

## Carl Lambert

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**From:** Pamela London <pamelainvenice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:49 PM  
**To:** Carl Lambert  
**Subject:** LETTERS OF SUPPORT ♡👉

Dear Carl

I am sending you my two letters for review. I am open to suggestions if you want to change anything. We are out of town and will be home tomorrow 11/3. Ron will send you his by the beginning of next week unless you need it sooner.

XO

Pamela and Ron

Carl Lambert  
The Venice V Hotel  
Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit(ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU).

As a permanent resident of the Venice V Hotel, I am happy to give my full support for the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project of a ground floor restaurant along with the basement theatre and to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The opening of the Venice V Hotel and the return of a restaurant in the building is one of the most exciting prospects that I have experienced as a Venice resident. Living on the Boardwalk for forty years, I have seen many changes. For many years in the '70's and 80's, I frequented the Lafayette Restaurant on the bottom floor of The Waldorf, now the Venice V, where we enjoyed the community vibe and having a social gathering place. I am very excited to have the opportunity to have a place to dine and share a drink with friends right downstairs again!

The basement theatre/performance space is especially exciting. It will be a wonderful showplace for creative expression where Venetians and visitors can come together to enjoy various artistic modalities. The Venice and greater Los Angeles community will benefit by having a cultural, arty place to come together and celebrate artists, musicians and more!

Please pass this Conditional Use Permit. It will make Venice an even more wonderful place and recapture the original allure of Abbott Kinney's vision for Venice in America!!!

Thank you  
Pamela London  
Resident of the Venice V Hotel

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RE: VENICE V HOTEL  
CARL LAMBERT

After living at The Waldorf for over 40 years, I am now a permanent resident of the Venice V Hotel. I can say without hesitation and with immense gratitude that I am overjoyed with the improvements that have been made. On the first day of our return, we were greeted by the hotel staff with immense, warmth, kindness and consideration such as we have never experienced. Their hospitality, professionalism and friendliness have been a constant in our daily lives. I wake up every morning feeling grateful and lucky to live here!

The changes that Carl Lambert made to the building are aesthetically and artistically brilliant. The vintage character of the historic building has been maintained in every even minute detail. I look around in awe and appreciation of the beauty of the Venice V everyday. It is an amazing work of art from the moment you walk in the building.

My 40 years at the Waldorf were wrought with more problems than most people could deal with, but I stayed because I love Venice. The electrical system was old and dangerous. Many winters there was no heat, since the steam heaters broke often and were hard to repair. When it rained the windows leaked and cold air blew through them. My husband had to cut up corks and placed them around all the windows to keep the rain out, which took hours. We had many drain back-ups from the pipes above and below. Once we returned late at night from traveling and found four inches of black, smelly sewer water throughout the apartment that ruined the hardwood floors. The old elevators were always breaking down and sometimes unusable for months and years. Since there are 44 stairs up to our apartment, it made our daily lives very difficult. We stayed and did the best we could, knowing that one day things would be different. Finally that day has arrived and we couldn't be happier or more relieved!

Carl Lambert has been honest, respectful, professional and kind throughout this transition. The day that he bought the building he came up to me personally, put his hands on my shoulders, looked me in the eye and promised me that now that he was the new owner, I didn't have anything to worry about. He assured me that we could stay in our apartment for as long as we wanted. He promised me. Phew, I will never forget that moment. Carl Lambert has never pressured us to leave or take a buy out. He always listened, respected us and treated us fairly.

We are extremely happy with the remodel! Everyday I wake up and pinch myself with gratitude and joy to be living in such a beautiful environment where everything is working well, clean and gorgeous. The staff is beyond wonderful! My heart dances daily to be living in an architecturally phenomenal building that has been restored with such vision, creative passion and high end attention to every detail. The elevator is completely new yet looks like it was built in 1915. Walking through the beautiful front doors into a lobby that is stunning, with a marble desk, flowers, mirrors and more, one can't help but be amazed. The building retains its vintage character, but now everything is new and works perfectly! Carl Lambert had a vision to restore this hotel and return it to its original grandeur. He did an extraordinary job with this very difficult and lengthy renovation project at the Venice V Hotel!!!

Sincerely,  
Pamela London  
Resident of the Venice V Hotel

5 November 2021

ATTN: CARL LAMBERT  
VENICE V HOTEL  
5 WESTMINSTER AVE  
VENICE, CA 90291

I have lived in this historic building at Venice beach for forty years. After 100 years, the building had begun to show evidence of significant wear and tear, issues that were compounded by the Northridge earthquake in 1994. The gated elevator cage was difficult to operate, sometimes didn't level at the floors and was often out of service, sometimes for months. The retractable gate often fell out of the bottom track and hung up. The elevator didn't always level at floors. The steam heat radiators were noisy and often leaked. The central boiler broke often in the middle of winter leaving the entire building without heat for months on end. The wooden sash weight windows were temperamental and not an effective shield from the wind, rain or outside noise. There were numerous plumbing problems, leaks and backups. On one occasion, our kitchen sink overflowed from above while we were out of town on vacation. We returned late at night to discover that our entire front room and white carpet were inundated by a one-inch layer of black water that had warped the oak flooring and destroyed our carpet. The electrical wiring was outdated with bare wires on porcelain insulators. There were numerous gas leaks in our unit that took years to remedy. As the entire building shifted during the Northridge earthquake, numerous cracks remained in the lobby's tile floor and outside walls.

When the Lenney family sold the building, there were significant issues: plumbing, electrical and the elevator that needed to be addressed along with major maintenance. We were never under any pressure from Carl Lambert. He made accommodations to temporarily relocate us in the neighboring Venice Suites just a few blocks north along the Ocean Front Walk to minimize the disruption in our lives. The professional movers that Carl provided were very efficient and all our belongings and furniture stored during the interim returned intact and in good condition. We were always treated fairly and respectfully. The renovations to the building are stunningly beautiful while preserving an authentic historic vintage look -- from the new doors, tile floor and mirrored wood paneled lobby to an automatic elevator, and beautiful carpeting. We returned to updated appliances in our unit: stainless steel LG refrigerator and Amana electric stove; with a completely redone bathroom: brand new bathroom tub, toilet, sink and vanity cabinet. The entire unit was freshly painted with three new double pane windows along the wall facing the Ocean Front Walk that minimize the noise. It is so exciting to be living in the lap of luxury where everything is in perfect working order.

The hotel staff has been wonderful, professional, courteous and friendly. We were welcomed by Gabriel who said, "This is your home. We are only visitors here. If there is anything that we can do, please let us know." They have been extremely helpful in collecting

our mail and deliveries. The maintenance staff has quickly and efficiently addressed any problems. We are thrilled to be living in the Venice V Hotel.

Sincerely,

Ronald Charbonneau  
5 Westminster Ave., Unit 202  
Venice CA 90291-3650

5 November 2021

ATTN: CARL LAMBERT  
VENICE V HOTEL  
5 WESTMINSTER AVE  
VENICE CA 90291

**RE: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT & COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT  
HISTORIC HOTEL PROPERTY (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU)**

I, Ronald Charbonneau, unhesitatingly support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of a ground floor restaurant and the basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). The proposed renovations to the street level frontage will greatly enhance the appeal of this grand historic structure. I have lived at Venice beach in this historic building for forty years. I miss the convenience of dining downstairs at the Lafayette Cafe (1969-1986).

Our local community needs a place for people to come together in an informal setting. The basement theater will provide a much needed and unique venue for intimate mixed-media and artistic presentations, dance, music and live performances that will attract both locals and visitors. The proposed project will revitalize and elevate cultural interaction, public use and access to the historic building's ground floor and basement. I enthusiastically support The Venice V Hotel's creative proposal that reimagines Abbot Kinney's spirit and bold vision for a Venice in America which will enthrall and entertain the public. This renovation project will help preserve and enhance the fabric of this historic building in the heart of Venice, extending its function to create a locus of positive energy on the Ocean Front Walk to serve future generations.

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Venice CA 90291-3650

## VENICE WALDORF HOTEL FACT SHEET



The project will breathe new life into the historic Waldorf Hotel on Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice. The five-story Waldorf Hotel, which first opened in the spring of 1915, is a focal point of old town Venice. The Waldorf has a storied history; the hotel breathtaking views and luxury character attracted the likes of Charlie Chaplin, Fatty Arbuckle, and Clara Bow all of whom lived at the hotel. With approval of the project, the ground floor will come alive with a new restaurant, bring energy to the Venice beach front, while the renovated hotel will serve visitors and locals seeking a getaway alike. The property's history will shine through the project, creating an authentic and vibrant establishment and experience.

### What we are requesting:

- Conditional Use Permit approval for the sale and service of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for a ground-floor restaurant and hotel service areas, a basement theater with 49 seats, and a small rooftop patio.
- Coastal Development Permit Approval to reestablish the building's original permitted uses.

I am a former tenant of 5 Westminster Ave for 20 years and now live at 20 Westminster for the past 4 years. I fully support the CUP. Our neighborhood needs a place for adults instead of the current "clubs".  
- Roy Edwards



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I own  
20 West Minster  
and I support  
the CUP  
Tony wells



Tony wells tel# 310-779-1449.

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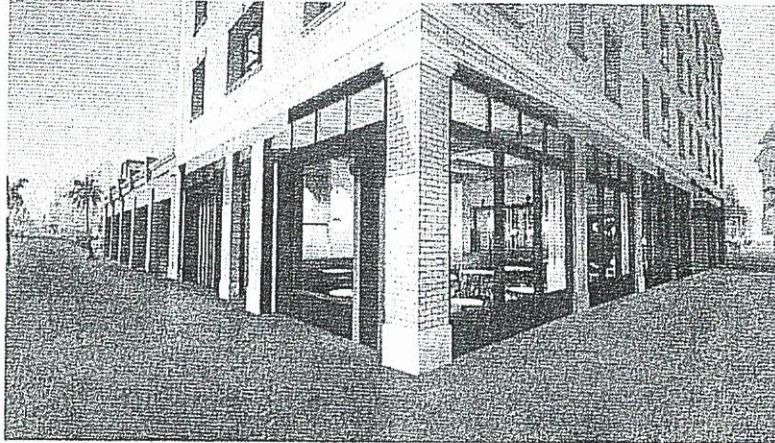
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THE CUP FOR  
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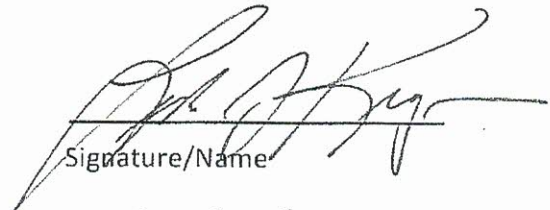
Brian D. Myers



Venice V Hotel Alcohol Permit  
1217 Ocean Front Walk  
Support Letter Sign-on



I Leslie Keyak, owner of both 14 and 40 Westminster which are across the street from the subject location, support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of the ground floor restaurant and basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). I support the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project so that the ground floor may come alive with a new restaurant along with the basement theater, bringing energy to the Venice beach front and serving locals and visitors alike. The proposed project to reactivate the historic ground floor and basement uses will help preserve and enhance the fabric of the historic building so it can serve generations of Venetians to come while creating positive activity along Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice.

  
Signature/Name

14 + 40 WESTMINSTER Venice  
Address/City (optional)

2/23/2022  
Date

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**1217 Ocean Front Walk**  
**Support Letter Sign-on**



I, Peter Tompkins, support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of the groundfloor restaurant and basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). I support the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project so that the ground floor may come alive with a new restaurant along with the basement theater, bringing energy to the Venice beach front and serving locals and visitors alike. The proposed project to reactivate the historic groundfloor and basement uses will help preserve and enhance the fabric of the historic building so it can serve generations of Venetians to come while creating positive activity along Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice.

*P. Tompkins*

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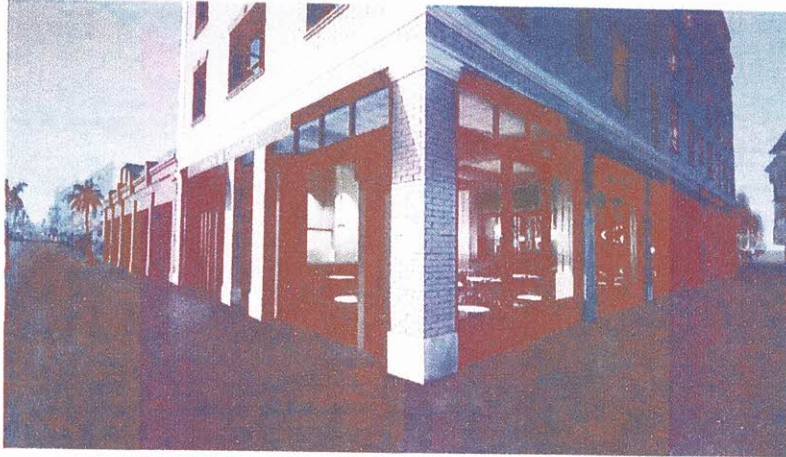
Peter Tompkins

Malibu, CA (also owner of 21 Westminster and 14 Wave Crest, Venice, CA)  
Address/City (optional)

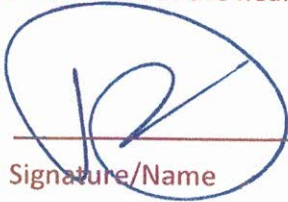
2/22/2022

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I JACOB COHAN (name) support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of the groundfloor restaurant and basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). I support the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project so that the ground floor may come alive with a new restaurant along with the basement theater, bringing energy to the Venice beach front and serving locals and visitors alike. The proposed project to reactivate the historic groundfloor and basement uses will help preserve and enhance the fabric of the historic building so it can serve generations of Venetians to come while creating positive activity along Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice.

  
Signature/Name

OWN PROPERTY NEARBY  
Address/City (optional)

2/23/2022  
Date

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I Justin J. (name) support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of the ground floor restaurant and basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). I support the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project so that the ground floor may come alive with a new restaurant along with the basement theater, bringing energy to the Venice beach front and serving locals and visitors alike. The proposed project to reactivate the historic ground floor and basement uses will help preserve and enhance the fabric of the historic building so it can serve generations of Venetians to come while creating positive activity along Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice.

Justin J.  
Signature/Name


Los Angeles 90043  
Address/City (optional)

10/12/21  
Date

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**1217 Ocean Front Walk**  
**Support Letter Sign-on**



I Nikinder Kaur Thind (name) support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of the ground floor restaurant and basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). I support the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project so that the ground floor may come alive with a new restaurant along with the basement theater, bringing energy to the Venice beach front and serving locals and visitors alike. The proposed project to reactivate the historic ground floor and basement uses will help preserve and enhance the fabric of the historic building so it can serve generations of Venetians to come while creating positive activity along Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice.

  
Signature/Name

Clubhouse Avenue, Venice  
Address/City (optional)

December 21, 2024  
Date

**Venice V Hotel Alcohol Permit  
1217 Ocean Front Walk  
Support Letter Sign-on**



I Alex Carmona (name) support the Venice V Hotel's entitlement requests to permit the sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the re-establishment of the ground floor restaurant and basement theater at the historic hotel property (ZA-2020-1541-CUB-CU). I support the approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit & Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project so that the ground floor may come alive with a new restaurant along with the basement theater, bringing energy to the Venice beach front and serving locals and visitors alike. The proposed project to reactivate the historic ground floor and basement uses will help preserve and enhance the fabric of the historic building so it can serve generations of Venetians to come while creating positive activity along Ocean Front Walk in the heart of Venice.



Signature/Name

14 Westminister Ave, Venice 90291  
Address/City (optional)

12/20/2021  
Date