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# W20a

## ADDENDUM (2)

DATE: January 12, 2016

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: South Coast District Staff

SUBJECT: **Addendum (2) to Item W20a: Coastal Development Permit Application No. 5-14-1919 (City of Los Angeles), scheduled for the Commission meeting of January 13, 2016**

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### I. Letters from Interested Parties

The Commission received three additional letters from Venice residents in opposition to the proposed development that were not included in the first addendum.

**Rehm, Zach@Coastal**

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**From:** Emily Hertzberg <emhertzberg@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 12:08 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Rehm, Zach@Coastal  
**Subject:** Do not approve more night time activity on Boardwalk

Dear Commssioners,

I am strongly opposed to any additional lights and activity, including an ice rink, at the Venice Boardwalk.

I have lived with my family on a walk street for nearly 20 years.

In my opinion the burden should be on the City to make a compelling argument for why we need such changes. It should not be the residents' responsibility to show a compelling reason as to why it's not a good idea. Nevertheless, I'll try to explain my position against such a move.

1. The boardwalk is not currently an encouraging place to be at night and most of us who live here believe that's a good idea. We moved here knowing the situation and we don't want it to change. The unintended consequences will be negative for the residents.

Sometimes there are arguments among the homeless and transient population, mostly this happens on the boardwalk and not on our streets. Interestingly our residential streets are free of the mostly teenage and young adult loud drinking and drug use that occurs on our streets during the day when the area is a tourist destination and a public square type space used by all. When the sun goes down, things quiet down. It's been that way for decades.

I have quickly polled a few of my neighbors and none say they'd favor an active nightlife on the boardwalk. Our walk street residential areas will become the hiding place for young people to hang and evade the police. Increased nighttime activity will create a far greater concern than we currently experience.

2. increased lighting and increased activity doesn't *reduce* the potential for crime and noise, nor is it *neutral*. It actually **increases** the potential for nighttime crime and noise by encouraging people to come to the boardwalk to hang out at night when they never did before. No one needs this. Although I did hear that the hotel interests are pushing for it as a benefit to their guests. The interests of people staying 4 or 5 nights in Venice should not trump the interests of those of us who live our everyday lives here.

It is unreasonable to expect kids, students and working people to endure this.

3. As it stands, the police have their hands full. They don't have the resources to police the problems we have up our streets during the day when they can see what's going on--how are they possibly going to manage crime on our walk streets at night?

4. Sprucing up the boardwalk will not discourage the homeless and transients from coming here. That argument has been suggested by some but it makes no sense. Lights and more tourists don't discourage homelessness. If that were so, we'd see fewer during the day. It will have no impact on the beach as a favorable place for the homeless and transient population to congregate. Only services or laws will change that equation.

In my opinion there is a compelling case against encouraging increased activity at night on the beach. It will have a dramatic and negative impact on our neighborhood --night time activity is low now. If it increases, it will be noisier and our residential walk streets will become what they are for illegal activity during the day already--places for people to drink, smoke, use drugs, drop needles and hang out away from the crowds and away from the police.

Please do not add to the many problems we have by increasing foot traffic on the boardwalk.

Emily Hertzberg

Sent from my iPhone

## Rehm, Zach@Coastal

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**From:** Paul Kroskrity <paulvk@ucla.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 12:57 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Rehm, Zach@Coastal  
**Subject:** RE: Permit Number: 5-14-1919 Item No: W20a

Dear Commssioners,

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I have lived with my family on a walk street for nearly 20 years.

In my opinion the burden should be on the City to make a compelling argument for why we need such changes. It should not be the residents' responsibility to show a compelling reason why it's not a good idea. Nevertheless, I'll try to explain my position in the hope that it sheds some light on the situation for those of us who live here.

1. The boardwalk is not currently an encouraging place to be at night and most of us who live here believe that's a good idea. We moved here knowing the situation and we don't want it to change. The unintended consequences will be negative for the residents.

Sometimes there are arguments among the homeless and transient population, mostly this happens on the boardwalk and not on our streets. Interestingly our residential streets are free of the mostly teenage and young adult loud drinking and drug use that occurs on our streets during the day when the area is a tourist destination and a public square type space used by all. When the sun goes down, things quiet down. It's been that way for decades.

I have quickly polled about 10 of my neighbors and none say they'd favor an active nightlife on the boardwalk. Our walk street residential areas will become the hiding place for young people to hang and evade the police. Increased nighttime activity will create a far more problematic concern than we currently experience. The neighbors were shocked that anyone thinks this is a good idea.

2. My 15 year old daughter initially liked the idea of a rink. But then she asked if it would be like it is during the day down here and she asked, "how am I supposed to study"?, "Will the lights be bright" "Will I have to wear ear plugs to sleep at night"? Kids, students and working people have had a quiet nighttime situation down here for years, except of course for the transient situation noted above which is not a constant. Everyone would rather have one twenty minute disturbance than hours of ceaseless noise along the boardwalk, as well as drinking, drug use and urinating teenagers right in front of their homes.

Increased lighting and increased activity doesn't reduce the potential for crime and noise and it's not even neutral. It actually increases the potential for nighttime crime and noise by encouraging people to come to the boardwalk to hang out at night when they never did before. No one needs this. Although I hear the hotel interests are pushing for it for their guests. The interests of people staying for 4 or 5 nights in Venice should not trump the interests of those of us who live our everyday lives here.

It is unreasonable to expect kids, students and working people to endure this.

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Please don't let this happen.

Sincerely,

**Paul V. Kroskrity**  
***Professor of Anthropology***  
***Chair, American Indian Studies***  
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**Rehm, Zach@Coastal**

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**From:** Martha Hertzberg <marthahertzberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2016 12:36 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Rehm, Zach@Coastal  
**Subject:** Re: PLEASE DENY ICE RINK AND LIGHTING AT VENICE BEACH BOARDWALK

Dear Commissioners:

Permit Number: 5-14-1919  
Item No: W20a

My neighbor raised two more important issues beyond those detailed in my email and asked me to email you:

1. Some say we need to bring more wholesome family activity to Venice and that lights and an ice rink would do that. We find that an almost laughable reason for supporting these permits.

We have a GORGEOUS BEACH. We have volleyball nets, basketball courts, handball courts, 4 playgrounds. We have boogie boarding, surfing, ocean kayaking, sunbathing, sand castle building, a bike path, etc. This is a unique place. It's a daytime place. It's THE family draw for tourists.

We don't need to be open at night. That's the key. Nighttime activity is a bad idea for all the reasons noted in prior emails. Those interested in smoking, drinking and doing drugs will dip up our adjacent residential streets just as they do during the day and radically change our lives.

2. It's true many residents would like the homeless encampments to be handled and dismantled. The only thing that will achieve this is new services or laws.

Right now they are on the boardwalk primarily. Businesses don't like that. The lights and ice rink might get them to move off the boardwalk, but these people want to be near the beach and they won't leave just because there are lights--they will simply move off the boardwalk and closer to the family homes--up the walkstreets, on our sidewalks, in front of our front doors. Things will be better for boardwalk businesses, but far worse for us as residents. Again, the only solution for the homeless/transient issue is services and laws to help ameliorate the problem.

3. The suggestion that lights and the ice rink suggest will solve residents' concerns about homeless activity/fights on the beach is erroneous. No one who lives here believes that. It's an argument made by permit proponents that has no merit.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Martha Hertzberg

On Thu, Jan 7, 2016 at 12:35 PM, Martha Hertzberg <marthahertzberg@gmail.com> wrote:  
Permit Number: 5-14-1919  
Item No: W20a

Dear Commissioners,

I have now also received emails from several of my neighbors. None of them knew this was happening. They are at work and hoping to find time to email you.

They are all angry and frustrated that such measures would happen without serious input from the adjacent residents, particularly given the negative impact it will have on our lives.

We strongly urge you to reject the proposals for lights and increased activity at the boardwalk in the evenings.

Sincerely,  
Martha Hertzberg

On Thu, Jan 7, 2016 at 12:21 PM, Martha Hertzberg <[marthahertzberg@gmail.com](mailto:marthahertzberg@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Permit Number: 5-14-1919  
Item No: W20a

Commissioner emails:

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not grant permits for additional lighting, activities and an ice rink at Venice Beach.

I copied you earlier on my response to Gail Rogers by accident.  
Here is my official email to you with noted concerns.

1. This will have an enormous and negative effect on residents.  
Bringing people down here for evening or nighttime activity is a recipe for disaster.  
Noise and illegal activity will increase in front of our homes. It would dramatically change our quality of life for the worse.
2. The adjacent residential walk streets will be where everyone will go to do drugs. That's what happens now during the day. We don't currently have that problem in the evening or at night. If it happens when there's activity on the boardwalk during the day it will certainly happen if the boardwalk becomes a nighttime destination. It's not now--please don't make it one. Please don't increase these issues for us.
3. Who is interested in this happening? We are already the #2 tourist destination in Southern California. Do we need to become #1 by adding nighttime hours? This is in the interest of tourism and business only, not in the interest of residents.  
Our neighborhoods are already being destroyed by Airbnb--speculators are buying properties and renting them for \$700 a night. Please don't add to the destruction of our neighborhoods. Some of us are trying to raise our kids here.
4. We have a right to reasonable quiet in the evening hours. People are entitled to peace and quiet in their homes. We all moved here knowing the noise levels involved in living near the beach. This was always a daytime issue only. This move, if approved, would make it an evening extravaganza as well. This is a huge burden for us to bear.
5. The idea that the homeless will go somewhere else if we have lights and nighttime activity like an ice rink does not ring true. The transient population likes the beach because it's the beach. This is a separate issue which needs addressing.

The idea of making Venice Beach a nighttime destination spot is of great concern to those of us who live here. There's no question it would increase the number of people on our streets at night doing drugs, throwing

empty alcohol bottles in our yards, urinating, hanging out and talking loudly, etc. People would be constantly walking up and down our streets at night just like they do during the day. This would be a terrible situation for us. Please don't trade us out for the interests of the hotels, the restaurants and the tourism industry. They do business at the 2nd largest tourist destination--that should be plenty good for them. Please deny these permit requests.

Respectfully,  
Martha Hertzberg



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# W20a

## ADDENDUM

DATE: January 11, 2016

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: South Coast District Staff

SUBJECT: **Addendum to Item W20a: Coastal Development Permit Application No. 5-14-1919 (City of Los Angeles), scheduled for the Commission meeting of January 13, 2016**

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### I. Changes to the Staff Report

The purpose of this addendum is to correct an error in the staff report which incorrectly states that the Venice Neighborhood Council passed a resolution in support of an ice rink on November 18, 2014 and to change a special condition of the permit to require the City to recycle or reuse the excess water following conclusion of the temporary (recurring annually) ice skating venue. The Venice Neighborhood Council rejected a motion in support of an ice rink on November 18, 2014. The City was initially unsure whether it would be able to recycle or re-use the water from the ice skating rink due to concerns about chemicals in the ice solution, but has since determined that it is feasible. To reflect changes to the staff report, new text is **bolded and underlined** and deleted text is ~~struck-through~~.

#### A. The second paragraph on page 10 is modified as follows:

The City submitted Coastal Development Permit Application No. 5-14-1479 for a similar project on August 6, 2014, which was denied by the Coastal Commission following a public hearing on September 11, 2014. The Commission granted the City's request to reconsider the application following a public hearing on October 8, 2014 and the City submitted the subject application on December 18, 2014. Commission staff determined that it was incomplete on January 15, 2015 and the City submitted additional information on June 2, 2015. The Venice Neighborhood Council ~~passed~~ **rejected** a ~~resolution~~ **motion** in support of an ice rink on November 18, 2014, after the Commission had already denied the application and granted reconsideration. **The following month, the Venice Neighborhood Council voted not to reconsider the motion itself.**

**B. Special Condition 4 (M) on page 8 is modified as follows:**

During removal of the ice skating venue, the applicant or the vendor shall recycle or reuse the excess water ~~on-site, if feasible. If it is not feasible to recycle or re-use the water, the applicant or the vendor shall obtain a discharge permit from the regional water quality control board prior to discharging excess water into the storm drain system or a discharge permit from the sanitation district prior to discharging excess water to the sewer system.~~ Excess water shall not be discharged onto the sandy beach or into the ocean.

**C. The first three paragraphs on page 16 are modified as follows:**

In order to prevent adverse impacts to marine waters from construction activities, the Commission imposes Special Condition ~~3~~ **4**, which requires that specific best management practices be implemented in order to ensure that water quality and marine resources are protected as required by Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act.

The applicant analyzed the feasibility of using recycled water to install and maintain the ice skating venue, but determined that recycled water would need to be trucked to the site because there are no recycled water pipes serving the area. The proposed installation and maintenance of the ice rink will consume approximately 39,000 gallons of water each season. An average home in Los Angeles consumes 24,400 gallons of water in an equivalent time frame, so the ice skating facility represents the usage of 1.6 homes.

The applicant has indicated that it ~~may be~~ **is not** feasible to reuse the water remaining in the ice rink at the end of the season for irrigation of the surrounding landscaped area **because of distribution problems. However, the applicant has coordinated with the ice rink vendor and determined that the melted ice water is clean and can be reused for other water requirements. The Bureau of Sanitation currently uses potable water for street sweeping, which could be substituted for the ice rink water by pumping it directly into the street sweeper truck. Another alternative reuse of the water is powerwashing surfaces around Windward Plaza.** In order to prevent potentially polluted water from being discharged into the ocean, Sub-condition ~~3~~ **4**(M) requires that during removal of the ice skating venue, the applicant or the vendor shall recycle or reuse the excess water on-site, if feasible. If it is not feasible to recycle or re-use the water, the applicant or the vendor shall obtain a discharge permit from the regional water quality control board prior to discharging excess water into the storm drain system or a discharge permit from the sanitation district prior to discharging excess water to the sewer system. Excess water shall not be discharged onto the sandy beach or into the ocean.

## **II. Letters from Interested Parties**

The Commission received 18 letters in support of the proposed ice skating facility and security lighting, sent by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, California State Senator Benjamin Allen, California Assemblymember Autumn Burke, United States Congressman Ted Lieu, the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, the Venice Chamber of Commerce, local hotel and business owners, and other interested parties. The letters suggest that the proposed development will draw visitors seeking family friendly activities, improve safety, and generate economic activity in Venice.

The Commission received six letters in opposition to the proposed development, sent by the Venice Neighborhood Council and by Venice residents. Several letters argue that the proposal is environmentally unsound given California's drought and the energy demands of the lighting and ice skating facility. Other letters suggest that the proposed development will attract unwanted visitors and encourage anti-social behavior in their neighborhoods.

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Fallbrook, CA 92028

January 1, 2016

Honorable Commissioners  
California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
Long Beach, California 90802-4302

RE: Venice Beach Seasonal Ice Skating Rink  
Application Number 5-14-1919

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you in support and am requesting that you approve the application for: The Venice Beach Seasonal Ice Skating Rink, Application Number 5-14 -1919.

Venice Beach has a long history of athletic and sport activity. I am sure that the addition of the Seasonal Ice Skating Rink will add to the attraction of Venice Beach.

My long-term involvement with Ice Skating has convinced me that this sport is one that can be enjoyed by the beginner as well as the advanced skater. I have been fortunate to be the US Team Leader for ice-skating at the Olympics and at several International Skating Union World Championships. My ice skating background includes Chair of International Skating Grand Prix Management Commission.

As past President of the United States Figure Skating Association, I actively support, the development of recreational ice-skating. The establishment of "The Venice Beach Seasonal Ice Skating Rink" will bring joy and athletic exercise to many, young and old.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Morry Stillwell,*

Past President, United States Figure Skating Association



January 4, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
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Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

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**Honorable Commissioners:**

The Los Angeles Parks Foundation is the fundraising support not for profit for our 440 City of LA parks. I write to encourage your approval of the proposal to develop a skating rink and install new security lighting in Venice Beach.

The new skating rink would be a welcome addition to Ocean Front Walk, as it would help draw more visitors to the area, which would be beneficial not only to our business, but to the economy of the Venice Boardwalk as a whole. Many visitors take advantage of the recreational and cultural activities offered in Venice Beach during the daytime, including sight-seeing, dining, shopping and use of the City's existing recreational facilities. However, the area near Windward Plaza is unlit and dark at night, and many businesses shut down early because of the lack of foot traffic in this area. The addition of new security lighting would help establish a more welcoming and family-friendly environment in the evenings, as well as help to establish a more steady flow of visitors throughout the day. This would help sustain local businesses, which in turn benefits the entire Venice community.

I have been impressed with the City's vision for this project. I believe it could really boost Venice Beach businesses during the holiday season. I again encourage you to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Regards,

  
Judith Kieffer  
Executive Director



# MIKE BONIN

City of Los Angeles  
Councilmember, Eleventh District

January 5, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
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**Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink**

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your support for the City of Los Angeles' application for the installation of security lighting and a seasonal ice skating rink in the Windward Plaza area of Venice Beach.

Venice Beach is the one of the most popular tourist attractions in Southern California, with millions of visitors coming each year to participate in and enjoy the eclectic nature of this seaside community. As your Commission is surely aware, Venice Beach has many challenges. Despite being a major attraction in the City, Venice has become frayed around the edges. The City and the community are fighting perceptions that Venice is unclean and not family friendly. The City and the community are also fighting the reality of serious public safety issues, particularly at night and including in the area around Windward Plaza.

The City has begun a significant effort to improve that perception and reality. The City has added a weekly clean up of the Boardwalk and adjacent "walk-streets," is working with local property owners to form a Business Improvement District, and has created a new position at the Department of Recreation and Parks for a Venice Beach Superintendent who will provide much-needed oversight and continuity of supervision. However, the only way to truly revitalize Venice Beach and reinvigorate Windward Plaza is to bring positive, family-friendly activity back to Venice Beach.

This permit, if approved, will create a seasonal iconic experience that will help make a tremendous difference in improving Venice Beach. New energy and caring, both at night and during the day, will create forward momentum. It will draw more visitors seeking family-friendly activities, attract more local residents for fun activity, increase beach access, improve the local economy, and provide a new funding source for additional support services at the beach. It is a positive idea all-around.

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By approving this permit we can all achieve our goal of a cleaner, safer, healthier, more vibrant beach environment.

I again urge you to approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bonin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Bonin" clearly distinguishable.

**MIKE BONIN**

*Councilmember, 11th District*

January 5, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
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Re: Skating Rink in Windward Plaza, Venice Beach

Honorable Commissioners:

I am thrilled about the possibility of having a seasonal skating rink, and I hope that you will approve the project.

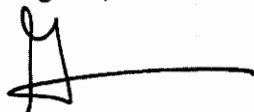
As a 20+ year resident of Venice Beach, I have witnessed numerous changes during my residency. Most have been for the betterment of Venice, however recently, the struggle for a progressive, safe and enjoyable Venice – a Venice as envisioned by founder Abbot Kinney has come under attack from a small coterie of disgruntled residents who believe nothing can happen without their approval. One of the casualties of this minority point of view has, until now, been the seasonal installation of an ice skating rink on Windward Plaza.

I know that the vast majority of Venice residents, our neighbors and friends, would be genuinely thrilled to have access to a new recreational activity right in our backyards. This is something that could become an amazing tradition for our community.

Also, it seems that the City of Los Angeles has been working hard to solve any impacts of the project. They have proposed creative ways to reuse the water from the ice and to make sure that the proposed lighting is appropriate for that area. As a result, I think this project will have a hugely positive impact on Venice Beach.

I am grateful for the City's outreach to residents and I think it reflects well on the project. I hope that you will approve this proposal and help to improve our community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'George Francisco', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George Francisco  
Resident of Venice Beach





ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

January 6, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
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**Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink**

Honorable Commissioners:

I write in support of the ice skating rink and new security lighting system proposed for Windward Plaza in Venice Beach.

Providing recreational activities in common areas along the Venice Beach boardwalk has had a positive impact residents and has helped to build a strong sense of community. The ice skating rink builds upon making my goals to make Los Angeles a more livable, sustainable and vibrant city.

Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin's proposal to build an ice skating rink will help to improve the neighborhood and spur economic activity in the neighborhood. The project has the potential to create a greater feeling of safety and generate revenue to local businesses and restaurants in the surrounding area, especially during the Holidays.

The ice skating rink will be an important investment in the community, and I hope you will approve this project. Thank you for giving your time and attention to this proposal.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

Venice Breeze Hotel  
Venice Waldorf Hotel  
2 Breeze Avenue  
Venice, CA 90291

January 6, 2016

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Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink  
Letter of Full Support

Honorable Commissioners:

As the owner of two hotels on the Venice Boardwalk we fully support an ice rink on the Boardwalk. One of the hotels will be in view of the proposed Rink. It will be a big plus for our guests to watch ice skaters from their hotel rooms.

I urge you to approve the ice skating rink and new security lighting system at Windward Plaza. I have seen how the various recreational opportunities on the Venice Beach boardwalk can draw people into the area. In fact, many visitors come to Venice Beach just to watch others skateboard, play basketball, or even lift weights. In turn, busy days on the boardwalk contribute to better sales in my store. I think the skating rink would help to increase visitors to the area, bringing both ice skaters and those that simply want to enjoy the festive atmosphere to Venice Beach.

In addition, many people leave the boardwalk in the evening because it gets too dark and somewhat deserted. I think adding lights and an activity that draws people to the area would help solve this problem. Encouraging more people to come to the area can only benefit the stores and restaurants in the community.

Lastly, I think the rink could help establish Venice Beach as a "go to" destination for the holidays. This might lead more people to consider doing some or all of their holiday shopping in the Venice Beach area.

This project is an important investment in our local Venice Beach community, and I hope that you will approve this project. Thank you for giving your time and attention to this proposal.

Carl Lambert  
Venice Breeze Hotel  
Venice Waldorf Hotel



January 6, 2016

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Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink & Security Lighting

Honorable Commissioners:

As the owner of Venice Beach Suites & Hotel, a family owned and operated historic boutique hotel on Venice Beach I urge you to approve the ice skating rink and new security lighting system at Windward Plaza. I have seen how the various recreational opportunities on the Venice Beach boardwalk can draw people into the area. In fact, many visitors come to Venice Beach just to watch others skateboard, play basketball, or even lift weights. In turn, busy days on the boardwalk contribute to better occupancy of my hotel. I think the skating rink would help to increase visitors to the area, bringing both ice skaters and those that simply want to enjoy the festive atmosphere to Venice Beach.

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This project is an important investment in our local Venice Beach community, and I hope that you will approve this project. Thank you for giving your time and attention to this proposal.

Sincerely

Andy Layman  
Owner,  
Venice Beach Suites & Hotel



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Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Honorable Commissioners:

I am Jeff Carpenter, General Manager at the Hotel Erwin. I write to encourage your approval of the proposal to develop a skating rink and install new security lighting in Venice Beach.

The new skating rink would be a welcome addition to Ocean Front Walk, as it would help draw more visitors to the area, which would be beneficial not only to our business, but to the economy of the Venice Boardwalk as a whole. Many visitors take advantage of the recreational and cultural activities offered in Venice Beach during the daytime, including sight-seeing, dining, shopping and use of the City's existing recreational facilities. However, the area near Windward Plaza is unlit and dark at night, and many businesses shut down early because of the lack of foot traffic in this area. The addition of new security lighting would help establish a more welcoming and family-friendly environment in the evenings, as well as help to establish a more steady flow of visitors throughout the day. This would help sustain local businesses, which in turn benefits the entire Venice community.

I have been impressed with the City's vision for this project. I believe it could really boost Venice Beach businesses during the holiday season. I again encourage you to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Carpenter", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeff Carpenter

Hotel Erwin





January 6, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
Long Beach, California 90802-4302

Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Honorable Commissioners:

I am the owner of Larry's Restaurant. Our business has operated next to the Ocean Front Walk, on Windward Ave. in Venice Beach for the last 4 years. I am in support of the proposal to add a skating rink and new security lighting at Venice Beach. I urge your support for this project as well.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Sokol', written in a cursive style.

Mark Sokol  
Larry's Restaurant

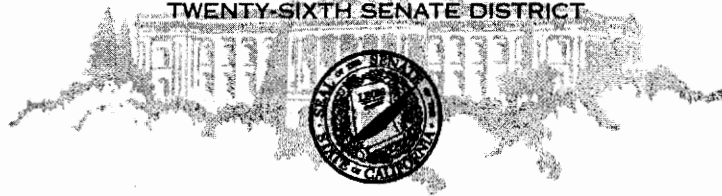
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Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the City of Los Angeles' application for the installation of security lighting and a seasonal ice skating rink in the Windward Plaza area of Venice Beach.

As the state senator representing Venice Beach, promoting tourism, public safety and community engagement are top priorities. The approval of this permit would lead to positive outcomes in these areas and has my support.

A seasonal ice rink would attract more visitors and business to Venice Beach, improving the local economy, without disrupting residential life or having a negative environmental impact. This ice rink would also help establish Venice Beach as a safe and family friendly destination, as similar efforts have done in other parts of the city.

Along with the application for the ice rink permit, the city of Los Angeles has already begun significant efforts to improve the perception, cleanliness and safety of Venice Beach, such as establishing a weekly cleanup of the boardwalk and adjacent "walk-streets," forming a Business Improvement District with local property owners and creating a position for a Venice Beach Superintendent. The seasonal ice rink would crown these efforts and move our community forward.

I urge you to approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BEN ALLEN  
Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> District

## Rehm, Zach@Coastal

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**From:** B Neal <bradnealvenice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 8:12 PM  
**To:** Rehm, Zach@Coastal  
**Subject:** Ice skating rink

My name is Brad Neal. I am a resident, business owner and property owner in Venice for over 30 years. I am strongly in favor of the installation of an ice rink in the Venice Beach Recreation area. Councilmen Bonin has once again demonstrated leadership in spearheading this project as a way to increase community and quality of life activities on Venice Beach.

Sincerely,  
Brad Neal  
310 936 3050

Sent from my iPhone

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January 7, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
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Re: Skating Rink in Windward Plaza, Venice Beach

Honorable Commissioners:

As the Assemblymember representing Venice Beach, I am thrilled about the possibility of having a seasonal skating rink, and I encourage you to approve the project. Not only does the project have the potential to be a great asset to families in the community, it will undoubtedly be beneficial to our local economy.

As you know, while Venice Beach is a top tourist destination during the day, the area around Windward Plaza is underutilized during the evening. If approved, this project will help us create a more welcoming and family-friendly environment for the area, and bolster local businesses during the critical holiday season.

The City of Los Angeles has been working hard to mitigate any environmental impact the project may have, including those noted before you last year. The City has proposed recycling the water, appropriate lighting, and incentives to encourage the use of public transit. These additions will make the project more attractive to visitors and incorporate the sustainable community goals that our area holds dear.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to your approval. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office at (310) 412-6400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Autumn R. Burke".

AUTUMN R. BURKE  
Assemblywoman, 62<sup>nd</sup> District



# Sidewalk Enterprises



Sidewalk Café

Ocean Walk  
Properties

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January 7, 2016

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## **Re: Support for Ice Skating Rink and New Security Lighting**

Honorable Commissioners:

We own the large properties with outdoor retail sales directly across the boardwalk from where the proposed ice rink will be located. We also own a restaurant, The Sidewalk Café, in the next block to the north. We have owned and operated these businesses since 1976, and are proud of our long history of community support and involvement. We are writing to SUPPORT the proposal for an ice skating rink and new security lighting in the Windward Plaza area of Venice Beach.

The new ice skating rink will attract visitors looking for a fun, wholesome, and family oriented activity. It will also make Windward Plaza more welcoming to those who would like to enjoy this recreational area and surrounding beach. In fact, this has been the case with the skate park just a few feet to the north, which has had an extremely positive influence on the area, bringing many people to the area interested in having fun at the park. The benefits of the skate park are representative of the new ice rink's future value to the community.

In addition, the new lighting will not only provide for the operation of the skate rink in the evening, but will offer an increased safety factor that will allow visitors to access the recreational facilities that Venice Beach has to offer into the evening. This area is currently unlit, and in sore need of lighting to enhance both safety as well as opportunities to enjoy the beach area after dark.

Thank you for your consideration of the many beneficial aspects of this project. We really need projects like this in Venice - positive projects that encourage the use of the recreational facilities and surrounding beach by visitors who are looking for a place to have fun and enjoy themselves. We urge you to SUPPORT the ice skating rink and new security lighting.

Sincerely,

Jay Goodfader  
Owner  
Sidewalk Enterprises

Steve Heumann  
CEO

January 7, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
Long Beach, California 90802-4302

Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Honorable Commissioners:

I am contacting you to express my support for the Venice Beach skating rink proposal. My family and I have been a part of the community for over 50 years and I think the rink would contribute greatly to its charm. Creating a hub of activity, especially at nighttime, would make the boardwalk a more fun and inviting space. It certainly would encourage more members of the community to continue to use the boardwalk even in the colder months. In addition, the increased lighting will lead to a greater feeling of safety in the area as it will help improve visibility for pedestrians on and around Windward Plaza.

Another positive aspect of this project is that it would add a new recreational option in the area without creating any negative impacts in the local community. There is already plenty of parking for visitors and, since the project is seasonal, will attract people at a time of the year when the area is normally much less busy. In addition, I understand that the City will use the revenues from the skating rink toward maintaining facilities at Venice Beach—an investment that I strongly support.

Thank you for your time and attention for this letter of support. I hope you will approve this project.

Best Regards



Michael Maas

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January 7, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
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Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Honorable Commissioners:

I am currently working with local property owners in Venice Beach to form a local Business Improvement District that will focus on making Ocean Front Walk and surrounding streets safer, cleaner and more attractive. I write to encourage your approval of the proposal to develop a skating rink and install new security lighting in Venice Beach.

The new skating rink would be a welcome addition to Ocean Front Walk, as it would help draw more visitors to the area, which would be beneficial not only to area businesses, but to the economy of the Venice Boardwalk as a whole. Many visitors take advantage of the recreational and cultural activities offered in Venice Beach during the daytime, including sight-seeing, dining, shopping and use of the City's existing recreational facilities. However, the area near Windward Plaza is unlit and dark at night, and many businesses shut down early because of the lack of foot traffic in this area. The addition of new security lighting would help establish a more welcoming and family-friendly environment in the evenings, as well as help to establish a more steady flow of visitors throughout the day. This would help sustain local businesses, which in turn benefits the entire Venice community.

I have been impressed with the City's vision for this project. I believe it could really boost Venice Beach businesses during the holiday season. I again encourage you to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara Devine". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large, sweeping initial "T" and "D".

Tara Devine  
President



Chamber of Commerce  
...the creative soul of LA

January 7, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
Long Beach, California 90802-4302

Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Honorable Commissioners:

The Venice Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to approve the proposal to develop a skating rink and install new security lighting in Venice Beach.

The new skating rink would be a positive and pleasing addition to Ocean Front Walk, as it would help draw more visitors to the area, something that would be beneficial to our businesses as well as to the economy and quality of the Venice Boardwalk as a whole.

Many visitors take advantage of the recreational and cultural activities offered in Venice Beach during the daytime, including sight-seeing, dining, shopping and use of the City's existing recreational facilities. However, the area near Windward Plaza is unlit and dark at night, and many businesses shut down early because of the lack of foot traffic in this area. The addition of new security lighting would help create a more welcoming and family-friendly environment in the evenings, as well as help secure a steady flow of visitors throughout the day. This would serve to sustain local businesses, which in turn benefits the entire Venice community.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce supports the City's vision for this project. We believe it could really boost businesses during the holiday season and help us move closer to creating a safe and welcoming environment along the Venice Beach Boardwalk. We encourage you to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Regards,

Donna Lasman  
Executive Director

TED W. LIEU  
33RD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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January 8, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
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Long Beach, California 90802-4302

Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I write to encourage your approval of the proposal to develop a skating rink and install new security lighting in Venice Beach.

The new skating rink would be a welcome addition to Ocean Front Walk, as it would help draw more visitors to the area, which would be beneficial not only to businesses, but to the economy and community of the Venice Boardwalk as a whole. Many visitors take advantage of the recreational and cultural activities offered in Venice Beach during the daytime, including sight-seeing, dining, shopping and use of the City's existing recreational facilities. However, the area near Windward Plaza is unlit and dark at night, and many businesses shut down early because of the lack of foot traffic in this area. The addition of new security lighting would help establish a more welcoming and family-friendly environment in the evenings, as well as help to establish a more steady flow of visitors throughout the day. This would help sustain local businesses, which in turn benefits the entire Venice community.

I have been impressed with the City's vision for this project. I believe it could really enhance Venice Beach businesses during the holiday season. I again encourage you to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact my staff member, Melissa Ramoso at (323) 651-1040.

Regards,



**TED W. LIEU**  
Member of Congress

1/9/2016

California Coastal Commission  
South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
Long Beach, California 90802-4302

Re: Venice Beach Skating Rink

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing as the Chair of the Ocean Front Walk Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council in Venice, CA 90291.

I am writing to personally encourage your approval of the proposal to develop a seasonal skating rink and install new security lighting in Venice Beach.

The new skating rink would be a welcome addition to Ocean Front Walk, as it would help draw more visitors to the area, which would be beneficial to the economy of the Venice Boardwalk as a whole.

Many visitors and locals are disappointed by Venice Beach with minimal access to recreational and cultural activities (Muscle beach is only open 12-4pm on Sundays when most people come visit on weekends), no positive night time activities or recreation, minimal quality dining options, over saturated not well planned by industry standard retail, lack of quality event programming, lack of lighting on Ocean Front walk and lack of enforcement/community policing.

The addition of new security lighting would help establish a more welcoming and family-friendly environment in the evenings, as well as help to establish a steadier flow of visitors throughout the day. This would help sustain local businesses, which in turn benefits the entire Venice community.

People are still scared to be on the Boardwalk at night and **anything we can do to activate the boardwalk in a positive, engaging way for all is not only needed its our duty.** Some of the best things have happened in our history as Americans happen when people just do the right thing no matter what. Please help us pave the way to many more positive activities on the Boardwalk for all.

I can sincerely tell you that the majority of visitors, surrounding neighbors in the Ocean Front Walk area and local businesses support the formation of the Ice Rink. We owe it to our community and the operator to give it a shot.

Furthermore, the Ocean Front Walk Committee and the Visitor Impact Committee passed a joint motion in favor of the Ice Rink in Nov. of 2014. The fact we are still talking about the same temporary installation of an ice rink and safety lighting is absurd in a place that needs all the lighting and positive activities it can get to save lives and activate our streets.

I know I vote not on my personal opinions, but vote based on what I feel in my heart the majority of Venetians and in this case I think visitors would want.

The committee I chair proudly is the most diverse in my opinion and we also compromise to make decisions and move forward. Functional politics.

I again encourage you to approve this project. Any other vote will be doing a disservice to the entire community and 16 million visitors we have annually. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

I trust you will do the right thing for all and if there is anyway I can help moving forward I am a community resource on Ocean Front Walk.

Regards,

Melissa Diner

Chair, Ocean Front Walk Committee  
Resident 27 Westminster Ave. Venice, CA 90291  
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## Venice Neighborhood Council

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Email: [info@VeniceNC.org](mailto:info@VeniceNC.org) / Phone or Fax: 310.606.2015



November 18, 2014

Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Room 475  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Creation of an Ice Rink

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

This will advise that at a meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council's (VNC) Board of Officers on November 18, 2014, it was moved and **rejected by the Venice Neighborhood Council** as follows:

### **MOTION:**

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of an ice rink for the 2015/2016 season.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Melissa Diner, seconded by Eduardo Manilla. **Motion failed 6-11-1.**

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse  
President,  
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc:

### Council District 11

Councilmember Mike Bonin: [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

Field Deputy – Del Rey & Venice, Cecilla Castillo, [cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)

### Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Arts Committee, [arts@venicenc.org](mailto:arts@venicenc.org)



**Rehm, Zach@Coastal**

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**From:** Gina Maslow <gina.maslow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 2:24 PM  
**To:** Lester, Charles@Coastal; Ainsworth, John@Coastal; Hudson, Steve@Coastal; Rehm, Zach@Coastal  
**Subject:** 5-14-1919 (1800 Ocean Front Walk)

To The Coastal Commission

Re: 5-14-1919

1800 Ocean Front Walk

This letter is to express my strong objection to an ice skating venue in Venice Beach. The pending permit refers to a "seasonal" venue. The likelihood of a time when any Venice water feature would freeze is nil.

Venice has long been a tourist attraction because of the art; the uniqueness of Ocean Front Walk; and of course the weather and its proximity to the beach. Venice also is a beach community skaters, surfers and sunbathers. Never have we been a community of ice skaters and the idea of an ice rink is an anachronism to beach parlance.

Money would be better spent in so many other ways. Please do not approve this absurd proposal.

Sincerely,

Gina Maslow  
234 Bernard Ave  
Venice, CA 90291  
310-387-2152

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

— Margaret Mead, anthropologist

**Rehm, Zach@Coastal**

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**From:** Gail Rogers <rogersgail33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 7:28 PM  
**To:** Rehm, Zach@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** Opposition to Ice Skating Rink in Venice

Permit Number: 5-14-1919  
Item No: W20a

Dear Commissioners:

Below are several reasons why I oppose the ice skating venue in Windward Plaza:

- 1) The VNC rejected it. It is important that the City Council members take the votes of their neighborhood councils seriously.
- 2) Aesthetically speaking, I can't see it as a beach attraction. Beach to me is sand and palm trees--beige, green and coral--not silver and icy.
- 3) Families are enjoying the ice rink in Santa Monica which is in a commercial business zone surrounded by cement. We don't need another rink. I have friends who live here in Venice near Windward Circle. Their teenage daughters love to go to Santa Monica to skate and will continue to do so. They said that if a rink is built on the beach, they will still go to Santa Monica.
- 4) The lights will be permanent. The five-year plan for the rink sounds permanent to me.
- 5) It's environmentally unsound. We're in an energy crisis and water shortage. Why do we need an ice rink that will require massive amounts of energy to keep it maintained?

Best,  
Gail Rogers  
33 Park Avenue  
Venice 90291

California Coastal Commission  
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Long Beach, CA 90802-4302

1.07.2015

Via email to: [Zach.Rehm@coastal.co.gov](mailto:Zach.Rehm@coastal.co.gov)

re Application W20a City of Los Angeles Parks & Recreations

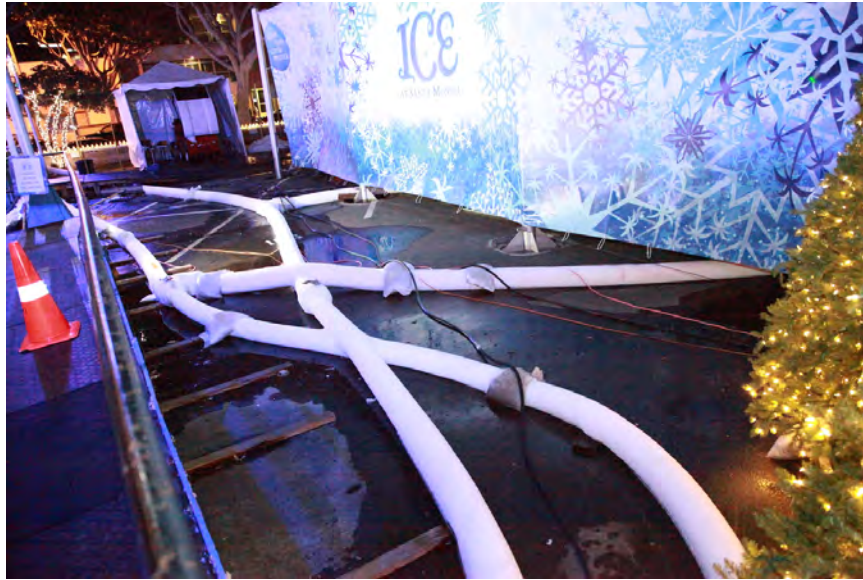


Dear Coastal Commissioners,

I respectfully ask that you consider the total impact of this application.

Venice, CA 90291, is world famous but only a 3-square-mile area including about 1 mile of beachfront. There are hundreds of miles of beach in Southern California. The unique and creative community character appears to attract visitors to Venice specifically and the Ocean Front Walk is the most popular destination for most.

An ice skating-rink at Southern California's most popular beach is infeasible for many reasons. California is in a long-term drought. We are witnessing the negative effects of global warming across the planet including an especially intense El Nino here this winter.



If we are promoting family friendly values & destination surely conservation of our environment and resources should be at the forefront. A temporary outdoor ice-skating rink for 2-months each winter will require 24/7 water & electricity. The volumes of each are enormous. The set-up involves a large area with lots of piping (above), inevitable water leakage close to electricity, and constant loud buzzing of the cooling systems.

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ALL DAY SKATING + RENTAL.....	\$15
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EVENT CABANA.....	\$300 (FOR 2 HOURS / 20'x20' CABANA)
PARTY PACKAGE.....	\$150 (MAXIMUM 10-12 PEOPLE) • 12 skate rental passes • Cups, plates, napkins, tables, chairs, candies (for birthdays) • 2 large 1-topping pizzas & 2 beverage selections (soda, juice or water)
PRIVATE LESSONS.....	\$45 1 SKATER / \$60 2 SKATERS SATURDAYS 1-20 min sessions with a private instructor. No walkups.
ICE SKATE CLASSES.....	\$30 PER SESSION Beginner Basics + Get The Edge-Intermediate SUNDAYS 130-min sessions. Maximum 15 students per class. No walkups.

Ice skating is expensive. Santa Monica charges \$15 per person. That is going to exclude many families and create a sense of the “haves” and the “have-nots” if many children will never have the opportunity to participate. This is not a good message for our public space.

I am a professional photographer. Venice is famous for it's multi-cultural, multi-generational economically diverse creative community. Visitors from all over the world say so.





And that makes Venice visually distinct. It is a huge part of the appeal.

The proposed ice rink itself and especially the permanent lighting that is a significant part of the proposal would permanently degrade this world famous “coastal iconography.” If large posts break up the landscape and the foreground is over-lit at sunset and in the evening we will forever lose one of our most precious assets- the visual landscape of a famous southern California coastal beach town. That unobstructed view is photographed by millions and sells postcards and posters all over the world.

PLEASE do not destroy our view. Our environment, Or water, our most precious resources in a time of severe drought. There are other ways to create fun and safety for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

May the coast be with you!

Sincerely,

Margaret Molloy











**Rehm, Zach@Coastal**

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**From:** Michael Swan <mswan@graudits.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 5:01 PM  
**To:** Posner, Chuck@Coastal; Rehm, Zach@Coastal  
**Cc:** C. A.  
**Subject:** Permit # 5-14-1919; Item No W20a

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my wife and my strong opposition to the above referenced Permit No 5-14-1919 calling for extra lights and an ice rink on the Venice Beach boardwalk.

As 2 year residents of a walk street just 50 feet from the Venice boardwalk, I believe we are well situated to give a realistic assessment of the current situation and potential outcome if Venice Boardwalk becomes more of a night time destination with increased lighting and an ice rink.

It is our strong opinion that Venice is best as a day time playground. This is most evident when one considers the circumstances that ensue following the weekly Sunday night drum circle. For those who are unaware of the drum circle, it is a weekly event that draws 100s of people from 4 pm until sundown every Sunday night. Unlike any other night, even Saturdays, Sundays nights always seem to bring an increased presence of teenage drinking and drug use, public urination, litter and graffiti. It is my opinion that all of this is directly related to the nighttime presence of the drum circle participants, people who would otherwise have gone home by sunset. If we were to encourage night time activities all week long, Venice would most certainly take on the craziness of Sunday night with increased noise, liter, drunken teenagers and other quality of life issues. For these reasons, we reiterate our opposition to the proposal.

I get that we want Venice beach to be a family friendly destination. Unfortunately, putting in a ice rink and lights to make it more hospitable at night is "putting the cart before the horse." The homeless issue will not change. The drug and alcohol issues will not change. The pollution issue will not change. Thus, all the same issues will prevail, now just every night of the week.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michael and Charley Swan

Office: 310-451-3344

January 8, 2016

W20a

Via EMAIL:

zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov

California Coastal Commission  
Coastal Staff & Coastal Commissioners  
200 OceanGate, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re. OPPOSITION to CDP application for:  
Ice Skate Rink (5-14-1919)  
Hearing date: Wednesday January 13, 2016  
Agenda Item 20a

Coastal Staff and Honorable Commissioners,

This project is a good example of where a Community has weighed in on an issue in a public hearing process, but its recommendation has been lost, was reissued as a result of significant public pressure, then it was ignored and, finally, it was interpreted as opposite of what it said. The community letter is attached, and its recommendation NOT to approve the Ice Skating Rink project will be correctly reflected in the Staff Report by next week. Finally.

This is not unusual. The process of being heard as a Community is very difficult and exhausting. This project had several hearings at the local level for the first CDP. The Community Appeal(s) were denied. The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) heard the proposal three times—the first time it was continued, the second time it was denied, and the third time the Council Office's request for reconsideration was denied. The VNC voted the project down due to environmental concerns—water and energy usage, as this type of project works against the natural environment and causes excess resources to be used. The profit is miniscule. There are many other recreation activities worthy of consideration. A roller skating rink was suggested as being more in tune with the beach environment as well as in keeping with the Venice culture and vibe.

Neighborhood Councils such as that of Venice exist as per the City Charter and are for the purpose of "aiding in the conduct of the people's business." These recommendations are achieved via a very carefully City and Brown-Act controlled process and should be seriously considered. It is very concerning to us that this recommendation seems to have been ignored by the Council Office. Applicants of projects in L.A. are asked to have their communities weigh in via their neighborhood council. This project should be no different.

A lot of resources have gone into this proposal, in spite of the lack of local community support. In addition to the initial many hearings for the Public Works City CDP, there were three more local hearings, and there will have been three Coastal Commission hearings. This is a significant amount of effort, and a significant amount of local resources. This Coastal Commission and its Staff are valuable resources, and much of your time has been spent on this proposal, in spite of the lack of local support and the community board's recommendation against it. And, as noted above, there were many forces working against the local community board's recommendation being properly communicated and considered.

All of this begs the question, why does our Council Office want this ice skating rink so badly? Related to this, there is some concern that information on the company who would be getting this contract has not been disclosed. Were there no RFP's made to the Public? 2 bids? 3 bids?

One of the most important questions here is why we would consider a visitor recreation opportunity that requires significant amounts of water at a time of a severe drought. There are no less than FOUR drought-related proclamations from our Governor. Are all of these proclamations from our Governor something we should take seriously, or are they just for show, to appear he is doing something? There doesn't appear to be any information on how the use of water for this activity would affect the water allocation and availability for our City. The Coastal Commission, of all agencies, would naturally be looking out for the protection of our natural resources.

Also, there are too many unanswered questions for this project to be reviewed by the Commission, let alone approved. A continuation is preferred, so that this proposal can be analyzed using information such as final lighting plan and final electric board placement, which are critical items of interest to the surrounding residents. Also, the sound study/information was not included, and this is a bit strange as that is critical information to the surrounding area. Preliminary investigations by residents have indicated that the sound of the generators and operating system are quite loud and irritating to those in the surrounding area.

Also, this application has been billed as for an ice skating rink. However, on further analysis it seems clear that it is perhaps mainly for additional permanent lighting. Those who have been around for a few years are well aware that an application for additional permanent lighting at the Boardwalk or on Ocean Front Walk by itself would have an extremely hard time being approved. In the past, such applications have been protested successfully. Also, those impacted and located in the surrounding area who are NOT in favor of beach closure would fight hard for the beach closure to be lifted with the addition of safety measures such as significant additional lighting. This application sort of couches this all year long additional permanent lighting within an ice skating rink proposal that is only for two months of the year. We believe that many who would otherwise care very much about the addition of permanent, year round lighting do not realize that this is included in the ice skating proposal, as it has not been noticed in a way that they would necessarily clearly understand this.

Regarding visual resources, we must protect our sunsets! The photographers in our community are very concerned about these lights, as Special Condition 2 has greatly challenged the ability to shoot photos because it does not favor the artistry of photography – where lighting is everything!

Special Condition 3 continues to cause new impacts to visual resources as the Ocean Front Walk would have large poles with security cameras in the view, which have a negative impact on the horizon and impose an ugly addition in the photographs as well as in the viewing of the sunset for personal enjoyment.

In fact, viewing of the Sunset is probably THE most popular activity done in the Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk area. On a daily basis, the Boardwalk is crowded at the time just before Sunset, with residents, businesses and tourists alike come together to enjoy this very special visual resource, something that is unique to anything we have ever seen. Bright colored lights, significantly increased permanent lighting, and many new poles would distract from the enjoyment of that special activity.

The Staff Report mentions the importance of lower-cost visitor and recreational facilities and that they should be protected and encouraged. However, this is a relatively expensive activity, especially for a family of low economic means. There are plenty of families who cannot afford the Winter Wonderland Activities as provided at the Ocean Front Walk. These activities are not equal and pale in comparison, paid verses what is offered for free. What is the fee to skate!? We were informed it is expected to be \$10 to \$15 dollars. Why is the price not set and offered as part of this proposal? This is a significant aspect that should be included.

What is the source or what are the assumptions in the CD11 projection of 28,000 users?

Also with respect to the security lighting, the reproductive rights of the marine species should be protected. The sea creatures cannot communicate, "Lights out!", and why would they feel any differently about this than their human counterparts? The Commission is required by law to protect the marine species!

Saying that the Commission finds that security lighting is a preferable alternative to a curfew cannot be used as a reason to approve this project, as the lighting is not being proposed as an alternative to the curfew. Saying that this will help in eliminating the curfew is a promise that Coastal Staff cannot make or keep, so this is a very misleading statement.

It is concerning that the CDP for this proposed project for a visitor and recreational facility was processed through Bureau of Public Works as a Public works project rather than through City Planning. In doing so, it was kept much less transparent from the community, which is much more in tune with the City Planning CDP process. Although many were aware of the project when it was proposed at the City level, we feel that if Notice had been more clear in terms of the lights being installed permanently, for all 12 months of the year, vs. the two months per year ice skating visitor activity, and if the mainstream City Planning CDP process had been used, that there would have been much more Public opposition to the project expressed.

This project's trailer is 40'x 10' and is huge! The Ice Rink at 50'x 100' and will add significant noise to the Boardwalk! A generator to keep the rink frozen will be extremely loud. Why isn't there a noise mitigation report attached? The neighbors have a right to know the details of this impact.

On Page 10 G: 'slightly longer hours' is too vague... Why can't this be decided now?

We had \$99,000 to refurbish 5 bathrooms. Where is the financial report to support these expenditures?

As for the records for the bathroom maintenance and cleaning, they only cover a 3-week period. This in no way proves they were cleaned? Perhaps this was the last time were cleaned, which would explain quite a bit.....

Finally, we are in a drought—all of California – and Venice is not excused from doing our share of conservation. We too must lead by example, including at the City level. Beverly Hills is shamelessly not doing their share of conservation. It's downright criminal and arrogant to not pitch in and be responsible to each other and to be responsible to others in our state, near and far.

Water is life; water is sacred.

For 365 days of the year - we, Californians, receive daily messages about water conservation and the critical emergency and importance of conserving H2O. Nowhere do we hear these kinds of projects are encouraged and we know that as a general rule such a project would be frowned upon during a drought. So why is this ICE RINK so different and special?

OUR PRECIOUS WATER MUST ONLY GO TO NECESSITIES OF LIFE AND NOT FOR RECREATION.

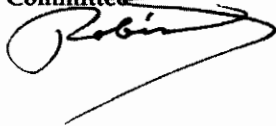
Sincerely yours,



Lydia Ponce

And

Robin Rudisill, as an individual and not on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council or its Land Use & Planning Committee





## Venice Neighborhood Council

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November 18, 2014

Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Room 475  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Creation of an Ice Rink

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

This will advise that at a meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council's (VNC) Board of Officers on November 18, 2014, it was moved and rejected by the Venice Neighborhood Council as follows:

### MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of an ice rink for the 2015/2016 season.

ACTION: Motion made by Melissa Diner, seconded by Eduardo Manilla. **Motion failed 6-11-1.**

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse  
President,  
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc:

Council District 11

Councilmember Mike Bonin: [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

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**California Drought** [ca.gov/drought](http://ca.gov/drought) California State  
Climatologist: Do Not Count on El Niño to End **Drought**. August 13,  
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**Current Conditions - California**

**Drought** [www.californiadrought.org/drought/current-conditions](http://www.californiadrought.org/drought/current-conditions) Update on the **California Drought** – December 21,  
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Drought-ravaged Folsom Lake rises 28.5 feet in just one month (But the future is unknown... LP)

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Water-starved-Folsom-Lake-is-finally-starting-to-6738359.php>

*Just Subtract Water: The Los Angeles River and a Robert Moses with the Soul of a Jane Jacobs* by Joseph Giovannini

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## **Turtle Island: Canada, America, and Mexico**

Signs of drought appear to be in Western Canada for the long term

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Worst Drought in 1,000 Years Predicted for American West

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400-Year-Old Colonial Church Emerges From Waters In Mexico (mixed feelings about this...)

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## **Global**

**Global drought: why is no one discussing fresh water at Cop21?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/sep/16/global-drought-why-is-no-one-discussing-fresh-water-at-cop21>

**Brazil:**

<https://www.facebook.com/MicMedia/videos/1056184857737637/>

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**Rehm, Zach@Coastal**

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**From:** Nikohl Vandel <nikohlvandel@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2016 9:55 AM  
**To:** Rehm, Zach@Coastal; Posner, Chuck@Coastal  
**Subject:** Fw: APPLICATION 5-14-1919 City of Los Angeles Ice Rink

Dear Commissioners:

I see staff is recommending this Application to be approved for the City of Los Angeles Ice Rink and Lighting in Venice Beach, at your meeting this week.

I wonder if staff is focused on politics or the California Coast and the real issues of climate change on it. I read the report and I would just say it was less than adequately done given our new Global standards and practices called for by the 2015 UN Climate Action Summit in Paris this Winter.

The City is too shallow in its thinking given the extreme truth the world was made aware of by its leaders at the Summit (#COP21Paris). Please help our City government understand the truth we are actually dealing with today.

This application includes some permanent lighting, specifically, is just wrong given today's focus to withstand our already over indulgent selves.

Sure, I love ice skating, it would be fun, yet with another ice rink about 5 miles away, us Republican, suburban moms would prefer a world that survives our folly rather than exacerbates the lack of awareness and competent thinking in our Los Angeles City Council.

Please help us with our City and its council get up to speed on the #OceansRising and preparing for that instead of playing games and politics at this time.

Thank you, always, for serving and for listening. Have a great meeting. Republica and think #GlobalGoals. Together we can be smarter.

Nikohl Vandel

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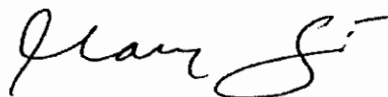
## EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Filed by Commissioner: Mary Luevano 1) Name or description of project: Venice Ice Skating Ring 5-14-1919 (City of Los Angeles, Ice Skating Ring, Venice)

- 2) Date and time of receipt of communication: Tuesday, January 5, 11:30am  
3) Location of communication: By phone  
(If not in person, include the means of communication, e.g., telephone, e-mail, etc.)  
4) Identity of person(s) initiating communication: Marietta Torriente  
5) Identity of person(s) on whose behalf communication was made: Mike Bonin  
6) Identity of persons(s) receiving communication: Mary Luevano  
7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication: Mike Bonin

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

Councilmember Bonin request a phone call to discuss the Venice Ice Skating Ring (Item 20a on the January agenda). He outlined the general plans for the ring and discussed the fact that he has hoped for and envisioned an ice skating venue in Venice for over 20 years. We discussed community support (local businesses and others) and opposition (Venice Neighborhood Council). I raised the issue of water usage and my concern about establishing an ice skating ring during a drought. CM Bonin explained that the City is taking steps to conserve water at the rink (and is exploring the use of reclaimed water). Also, he noted that the permit simply gives the City the permission to set up a rink however if drought conditions are severe next year this would be taken into consideration when determining whether to actually establish the ring..



January 7, 2016

Date

Signature of Commissioner

**TIMING FOR FILING OF DISCLOSURE FORM:** File this form with the Executive Director within seven (7) days of the ex parte communication, if the communication occurred seven or more days in advance of the Commission hearing on the item that was the subject of the communication. If communication occurred within seven days of the hearing, provide the information orally on the record of the proceeding and provide the Executive Director with a copy of any written material that was part of the communication. This form may be filed with the Executive Director in addition to the oral disclosure.

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# W20a

Filed:	6/2/2015
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Staff:	Z. Rehm-LB
Staff Report:	12/18/2015
Hearing Date:	1/13/2016

## STAFF REPORT: REGULAR CALENDAR

**Application No.:** 5-14-1919

**Applicant:** City of Los Angeles (Dept. of Rec. and Parks)

**Location:** 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Windward Plaza, Venice, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

**Project Description:** Install temporary (recurring annually) ice skating venue, permanent security lighting, and new electrical switchboard and transformer in Windward Plaza adjacent to Venice Beach. Ice skating venue includes ice rink, boards, two equipment tents, two modular skate rental and office units, and two temporary 16-foot high light towers, all atop a temporary subfloor and deck structure approximately 68-feet wide by 160-feet long. Venue would be open to the public from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm between Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, annually, with set-up beginning 10 days prior and take-down culminating 7 days following the operational period. Permanent security lighting includes sixteen 26-foot high poles, each fitted with three light emitting diode fixtures rated at 135 watts. New electrical switchboard and transformer would be maximum 42 inches high, sited atop a 10-foot by 8-foot concrete pad.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval with conditions.

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## SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks proposes new development including a temporary ice skating venue and permanent security lighting and electrical equipment in Windward Plaza, adjacent to Venice Beach. Windward Plaza is part of a public park (Venice Beach Recreation Center) composed of grass, 150 palm trees, and concrete walkways and patios on an area

formerly covered by sandy beach. Existing development in and around Windward Plaza includes a police substation, a lighted graffiti wall, the Venice Skate Park, the Muscle Beach fitness area, four basketball courts, eleven tennis courts, and a 352-space public parking lot. The plaza is approximately 1,200 feet wide and 300 feet deep and is proposed to be fully illuminated by the new permanent security lighting, while the temporary (recurring annually) ice skating venue is proposed to be located in the center of the plaza, measuring approximately 160-feet by 68-feet. A permanent electrical switchboard and transformer are proposed atop an 8-foot by 10-foot concrete pad in area of the plaza between the basketball courts and the public restroom facility.

The primary issues raised by the application are public access and recreation, visual resources, and environmentally sensitive habitat on the adjacent beach. The site is in the *Dual Permit Jurisdiction* area of the City of Los Angeles and the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act are the standard of review. The City of Los Angeles does not have a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) for Venice, but the certified Venice Land Use Plan (2001) includes policies similar to those of the Coastal Act, requiring new development to provide maximum public access, preserve visual resources, and protect environmentally sensitive habitat areas. The City is in the process of preparing an LCP for Venice.

The City submitted a similar application on August 6, 2014, which was denied by the Coastal Commission following a public hearing on September 11, 2014. The Commission granted the City's request to reconsider the application following a public hearing on October 8, 2014 and the City submitted the subject application on December 18, 2014. Commission staff determined that it was incomplete on January 15, 2015 and the City submitted additional information on June 2, 2015.

Having reviewed the additional information and worked with the City to identify alternatives to maximize public access and recreation, and minimize impacts to visual resources and environmentally sensitive habitat, staff is recommending **approval** of the coastal development permit with five special conditions. In order to ensure that the installation and operation of the ice skating venue will not adversely impact public access to the coast, **Special Condition 1** authorizes the ice skating venue on a temporary basis (recurring annually) for a period of five winter seasons, subject to monitoring and reporting by the City, with the potential for an extension of the permit following the 2020/2021 winter season. In order to protect visual resources and preserve biological productivity on the adjacent beach and intertidal habitat area occasionally populated by spawning grunions, **Special Condition 2** requires the City to submit a final lighting plan which shows that all lighting shall be downward directed, shielded away from the beach, and shall minimize glare and spillover effects by limiting the average light intensity to 1.0 foot candle within the project area. **Special Condition 3** requires the City to submit a final plan showing the precise location and elevation of the electrical switchboard and transformer atop the concrete pad, in order to ensure that the development does not cause new impacts to visual resources not already identified and authorized by this permit. **Special Condition 4** requires the City to implement construction and post-construction best management practices to preserve water quality and minimize water and energy use. Because the development is located in an area subject to hazards including flooding, **Special Condition 5** requires the City assume the risks of the development, waive liability against the Commission, and indemnify the Commission against potential claims, and to require any sublessee or assignee to submit a written agreement to the Commission incorporating those terms.

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**EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Ice Skating Venue Plans
- Exhibit 3 – Security Lighting and Electrical Plans
- Exhibit 4 – Supporting Information from Applicant
- Exhibit 5 – Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area Map (Venice LUP)

## I. MOTION AND RESOLUTION

### Motion:

*I move that the Commission **approve** Coastal Development Permit Application No. 5-14-1919 pursuant to the staff recommendation.*

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in approval of the permit as conditioned and adoption of the following resolution and findings. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

### Resolution:

*The Commission hereby approves Coastal Development Permit 5-14-1919 for the proposed development and adopts the findings set forth below on grounds that the development as conditioned will be in conformity with the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction over the area to prepare a Local Coastal Program conforming to the provisions of Chapter 3. Approval of the permit complies with the California Environmental Quality Act because either 1) feasible mitigation measures and/or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the development on the environment, or 2) there are no further feasible mitigation measures or alternatives that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts of the development on the environment.*

## II. STANDARD CONDITIONS

This permit is granted subject to the following standard conditions:

1. **Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.** The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
2. **Expiration.** If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
3. **Interpretation.** Any questions of intent of interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
4. **Assignment.** The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.



5. **Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.** These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

### III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

This permit is granted subject to the following special conditions:

1. **Approved Development – Temporary (Recurring Annually) Ice Skating Venue.**

- A. Coastal Development Permit 5-14-1919 authorizes the installation, operation, and removal of a temporary ice skating venue during the winter holiday season for a period of five (5) seasons, commencing upon the date of issuance of the permit and concluding January 25, 2021, upon which time the authorization for the temporary ice skating venue authorized by this permit shall cease. During each of the approved seasons, installation of the ice skating venue shall begin no earlier than 10 days prior to Thanksgiving Day and removal of the venue shall be completed no later than seven days following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Any request for a change to the installation, operation, and removal schedule of the ice skating venue shall be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is legally required. After the authorization for the ice skating venue expires, any future installation, operation, and removal of an ice skating venue shall require either a new coastal development permit or an amendment to this coastal development permit.
- B. Within 30 days following the conclusion of each of the five authorized temporary ice skating venue winter holiday seasons, the applicant shall submit a report to the Executive Director, which shall include the following information:
  - i. The number of patrons served by the ice skating venue over the entire season;
  - ii. An estimate of the water and energy usage of the ice skating venue over the entire season;
  - iii. A description of the process used to recycle/re-use/dispose of the excess water from the ice rink at the conclusion of the season;
  - iv. An accounting of all of the City's revenues and expenditures associated with the ice skating venue;
  - v. An accounting of all funds generated by the project which have been deposited into the Venice Beach maintenance fund and a summary of the operations supported by the Venice Beach maintenance fund;
  - vi. A description of any unexpected problems (e.g., flooding, electrical problems, vandalism, injuries, etc.) encountered during installation, operation, and removal of the ice skating venue; and
  - vii. Copies of any public correspondence related to the ice skating venue.
- C. All development shall occur in strict compliance with the proposal as set forth in the application for the permit, subject to any special conditions. Any deviation from the

approved project plans shall be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is legally required.

2. **Approved Development – Lighting Plan.** PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the applicant shall submit a final lighting plan for the review and approval of the Executive Director, which shall be consistent with the following requirements:
  - A. All lighting, including temporary lighting installed around the ice skating venue during the winter holiday season and permanent lighting installed throughout Windward Plaza, shall be downward directed, shielded away from the beach and intertidal habitat area, and shall use best available dark-skies technology to minimize glare and spillover effects to the greatest extent allowed by the best available technology.
  - B. With the exception of the ice skating venue during the operational hours of the winter holiday season, the average light intensity within the project area shall be no greater than 1.0 foot candle, as measured from the ground. The applicant shall submit a diagram or report documenting that the final lighting plan is consistent with this requirement.
  - C. The temporary lights installed around the ice skating venue during the winter holiday season shall only be illuminated during hours when the venue is open to the public and shall be turned off when the last member of the public leaves the venue each night.
  - D. The height of the permanent light poles shall be no greater than 26-feet and the number of light poles shall be no greater than 16. If the preceding requirements can be satisfied with shorter light poles or fewer light poles, the applicant shall design the final lighting plan accordingly.

The applicant shall undertake and maintain the approved development in compliance with the final plans approved by the Executive Director. Any deviation from the approved plans shall be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is legally required.

3. **Approved Development – Electrical Switchboard and Transformer.** PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the applicant shall submit, for the review and approval of the Executive Director, a final plan showing the precise location and elevation of the electrical switchboard and transformer atop the concrete pad. In order to ensure that the development does not cause new impacts to visual resources not already identified and authorized by this permit, the plan shall demonstrate the following:
  - A. The electrical switchboard and transformer shall be no more than 42-inches high;
  - B. The concrete pad shall be located in proximity to other structures and/or electrical equipment within the plaza;
  - C. The concrete pad shall not be sited in a view corridor where unobstructed views from Ocean Front Walk to the Pacific Ocean currently exist; and

- D. The pad shall not be sited in a low lying section of the plaza subject to flooding. If feasible, the pad shall be sited on one of the many moles within the plaza in order to reduce the risk of flood damage.

The applicant shall undertake and maintain the approved development in compliance with the final plans approved by the Executive Director. Any deviation from the approved plans shall be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is legally required.

- 4. **Construction and Post-Construction Best Management Practices.** In order to minimize adverse environmental impacts and the unpermitted deposition, spill or discharge of any liquid or solid into the sea, the applicant shall implement the following construction and post-construction best management practices:
  - A. Machinery or construction materials are prohibited at all times in the subtidal and intertidal zones.
  - B. Staging and storage of construction machinery and storage of debris shall not take place on any sandy beach.
  - C. Sand from the beach, cobbles, or shoreline rocks shall not be used for construction material.
  - D. Netting, sandbags, tarps and/or other forms of barriers shall be installed between the shoreline and work areas and equipment storage areas to prevent any unpermitted material from entering the sea.
  - E. The storage or stockpiling of soil, silt, other organic or earthen materials, or any materials and chemicals related to the construction shall not occur where such materials/chemicals could pass into the waters of the sea. Stockpiled fill shall be stabilized with geofabric covers or other appropriate cover.
  - F. Spills of construction equipment fluids or other hazardous materials shall be immediately contained on-site and disposed of in an environmentally safe manner as soon as possible.
  - G. Construction vehicles operating at the project site shall be inspected daily to ensure there are no leaking fluids. If there are leaking fluids, the construction vehicles shall be serviced immediately. Equipment and machinery shall be serviced, maintained and washed only in confined areas specifically designed to control runoff and prevent discharges into the sea. Thinners, oils or solvents shall not be discharged into sanitary or storm sewer systems.
  - H. All floatable debris and trash generated by construction activities within the project area shall be disposed of as soon as possible or at the end of each day.
  - I. All grading and excavation areas shall be properly covered and sandbags and/or ditches shall be used to prevent runoff from leaving the site, and measures to control erosion must be implemented at the end of each day's work.

- J. In the event that lead-contaminated soils or other toxins or contaminated material are discovered on the site, such matter shall be stockpiled and transported off-site only in accordance with Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) rules and/or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) regulations.
  - K. At the end of the construction period, the applicant shall inspect the project area and ensure that all debris, trimmings, trash, and construction materials have been removed from the area and taken to an appropriate location.
  - L. During construction and operation of the ice skating venue, water shall be contained at the site and shall not be discharged onto the sandy beach or into the ocean. The applicant or the vendor shall prepare a plan to respond to spills or leaks of water, consistent with best management practices at other temporary ice skating venues. If a spill occurs, the applicant shall notify the Executive Director, who shall determine whether an amendment to this permit is legally required.
  - M. During removal of the ice skating venue, the applicant or the vendor shall recycle or reuse the excess water on-site, if feasible. If it is not feasible to recycle or re-use the water, the applicant or the vendor shall obtain a discharge permit from the regional water quality control board prior to discharging excess water into the storm drain system or a discharge permit from the sanitation district prior to discharging excess water to the sewer system. Excess water shall not be discharged onto the sandy beach or into the ocean.
5. **Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement.** By acceptance of Coastal Development Permit 5-14-1919, the applicant, on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, and any other holder of the possessory interest in the development authorized by this permit, acknowledges and agrees: i) that the site may be subject to hazards from waves, flooding, earthquakes, and other unforeseen events; ii) to assume the risks to the applicant and the property that is the subject of this permit of injury and damage from such hazards in connection with this permitted development; iii) to unconditionally waive any claim of damage or liability against the Commission, its officers, agents, and employees for injury or damage from such hazards; iv) to indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to the Commission's approval of the project against any and all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs (including costs and fees incurred in defense of such claims), expenses, and amounts paid in settlement arising from any injury or damage due to such hazards; and v) to agree to include a provision in any subsequent sublease or assignment of the development authorized by this permit requiring the sublessee or assignee to submit a written agreement to the Commission, for the review and approval of the Executive Director, incorporating all of the foregoing restrictions identified in i through v.

#### IV. DUAL PERMIT JURISDICTION AREA

Within the areas specified in Section 30601 of the Coastal Act, which is known in the City of Los Angeles permit program as the *Dual Permit Jurisdiction* area, the Coastal Act requires that any development which receives a local coastal development permit also obtain a second (or “dual”) coastal development permit from the Coastal Commission. The Commission’s standard of review for development in the *Dual Permit Jurisdiction* area is the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. For projects located inland of the areas identified in Section 30601 (i.e., projects in the *Single Permit Jurisdiction* area), the City of Los Angeles local coastal development permit is the only coastal development permit required.

In this case, the project site is within the *Dual Permit Jurisdiction* area. The City of Los Angeles completed its final action to approve local Coastal Development Permit No. 14-02 on July 7, 2014.

#### IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

##### A. PROJECT LOCATION & DESCRIPTION

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks proposes new development including a temporary ice skating venue and permanent security lighting and electrical equipment in Windward Plaza, in Venice, Los Angeles. Windward plaza is part of a public park (Venice Beach Recreation Center) atop an area formerly covered by sandy beach between Ocean Front Walk and Venice Beach (between the first public road and the sea). The park is composed of grass, 150 palm trees, and concrete walkways and patios atop the former sandy beach. Further seaward and north of the proposed development are a lighted graffiti wall and associated structures (approved by Coastal Development Permit 5-11-256), as well as the Venice Skate Park. To the south of the proposed development are a police substation, the Muscle Beach fitness area, four basketball courts, eleven tennis courts, and a 352-space public parking lot (**Exhibit 1**). The plaza is approximately 1,200 feet wide and 300 feet deep and is proposed to be fully illuminated by the new permanent security lighting, while the temporary (recurring annually) ice skating venue is proposed to be located in the center of the plaza, measuring approximately 160-feet by 68-feet.

The proposed ice skating venue includes a 50-foot by 100-foot ice rink, perimeter boards, two equipment tents, two modular skate rental and office units, and two temporary 16-foot high light and sound towers, all atop a temporary subfloor and deck structure approximately three-feet above grade. The proposed seasonal skating venue entails use of an actual frozen water surface, not a synthetic or plastic surface. The ice surface will be maintained by a chiller/refrigeration unit housed in a trailer (40-feet by 10-feet) sited landward of the ice rink, that conveys propylene glycol through 70-foot long, 4-inch diameter supply and return lines, insulated and protected by a plywood box cover (**Exhibit 2**).

The applicant proposes sixteen permanent 26-foot high light poles spaced throughout Windward Plaza, each featuring three aluminum dome-shaped LED fixtures rated at 135 watts each, producing an average light intensity of 1.0 foot candles at ground level (**Exhibit 3**). The furthest seaward light poles are proposed approximately 350 feet inland of the mean high tide line, approximately the same setback as the light poles approved by Coastal Development Permit 5-11-256 (the Venice graffiti walls).

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The permanent electrical switchboard and transformer are proposed landward of the temporary ice skating venue atop an 8-foot by 10-foot concrete pad in area of the plaza between the basketball courts and the public restroom facility. They would provide electricity for the venue and for other facilities in the area.

The City submitted Coastal Development Permit Application No. 5-14-1479 for a similar project on August 6, 2014, which was denied by the Coastal Commission following a public hearing on September 11, 2014. The Commission granted the City's request to reconsider the application following a public hearing on October 8, 2014 and the City submitted the subject application on December 18, 2014. Commission staff determined that it was incomplete on January 15, 2015 and the City submitted additional information on June 2, 2015. The Venice Neighborhood Council passed a resolution in support of an ice rink on November 18, 2014, after the Commission had already denied the application and granted reconsideration.

## **B. PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATION**

Coastal Act section 30210 states:

*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 people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse.*

Coastal Act section 30211 states:

*Development shall not interfere with the public's right of access to the sea where acquired through use of legislative authorization, including, but not limited to, the use of dry sand and rocky coastal beaches to the first line of terrestrial vegetation.*

Section 30213 of the Coastal Act states, in part:

*Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. Developments providing public recreational opportunities are preferred.*

Coastal Act section 30252 states, in part:

*The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast by... (4)providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development with public transportation...*

### **Ice Skating Venue**

The operation of the seasonal ice skating venue will provide a new public recreational opportunity along the coast. The applicant projects that 28,000 users will visit the ice skating venue during the winter holiday season and the price will be approved by the Department of Recreation and Parks in order to ensure that it is affordable to the public. The venue will be open from approximately 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily between Thanksgiving Day and Martin Luther King Day, with slightly longer hours around holidays. Set-up of the temporary venue will take no more than 10 days and removal will take no more than seven days.

Although ice skating is not a coastal dependent use, the proposed ice skating venue will have the effect of drawing new visitors to the coast. Many of the visitors to the ice skating venue will also visit the adjacent public beach, and likewise many beachgoers and visitors to Ocean Front Walk will also visit the ice skating venue. No sandy beach area will be impacted, as the site of the venue will be placed on existing paved surfaces and turf areas.

While visiting the ice skating venue, the beach, and the commercial zone along Ocean Front Walk, some beach visitors will utilize the City-operated public restrooms facilities in the area. The City operates six restroom facilities along Venice Beach, including one in Windward Plaza. The City has spent \$99,150 during the previous five years to refurbish five of those facilities. The City has submitted hundreds of pages of maintenance logs (an excerpt is included in **Exhibit 4**) indicating that since at least November 8, 2014 each restroom has been serviced six times per day, every day, between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and that during peak visitation periods, a supplemental contract for cleaning services augments the efforts of maintenance staff. The City indicates that most other restroom facilities in Los Angeles are serviced once per day. The City indicates that its annual Venice Beach maintenance budget is \$1.7 million and that the ice skating venue is projected to generate \$100,000 per year, which would be deposited into the Venice Beach maintenance fund.

Many visitors of the ice skating venue will drive to Venice and park their vehicles in the area. There are several City-operated parking lots within one mile of the site, as well as a County-operated 352-space public parking lot on the public beach approximately 500 feet south of the proposed ice skating venue. Additionally, there are thousands of metered public parking spaces within one mile of the site. There are also several valet parking operations on Windward Avenue, adjacent to the park. Finally, there are bicycle racks within the park and several Metro and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus routes serve the area.

The installation, operation, and removal of the ice skating venue will temporarily restrict the ability of some members of the public to recreate in the open grass and hardscape spaces in the center of Windward Plaza. However, the venue only takes up a portion of the open space within the plaza. Additionally, the ice skating venue is proposed to be installed, operated, and removed during the winter period, when the plaza is slightly less busy. The ice skating venue will not restrict physical access between the nearest public road and Venice Beach because there are many vertical accessways in the immediate area.

The proposal to provide a new public recreation facility near the coast which will encourage public recreation on Venice Beach and will not restrict access to the beach or the plaza is consistent with the public access and recreation policies of the coastal act. The provision and maintenance of adequate restroom facilities and public parking facilities in the area will enhance public access and recreational opportunities.

In order to ensure that the ice skating venue is installed, operated, and removed as detailed in the City's application, and does not adversely affect the public's ability to access the coast in any manner not already identified and authorized by this permit, the Commission imposes **Special Condition 1**. The condition authorizes the temporary ice skating venue during the winter holiday season for a period of five (5) seasons, commencing upon the date of issuance of the permit and concluding January 25, 2021. During each of the approved seasons, installation of the ice skating venue shall begin no earlier than 10 days prior to Thanksgiving Day and removal of the venue shall be completed no later than seven days following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Special Condition 1 also requires the City to submit a report at the end of each season including: i) the number of patrons served by the ice skating venue over the

entire season, including: ii) an estimate of the water and energy usage of the ice skating venue over the entire season; iii) a description of the process used to recycle/re-use/dispose of the excess water from the ice rink at the conclusion of the season; iv) an accounting of all of the City's revenues and expenditures associated with the ice skating venue; v) an accounting of all funds generated by the project which have been deposited into the Venice Beach maintenance fund and a summary of the operations supported by the Venice Beach maintenance fund; vi) a description of any unexpected problems encountered during installation, operation, and removal of the ice skating venue; and vii) copies of any public correspondence related to the ice skating venue. After the five season authorization expires, the City may seek an amendment to the permit to continue installing, operating, and removing the ice skating venue following the 2020/2021 season.

### **Security Lighting**

The proposed security lighting has the potential to enhance public access, provided the lighting is treated and illuminated with consideration for all plaza and beach users. Because the primary purpose of the lighting is to enhance public safety, the lighting must be wide-ranging and bright enough to discourage illegal and anti-social behavior; however, the lighting should not be so wide-ranging and bright as to discourage casual and peaceful enjoyment of the public park and the adjacent public beach.

The City originally proposed seventeen 28-foot high light poles, each including four aluminum dome-shaped LED fixtures rated at 135 watts each, producing an average light intensity of 2.0 foot candles at ground level. The City has since revised its proposal to reduce the number of poles from 17 to 16, reduce the height of each pole from 28-feet to 26-feet, reduce the number of fixtures on each pole from 4 to 3, and reduce the average light intensity from 2.0 foot candles to 1.0 foot candle (**Exhibit 3**). The furthest seaward light poles are proposed approximately 350 feet inland of the mean high tide line, approximately the same setback as the light poles approved by Coastal Development Permit 5-11-256 (the Venice graffiti walls). The five light poles approved by that permit are each approximately 20-feet high and produce a light intensity no greater than 0.6 foot candles. Comparatively, the existing light poles on Ocean Front Walk, a wide pedestrian-oriented commercial street landward of the proposed development, are 22-feet high and produce an average light intensity of approximately 2.0 foot candles<sup>1</sup>.

The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) produces and updates recommendations for pedestrian lighting, parking lot lighting, street lighting, and other outdoor lighting. Many cities base their standards off of these recommendations, although the Venice Specific Plan is silent on the issue and the City of Los Angeles Zoning Code contains ambiguous requirements. The IESNA Lighting Handbook recommends a minimum of 0.2 foot candles of light intensity for pedestrian walkways in residential areas up to 1.0 foot candles of light intensity for pedestrian facilities in commercial areas. For general lighting and paths in gardens, IESNA recommends 0.5 to 1.0 foot candles. For parking lots, 0.2 to 0.5 foot candles are recommended, and up to 1.0 foot candles in parking garages at night. 2-3 foot candles of illumination are recommended at gas stations<sup>2</sup>.

Because Windward Plaza is similar to a garden or a pedestrian walkway in a commercial area, the Commission finds that an average of 1.0 foot candles of light intensity is appropriate for the site. Gas station scale lighting would not be in keeping with the pedestrian scale and quiet, natural feel of the plaza. Lighting the entire plaza with an average of 2.0 foot candles of light intensity would discourage

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<sup>1</sup> Measurements by City of Los Angeles engineer during Commission staff site visit 8/19/2014

<sup>2</sup> "The Lighting Handbook." Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. <http://www.ies.org/>



casual and peaceful enjoyment of the public park at night, and would spill over onto a portion of the adjacent public beach where people go to enjoy the night sky.

The Los Angeles Police Department and City Council Representative Mike Bonin indicate that the purpose of the proposed security lighting is to increase public safety within Windward Plaza and to deter illegal and anti-social activity. The Commission finds that security lighting is a preferable alternative to a curfew, which would have the effect of reducing public access. In order to satisfy the desire of the City to enhance public safety in Windward Plaza, **Special Condition 2** permits the City to install security lighting as proposed, provided the height and number of poles are no greater than 26-feet and no more than 16 and the average light intensity does not exceed 1.0 foot candles as measured from the ground. The Commission finds that only as conditioned is the proposed project consistent with the public access and public recreation policies of the Coastal Act.

### C. ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE HABITAT AREA

Coastal Act Section 30230 states:

*Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Uses of the marine environment shall be carried out in a manner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will maintain healthy populations of all species of marine organisms adequate for long-term commercial, recreational, scientific, and educational purposes.*

Coastal Act Section 30240 states:

*(a) Environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values, and only uses dependent on such resources shall be allowed within such areas.*

*(b) Development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade such areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of such habitat areas.*

The proposed project is situated within a developed public recreation area near the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean. The 16 proposed light poles and concrete foundations would be installed (in holes excavated seven feet deep) in an area that was formerly sandy beach but is currently covered with concrete, grass, and palm trees. The only species which have been observed within the park are non-threatened, non-sensitive birds including sea gulls and egrets, which may nest in the crowns of the 40 to 60-foot high palm trees. Based on a staff site visit, the height of the proposed light fixtures (26-feet) will be lower than the height of the crowns of the palm trees. The Commission's staff ecologist Dr. Jonna Engel stated during a phone conversation (8/20/14) that in order to prevent adverse impacts to birds, the light fixtures should be downward directed and should emit as little light as practicable.

The addition of nighttime lighting to the shoreline area could adversely affect marine resources in the intertidal zone. The intertidal zone approximately 350-feet west of the proposed project is designated by the certified Venice Land Use Plan as an environmentally sensitive habitat area utilized by spawning grunion and shorebirds (**Exhibit 5**). The ocean is habitat for numerous marine species (mammals, fish,

and birds). Artificially lighting the shoreline is a significant disturbance to natural conditions and could negatively impact the activity patterns, breeding, and/or predator/prey interactions of intertidal organisms. The Commission has conditioned permits to prohibit surf zone lighting and lighting in environmentally sensitive habitat areas (Pepperdine University, Long Range Development Plan Amendment 1-11) and the Commission recently required removal of unpermitted ocean lighting (Fish Hopper Restaurant – Monterey) because of the potential negative impacts upon the natural activity patterns (including predator/prey behavior) of local organisms such as pinnipeds, sea and shore birds, fish, and invertebrates.

In this case, the applicant is not proposing to shine the lights toward the shoreline. The proposed lights would be directed downward at a location approximately 350-feet inland of the mean high tide line. A lighting analysis by the applicant indicates that the dispersion radius of the lights will be 50 to 80 feet, and that 0.0 foot candles of light will be observed within 305 feet of the mean high tide line (**Exhibit 3**). The lighting will cover the Windward Plaza and will spill over onto the beach bike path, but will be nearly imperceptible beyond the path.

The applicant's proposed lighting plan is consistent with Section 30230 of the Coastal Act because it has been designed to avoid impacts to marine resources, including grunions and shorebirds. Section 30240 requires that development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade such areas. The proposed lighting has been designed to avoid impacts to the adjacent environmentally sensitive habitat area and the proposed lighting and ice skating facility will not degrade the park area within Windward Plaza.

In order to ensure that the proposed project is sited and designed to prevent adverse impacts to the adjacent environmentally sensitive habitat area and to marine resources, **Special Condition 2** requires the applicant to provide a final lighting plan which documents that all lighting is directed towards the ground and away from the shoreline, that the height of the lights does not exceed 26-feet, that the number of lights is limited to 16, and that the average light intensity is limited to 1.0 foot candles. Because the proposed lights are at least 350-feet from the water, are limited to producing an average of 1.0 foot candle light intensity on the ground in the park, and will be directed away from the shoreline, the Commission finds that the lighting will have no significant adverse impacts on environmentally sensitive habitat or marine resources. Only as conditioned is the development consistent with Section 30230 and Section 30240 of the Coastal Act.

#### **D. VISUAL RESOURCES**

Coastal Act Section 30251 states:

*The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting.*

The proposed project involves the installation of up to 16 light poles in an area that was formerly sandy beach. The proposed light poles are in a developed public recreation area which already contains 150 palm trees, a recreation building, the five light poles permitted by Coastal Development Permit 5-11-256, and the graffiti walls. Adjacent to the proposed area of development are a police substation, a skate park, hardscape, basketball courts, and tennis courts. Although the proposed light poles will be visible, they will not significantly block any views to or along the ocean and will be in similar size and scope to the existing development in the vicinity of the project.

The seasonal ice skating venue and two small modular units will have minor view impacts from Ocean Front Walk through portions of the park when the ice skating venue is in place. However, as conditioned, the venue will only be in place for two and one half months of the year during the non-summer period and it will be located in the center of the park, where viewpoints to the ocean are already partially obstructed. The proposed electric switchboard will be located between the basketball courts and the public restroom, in a corridor where the police substation partially obstructs views of the ocean. **Special Condition 3** requires the City to submit a final plan showing the precise location and elevation of the electrical switchboard and transformer atop the concrete pad, in order to ensure that the development does not cause new impacts to visual resources not already identified and authorized by this permit. Therefore, as conditioned, the Commission finds that the proposed project will not create any significant adverse impacts to visual resources, and is consistent with Section 30251 of the Coastal Act.

## E. WATER QUALITY

Section 30230 of the Coastal Act states:

*Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Uses of the marine environment shall be carried out in a manner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will maintain healthy populations of all species of marine organisms adequate for long-term commercial, recreational, scientific, and educational purposes.*

Coastal Act section 30231 states:

*The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained and, where feasible, restored through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment, controlling runoff, preventing depletion of ground water supplies and substantial interference with surface water flow, encouraging waste water reclamation, maintaining natural vegetation buffer areas that protect riparian habitats, and minimizing alteration of natural streams.*

No work is proposed in the water. All work will occur at least 350-feet inland of the shoreline. The application includes construction best management practices to preserve water quality and ensure that debris does not spill onto the beach or into the ocean. Due to the project's location near coastal waters, it is necessary to ensure that construction activities will be carried out in a manner that will not adversely affect water quality or marine resources. The potential adverse impacts to water

quality and marine resources include discharges of contaminated runoff and sedimentation during construction and as a result of excavation and pouring of concrete for the pole foundations and the use of heavy equipment during installation, operation, and removal of the ice skating venue (fuel and oil leaks). In order to prevent adverse impacts to marine waters from construction activities, the Commission imposes **Special Condition 3**, which requires that specific best management practices be implemented in order to ensure that water quality and marine resources are protected as required by Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act.

The applicant analyzed the feasibility of using recycled water to install and maintain the ice skating venue, but determined that recycled water would need to be trucked to the site because there are no recycled water pipes serving the area. The proposed installation and maintenance of the ice rink will consume approximately 39,000 gallons of water each season. An average home in Los Angeles consumes 24,400 gallons of water in an equivalent time frame, so the ice skating facility represents the usage of 1.6 homes.

The applicant has indicated that it may be feasible to re-use the water remaining in the ice rink at the end of the season for irrigation of the surrounding landscaped area. In order to prevent potentially polluted water from being discharged into the ocean, **Sub-condition 3 (M)** requires that during removal of the ice skating venue, the applicant or the vendor shall recycle or reuse the excess water on-site, if feasible. If it is not feasible to recycle or re-use the water, the applicant or the vendor shall obtain a discharge permit from the regional water quality control board prior to discharging excess water into the storm drain system or a discharge permit from the sanitation district prior to discharging excess water to the sewer system. Excess water shall not be discharged onto the sandy beach or into the ocean.

As conditioned, the Commission finds that the development is consistent with Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act

## **F. DEVELOPMENT**

Coastal Act Section 30253 states:

*New development shall do all of the following:*

- (a) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard.*
- (b) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs.*
- (c) Be consistent with requirements imposed by an air pollution control district or the State Air Resources Board as to each particular development.*
- (d) Minimize energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled.*
- (e) Where appropriate, protect special communities and neighborhoods, that, because of their unique characteristics, are popular destination points for recreational users.*

The proposed project will not create or contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs. The only proposed landform alteration is the holes necessary to install the light poles at a depth of six to seven feet and pour a concrete foundation around each pole. The natural landform of the plaza has already been altered by the other development in the area and the new development will not impact the sandy beach or the ocean. The applicant has indicated that the ice skating venue will consume approximately 616 kilowatts of power per day (1,732 kW per season), which is equal to the amount of power an average LA home consumed in a month, so the ice skating facility represents the usage of 30 homes. However, the City points out that the ice skating facility will consume less power than an average 5,000 square foot commercial facility. The City's proposal and the special conditions require any additional lighting associated with the ice skating venue to be turned off at the end of each session, which will have the effect of reducing energy consumption. The project has also been located and designed to avoid any adverse impacts to the special community of Venice, which is a popular destination point for recreational users, in part because of its unique characteristics.

However, no development in the ocean or near the shoreline can be guaranteed to be safe from hazard. All development located in or near the ocean has the potential for damage caused by sea level rise, wave energy, flooding, seismic events, storms, and erosion. The proposed project is located adjacent to the beach about 350-feet inland of the Pacific Ocean and is susceptible to natural hazards. The proposed development in this case can be easily removed should it become threatened by flooding and/or erosion. The Commission routinely imposes conditions for assumption of risk in areas at high risk from hazards. **Special Condition 5** ensures that the applicant understands and assumes the potential hazards associated with the development, waives liability against the Commission, indemnifies the Commission against potential claims, and requires any sublessee or assignee to submit a written agreement to the Commission incorporating those terms. The Commission finds that only as conditioned is the development consistent with Section 30253 of the Coastal Act.

## **G. LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LCP)**

Section 30604(a) of the Coastal Act provides that the Commission shall issue a coastal development permit only if the project will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction to prepare a Local Coastal Program which conforms with Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act:

*(a) Prior to certification of the Local Coastal Program, a coastal development permit shall be issued if the issuing agency, or the commission on appeal, finds that the proposed development is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30200) of this division and that the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30200). A denial of a Coastal Development Permit on grounds it would prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30200) shall be accompanied by a specific finding which sets forth the basis for such conclusion.*

The City of Los Angeles does not have a certified Local Coastal Program for the Venice area. The City of Los Angeles Land Use Plan (LUP) for Venice was effectively certified on June 14, 2001. The certified LUP sets forth the following policy for the public beach area where the proposed project is located.

*POLICY GROUP 3 Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities*

*A. Recreational Opportunities*

*Policy III. A. 1. General. New recreational opportunities should be provided, and existing recreational areas, shown on Exhibits 19a through 21b, shall be protected, maintained and enhanced for a variety of recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors, including passive recreational and educational activities, as well as active recreational uses.*

- a. Recreation and visitor-serving facilities shall be encouraged, provided they retain the existing character and housing opportunities of the area, and provided there is sufficient infrastructure capacity to service such facilities.*
- b. Acquisition, expansion and improvement of parks and facilities throughout the Venice Coastal Zone shall be encouraged and accelerated, subject to the availability of funds.*
- c. Where feasible and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, recreational uses shall be located in conjunction with other new public facilities, such as public parking lots.*
- d. Recreation facilities shall be refurbished and constructed to maximize recreational opportunities.*
- e. Beach Hours: Public access and recreational opportunities on the sandy beach shall be protected and encouraged. Any limitations to public access, including changes to the hours of operation, shall be subject to a coastal development permit.*

The Commission's standard of review for the proposed development is the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. The certified Venice LUP is advisory in nature and may provide guidance. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with the certified Land Use Plan and with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. As a result of the proposed development's consistency with the Coastal Act, approval of the development will not prejudice ability of the City of Los Angeles' to prepare an LCP that is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

**H. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

Section 13096 of the California Code of Regulations requires Commission approval of coastal development permit application to be supported by a finding showing the application, as conditioned by any conditions of approval, to be consistent with any applicable requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A) of CEQA prohibits a proposed development from being approved 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.

The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the purposes of CEQA review. On July 23, 2014, the City of Los Angeles issued a CEQA Categorical Exemption for a project titled Venice Beach Ice Skating Rink and Security Lighting. Furthermore, the proposed project has been conditioned in order to be found consistent with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. Mitigation measures, in the form of special conditions, require the applicant to: 1) comply with a timely installation and removal schedule for the ice skating venue, 2) submit a final lighting plan for review and approval by the Executive Director which documents that the lighting is designed to avoid impacts to birds in the palm trees as well as the adjacent public beach and intertidal habitat, 3) submit a final plan showing the precise location and elevation of the electrical switchboard and transformer atop the concrete pad, in order to ensure that the development does not cause new impacts to visual resources not already identified and authorized by this permit, 4) implement construction and post-construction best management practices to preserve water quality and minimize water and energy use, and 5) assume the risks of the development.

As conditioned, there are no feasible alternatives or additional feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project, as conditioned to mitigate the identified impacts, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and complies with the applicable requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

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## **SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS**

1. Coastal Development Permit Application 5-14-1479 (City of Los Angeles)
2. Venice Land Use Plan (Commission Certified November 14, 2000)
3. Coastal Development Permit 5-11-256 (City of Los Angeles)
4. Long Range Development Plan Amendment 1-11 (Pepperdine University)
5. "The Lighting Handbook." Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.  
<http://www.ies.org/>





# Windward Plaza, Venice, Los Angeles



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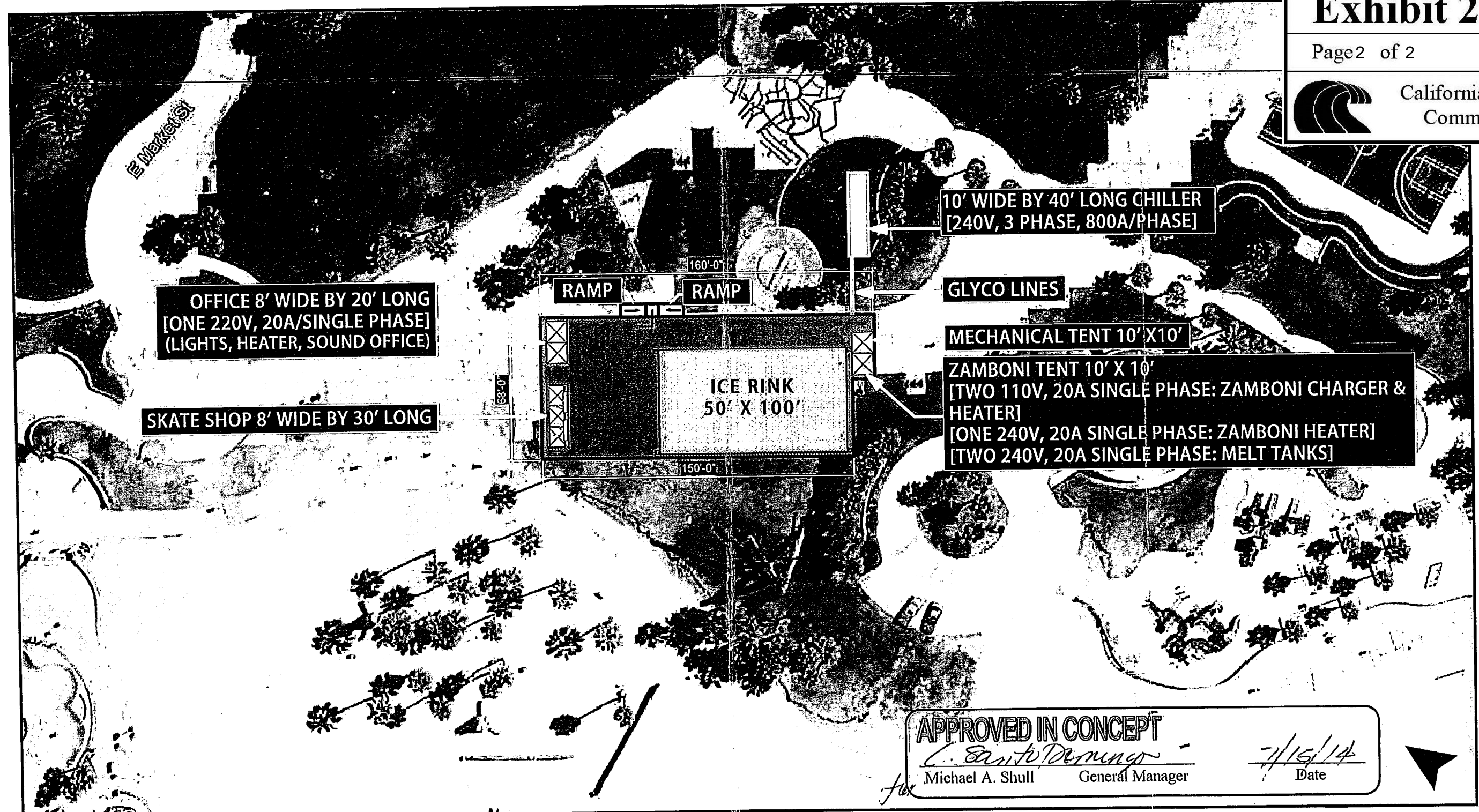


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**INSTALLATION:**  
NOVEMBER 17 - 26, 2014

**OPERATION:**  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014 - JANUARY 19, 2015

**REMOVAL:**  
JANUARY 20 - 27, 2015

**VENICE BEACH WINDWARD PLAZA**  
SITE PLAN - FIGURE 1

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS



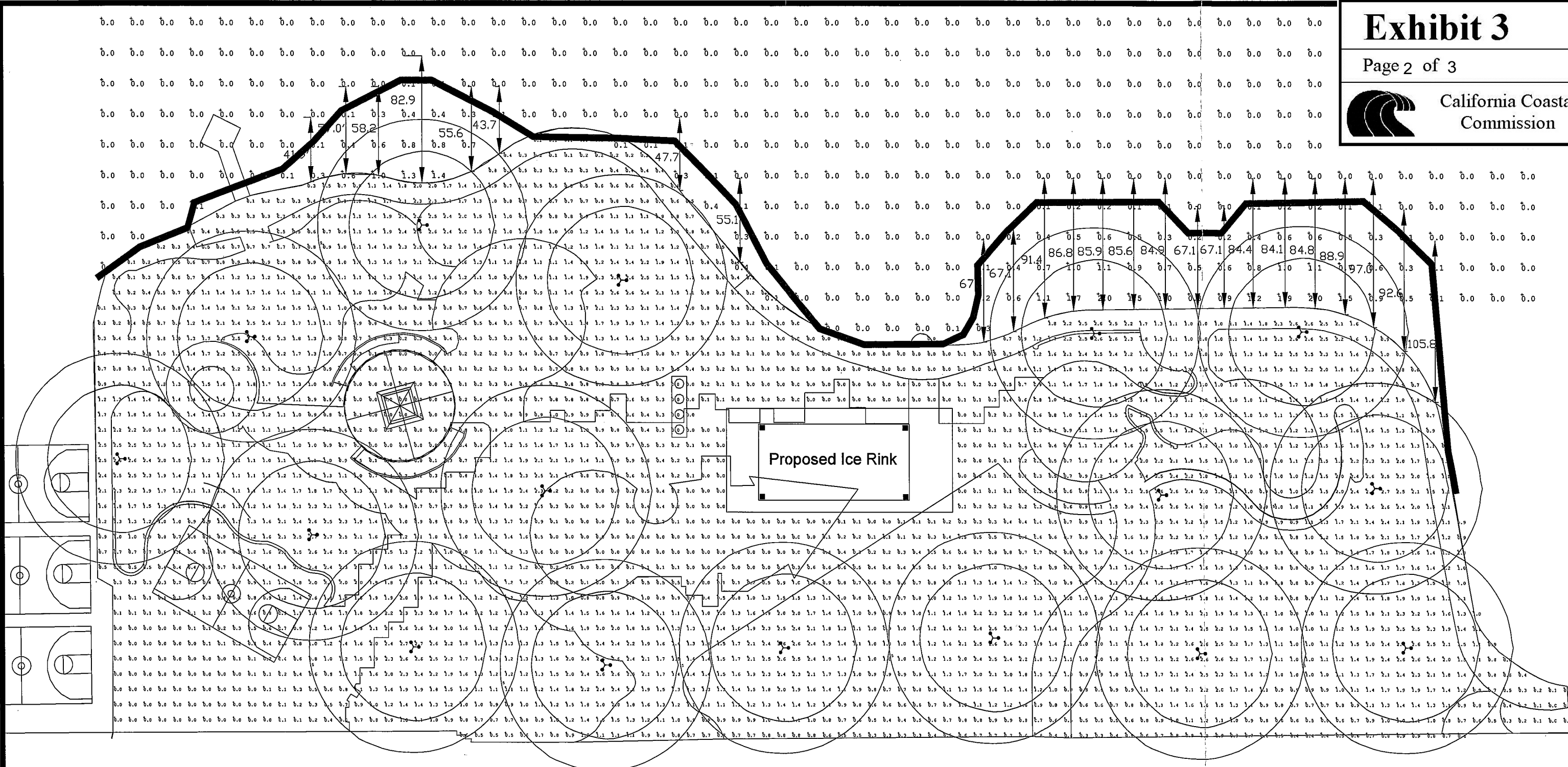
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

This is a plan view (looking down from above) which shows illumination (in candles) on the ground surface below the light. The thick blue line marks the limit of the illuminated area - beyond this line there is no horizontal surface illumination from the lights.


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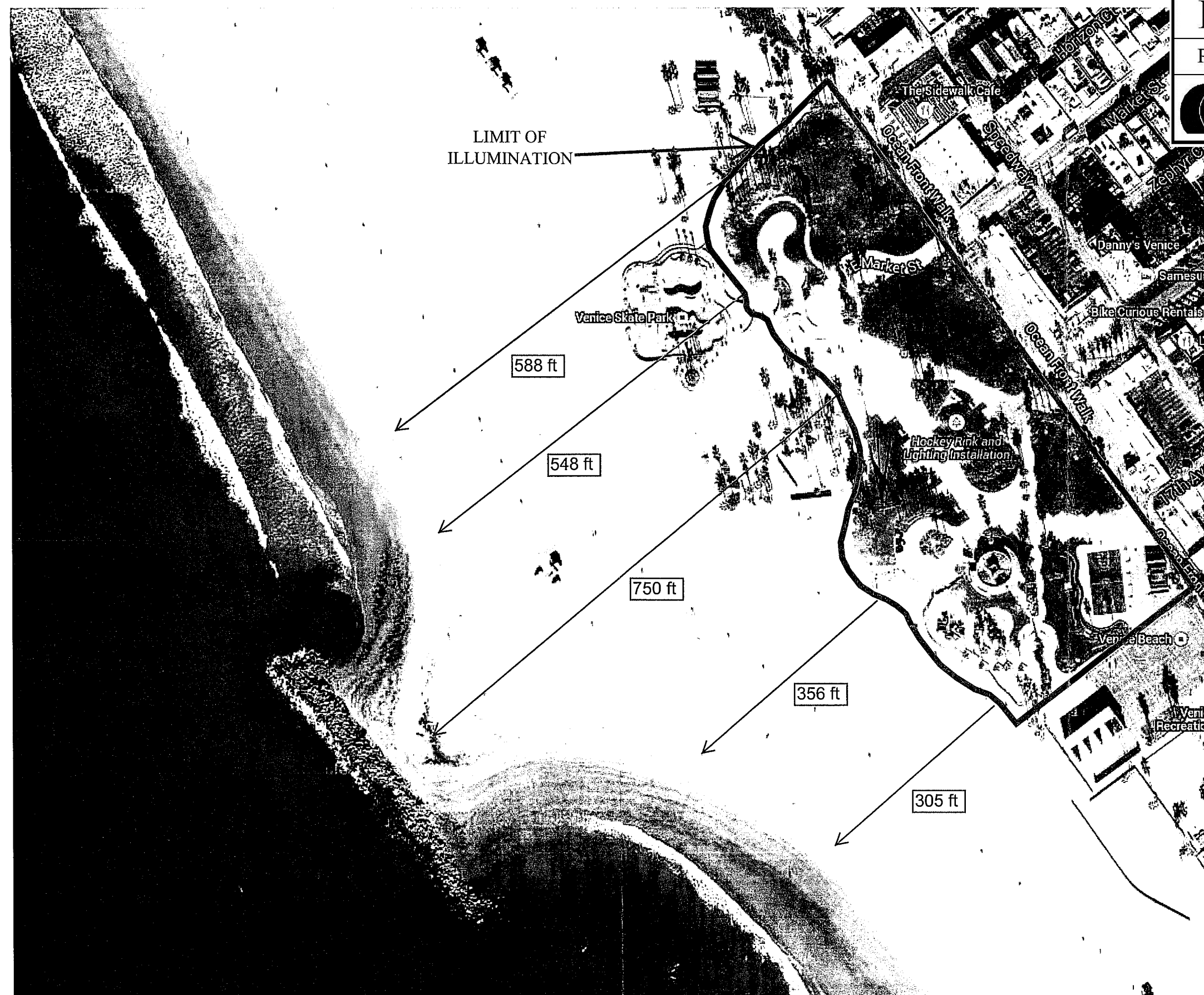
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Luminaire Schedule				
Symbol	Qty	Label	Arrangement	Description
	16	Dumos 80W48LED	3 @ 120 DEGREES	DMS50-80W48LED4K-R-LE5F

SITE PLAN

SCALE: NTC  
4/29/2015

DIAGRAM 1 - PHOTOMETRIC REPORT



**DIAGRAM 2 - Limit of Area Illuminated by Security Lights**



#### **4. Lighting Analysis**

Response: An analysis of the proposed lighting system was performed by the Department's electrical engineer (See attachment). The analysis was based on the manufacture's specifications for the proposed lighting fixtures and placement of light poles as described in the permit application. The electrical engineer met with CCC staff at the project site to review the proposed placement of the lighting system, and determined that an average of 1 foot-candle would be the upper limit of illumination by the lighting system. As shown in Diagram 1 – Photometric Report, the proposed lighting system will result in only an average of 1 foot-candle of illumination within the project area. Light would be within 100 feet of the bike path and would not spill over into the adjacent beach area. As shown in Diagram 2, the limits of illumination would be between 300 to 750 feet from the mean high tide line of the beach. Therefore, no impacts to sensitive coastal habitats are anticipated from the installation and operation of the permanent security lighting in Windward Plaza.

The lighting analysis for the ice skating rink did not involve a photometric analysis because these are special effects lighting. The special effects lighting are colored lights that move and focus the light in patterns directly on the ice rink. As a result, consistent photometric levels like those from the security lighting system were not possible. However, it was determined that the ice rink is situated well within Windward Plaza, and the special effects lighting is anticipated to be limited to the ice rink itself and within the illumination limits of the security lighting on the adjacent beach area.

#### **5. Resource Use Analysis**

Response: The ice skating rink would be a winter (seasonal) venue, a period when the City's peak demand for water and electricity is generally at its lowest. For the approximate 56 days of the rink's operation, it is estimated that 39,000 gallons of water would be required to set up, operate and maintain the ice rink. Approximately 5000 gallons of water would be required to create the ice initially, and about 600 gallons a day for ice resurfacing. By comparison, this amount of water represents about 60% more than the water usage of 24,400 gallons for an average household in Los Angeles for the same period of time (LADWP, 2015). While a 60% greater water usage may seem high, the ice skating rink would serve many more people than a single household. So, water usage on a per capita basis would probably be substantially less.

As an alternative, reclaimed or recycled water could be used as long as the salt content is very low. However, each water treatment plant treats the water in different ways, so the source of usable reclaimed or recycled water would need to be investigated. In addition, the reclaimed water would need to be trucked to the site, which could conflict with energy conservation efforts as well as air quality goals.

The ice skating venue as a whole will require approximately 616 kilowatts of power per day during operations. This will result in total electricity usage of 1,732 kilowatt-hours (kWh) for the 56 days of operation. In comparison, refrigeration and lighting end-uses for a typical 5,000 square foot commercial building in a warm climate in the Pacific Region would use





approximately 5,800 kWh for the same period of time (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2003). The difference represents about 30% less electricity usage for the ice skating rink.

The security lighting system with its use of LED lights is estimated to use approximately 3.8 kW per day, or 38 kWh assuming that maximum operation of the lights would be 10 hours at full intensity.

## **6. Noise Analysis**

Response: A noise study was performed that analyzed and assessed amplified sound and chiller noise that would be associated with the proposed project. The study determined that the amplification and chiller noise would comply with the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The sources would combine to increase existing noise levels by a maximum of 3.8 dBA at 200 feet, which would be less than what is considered readily perceptible (5.0 dBA). The proposed project would comply with the requirements of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and project-related noise would not impact the Venice Beach area (See attached Noise Impact Analysis).

The primary wildlife in the Venice Beach area is coastal birds. The urban area around the project site is mostly paved with scattered palm trees, and generally lacks suitable nesting areas. There are two ways that noise can harm wildlife. Loud infrequent noise can startle an animal while frequent/chronic noise can mask biologically relevant sounds over time. Yet, there are no established thresholds for determining whether a noise disturbance can significantly degrade habitat quality or reduce biological productivity of species. However, given the urban nature of Venice Beach, the lack of suitable habitat, and that the increase in noise would be 3.8 dBA or less at 200 feet from the project site, it is not anticipated that noise levels from the proposed project would impact wildlife.

## **7. Park Maintenance**

Response: There are 6 restroom buildings at Venice Beach, stretching from Rose Avenue to Washington Blvd., with a total of 55 stalls. RAP maintenance staff services all the restroom up to 6 times a day, 7 days a week during a 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. work shift (See attached maintenance logs). In comparison, most restrooms at other City recreational facilities are generally serviced once a day. In addition, during the peak visitation periods, a supplemental contract for cleaning services is utilized to augment the efforts of the maintenance staff. In the last five years, approximately \$99,150 has been expended to refurbish 5 restroom buildings. The annual operations and maintenance budget for Venice Beach is an estimated \$1.7 million. Based on its experience with the seasonal ice skating rink at Pershing Square, RAP anticipates the Venice Beach venue to generate upwards of \$100,000 annually after a few years of operation, which would be used to bolster the Venice Beach maintenance budget.

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## VENICE BEACH DISTRICT WEEKLY RESTROOM CLEANING LOG

WEEK ENDING DATE: 11-8-14

CIRCLE LOCATION:

HORIZON (TS) 12

BROOKS (TS) 12

ROSE (TS) 7

WASHINGTON (TS) 7

NORTH VENICE (TS) 7

1700 (TS) 10

(TS) TOTAL STALLS (TC) TOTAL STALLS CLOSED

TIME SERVICED	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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9:15AM	M.C	11-2	A.H	11-3	S.R	11/4	T.B	11/5	R.B	8:30 AM	T.B	11/7	R.B	11/8/14
12:00PM	M.C	11-2	A.H	11-3	Y.R	11/4	T.B	11/5	R.B	9:25 AM	T.B	11/7	R.B	11-8-14
3:00PM	A.A	11-2	D.S	11-3	J.B	11/4	A.A	11/5	R.B	10:50 AM	E.S	11/7	D.S	11-8-14
6:00PM	A.C	11-2	D.S	11-3	J.B	11/4	M.C	11/5	R.B	12:15 PM	E.S	11/7	D.S	11-8-14
9:00PM	A.C	11-2	D.S	11-3	O.L	11/4	O.L	11/5	R.B	1:45 PM	R.P	11/7	D.S	11-8-14
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DATE: 11/8/14



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## VENICE BEACH DISTRICT WEEKLY RESTROOM CLEANING LOG

WEEK ENDING DATE:

**11-15-14**

CIRCLE LOCATION:

HORIZON (TS) 12

BROOKS (TS) 12

ROSE (TS) 7

WASHINGTON (TS) 7

NORTH VENICE (CS) 7

1700 (TS) 10

(TS) TOTAL STALLS (TC) TOTAL STALLS CLOSED

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## VENICE BEACH DISTRICT WEEKLY RESTROOM CLEANING LOG

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WASHINGTON (TS) 7

NORTH VENICE (TS) 7

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(TS) TOTAL STALLS (TC) TOTAL STALLS CLOSED

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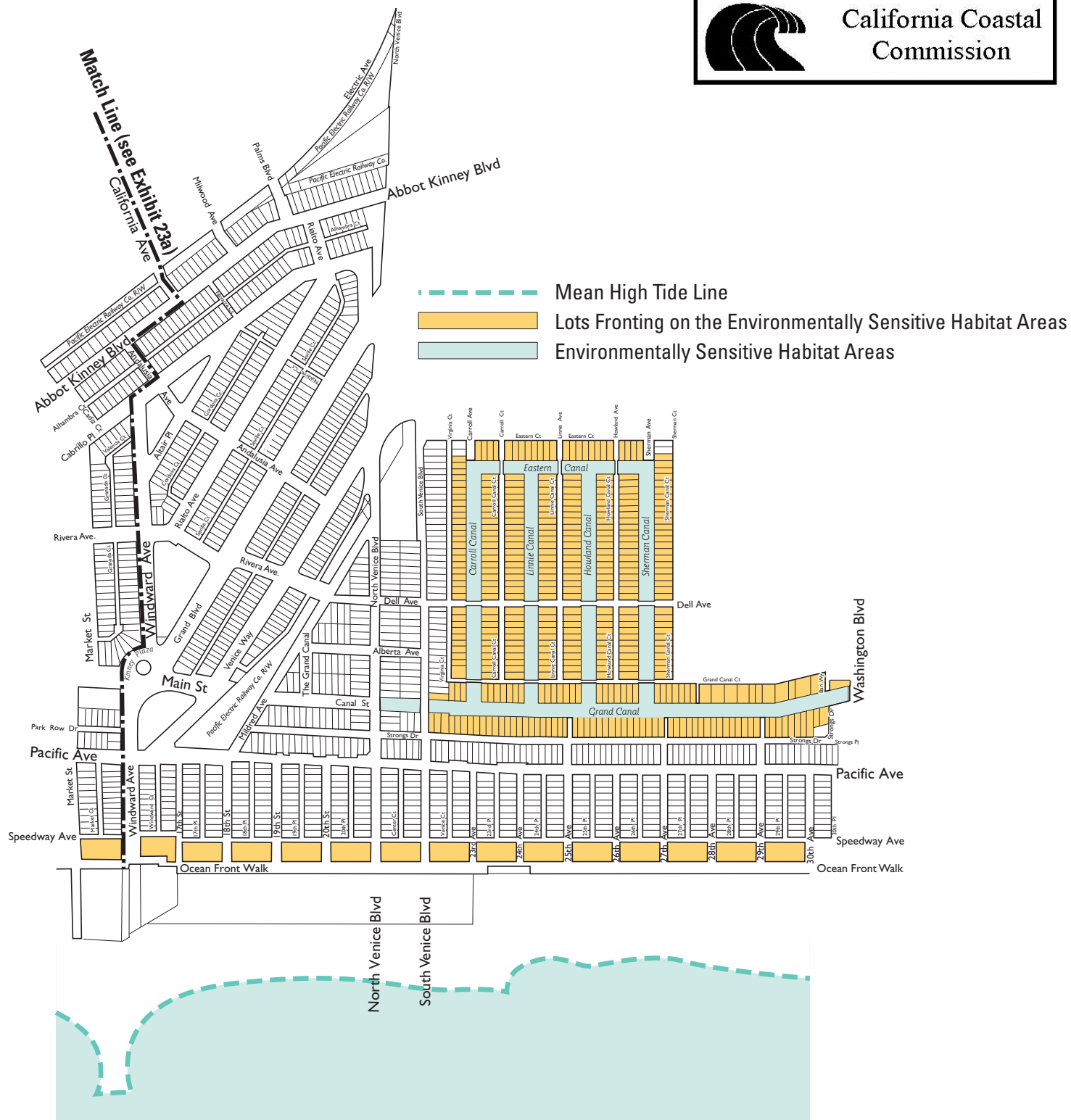
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## Exhibit 22b

### Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas

