

Bike Path Access (Ravi Sankaran/Brian Averill)

WHEREAS, in late July 2025 an access point to the Marvin Braude Bike Path and Yvonne B. Burke Park in Marina del Rey was blocked by construction of a cinderblock wall in the lot adjacent to the Ralph's grocery store at 4311 Lincoln Blvd.

WHEREAS, this entry point had provided safe access to the Marvin Braude Bike Path for Venice residents for decades, and the new wall blocks this entry point and renders access to the bike path dangerous for Venetians and others, including children and seniors, with higher risk for collision with vehicles and bodily injury.

WHEREAS, the VNC acknowledges the vital importance of maintaining safe and open access to the bike path and coastal resources for both current and future residents.

WHEREAS, the wall was constructed by Bayview Property Management at the direction of the property owner Marina Pointe Commercial, with little to no stakeholder input taken and no consultation with VNC.

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission provides for public prescriptive right of access across private property in cases where public access has occurred 1) for a period of five (5) years or longer, 2) without asking or receiving permission from the owner, and 3) with the actual or presumed knowledge of the owner. However those public access rights have now been removed with construction of the wall.

THEREFORE, the VNC calls on the City of Los Angeles and CD11 to work with the California Coastal Commission, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the private property owners to immediately restore safe access to the bike path whether at this same entry point or a different location, for the protection of the hundreds of residents who access the bike path daily, and to restore prescriptive coastal access rights that have been taken away