



Venice Neighborhood Council

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November 30, 2007

Ms. Gail Goldberg
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Re: VNC Support of Appeal by PRNA of 11/5/2007 decision of City Planning Department
Case No: DIR 2006-10495-SPP Project Permit Compliance CEQA: ENV 2006-
10495-CE, Section A #5, Parking in Lieu Fee

Dear Gail:

First of all, thank you again for taking part in our Town Hall on November 10th. We know how busy your schedule is, and we really appreciated you time.

I am also writing to inform you, that on November 20, 2007, the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) unanimously endorsed a request from the Presidents Row Neighborhood Association (PRNA) to co-sponsor and fully support its above referenced appeal with respect to Parking In Lieu Fees.

This PRNA/VNC appeal asks for denial of the applicant's request to eliminate twelve (12) on site parking spaces. On street parking is scarce and the neighborhood can ill afford to lose these spaces. By not providing parking as required by city code, the property owner has shifted the parking burden onto the adjacent neighborhood. As this is within the Coastal area, it further creates a problem of reducing beach access. This also sets a precedent which would be detrimental to the Venice community.

If in lieu fees are assessed as an alternative, this appeal asks that Parking in Lieu Fees of \$18,000.00 per parking space be raised to \$45,000.00 per parking space to reflect the realities of current construction costs and that these collected fees be specifically, and only, used in Venice to replace the lost parking.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike R. Newhouse".

Mike Newhouse
President



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Cc:

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