

Venice Council

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Venice Neighborhood Council Resolution Opposing Reduction of Public Parking in Marina Del Rey

Whereas, the County of Los Angeles has indicated its intent, pending California Coastal Commission (CCC) approval, to lease four County-owned parcels in Marina Del Rey currently used as public parking lots (an aggregate of 806 public parking spaces) and identified on County maps as Parcels OT, FF, GG/52 and NR (see Appendix A) for the purpose of residential and commercial development, *and*

Whereas, the Land Use Plan of the certified Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) requires that areas designated for public parking can be redeveloped only as public parking or a park (LUP Section A.2.e, Recreation & Visitor Serving Facilities, Policies & Actions #12), *and*

Whereas, on February 17, 2009, the Venice Neighborhood Council passed a resolution (see Appendix B) requesting "...that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors suspend issuance of development permits and entitlements for any and all land/projects located within Marina del Rey proper until a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) complying in full with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is prepared by the County Department of Regional Planning, covering all such proposed or anticipated developments and addressing their environmental impacts on adjacent communities within the City of Los Angeles, [emphasis added] or, in the alternative, until a Comprehensive LCP Update consisting of all proposed or anticipated developments within Marina del Rey for purposes of the Project be prepared and submitted to the California Coastal Commission for consideration and approval (a process exempt from CEQA because it is considered to be the functional equivalent of a CEQA compliant EIR)," and

Whereas, Los Angeles County declined to prepare a comprehensive EIR or a comprehensive Local Coastal Program (LCP) update and instead elected to prepare a major LCP amendment covering 5 selected projects (subsequently reduced to four projects and known by the County as the "pipeline" projects) with review by the CCC anticipated in October of this year, and

Whereas, the community of Venice experiences severe public parking problems on summer weekend days that create traffic gridlock and limits coastal access, and the certified LCP acknowledges that consistent with Coastal Act policies §30210 and §30252, Marina Parking lots serve as additional coastal access to the Pacific shore at Venice Beach, while the pending LCP Amendment deletes this language altogether, (LUP Section A.1.c. Shoreline Access - Research Analysis - LCPA p.1-5 shows strikeout), and

Whereas, the California Coastal Commission denied a previous plan to convert parking lots OT and FF to non-parking uses, accepting the findings of its staff, "...these lots are less than one mile from Venice beach, that experiences over 6,000,000 visitors a year. The Commission finds that Section 30221 and 30222 of the Coastal Act require that ocean front land suitable for public recreation be reserved for that purpose unless both present and foreseeable future demand has been met. All the above land [MDR parcels OT and FF] is suitable for recreation and... is needed to satisfy present and future foreseeable demand for recreational use. The Commission finds conversion of publicly owned recreation support land to private uses without consideration of other public, higher priority uses inconsistent with sections 30221 and 30222 of the Coastal Act," (from page 11 staff report TH6b on January 25, 1996), and

Whereas, as part of the LCP Amendment offered by Los Angeles County for approval by the CCC, the County included the "Right-Sizing Parking Study for the Public Parking Lots of Marina del Rey,"



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prepared by Raju Associates in June 2010; and Tim Haas, an independent parking consultant commissioned by "We Are Marina Del Rey" (a Marina Del Rey advocacy group) to review the study, concluded, in part, "Based on our initial review and analysis we have determined that the Study falls short of providing a comprehensive solution to the marina parking issues... We feel that the proposed development plans could risk seriously affecting the public parking supply and create a shortage," *and*

Whereas, the pending LCP Amendment would substantially reduce both the number of public parking lots (from fourteen in current use to "numerous") and the aggregate number of public parking spaces (from 3,138 to 2,773 or fewer; the amendment is unclear); while altering other provisions that could substantially affect the immediate and future supply of public parking. Such provisions include, but are not limited to:

- establishing a minimum of only 1,200 public parking spaces to be maintained in the Marina by allowing future conversion of public parking lots to privately controlled lots containing designated public parking spaces,
- elimination of the stipulation that all privately developed parcels include all required parking for their projects on site

These changes would give operational control of those public parking spaces to a leaseholder whose private tenants and patrons may have conflicting needs for those spaces [LCPA section A.2.d. Recreation & Visitor Serving Facilities, Findings, p. 2-12];

Therefore be it resolved,

- 1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles:
 - a. oppose the conversion of parcels OT, FF, GG/52 and NR in Marina Del Rey from their current use as public parking lots to other uses,
 - b. oppose any amendment of the Marina Del Rey LCP that reduces public parking in Marina Del Rey,
 - c. testify before the California Coastal Commission requesting that it deny the Marina Del Rey LCP Amendment proposed by Los Angeles County, *and*
- 2. This resolution shall be distributed to the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the California Coastal Commission, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, We Are Marina Del Rey, the Mar Vista Community Council, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, the Westchester/Playa Neighborhood Council, the Western Regional Alliance of Councils, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, State Senator Ted Lieu and State Assembly Member Betsy Butler.



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Appendix A - Reducing Public Parking in MDR Location of Marina del Rey Parking Lots

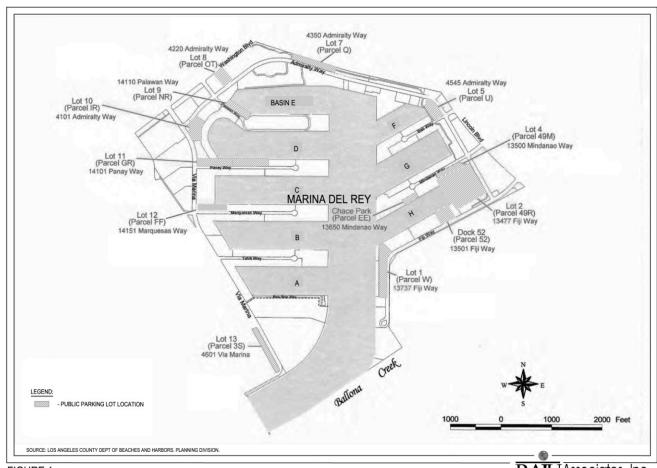


FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF PUBLIC PARKING LOTS IN MARINA DEL REY RAJU Associates, Inc.

Appendix B to VNC Resolution – Reducing Public Parking in MDR



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March 1, 2009

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re:

Re-Development of Marina Del Rey Harbor

Dear Supervisors:

I write to inform you of the following motion passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council on February 17, 2009.

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse

President

Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

California Coastal Commission Secretary of State Debra Bowen

Senator Barbara Boxer

California Congresswoman Jane Harman

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California State Senator Jenny Oropeza

California State Assembly Member Ted Lieu

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl

Los Angeles City Council

Los Angeles Department of City Planning

"We Are Marina Del Rey"

"Save the Marina"

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Westchester-Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council

Palms Neighborhood Council

Mar Vista Community Council

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A Resolution of the Venice Neighborhood Council Passed 02/17/2009

A Comprehensive LCP Update or CEQA Compliant EIR Required for Marina del Rey Redevelopment

Whereas Los Angeles County is redeveloping the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey (the "Project"), with sixteen (16) developments as of Feb 1, 2009 in various stages of the proprietary and/or regulatory process including: hotels, residential units and mixed-use developments (see Appendix for a complete listing) that add:

- 3,904 new residential units
- 636 new hotel rooms in three new hotels and one hotel expansion
- 1,369 additional restaurant seats
- 135,162 square feet of additional retail/commercial space
- 48,173 square feet of additional office space;

Whereas Los Angeles County avers that the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP), which was last updated and certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1996, is the functional equivalent of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"); and

Whereas on January 8, 2008, in concluding its LCP Review, the California Coastal Commission unanimously voted to recommend that Los Angeles County prepare a comprehensive LCP Update consisting of all proposed or anticipated developments within Marina del Rey for purposes of the Project that addresses the Project's direct, indirect and cumulative environmental and social impacts because there have been numerous social and environmental changes since 1996 and at least seven (7) proposed developments violate policies and ordinances set forth in the LCP; and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles communities surrounding the Project, namely, Venice, Del Rey, Mar Vista and Playa Vista have not been informed of the comprehensive Project, nor have they had an opportunity to participate in land use reconfiguration decisions; and

Whereas should the Project be developed, the surrounding communities will bear a significant portion of the short-term construction and long term cumulative impacts, including increased traffic, air pollution, environmental degradation and the provision of essential services and amenities such as parks, playgrounds, schools, hospitals, churches, which the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey does not provide.

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Be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, the California Coastal Commission, Secretary of State Debra Bowen, Senator Barbara Boxer, California Congresswoman Jane Harman, California State Senator Jenny Oropeza, California State Assembly Member Ted Lieu, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, "We Are Marina Del Rey," "Save the Marina," the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Westchester-Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council, the Palms Neighborhood Council, the Mar Vista Community Council, City of Culver City and the City of Santa Monica.