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Brief Summary: The Mar Vista Community Council opposes any city exemptions to developers and property owners from established legal requirements to create and provide sufficient parking in new residential and commercial development or redevelopment projects. In addition, the MVCC encourages more public debate over the question of establishing City policies that would reduce present city parking requirements in order to force residents to accept future mass transit solutions, as well as over the most successful and appropriate strategies to encourage usage by a population unfamiliar with mass transit.

- Additional Information:
- 1) Whereas, the the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) recognizes the value of local and regional mass transit, and has been since its formation consistently supportive of efforts to create mass transit, and
 - 2) Whereas, the MVCC suffers numerous traffic and parking problems within its boundaries as a result of insufficient parking facilities required by developers and property owners in the past, and
 - 3) Whereas, the City and County of Los Angeles does not at this time have an established mass transit network of bus/rail connections, and
 - 4) Whereas, many and perhaps most transit users will still require access to automobiles to meet their transportation needs, particularly for emergency purposes , for those who care for and travel with children, disabled individuals and/or seniors, and for commuters who must travel long distances to access transit corridors, and
 - 5) Whereas, the residents of Los Angeles have yet to make a choice to replace their individual use of the automobile with mass transit systems, and
 - 6) Whereas, MVCC is concerned with efforts of the City of Los Angeles Planning Department to force mass transit usage by reducing or eliminating parking requirements in new residential and commercial development projects without appropriate neighborhood council and grassroots input and feedback,

The Mar Vista Community Council Board therefore:

- 1) Opposes the Amendment to Section 12.24 x 17 of the municipal code, also known as the "Parking Reduction Amendment"
- 2) Opposes any city exemptions to developers and property owners from established legal requirements to create and provide sufficient parking in new residential and commercial development or redevelopment

projects

3) Opposes any City exemptions to developers and property owners from established legal requirements to create and provide sufficient parking adjacent to surface transit corridors and transit stations

4) Will monitor and work to defeat any of the above exemptions proposed for developers in areas that impact MVCC stakeholders

5) Encourage more public debate over the question of establishing City policies that would reduce present city parking requirements in order to force residents to accept future mass transit solutions, as well as public debate over the most successful and appropriate strategies to encourage usage by a population unfamiliar with mass transit.