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The Venice Whaler Bar & Grill

2 Washington Blvd. Venice, CA. 90292

Venice Neighborhood Council (attn Robert Aronson to distribute)

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Dear Mrs. Macpherson, Mr. Newhouse, and Mr. Aronson

The reason of this letter is to formally inform you of my desire to expand my business for outdoor dining along Washington Blvd. using Approximately 380 Sq. Ft of the sidewalk I just expanded with a B permit(attached).I request approval utilizing the existing parking situation which exists with valet and the adjacent public lot. I include Plans and an application for a Revocable Permit(attached) have been filed in the Los Angeles Public Works Dpt. Obtaining approval of the seating configuration plans and “B” permit for improvements of the sidewalk along my property facing Washington Blvd. Although it seemed at that time that all the requirements were fulfilled, I was informed at what I thought was the end of the process that additional approvals from the venice Neighborhood Council.We have had a real hard time trying to get parking due to the fact the City Of LA does not accept the “in lieu of parking fee” and therefore must actually secure specific lots. We have tried to get parking within close proximity as required in the following ways;

1) We attempted to secure space from the Westside charter school. I met the principal Cyril Baird (Great Guy) and The General Manager of the Whaler Mr. Tim Benedict later had lunch with Principal Baird. He very kindly said he would love to rent spots to us and sent us to the LAUSD rep who handles parking and we were told they don’t lease to revocable permit users. Also, the school needs the spots in the day so cannot always give us parking before 6 pm even if they did do revocable leasing.



2) We have spoken with Joe Taja Quality Parking manager (the current valet in front of c and o that all the streets businesses use collectively. Joe confirms his duty is to continue to provide valet services for Venice Whaler customers as one of the core businesses on the street and can handle more business from us. Joe can be reached at 18182546406 to validate this.

3) We Have spoken to Two real estate brokers regarding them assisting in lease or purchases of parking lots nearby. Fred White the broker who sold me the whaler has looked at the lot behind star bucks which is locked up in a long term lease. You can call Fred to see that he has been looking for me 13109802695

4) We have taken a run at the people who run the big lot at the beach and they told us we need to buy a valet company to get a spot leased from them.

4) Have Asked Charley Daniels to get a lot as a broker and he is looking to no avail thus Far. Charlie's phone is 13106993618

5) We have contacted Nancy Bower from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to see the possibility of leasing from the strand parking across the Ocean Front Walk the eight parking spaces that are required for my project,

I respectfully request to be treated as all the other restaurants on my side of the street like Mercedes, all the way to Cabo Cantina. Let me continue to use the same parking valet we have used from their inception and let my outside seated customers be credited with use of the almost always vacant parking lot directly in front of me. I promise to run a class operation well maintained with good security and add positively to the neighborhood. I ask your support to please consider that the granting might be fair since the Venice whaler is the only restaurant on the block with similar food and booze licenses that does not have this privilege.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration and Please come by soon to see a sunset at my spot

Respectfully

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