehicles," which effectively prohibit people living in their vans and trucks from sleeping in their cars while parked in Venice.

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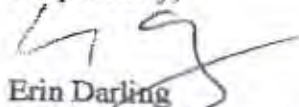
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The OPD proposal would merely make life difficult for the most vulnerable residents of Venice. The OPD proposal and the mitigations contained therein do nothing to improve the lives of homeless Venice residents. In response to any behavior concerns or nuisance issues posed by people sleeping in their cars, we ask, does the OPD proposal address those concerns or merely push the "problem" to a neighborhood farther from the beach. The Coastal Commission should not condone policy proposals rooted in NIMBY sentiments.

It must also be added that the OPD proposal's inclusion of a provision regarding attorney's fees (Paragraph 7, p. 6 of 10, "California Coastal Commission Staff Report, Application No.: 5-08-313," dated May 31, 2013) raises eyebrows and causes concern. It seems unethical for the applicant (the City of Los Angeles) to essentially promise to indemnify the California Coastal Commission against any potential legal fees in order to obtain permission for its application. By agreeing to reimburse the Coastal Commission in full for costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending a challenge to the issuance of this permit, has the City of Los Angeles effectively bought the permission of the Coastal Commission? Furthermore, if the City of Los Angeles is paying in full the legal fees and costs associated with defending any challenge to the OPD scheme, then is the Coastal Commission really retaining complete authority to conduct and direct the legal defense of any action against the Commission?

We are surprised and dismayed that the Coastal Commission, which has succeeded in protecting beach access in other parts of Los Angeles County, such as Malibu's Carbon Beach, and has historically gone to great lengths to protect the relationship between the California coastline and the California public, would be willing to restrict coastal access in Venice. We understand that the Coastal Commission's task of preserving coastal access to all Californians is increasingly difficult in an era of skyrocketing coastal property values and economic polarization. Yet the establishment of the OPD would only diminish access and runs counter to the Commission's longstanding legacy as public guardian of the California coast. With that we urge you to vote no to the OPD permit proposal.

Respectfully,



Erin Darling
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June 3, 2013

California Coastal Commission
200 Oceangate, 10th floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416
Attn: Jack Ainsworth

RE: 5-08-2313/A-5-VEN-08-343; Venice Overnight Parking Districts

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Ainsworth:

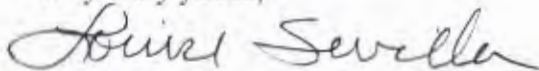
I am writing to ask you to vote no on the City of Los Angeles' application for a Coastal Permit for Overnight Parking Districts in Venice.

I am a 40-plus year resident in one of the locations where there is plenty of overnight curbside parking and the simple fact is that there is no need for permits in my area unless the goal is to prevent public access in the beach area. And measures requiring bike paths and such do not mitigate this kind of impediment. The people who access the beach that way can already do so.

The proponents of this application have for several years been trying to use limiting access to parking as a way to force homeless people with vehicles out of Venice. After you turned down the earlier version of this application they convinced the city to impose restrictions on oversized vehicles, which forced people living in RVs and trucks out of Venice, or out of their vehicles and onto the street. Then they've been pushing the LAPD to harass those living on the street as if they were still living in vehicles. This reapplication for overnight permit parking is just more of the same, since not all homeless vehicle dwellers have oversized vehicles.

Imposing parking restrictions to harass the homeless in a location where doing so also victimizes the general public is an abuse of power and not something the Coastal Commission should be involved in. I urge you to reject this application yet again and reinforce the concept that Venice Beach is a public beach and not an enclave for people who want to make it difficult for the public to visit.

Very truly yours,


Louise Sevilla

CC: Councilmember Bill Rosendahl

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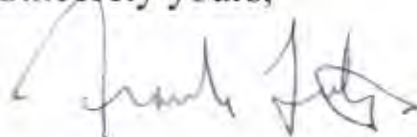
I am a forty-five year resident, property owner and property manager here in Venice, CA. I am strongly opposed to any proposed OPD parking requirement for Venice.

The OPD guarantees no one a parking place in Venice; it would be simply punitive and an imposed tax on residents. It would only guarantee that we can continue to circle the neighboring streets looking for a parking space, which we do now, at no cost to us other than the various property and local taxes we already pay. I have never had parking for me or my tenants, except on the local streets. At a time when there is more demand for parking than there are available spaces, the City and the CCC should be seeking ways to expand public parking, not constrict it, as the proposed OPD would do. It makes no sense, and is a money-grab with no benefit to the public. There is plenty of land available here to create local public parking spaces, including subterranean areas.

It makes no sense to try to abate the opposition to OPD's from those of us who live within two blocks of the beach by exempting our areas; that would only create more pressure on our area by folks who live east of Main Street and who are opposed to the OPD's, thus refusing to pay for a permit. They would then come to the beach areas looking for parking, creating a worse problem for us here.

The recent problems we had by over-night parking of RV's and over-size vehicles has been abated now, due to a code change, and by good enforcement by the LAPD. Please continue the good work of the CCC, and vote No on the OPD proposal.

Sincerely yours,



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From: Fritz Hudnut <este.el.paz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPDs June Agenda

Dear Coastal Commission:

I'm dismayed to once again be sending this email, originally sent in June of 2010, to reiterate the request for your support to *block* the implementation of OPDs in Venice. I am a long time resident and homeowner in Venice, now 28+ years and I'd like to again add my voice to the NO for OPDs column for Venice. OPDs are essentially an instrument for wealthy real estate brokers who want to increase property values of homes/properties they are trying to sell and using homeowner money spent on the OPD permit to do it for them. The "flavor" of Venice is its diversity. Whereas I don't get all warm and fuzzy about "the RVers," on the whole they are just people trying to get by in conditions made increasingly more difficult, like lack of enough public toilets, etc. So I have no need to increase my personal costs just to make them drive around from 2 to 4 AM--thus increasing air pollution, noise, etc--to what end?

What I still do find irritating is the "First Friday of the month" festivities of businesses on Abbot Kinney that creates an endless parade of cars driven by valets or non-residents of Venice looking for ****free**** parking spaces in front of my home, several long blocks away. If I try to go out for a brief food gathering mission my parking space is gone before I blink . . . and that continues until after midnight. OPDs would do NOTHING about that and I would be paying more for the privilege of having those businesses park their customers cars in front of my house. Since I wrote my first letter my front yard wall has been broken several times by First Friday visitors looking for a place to rest on their long walk to Abbott, and then after repairing it a couple times, it was vandalized, knocking half of the entire front yard wall down. Do I suspect passing RVers or rogue vagrants trying to evade LAPD sweeps? Hardly; more likely drunken visitors to Venice who probably have a job and nice car, but don't feel compelled to pay the fee to park in parking lots . . . again, OPDs would do nothing to deal with this type of problem.

Instead of OPDs why not increase public parking lots or set up shuttle vans that will drive the Friday night partiers from the parking lot to the bar or wherever they go until midnight. Have a law that makes it mandatory for all valets to park cars in parking lots and not jam the streets just so that people who don't have time to park their own car can have a free drink at a gallery Why not expand access to public toilets and reasonable health care and/or drug treatment facilities, rather than arresting people, taking their cars and giving their pets to the pound . . . how is it that poverty is a crime, especially at a time where many people have had their homes foreclosed on, how can they ever find a way out of that deep hole?

I've left paste below some comments about OPDs that I still continue to agree with; again, essentially permit parking is an effort from the wealthy, and the likely new to Venice upwardly mobile people, who want to block access to the beach by those who have struggled here for a long time and who wish to keep Venice open to a wide cultural/economic milieu. As stated below this OPD scheme does not actually address that problem at all, but it does make it more expensive for the struggling to be middle class homeowner, such as myself, to park in front of my own home The RVers will just migrate to where it is free to park while the rest of us will be paying for a bad idea, pushed through by a few people who are using the parking problem in Venice to push their commercial development projects And, for those unfortunate to have no vehicle at all to dwell in, the hard-core homeless with nothing but the shirt on their back, OPDs don't effect them at all . . . they can still "park" wherever they happen to be, etc.

Please, address the real problem(s), don't add another one, let's table this silly OPD idea once and for all; thanks for listening. Please forward this email to each of the other commissioners as well as the executive director of the CCC.

Sincerely,

Fritz Hudnut, DAOM, L.Ac.
long time Venice resident

Sections of the sample letter:

The application to establish OPDs is based on the removal of "abandoned vehicles or parked commercial." This is a ruse. There is a dearth of parking, but not because of abandoned or parked commercial vehicles. There has been NO parking study to support this meritless allegation.

OPDs are a bad idea. They will, and have, cost an obscene amount to establish, to maintain and to enforce, and will not create one more parking space for Venice residents, and will restrict parking for others who want to enjoy the beach. They will tax residents to park on public streets at increasingly high fees. They will inconvenience residents who will have to plan to have overnight guests. They are being pursued by a dedicated and vocal upwardly mobile group that wants to exclude homeless people from Venice, but what they really do is exclude the public from access to the beach.

There are other creative solutions that preserve human rights and do not privatize our beach adjacent streets and criminalize those who are facing hard times.



VENICE ACTION

Feb. 6th, 2013

California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont St., Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

re: Venice Stakeholders Assn. v. CCC et al., Govt. Code, section 11126(e)(2)(A)

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

When you hear the City of Los Angeles' (City's) settlement proposal for this litigation in closed session this afternoon, please consider these ten reasons to decline:

1. OPDs do not address the parking problems that affect Venice residents. The City's recent Westside Mobility Study identified Venice's major parking problems, which relate to commercial overflow, not late night parking.
2. The demand for Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) was never about a lack of residential parking. It was aimed at removing vehicle dwellers from Venice streets.
3. That problem has already been solved by less restrictive means as recommended by this commission, namely the use of the City's Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO). The Venice Stakeholders Association's (VSA's) own statement to the IRS in 2011 lauded "the removal of over 250 RVs and campers in the residential streets."
4. The push for OPDs is part of a documentable, decades-long effort to privatize the streets of Venice and restrict public access to Coastal resources.
5. The City's direct challenge to the California Coastal Act's authority over coastal parking should not stand unanswered. Parking restrictions are a favorite means of municipalities attempting to exclude outsiders from coastal resources. The City has shown, and continues to show, a clear pattern of deliberate attempts to restrict public coastal access via curfews and restrictive parking schemes. This record makes the present case a compelling demonstration of the need for Coastal Commission authority over parking in support of its legal mandate to protect the public's coastal access.
6. The City is planning to accompany this settlement with an application for Preferential Parking Districts that, when paired with the OPD, will potentially restrict public parking 24 hours a day throughout the entire Venice Coastal Zone.
7. The City's mitigations ignore the Venice Coastal Land Use Plan's (LUP's) requirement that any parking spaces put into a preferential parking district be replaced by unrestricted public spaces at a minimum ratio of one to one.
8. The City of Los Angeles is once again demanding that you bestow privileges in exchange for promises by the City. These promises for bike, shuttle, and sharing programs had already been made over a decade ago in the LUP. Allowing their use now as mitigations for OPDs would reward a decade of dereliction.

9. The terms of the settlement sought by the City and the VSA in 2010, though rejected by this Commission, have nevertheless been satisfied by the City's successful use of the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance. The OPDs were purported to be only a backup in case the OVO failed. The plaintiffs' further pursuit of this case is frivolous.
10. The City has alerted your staff that it intends to apply for a CDP to launch a Preferential Parking District (PPD) scheme to be heard simultaneously with your public hearing of this settlement agreement. This combination of OPDs and PPDs, as envisioned by the City, would allow it the discretion to restrict public parking throughout the entire Venice Coastal Zone 24 hours a day. We strongly believe this would constitute an illegal delegation of your authority.

The most striking thing about this situation is that the shoe is on the wrong foot. If anyone should be suing, it is you who should be pursuing the City for its failure to abide by the Venice Coastal Land Use Plan, and the City should be in the position of seeking a settlement. Perhaps if you countersued, its pugnacious (and soon to be retired) City Attorney would find reason to give up his bullying tactics.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'David Ewing', written in a cursive style.

David Ewing

Co-chair, Council District 11 Transportation Advisory Committee
(for identification purposes only)

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: J. Luis Munoz <jose.l.munoz@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century.

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."

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(f) Areas that provide existing coastal housing or recreational opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Please protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Jose Luis Munoz
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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jaryl Lane <jaryl.lane@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 1:49 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal
Subject: Overnight Parking in Venice

Dear Coastal Commission Members:

Venice has always enjoyed a reputation as a people's community, open and welcoming to all. I currently live in Santa Monica, but lived in Venice for about 25 years before that and still often visit friends and businesses there.

Parking near the beach has always been a problem for residents, but a couple of blocks East of the beach I am always able to find parking.

There is no need for overnight parking permits for Venice neighborhoods, especially between 2AM and 5AM. Requiring overnight parking permits not only puts a burden on residents, it also excludes visitors from all across Los Angeles County, and indeed the world, who come to enjoy the free spirit of Venice. The burden on residents isn't just the cost of the yearly permits and visitors permits; the burden includes the inconvenience of having to acquire and renew permits and keep track of them.

I urge you to deny the request for overnight parking permits on public streets in Venice.

Sincerely,
Jaryl Lane

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Pete White <PeteW@congress.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 11:56 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: FW: re: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-
VEN-08-343
Attachments: LA CAN letter to oppose Venice OPDS - 6-13-13 CCC agenda item.pdf

Mr. Posner,

Attached please find a letter opposing the Venice Overnight Parking Districts, to be heard by the Commission on June 13th. We are asking you to also please forward this email to: The California Coastal Commissioners, The Coastal Commission Executive Director, and Appropriate Coastal Commission Staff.

Sincerely,
Pete White, Co-Director
Los Angeles Community Action Network

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Becky Dennison <beckdenn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10 a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343
Attachments: opposition letter to Venice OPDs for CCC 6-13-13 agenda.docx

Mr. Posner, Attached and below you will find my letter in opposition to Overnight Parking Districts in Venice. Please circulate to Commissioners and Commission staff in advance of the June 13th meeting when this issue will be considered.

Thank you.

Becky Dennison

May 30, 2013

Sent via email to: Charles Posner, Chuck.Posner@coastal.ca.gov

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Venice Beach, Thursday, May 30 2013

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California Coastal Commission

Attn: Jack Ainsworth

200 OceanGate, 10th Floor

Long Beach, CA 90802

Regarding: Establishing Overnight Parking Permit District in Los Angeles, 90291, Venice Beach

Dear California Coastal Commission,

I am writing to you as a long time (10 year plus) resident of Venice, CA. I have been informed that an effort is underway to establish overnight permit parking in my neighborhood. As a business owner, resident of Venice, and steward of public access to California beaches, I am writing to you to express my opposition to such an effort.

Establishing parking permit zones in an area at close proximity to the beach is in itself an act of discrimination against the citizens and people of California and infringes on their right to access their beaches and coastal zones. It would establish access to coastal areas as a privilege reserved for homeowners and residents, whereas it shall always be extended to all people regardless, since the beaches and coastal zones are public domain. The question also arises of whether or not public streets funded by state and federal funds may be restricted to certain groups or people.

Furthermore would such permits put apartment dwellers living in historic buildings which currently do not offer on-site parking opportunities at a great disadvantage: Since their amount of street parking spaces is greatly disproportionate to the amount available in areas with single home residencies, because those areas have a much lower density of occupants, yet monopolize public street access likewise exponentially relative to the density of residents and tenants. The logic of allowing residents of certain blocks to vote and pass policies/regulations regarding the public streets that are adjacent to their homes is flawed and inconclusive, moreover is it unjust, defies Solomonian Judgement, and is likely without any legal basis or justification. A common, public good has a value that supersedes the interests of neighbors immediately in their vicinity. The roads in Venice are such a public, common good and serve a greater purpose than accommodating the minute agendas of the residents of any particular street. These are not private roads and were not part of the sales contract of whatever property was purchased adjacent to them. These public roads provide access to the coastal zones to all people, allow businesses to thrive, and allow public services such as Police and the Fire Department, Utilities access. Providing parking to property owners and residents living on that street is therefore not of paramount importance, yet may be accommodated within reason. For residents like me who live in small apartments in historic Venice buildings, and in particular the area west of Pacific street, the ability to park a few blocks away is of tantamount importance, day or night. It is very often the case that residential streets east of Pacific, oftentimes several blocks away, offer the only way to park a vehicle. We locals give Venice the stability and community that helped it grow and become what it is today. We balance the bohemian qualities found on the boardwalk and extending outward, preserve local historic character and authenticity, have an excellent environmental footprint, and need to be considered as the backbone of this coastal community. Yet due to much higher tenant density, and lack of street parking in our immediate surroundings, we rely on being able to park our cars on public, city streets outside a 2 or 3 blocks' radius.

By limiting access to night-time (or any other time) parking to residents of a certain block, or residents within a certain distance of that block, one inadvertently discriminates against residents who live outside of a certain zone, visitors and tourists, and in the end the public. It also needs to be understood that Venice Beach has intrinsic qualities and idiosyncrasies that have evolved historically and currently provide a cultural and economic asset that must be dealt with and managed wisely. Its wellfare shall not be endangered by the interests of the few. This asset is part of the quality of life for the entire city, while rendering it a very popular tourist destination, offering countless boons for the broader economy.

The effort to establish OPDs in my community also seems a cure for a disease that does not exist or at least is not presently afflicting anyone that stands in proportion to this proposed measure. I invite you to drive the residential streets where currently OPDs are being considered, at the times they are being considered for, and you will find plentiful parking surrounding adjacent homes throughout. Furthermore will you find very limited cars in disrepair, abandoned, parked unlawfully, or many if any

recreational vehicles. You will also not find any evidence that neighborhoods are being negatively affected by homelessness or loitering due to the current absence of OPDs.

OPDs would create a tedious bureaucratic process of getting permits, paying for them, administration of such, and providing your friends with such.

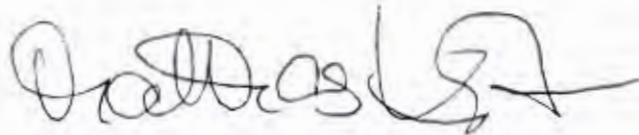
From my standpoint, OPDs serve no other purpose than to discriminate and serve the imagined needs of the few who regard the streets adjacent to their property as theirs, which they are not. Applying a philosophy and approach that may make sense in more homogenous areas of the city with less history, culture and economical impact such as West Hollywood, Mid Wilshire and Santa Monica, for example, does not seem a wise choice. Rather does the diversity of housing and street planning in Venice make it an unsuitable candidate for any such measures and may possibly threaten its character and existence or certainly diminish it. Dividing the community into parking districts does not make sense in a community such as Venice Beach. **The whole of Venice is greater than the sum of its parts.**

Regardless, Overnight Parking Districts in the Venice Beach area would compromise coastal and beach access to the public and in the event it should be adopted, shall be challenged fiercely.

In view of the above considerations, and in light of the responsibilities placed upon you as an agent of the California Coastal Commission, I advise you to do the right thing, and vote against approval of Overnight Parking Permit Districts in the community of Venice Beach, Los Angeles, California, 90291

I remain with the outmost respect for your efforts and consideration

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthias Kuster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthias Kuster

CC: Michael Mitchell, ESQ

5/4/13

Dear Mr. John Ainsworth
and Ms. Teresa Henry,

As a long term Venice
resident (52 years) I want
you to know that I oppose
IPDs in Venice.

In all facts, I cannot
see any reason for
them.

I do not want to pay
for previously free parking
on public streets, especially
in front of my own home.

I do not support a
measure that will not help
me in any way.

Thank you for your
consideration. Sincerely,
[Signature]

MAY 26, 2013

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE
COASTAL COMMISSION,

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT VENICE'S
APPLICATION FOR OVERNIGHT
RESTRICTED PARKING.

RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE
PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO PARKING
ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

SINCERELY,



DAVID RINDLAUB
239 MARKET ST.
VENICE, CA 90291

RINDLAUB@GMAIL.COM

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Arleen Novotney <akawnov@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 10:53 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; n opd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. 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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods. Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. 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." 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 protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,
Michael Novotney
941 Palms Blvd.
Venice, Ca 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: nacount@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:10 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Venice OPD's

May 29th, 2013

Dear Mr. Posner:

I'm opposed to the implementation of Overnight Parking restrictions for the following reasons:

- * Walk streets in Venice are not part of the permit process and are at the mercy of surrounding streets
- * Access to the public beaches will be restricted with a new added cost of having to park in public lots only increasing traffic flow during peak tourist activity
- * Low income families will be forced to pay higher fees to park with no benefit to Venice in terms of added revenues
- * Venice renters will be the odd man out in terms of secured parking should they not have parking garages or car port access
- * Another nuisance fee will be created for residents when the need for permit parking has not been qualified
- * Permit parking will occur in a Domino fashion in that once one street secures such parking, other streets will be forced to do the same
- * Venice commerce will be adversely effected by stringent parking access by the permit process and potentially decrease Sales Tax revenues from retail outlets, restaurants, hotels and consumer spending

But most importantly, this attempt to encourage permit parking is a veiled attempt to limit beach access to the homeless and other non-residents deemed undesirable.

Venice is not a gated community or it's own municipality. Parking restrictions means limited access to one of California's cheapest and accessible tourist destinations statewide.

There are few places like Venice Beach that offer Californians and Angelenos a valued-added destination not encumbered by restrictions such as limited parking.

I urge the Coastal Commission to reject any attempt to restrict parking and thus limiting access to Venice as a local destination for tourists of all income tiers.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J Antonicello
415 Washington Blvd., #1008
Venice Beach, CA 90292

(310) 574-1907

nacount@aol.com <<mailto:nacount@aol.com>>

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Amy Frame <amyframe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 8:19 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; +nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

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Yours truly,
Amy Frame
826 1/2 California Ave
Venice CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Candice Leon <misslotusk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 8:22 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPD

Hello Mr. Posner,

I would like to voice my stand on the OPD if I may. I am rather opposed to permit parking in Venice, I'd say No parking tax and No OPD, please. Thank you.

Best,
Candice Leon
5 Westminister Ave.
Venice, Ca 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Cindy Knight <cindyk5787@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 8:41 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NO OPDS in Venice

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Yours truly,
Cynthia Knight
1101 Ocean Front Walk, #43
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Annie Sabroux <asabroux@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 7:55 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: OPD

Hello,

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. No parking tax. No OPD.

Sincerely,
Sabroux
Amoroso Place
Venice 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jodie Evans <heartofj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:14 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Board@venicenc.org; Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org
Subject: NO Overnight Parking District

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Onwards to beaches for ALL, not just the rich,

Jodie Evans

757 Palms Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Mark Izatt Folkman <markizatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Board@venicenc.org; Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org
Subject: No to Overnight Parking District in Venice

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Beaches are for us all, not just for the rich,

Mark Folkman
2010 Linden Ave, Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: talbot_leighton@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:06 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; bill.rosendahl@lacity.org; board@venicec.org
Subject: No OPD in Venice

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. If this is introduced it will change the spirit of the place and impact our lifestyle negatively. No parking tax! no OPD!

Sincerely,
Madeleine Talbot-Leighton
828 Nowita Place,
Venice CA 9021

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: petejab@roadrunner.com
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: overnight parking fees

Hello;

I am a 20-year resident of Venice. I am opposed to the proposed opd.

The parking pressure in Venice is real, but the opd proposal will make it worse for many of us, including those of us who live on streets that will not be eligible for permits. The public lots, like the one on Venice Blvd, are too far to be practical.

It's clear that landowners, and not residents, are the impetus for this renewed effort towards permits.

A moratorium on large apartment complexes and condos is what is necessary to prevent the problem from becoming completely unlivable.

Peter Jablonski
5 Westminster Ave
Venice

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: steve singleton <spsingleton1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 11:48 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal

Dear Mr. Posner:

This letter is to support the PROTEST against creating Overnight Parking Districts in Venice. I currently live on Venice Blvd. near Lincoln and have since 1995, however, my family moved to this area in 1964 and I and my siblings are all alumni of Venice High School. I feel very strongly that Venice Beach remain For the People.

Please oppose the efforts of the so-called Venice Stakeholders and keep Venice Parking available for All.

Thank You.

Stephen P. Singleton
spsingleton1@yahoo.com

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Pam Emerson <pamela.emerson@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 5:33 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: opd

May 25, 2013
Dear Mr Posner

As a former resident of Venice, I enjoy visiting my friends and walking on familiar walks in Venice. I believe the streets in Venice are publicly mainlined public ways. Venice walkways and sidewalks are among the most important and historic public spaces in our city. I understand that new home owners in Venice and in some other areas may have paid banks and other a great deal of money for their lots, but I do not believe that the price of the lots or whatever structure is on them entitles the buyer to exclude the public. Walking along the beach in the twilight is peaceful and relaxing and should be open to all Los Angeles residents and to tourists from other areas. I do not believe a person's dress, race, presumed income or presumed lifestyle should allow them to be excluded from our public spaces or our public life. There are many laws that enable the police to stop mis-behavior and or fights. Please convey this opinion to your Commission and ask them to vote against OPD's whatever Districts are proposed to keep the rest of us out. See you on the fourth of July.

Pam Emerson, Los Angeles

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Holly Mosher <hollywoodnt@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 11:45 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Oppose OPDs

Dear Mr. Posner,

I was deeply disappointed to hear that Mark Ryavec is once again petitioning the California Coastal Commission to allow OPDs in Venice and that it's been talked about under the guise of being a settlement. I spent several days taking time off to come to both CA Coastal Commission hearings and going to the hearings in downtown LA on this issue several years ago. We thought this issue was settled. I really don't like that they are trying to bully their way through the system to get these OPDs forced on the residents of Venice.

I have been a homeowner in Venice for 11+ years. I specifically chose Venice because the streets do not have prohibitive parking signs that make it difficult for visitors, like they have in neighboring Santa Monica. I continually have guests at my house and do not want to have to pay for parking every year. Additionally I have a second property, which I rent out to tourists and they enjoy the street parking that is readily available here on 6th and Flower.

To put this added hassle of needing to get permits for any overnight guests or guests to a party which will run past 2am, would be a huge burden to me and all of my friends, family and guests who stay here and love Venice.

Again, please abide by the rule of the law to keep the beach access free and accessible to all. I see what they are doing by trying to push this through is to try to limit those, who they see as undesirables, out of the neighborhood that they are trying to gentrify to push their values of homes and rental units through the roof.

The changes of Venice have me deeply concerned.

As I said when I came to speak at the CA Coastal Commission years ago: would The Doors have made the music they made in Venice, if they or a bandmate had to go and move their car at 2am? I don't think so. Venice is a community of fellow artists and we work at odd hours of the day.

I also find it very disturbing that the police are giving tickets to anybody who is walking on the boardwalk between midnight and 5am. We are supposed to have access to the beach 24 hours a day and the city never got a permit from the CA Coastal Commission for this curfew. I really hope that you can take steps to remedy what they are doing illegally. I love to go to the beach at night on a full moon, and it is disturbing to know that I could be ticketed for doing so. Also if you ever want to see the grunion run, it is best to do it in the wee hours of the night.

Sincerely,

Holly Mosher - filmmaker
612 Flower Ave. B (and 611 Flower Ave.)
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Jason Michael <kidd4141@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 1:20 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Parking Permits in Venice

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice Beach. No parking tax. No OPD

Jason Michael
128 Breeze Ave
Venice, Ca 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: P Hironimus <phironimus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 1:42 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Board@venicenc.org; <jodieevans@gmail.com>
Subject: Venice overnight parking districts

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

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Yours truly,

Patrizia Hironimus
2010 Linden Ave
Venice CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Andreas Gurewich <agurewich@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Board@venicenc.org; Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org
Subject: Fwd: Venice overnight parking districts

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Candice Marie Camargo <candice.m.camargo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Board@venicenc.org; Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org
Subject: Overnight Parking Districts in Venice

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Most sincerely,
Candice Marie Camargo
2010 Linden Ave.
Venice, CA 90291

From: Sylvia Aroth <venicesylvia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 8:20 AM
Cc: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org
Subject: Re: NO Overnight Parking District

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Sylvia Aroth

1322 Appleton Way, Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Edd <dancegent@dslextrême.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 6:38 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NOPD

I am opposed to permit parking in Venice. No parking tax. No OPD.

Sincerely,
Eddie Ortega
226 Ruth Ave
Venice

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: chezhaha@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 5:24 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Board@venicenc.org; Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org
Subject: Please do not approve Overnight Parking Districts

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to oppose the proposal for Overnight Parking Districts in Venice coming before the Coastal Commission. While the proposal seems innocuous, this is just the latest iteration of long term efforts to get daytime and weekend permit parking that would clearly severely restrict people coming to the beach.

The latest effort began a few years ago as a push for overnight parking districts (OPDs), originally put before the Coastal Commission with support from then L.A. City Councilman Rosendahl as a response to problems with the homeless camping overnight in recreational vehicles. As you know, the Coastal Commission denied the request. The City then developed restrictions on oversized vehicles parking overnight which has essentially solved the problem of homeless R.V.s taking over street parking in residential neighborhoods.

The current proposal would allow the City to have overnight permit parking throughout Venice from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m., which ironically are the only hours there is available parking all year around. All this raises the question of why OPDs are still needed if there is no shortage of overnight parking and the homeless issue was addressed by restrictions on oversized vehicles? That question is answered in the proponents' flyer being distributed throughout Venice with a postcard in favor of OPDs to be sent to the Coastal Commission. The flyer admits there is no shortage of overnight parking, then admits that they want OPDs to establish a precedent to start a push to expand to daytime and weekend restricted parking.

The dirty little secret is out. The OPD proponents really don't want to share the parking in Venice with visitors, but want to keep non-residents out of Venice unless they can pay for the parking lots. OPDs are a blatant example of moves toward denial of coastal access by denying visitor access to parking on coastal zone public streets those visitors' taxes also helped to pay for.

The City agreed to OPDs while Mr. Trutanich was involved in the lawsuit as city attorney. The vote on this has been scheduled at the Coastal Commission before the new city attorney has had a chance to review the City's position. Further, the City has a conflict of interest because even if not needed, overnight permit parking and tickets for violations are revenue streams for the cash-strapped city.

I have been fortunate to have been able to live in Venice since I was a college student and for 35 years have resided about 5 blocks from the Venice pier on a residential street that fills with beachgoing traffic on weekends from about April to early October. Some people park on these streets because they can't pay to park in the lots or the lots have filled up. A few are rude and dump their trash, but most are courteous and delighted to be coming to the beach. Anyone who lives in Venice knows they need to use their garage during those peak summer weekend hours.

Unfortunately, some of those complaining loudest about the need for OPDs and daytime permit parking have repurposed their garage to an office or an un-permitted rental unit which puts the owners' and the tenants' cars on the street vying for parking. Those of us lucky enough to live near the beach should have to share the parking just like we have to share the beach. The proponents of the unnecessary overnight parking permits seem to have finally found a way to start Venice down a slippery slope toward daytime and weekend permit parking that will deny beach access.

There are a myriad of problems with the OPD proposal itself which mostly distracts from the biggest problems: OPDs are a thinly disguised effort to restrict non-resident access to the beach and are falsely advertised to residents as a way to get more parking in Venice when it only would create a domino effect where residents are paying for permits to park during nighttime hours there is plenty of parking.

The proponents have some silver-tongued folk who sound reasonable at first, but few who have dealt with them for any length of time extend them much credibility. For example, the OPD proponents point to a Neighborhood Council vote a few years back as supporting OPDs. I worked checking identification during that referendum inside the polling place and the two measures being voted on were largely incomprehensible. Lots of people voting kept asking what each measure meant because they could not figure out which they supported. The important thing that came out of that referendum is

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Susy Borlido <skborlido@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:03 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave. 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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods. Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century. 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." 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 protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,

Susy Borlido
42 1/4 Clubhouse Ave
Venice, CA

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Yours truly,

Richard Garvey
234 Horizon Avenue #5
Venice, CA 90291

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

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I do NOT support the Venice Stake Holders Association campaign for Overnight Restricted Parking (OPDs).

I have lived in Venice for 9 years and been a homeowner for the past 3. My neighborhood has no difficulty with overnight parking, even on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

Part of what makes Venice great is its inclusive, bohemian atmosphere. What if my wife and I are hosting out of town guests or friends from the eastside overnight? If we establish an OPD on our block, then that will become a logistical nightmare.

Venice also has a vibrant nightlife. Forcing people into their cars at 2:00am after last call will encourage drunk driving and is a dangerous and terrible proposition.

Please do NOT vote for OPDs.

Thank you,



Sam Sparks
3124 Thatcher Ave
Venice CA, 90292

From: Colleen Saro <esien1@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 1:04 PM
To: Councilman.Rosendahl@lacity.org; mike.bonin@lacity.org; info@veniceaction.org; Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: NO OPD'S IN VENICE - HEAR OUR VOICE PLEASE!!!

My husband and I have been living on Ocean Front Walk for the last 25 years. We don't want the hassle of having to go to Beverly Hills to purchase a permit, and we shouldn't have to pay for what we are getting for free now. Once we pay we are still not guaranteed a parking space. We shouldn't have to worry if our permit is not showing and then we are given a ticket.

The OVO was resolved, why are you supporting this issue?

Reasons why this is not a good idea:

- 1) Walk streets and Boardwalk residents will not be allowed to vote against or for permits on blocks. It is our Constitutional right to vote. Our front door faces the beach, since our front door is not on a street we can't vote. This also effects all walk streets. You are leaving a huge amount of the population out. We don't have a voice, **this is a violation of our civil and constitutional rights.**
- 2) Per DOT - OPD's, once approved will open the door to Permit Parking (PPD). As of now there have been no guidelines set for PPD's, so we have no clue as what those will entail.
- 3) Per DOT - Pacific will be included in permits.
- 4) Per DOT - Anyone with out of state license plates will not be allowed to get a permit, regardless if you have a valid CA ID, lease or electric bill in your name with a Venice address.

PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT, AS THIS WILL BE A BURDEN ON A HUGE AMOUNT OF RESIDENTS.

MAKE THIS YOUR SWAN SONG COUNCILMAN. Be the voice of the people whom don't have a voice.

MR. POSNER, PLEASE SUPPORT US AND NOT PASS THE OPD'S.

Respectfully,

E. Colleen Saro & Steven Eustace

Dear Commissioners,

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Thanks so much for your attention,
roccoklein@aol.com

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Dear Coastal Commissioners,

CALIFORNIA
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Please vote NO on Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in Venice. We have already solved the RV encampment problem using an Oversize Vehicle Ordinance, just as you suggested, and it has had less adverse impact on coastal access. 90% of the campers and RVs are gone (many of us feel this is not an admirable goal but nevertheless this is the current situation).

We value Coastal Act protections for our unique coastal community. We oppose privatization of our coastal resources. Please help us keep Venice Beach open to the public.

Thanks so much for your attention,

Judy Branfman

535 Rose Ave
Venice 90291

May 4th, 2013

Mr. Jack Ainsworth
200 Oceangate, 10th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

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Dear Mr. Ainsworth:


I recently heard that a group of people is trying to force Overnight Parking Displays in Venice. I am totally against this move, as it seems that it is illegal and against open beach policy of the CA Coastal Commission. We need to have free access to the ocean and beach at all times here in Venice.

I also have been shocked that the police are giving tickets and even arresting people who live on Ocean Front Drive for being on Ocean Front Walk between 12am-5am. You can read Susan's story of being arrested here in the comments section of the Venice-MarVista Patch:
<http://venice.patch.com/articles/changes-to-ocean-front-walk-ordinance>

I've also heard that these tickets, which they seem to be issuing illegally run upwards of \$400.

Please keep Venice free for both residents and our beloved visitors.

Sincerely,



Ravi Shah
612 Flower Ave. B
Venice, CA 90291

Cc: Teresa Henry

Teresa Henry
District Manager Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Ste 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

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Re: Establishment of OPDs in Venice California

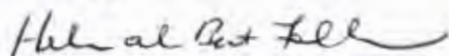
Dear Ms. Henry:

We are property owners in the Venice Canals and have lived in Venice for over 40 years. The city has allowed the only public parking in the Canals along Dell Avenue to be privatized by the adjacent property owners for their own personal parking or yards. This means that there is no visitor parking available in the Canals. Our neighborhood must rely on the adjacent streets for parking and would be severely impacted if OPDs are implemented.

The method for establishing OPDs effectively disenfranchises our neighborhood. Our neighborhood needs access to parking in the adjacent areas, but we would have no say on whether or not a block can establish an OPD. There are some blocks adjacent to the Canals where only one or two residents would have a say in establishing an OPD.

We strongly object to the repeated attempts to require permits to park in the areas adjacent to the Canals. Requiring permits to park overnight anywhere in Venice is not the solution to preventing people living in vehicles. The Coastal Commission needs to take a strong position against restricted parking in Coastal Zones. It is your responsibility to ensure access to all. We urge that you deny these attempts to restrict access by limiting parking availability.

Sincerely,



Helen and Bert Fallon
425 Linnie Canal
Venice, CA 90291

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Mr. Jack Ainsworth
200 Oceangate, 10th Floor
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Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

I was deeply disappointed to hear that Mark Ryavec is once again petitioning the California Coastal Commission to allow OPDs in Venice and that it's been talked about under the guise of being a settlement. I spent several days taking time off to come to both CA Coastal Commission hearings and going to the hearings in downtown LA on this issue several years ago. We thought this issue was settled. I really don't like that they are trying to bully their way through the system to get these OPDs forced on the residents of Venice.

I have been a homeowner in Venice for 11+ years. I specifically chose Venice because the streets do not have prohibitive parking signs that make it difficult for visitors, like they have in neighboring Santa Monica. I continually have guests at my house and do not want to have to pay for parking every year. Additionally I have a second property, which I rent out to tourists and they enjoy the street parking that is readily available here on 6th and Flower.

To put this added hassle of needing to get permits for any overnight guests or guests to a party which will run past 2am, would be a huge burden to me and all of my friends, family and guests who stay here and love Venice.

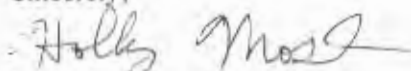
Again, please abide by the rule of the law to keep the beach access free and accessible to all. I see what they are doing by trying to push this through is to try to limit those, who they see as undesirables, out of the neighborhood that they are trying to gentrify to push their values of homes and rental units through the roof.

The changes of Venice have me deeply concerned.

As I said when I came to speak at the CA Coastal Commission years ago: would The Doors have made the music they made in Venice, if they or a bandmate had to go and move their car at 2am? I don't think so. Venice is a community of fellow artists and we work at odd hours of the day.

I also find it very disturbing that the police are giving tickets to anybody who is walking on the boardwalk between midnight and 5am. We are supposed to have access to the beach 24 hours a day and the city never got a permit from the CA Coastal Commission for this curfew. I really hope that you can take steps to remedy what they are doing illegally. I love to go to the beach at night on a full moon, and it is disturbing to know that I could be ticketed for doing so. Also if you ever want to see the grunion run, it is best to do it in the wee hours of the night.

Sincerely,



Holly Mosher - filmmaker
612 Flower Ave. B (and 611 Flower Ave.)
Venice, CA 90291

Cc: Teresa Henry

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Dear Mr. Posner,

I am a forty-five year resident, property owner and property manager here in Venice, CA. I am strongly opposed to any proposed OPD parking requirement for Venice.

The OPD guarantees no one a parking place in Venice; it would be simply punitive and an imposed tax on residents. It would only guarantee that we can continue to circle the neighboring streets looking for a parking space, which we do now, at no cost to us other than the various property and local taxes we already pay. I have never had parking for me or my tenants, except on the local streets. At a time when there is more demand for parking than there are available spaces, the City and the CCC should be seeking ways to expand public parking, not constrict it, as the proposed OPD would do. It makes no sense, and is a money-grab with no benefit to the public. There is plenty of land available here to create local public parking spaces, including subterranean areas.

It makes no sense to try to abate the opposition to OPD's from those of us who live within two blocks of the beach by exempting our areas; that would only create more pressure on our area by folks who live east of Main Street and who are opposed to the OPD's, thus refusing to pay for a permit. They would then come to the beach areas looking for parking, creating a worse problem for us here.

The recent problems we had by over-night parking of RV's and over-size vehicles has been abated now, due to a code change, and by good enforcement by the LAPD. Please continue the good work of the CCC, and vote No on the OPD proposal.

Sincerely yours,

The Morrison Apartments
14 Westminster Avenue
Suite C
Venice, CA 90291-USA

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Sheldon C. Plotkin <splotkin@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Pay parking in Venice.

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The public streets belong to everyone, so the idea of having to pay for parking is appalling. Visitors to the Venice area also need a place to park their cars without having to pay for the privilege. As I understand it, Venice is in Los Angeles, so whatever laws there are for L.A. applies for the entire city.

Sheldon Plotkin
3318 Colbert Avenue
L.A., 90066
(310)390-0306

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Marie Kennedy <mariekenned@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 3:28 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Please, no ban on parking in Venice

Dear Mr. Posner,

My husband and I are firmly opposed to the proposed OPD in Venice. We live in the area affected (673 Milred Ave., Venice). We bought our house 4 years ago when we were recruited to teach at UCLA. We would have been less interested to buy here if the house was in an area with parking restrictions. We previously lived in such a community in the Boston area and we felt very inconvenienced by the overnight parking ban--it cost us money and it made it difficult for out of town visitors to stay with us. We also feel that access to the beach is the right of the public more broadly. We worry that limited OPD that is proposed is just the start of a campaign to privatize more of the California coast. Please oppose the proposed Venice OPD.

Sincerely yours,
Marie Kennedy

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Gwenn Victor <gwennvictor@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Cc: NOPD@veniceaction.org
Subject: Venice OPD

Hi Mr Posner,

I am writing in **OPPOSITION** to the proposed Overnight Parking Districts in Venice.

I have been living (and dealing with parking issues) in Venice for over 20 years.

This proposal will not solve our parking problems. Not even close.

Over development is the cause of the problem.

Over development of business on Abbot Kinney.

Over development of homes built where charming bungalows used to stand.

It is these very people who want these regulations.

They came to my neighborhood for the "edgy" "art-y" vibe and now want to make it into a Beverly Hills/Sherman Oaks community.

Please do not let this happen. This is not about parking.

Please work to stem this over development that is serving to destroy the livability and character of my home.

Please do not approve this measure.

Thanks for your support,
Gwenn Victor

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Jim Bickhart
31-1/2 Breeze Avenue, apt. A
Venice, CA 90291

June 3, 2013

California Coastal Commission
200 Oceangate, 10th floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416
Attn: All Commissioners

RE: Item Th10a: 5-08-2313/A-5-VEN-08-343; Venice Overnight Parking Districts

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the settlement of the Venice Stakeholders Association/City of Los Angeles lawsuit regarding Overnight Parking Districts (OPD) in Venice, and to the City of Los Angeles' application for a Coastal Permit for Overnight Parking Districts in Venice.

It is inappropriate and unnecessary to settle this lawsuit because more than 35 years of precedent indicates that the Commission has every right to regulate parking in the Coastal Zone. The lawsuit brazenly challenges that right and it's obvious the plaintiffs cannot win on that premise and should not be handed a victory by the capitulation of the Commission via a settlement.

However, if you do choose to settle, the overnight permit parking application from the City is before you for the third time. Twice the Commission has rejected the application because it was blatantly intended to drive homeless individuals living in vehicles out of the Coastal Zone. Your Commission wisely and compassionately refused to be placed in the position of trying to solve the homeless issue by abusing the Coastal Act.

That motivation for this application has not changed. Even though other regulatory means have been employed by the City of Los Angeles to eliminate overnight parking in the Venice Coastal Zone by people living in RVs, trucks and other so-called "oversized vehicles," (not to mention full-time resident who owns such a vehicle), there is still a push to get at those living in regular-sized cars, and OPDs remain the mechanism. Thus, this is still about using the Coastal Act to address a social issue while impairing access at the same time.

Importantly, the litigants and proponents of OPDs in this application, the Venice Stakeholders Association, recently admitted publicly that the imposition of OPDs would NOT solve any real overnight parking shortage in the Venice Coastal Zone, because, with the exception of the walk street areas nearest the beach where there isn't much on-street parking at all, there is NO consistent parking shortage

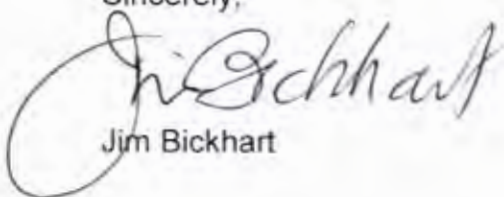
for residents in the areas where it would be feasible to impose OPDs. And imposing permit parking in the few areas where there isn't enough parking doesn't solve the shortage, it just forces the residents to pay for the dubious privilege of living with it.

No, the Stakeholders have acknowledged that their real intent is to pave the way for 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week permit parking. And indeed they originally asked that this application be accompanied by an unusual "approval in concept" for regular permit parking so that the City of Los Angeles would not have to run the Coastal Permit gauntlet again in the future for that unworkable idea.

Anyone familiar with the way parking works in the Venice Coastal Zone (as I, a 44-year resident of the dual permit zone, am) knows that car owners with overnight permits would use the advantage it gives them to fill up all the spaces in an OPD on a weekend night and can manage to stay parked there during daylight hours would indeed be impeding coastal access for the public during peak beach visitor periods. So if the Commission is looking to impede coastal access in Venice via permit parking, OPDs will begin that process even without your yet having to deal with the 24/7 permit parking application that is likely to follow, but would do so without serving any legitimate purpose.

There are plenty of reasons to reject this application, but the most obvious are these: This is still a ploy to address a problem related to homelessness in a most irresponsible way, involving an abuse of the Coastal Act and which is not your legal charge; and there is NO other legitimate need for OPDs in the Venice Coastal Zone (unless one considers impeding public access a legitimate need). An inappropriate purpose and a lack of need add up to an obvious NO vote on this item. I urge you to vote NO!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Bickhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and end.

Jim Bickhart

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Thanks so much for your attention,
roccoklein@aol.com

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Kate <soapycouch@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2013 7:50 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: DENY PERMIT FOR OPD 523 and OPD 526
Attachments: 737 Palms Blvd.docx

Dear Commissioner, Please see attached letter. Thank you. Kate Kausch

Kate Kausch
737 Palms Blvd.
Venice, 90291

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California Coastal Commission
Oceangate -10th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

By email:chuck.posner@coastal.ca.gov

PLEASE DENY THE PERMIT FOR OPD 523 and OPD 526

Dear Coastal Commissioners:

I have lived in Venice for 24 years. I want people to have access to the beach and I do not want to pay for parking on my own block, nor do I want to deal with all the bureaucracy of getting permits for my occasional overnight guests. This is a burden on me that I cannot sustain and it is unfair. **I cannot afford it, and it will not create more parking spaces for residents.**

I also object to the aspects of this act that seem mean-spirited as regards the homeless who are seeking parking on our streets. Not that such parking should be the answer to their problem—the city should make places and services available to them so they can be safe and clean and comfortable—but we should not be making policies simply to exclude them.

And of course, people need to be able to access the beach—poor people as well as rich people, those who live inland as well as those of us lucky enough to live near the coast. The Coastal Commission is responsible for protecting access to the beach from Malibu to Venice and beyond. You have done the right thing the last two times this issue was before you. Please both protect access to the beach and keep us from the bureaucratic nightmare of permit parking.

Very truly yours,

Kate Kausch

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Matthias Kuster <ciaomatthias@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 11:02 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: I am attaching a letter arguing in opposition to establish overnight parking districts in Venice Beach
Attachments: Letter to California Coastal Commission OPD.pdf

Dear Chuck Posner, Dear California Coastal Commission,

I am attaching a letter in pdf form that explains my stance in regards to overnight parking permit districts in Venice Beach, Los Angeles, CA 90291.

I appreciate your time and efforts and would appreciate you and your staff consider it when making your decision.

There is one attachment:

- letter addressed to the California Coastal Commission regarding OPDs in Venice Beach

Kind Regards

Matthias
ciaomatthias@gmail.com

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Venice Beach, Thursday, May 30 2013

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California Coastal Commission

Attn: Jack Ainsworth

200 Oceangate, 10th Floor

Long Beach, CA 90802

Regarding: Establishing Overnight Parking Permit District in Los Angeles, 90291, Venice Beach

Dear California Coastal Commission,

I am writing to you as a long time (10 year plus) resident of Venice, CA. I have been informed that an effort is underway to establish overnight permit parking in my neighborhood. As a business owner, resident of Venice, and steward of public access to California beaches, I am writing to you to express my opposition to such an effort.

Establishing parking permit zones in an area at close proximity to the beach is in itself an act of discrimination against the citizens and people of California and infringes on their right to access their beaches and coastal zones. It would establish access to coastal areas as a privilege reserved for homeowners and residents, whereas it shall always be extended to all people regardless, since the beaches and coastal zones are public domain. The question also arises of whether or not public streets funded by state and federal funds may be restricted to certain groups or people.

Furthermore would such permits put apartment dwellers living in historic buildings which currently do not offer on-site parking opportunities at a great disadvantage: Since their amount of street parking spaces is greatly disproportionate to the amount available in areas with single home residences, because those areas have a much lower density of occupants, yet monopolize public street access likewise exponentially relative to the density of residents and tenants. The logic of allowing residents of certain blocks to vote and pass policies/regulations regarding the public streets that are adjacent to their homes is flawed and inconclusive, moreover is it unjust, defies Solomonic Judgement, and is likely without any legal basis or justification. A common, public good has a value that supersedes the interests of neighbors immediately in their vicinity. The roads in Venice are such a public, common good and serve a greater purpose than accommodating the minute agendas of the residents of any particular street. These are not private roads and were not part of the sales contract of whatever property was purchased adjacent to them. These public roads provide access to the coastal zones to all people, allow businesses to thrive, and allow public services such as Police and the Fire Department, Utilities access. Providing parking to property owners and residents living on that street is therefore not of paramount importance, yet may be accommodated within reason. For residents like me who live in small apartments in historic Venice buildings, and in particular the area west of Pacific street, the ability to park a few blocks away is of tantamount importance, day or night. It is very often the case that residential streets east of Pacific, oftentimes several blocks away, offer the only way to park a vehicle. We locals give Venice the stability and community that helped it grow and become what it is today. We balance the bohemian qualities found on the boardwalk and extending outward, preserve local historic character and authenticity, have an excellent environmental footprint, and need to be considered as the backbone of this coastal community. Yet due to much higher tenant density, and lack of street parking in our immediate surroundings, we rely on being able to park our cars on public, city streets outside a 2 or 3 blocks' radius.

By limiting access to night-time (or any other time) parking to residents of a certain block, or residents within a certain distance of that block, one inadvertently discriminates against residents who live outside of a certain zone, visitors and tourists, and in the end the public. It also needs to be understood that Venice Beach has intrinsic qualities and idiosyncrasies that have evolved historically and currently provide a cultural and economic asset that must be dealt with and managed wisely. Its wellfare shall not be endangered by the interests of the few. This asset is part of the quality of life for the entire city, while rendering it a very popular tourist destination, offering countless boons for the broader economy.

The effort to establish OPDs in my community also seems a cure for a disease that does not exist or at least is not presently afflicting anyone that stands in proportion to this proposed measure. I invite you to drive the residential streets where currently OPDs are being considered, at the times they are being considered for, and you will find plentiful parking surrounding adjacent homes throughout. Furthermore will you find very limited cars in disrepair, abandoned, parked unlawfully, or many if any

recreational vehicles. You will also not find any evidence that neighborhoods are being negatively affected by homelessness or loitering due to the current absence of OPDs.

OPDs would create a tedious bureaucratic process of getting permits, paying for them, administration of such, and providing your friends with such.

From my standpoint, OPDs serve no other purpose than to discriminate and serve the imagined needs of the few who regard the streets adjacent to their property as theirs, which they are not. Applying a philosophy and approach that may make sense in more homogenous areas of the city with less history, culture and economical impact such as West Hollywood, Mid Wilshire and Santa Monica, for example, does not seem a wise choice. Rather does the diversity of housing and street planning in Venice make it an unsuitable candidate for any such measures and may possibly threaten its character and existence or certainly diminish it. Dividing the community into parking districts does not make sense in a community such as Venice Beach. **The whole of Venice is greater than the sum of its parts.**

Regardless, Overnight Parking Districts in the Venice Beach area would compromise coastal and beach access to the public and in the event it should be adopted, shall be challenged fiercely.

In view of the above considerations, and in light of the responsibilities placed upon you as an agent of the California Coastal Commission, I advise you to do the right thing, and vote against approval of Overnight Parking Permit Districts in the community of Venice Beach, Los Angeles, California, 90291

I remain with the outmost respect for your efforts and consideration

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matthias Kuster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthias Kuster

CC: Michael Mitchell, ESQ

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Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: js@johnstein.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 7:41 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: In opposition to Overnight Parking Districts in Venice

Dear Chuck Posner and the California Coastal Commission,

I write to oppose Overnight Parking Districts in Venice.

I have been a Venice homeowner for almost 40 years, at the below address since 1974. Part of the unique charm of Venice, to me, is the mix of lifestyles that commingle here. There should be a place for people to live out of their vehicles, and I for one, would like that place to be Venice. There is a long history of vehicular living in Venice, going back at least to the days when I arrived here, and the Ant Farm Collective and Environmental Communications, whose office was on Windward, wrote approvingly of the creativity expressed in "truckitecture" (i.e. home made house vehicles).

While I am well aware that a homeless population may bring down real estate values, this should carry no weight with the Coastal Commission, whose mandate is to protect coastal access for all visitors, as I understand it. A diverse community is a healthy community. An exclusive enclave of privilege would be a Venice with diminished soul, a place less interesting and attractive as place for all Californians to visit.

Please do not approve Overnight Parking Districts in Venice.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stein
20 Sunset Ave.
Venice, CA 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Daniel DuBoise <duboi001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 1:36 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; +nopd@veniceaction.org
Subject: NO OPD IN VENICE

Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

Overnight Parking Districts are not good for Venice. They create a needless headache and expense for residents without solving any of our real parking problems. This is not about anyone having trouble finding a parking space. This is about an ongoing effort to reshape Venice into an elite enclave.

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 restrict access to our beachside neighborhoods.

Please protect Venice for all of us who love it because it is Venice, not in spite of it. Abbot Kinney, Venice's founder, called it "the People's Beach." We like it that way, and we think it's worth protecting. It's been the source of Venice's creative energy for over a century.

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."

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

(c) 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 protect the Venice we love.

Yours truly,
Daniel DuBoise
2612 Pacific Ave Apt C
Venice, Ca 90291

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Thomas Hok <tomrhok@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal; bill.rosendahl@lacity.org; board@venice.org
Subject: 20 Year Resident Opposes Permit Parking

Hi-

I have lived in Venice for 20 years, and am happy with the way the parking works now. Yes, it is crowded at the beach, but that problem won't go away with permit parking. Such a plan will end up necessitating the construction of parking structures to accomodate the cars that will come to the area without a place to park. I am not interested in having Venice become another Santa Monica, with a large commercial presence along the beach, parking structures to match, undermining the character of the area.

Also, how will you be able to have a dinner party? Who wants to renew guest permits every four months?

While Venice has gentrified, I have not seen other changes in terms of the amount of camper parking, etc. In fact, some of this has been eradicated with much less intrusive parking restrictions than permit parking.

Please do not require permit parking!! It is a much bigger annoyance than the occasional camper.

Tom Hok

Posner, Chuck@Coastal

From: Steve Bevilacqua <emb233@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 1:42 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: Permit Parking in Venice - a big NO from me - Thanks!

Dear Chuck:

It was great speaking with you this morning. Thank you very much for taking the time for our conversation.

As we discussed, I wanted to contact the Coastal Commission about the newest measure regarding OPD Permit Parking in Venice, CA, 90291. I am a 25+ year resident of Venice Beach, and I am wholeheartedly against permit parking in my neighborhood. The oversized vehicle restrictions have done a great job of handling the RV problem, which now seems contained. I see no reason to increase the parking restrictions in Venice. I feel that permit parking is a complete pain in the neck.

Before moving to Venice in the 1980's, I lived (briefly) in a neighborhood that had permit parking. It was a continual inconvenience to pay for visitor passes, and constantly monitor the parking of myself and visitors. Permit parking was one of the reasons I moved from Santa Monica to Venice, and I would like to keep permit parking out of my neighborhood. It seems to me that this new proposed restriction governing 2am to 5am won't be enough to make the supporters of permit parking happy, and that this measure is the thin end of a very annoying wedge.

In closing, let me repeat that I am a longtime Venice resident who is against permit parking. Thank you very much for your time. I really appreciate it.

Best regards,
Steve Bevilacqua
248 Market Street, B
Venice, CA 90291

Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you for your attention,

Fran Conneely

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Thanks so much for your attention,

- Kevin Murphy

Oakwood Avenue

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Chris Plourde
118 Wavecrest Ave.
Venice, CA 90291

Dear Commissioners,

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Thomas Paris
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Venice residents since 1974 and homeowners since 1994.

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Michael McGee - 20 year resident
21 Westminster #206
Venice, CA 90291

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I have lived in Venice for over 3 decades. Parking has always been a problem, but the Coastal Commission voted wisely on this issue before, and I am hoping you will now again vote no on OPDs.

Thanks so much for your attention,

Naomi Glauberman
32 Breeze Avenue
Venice, CA

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Andrea Klein

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R. Brook - Venice Resident

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Thank you very much,

Judy Branfman

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From: Andrea J. Stern <andrea@sternworld.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Posner, Chuck@Coastal
Subject: I oppose overnight parking in Venice

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923 Marco Place
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RE: Venice OPD June 13 2013
Agenda item 10 A. Application of
5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the
California Coastal Commission,

Please uphold the denial of OPD
for Venice at least until you each
can personally look at the original
and the later (2009 and 2010) information
not simply your staffs reports and
recommendations to understand needed
Background.

The only Study done for the City
was done by a woman (paid thousands
of dollars) who blatantly stated at
the only public meeting That All
the Facts and Figures The Complete
Report was given to her By A
Undisclosed Venice Resident who
used to work for the Department
of TRANSPORTATION (now retired)
She collected nothing herself and did
not check the Data supplied her.

She did drive one Afternoon from
Venice west on Washington and saw
Quite a few (number undisclosed) of RVs
Parked on Washington

Then went in the evening down
 Rose ave from Lincoln to main
 to have dinner. The meter parking
 and Change machine convinced her
 the City of L.A. was doing enough
 for visitors. The lots were in Santa Monica
 SHE was parked NORTH of the Towers!

(The City Paid Her)

This Law Will Charge all Residents MONEY
 many people must park Block from Home
 during the Day Due to time limit signs
 1 hr 2 hr or Simply the Over flow from
 Restaurants Bars Beach Goes Valet Parking
 City lot chasers Farmers market ect,
 It is un-fair to then make them Pay
 or move there Vehicles to a unregulated
 Block in the wee hours! While the
 City continues granting Business
 the right to park there Patrons on
 the streets from 5 AM to 2 PM when
 there is the most demand! (Pay city
 Parking Variances)

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The Prices will not Excessively
Impact the Rich, They will Impact
the Lower Economic Population
Low wage Earners Some Already
Paying over $\frac{1}{2}$ sometimes more of their
Income for Housing. Seniors, Disabled,
Unemployed and those on fixed incomes
For many it will limit having friends or
family overnight.

For 5 HOURS when it now
Highly Unlikely most Residents are
Actively Seeking Parking!
Unless the OPDLaw itself has been
rewritten the Counsel man or his representative
can put up signs with out resident or
community input like he chose to do
on some streets East of Lincoln all the
while saying it was only by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the
Residents (Freedom of Information
turned up only 51 Verified Signatures
Rosendahl used the same $\frac{2}{3}$ rds
of Residents for Overight Signs West
of Lincoln. He then changed it to Resident

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or owner. And changed it from
the address to add adjacent streets.
for some.

(Please Remember this is the
same city that had there own
C.R. passed stamps)

Ps The Reason Many Resident & Visitors
Do NOT Go To The Beach in these
hours is The Beach and Oceanfront Walk
ARE CLOSED By Law (Illegal)
From 12^{pm} to 5 AM (check Coastal Commission
Findings)

(6 months Jail \$1,000^{so} fine or Both)
misdemeanor

PLEASE SEE THE FACTS

Thank you,

Eden And B S
PO Box 1553 Venice CA
90294

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Subject: Against OPD in Venice**From:** Vreni Merriam <vreni.merriam@att.net>**Date:** 6/6/2013 5:16 PM**To:** Chuck.Posner@coastal.ca.gov, "Goldstein, Alice" <Ibrake4roses@aol.com> CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION**Re:** Venice OPD June 13, 2013, Agenda Item 10
a. Application of 5-08-313/A-5-VEN-08-343

California Coastal Commission

200 Ocean Gate, 10th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Sirs/Madams:

As a long-term Venice resident living west of Lincoln--actually in a building located on Ocean Front Walk--I urge you to reject this ongoing harassment as a nuisance appeal. This is the third time this party has tried to ram this idea through, in defiance of two previous decisions of the Coastal Authority as well as the wishes of the majority of Venice residents as expressed in a previous referendum. They call themselves 'Venice Stakeholders' but they live inland and want to make rules for those of us living on the walk streets or on Ocean Front Walk. Parking is a daily problem for us--in the daytime, when the tourists are here--and we don't need or want it compounded with ever more bureaucracy infringing on our personal freedom and limiting the public's access to the beach.

If this proposed law is a back-handed effort to get rid of the homeless who have a vehicle to sleep in, it's not fair to put all the rest of us through these hoops. Besides, the homeless are part of our community too, and we should be grateful for those who still have a vehicle to sleep in, because there are many others who sleep have nothing at all.

Please reject once again this mean-spirited law.

Thank you

Vreni Merriam 1305 Ocean Front Walk
Venice, CA 90291

*I Chuck Posner: Please pass this on to
appropriate staff - Thanks you, V*

Fax: 562-590-5084