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To: Zoning Administrator

RE: Approval of Front Fence to 8 feet in height

Address: 621 California Ave., Venice CA

Section 12.24 X.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) authorizes a Zoning Administrator to approve applications for fences and walls up to eight feet high located within the required front yard of any lot.

LAMC Section 212.22 C.22 (f) states the terms 'fence' and 'wall' shall include latticework, ornamental fences, screen walls, hedges or thick growths of shrubs or trees.

FINDINGS:

1. The six foot high wood fence was constructed over fifteen years ago due to security concerns; this neighborhood in Venice has long been impacted by homelessness and crime. A hedge was planted in front of the wall and now provides a lush green aspect to the pedestrian neighborhood. Approval of this feature enhances the built environment of the surrounding neighborhood and performs a security function that is essential and beneficial to the community.
2. The fence and hedge are compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood or the public health, welfare and safety, as many of the surrounding properties also have front fences up to eight feet in height.
3. The front fence substantially conforms with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable community plan and all applicable specific plans by providing security to residents. The mature hedge also absorbs carbon dioxide, provides oxygen and habitat to native creatures, adds cooling shade and calm to this pedestrian neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Mathilde DeCagny
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