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Subject: CORRECTION: I OPPOSE CF 16-0749(CD11) - THE PROPOSED VENICE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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Attn: City Clerk:

RE: CF 16-0749(CD11) - VENICE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Please print this letter and attachments (NO VENICE BID) petition signatures and comments) and place on file for the record:

- 1) A .csv file of signatures from our petition OPPOSING the proposed Venice B.I.D.
- 2) A .pdf file of comments from our petition OPPOSING the proposed Venice B.I.D.

due to come before the City Council on Tues. Aug. 23, 2016 at 10:00 am.

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I am writing to oppose the establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Venice.

I oppose for the following reasons:

1. The process for establishing the BID has not been public or transparent.
2. None of the details or documents about the potential Venice BID have been made public, including the proposed area of coverage, the bylaws or other governing documents, the process for membership, the results of any votes taken, and other relevant information.
3. BIDs in the City of Los Angeles, and particularly their private security forces, have a history of hostility toward homeless and low-income residents resulting in several lawsuits regarding unconstitutional practices.
4. BIDs are a form of privatization that harms those that don't own property and limits democratic control over resources.

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Letter: Greetings,

NO B.I.D. FOR VENICE, CA

I am writing to oppose the establishment of a Business Improvement District in Venice. As a longtime stakeholder of Venice, I am concerned about both the Business Improvement District (BID) process and potential implementation.

I oppose for many reasons, including but not limited to:

1. The process for establishing the BID has not been public or transparent. It has not appeared on a Neighborhood Council agenda for comment or approval, and has only been on one Neighborhood Council committee agenda.
2. Very little detail or documents about the potential Venice BID have been made public.
3. Business Improvement Districts in the City of Los Angeles, and particularly their private security forces, have a history of hostility toward homeless and low-income residents resulting in several lawsuits since their inception in the late 1990s regarding unconstitutional practices.
4. Business Improvement Districts are a form of privatization that harms those that don't own property and limits democratic control over resources.
5. Business Improvement District assessments are not feasible for all businesses or property owners to pay, particularly non-profits and small business owners.
6. The founding premise for the Business Improvement District is at fault. It is claimed that a BID is needed because the City of Los Angeles is not providing the proper public services. While this there is accuracy in the fact that the city is not providing services, the solution is

not privatization. I vehemently oppose any privatization of our public spaces and services. The city is responsible for providing the necessary budget to provide these services.

7. Currently, since 2011, global technology companies, such as Google and Snapchat, some of the richest companies on this planet, have enjoyed an 80% Tax Break – our money – taken out of our revenue stream – which isn't and should be invested into our public services. As a result of this Tax Break, "Championed" by Councilman Mike Bonin, the City of Los Angeles has lost Billions of Dollars in income. By making these companies pay their fair share, we will be able to properly fund our needed public services.

8. In 1904, Abbot Kinney deeded Ocean Front Walk to be a public park in perpetuity, which also included sharp restrictions on commerce; therefore the city has no authority to approve a Business Improvement District on this section of Venice.

For these and other reasons, we urge that any proposal for a BID in Venice be denied. Additionally, all documents regarding any plans to date for a BID should be released to the public.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Benefit Network	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	A BID is just plain BAD - however you slice it! More restrictions, more surveillance, more brutality towards the homeless, more money from tax-payers' pockets, etc., etc., etc. Take your BID and BIN it!!!!
Arthur Max	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	B.I.D. is completely inappropriate to the scale and character of this community. It should be rejected.
sylvia aroth	venice, CA	2016-07-29	No to changing Venice' culture and character! No to taxation without representation!
Jette Sorensen	Santa Monica, CA	2016-07-29	Don't ruin Venice!
Deborah Lashever	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	Abbot Kinney created Venice for The People, not wealthy business owners.
Linda Lucks	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	A BID is. A rally bad idea for many reasons, not least of which is that the adjacent property owners on the walk streets are NOT given a vote. They are excluded!
David Ewing	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	This is an attempt to privatize public space and municipal responsibilities. We've seen BID abuse in Hollywood and downtown. Let's not repeat their mistakes.
Lydia Ponce	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	NO!
Frank Lutz	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	This proposed BID will be run by a public-private partnership which will receive funding from the City estimated to include about \$450,000 from the General Fund, to run the proposed 'clean and safe' services. There appears to be little accountability and oversight built into this process. The assessments on the owners (don't call it a tax) will filter into the coffers of the partnership. We are talking about millions of dollars. Property owners who vote for the BID, will have no say in what goes on with this entity unless they somehow get on its board. Fat Chance! The gerrymandered district includes a huge amount of city-owned property. It is estimated that the assessment from city property will comprise about 25% of assessment monies collected and, in turn, the managers of city land will have 25% of the vote for or against a BID. You already know how the city will vote on this. The deck is stacked in favor of a 'yes' vote for a BID. This new group will create its own quasi police force complete with batons, pepper spray and uniforms to keep 'order.'
Jim SmithJimS	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	A "Business Improvement District" in Venice would work against the best interests of our city which is dedicated to the arts, leisure and recreation.
Miguel Bravo	Venice, CA	2016-07-29	BIDs only reinforce policies that give way to gentrification, displacement, and criminalization. Key creators of this BID are currently are facing charges from the City Attorney for displacement of residents. Too many wrongs about this BID! Lack of transparency and community outreach as well!
jataun valentine	venice, CA	2016-07-29	Not fair to the community.
judith scott	venice, CA	2016-07-30	god. this sounds awfully stupid.
Noel Gould	San Pedro, CA	2016-07-30	This is another strategic move by the development community to further gentrify Venice, and it's the pet project of our money chasing councilman Mike Bonin. This is the LAST thing Venice needs!
Rachel Rai	Venice, CA	2016-07-30	Preserve our Historic Venice Heritage!!! Our historic neighborhood is disappearing before our very eyes due to outside real estate corporations. Locals only!!!! Let the real residents of Venice make the decisions.
Than Silverlight	Lancaster, CA	2016-07-30	I lived for many years on ocean and rose.

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Fred Dewey	Santa Monica, CA	2016-07-30	This is yet another move by the political and economic establishment to covertly advance their power and wealth, using Venice's resources and vitality to over-rule public process and public space. The establishment wants to neuter the neighborhood council and other public forums, and will work tirelessly to do so. Of course this has advanced secretly. The politicians feel entitled to their privileges. This is one more way to protect themselves and their power.
Fred Dewey	Santa Monica, CA	2016-07-30	The establishment wants to extend and expand covert rule, and the politicians will advance and protect anything for that end. This BID is an attempt to outmaneuver and neuter the neighborhood councils, and other public forums and groups, thereby advancing the the power and wealth of the few. It is an outrage against the right of the people to an open and public form of government.
ruth boudreaux	nevada city, CA	2016-07-30	Venice should remain a community run by its own citizens not big companies.
Celia Williams	Venice, CA	2016-07-30	Yes ban the BID more policing in Venice bad bad idea!
Thomas Stier	Alford, MA	2016-07-30	Venice Beach goes to the highest BID-der again?
sylvia aroth	venice, CA	2016-07-30	No to changing the character and culture of Venice. No to taxation without representation!
pete jablonski	venice,, CA	2016-07-30	DEVELOPERS PUT PROFITS OVER COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE
doreen donoghue	venice, CA	2016-07-30	Im a resident of 90291 for 6years and DO NOT under any circumstance think we need nor want this BID entity
Nancy Manpearl	Venice, CA	2016-07-30	I am a 25 year resident of Venice and have seen a small town in a large city become swallowed up by big business
Naomi Nightingale	Venice, CA	2016-07-30	I am against privatization of Venice beach of any part of it because it's just another way of excluding a segment of our population that some feel "unworthy" and to set aside exclusive segments for those who want control, authority and privileged access.
Danielle Golfieri	Los Angeles, CA	2016-07-30	Leave Venice the F alone!
Teri Keresey	Santa Monica, CA	2016-07-30	No we do not want that !!! Stop stop it !!!
michele delany	venice, CA	2016-07-31	leave my neighborhood alone, speculators
Juli Schulz	Venice, CA	2016-07-31	#banthbid
Lydia Szamraj	Los Angeles, CA	2016-07-31	Sell out to compromise community interests by concentrating business interests into few hands. Monopolizing.
Katherine King	Venice, CA	2016-07-31	bad idea in this neighborhood
Kevin Fitzgerald	Venice, CA	2016-07-31	Because I agree.
Beth Allyn	Venice, CA	2016-08-01	I think placing the monetary concerns of some over the rights of all is wrong
Tighe Barry	Washington, DC	2016-08-01	I have never trusted the city of Los Angeles to regulate, control, litigate, inform, or just about anything that has to do with our stolen property of City of Venice CA. Venice for Venetians!
Steve Eustace	venice, CA	2016-08-01	I have lived on OFW for 26 years. It has gotten safer over the years. This bid is going to turn it into a police state on the boardwalk. We need safe not bullied to be safe.
Doris Feldman	Culver City, CA	2016-08-01	I don't like this, it's not why I chose to live in Venice
Kevin Keresey	Venice, CA	2016-08-01	Our community is not theirs to destroy! These business's that take over our community have ONLY their interests in mind, not the Venice community! Stop trying to capitalize on our community!

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Flordeliza Newcomb	Venice, CA	2016-08-01	Because I live in here.
Margaret Kenedy	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-01	I lived in Venice for 34 years til gentrification forced me out. My grandfather and great uncle went to Venice in the mid 1900s an I would like to preserve whatever history is left of my beloved Venice
Daniel Grossnickle	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-01	I am very familiar with BID. They are a private security patrol that has police powers. They constantly harassed and assaulted my employees in Hollywood. They accost, detain, search and assault anyone who does not fit the demographic that does not project the image of the target demographic of BID member businesses.
Mindy Taylor-Ross	Venice, CA	2016-08-01	This is yet another attempt for the rich and powerful to take over Venice. And I'm against that.
Brenda Forbes	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-01	I'm signing because...I don't trust your judgement. When it comes to bending over for their owners, everytime a politician says "trust me", I know I'm going to be the one who gets phucked.
Rod Sweitzer	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-01	Google and all of these Damn hipsters and trendy and over priced hipster crap ass stores have come in and bought up and ruined Venice. Not a shadow of what it used to be. They have priced, kicked and bought people out. Abbot Kinney is enough to make you vomit these days...Please make it stop!
katerina tana	Venice, CA	2016-08-01	I think that this is a dangerous development that further distorts the way Venice operates and allows an opportunity for corporate interested to hold more sway over how the are is operating.
A B	Venice, CA	2016-08-01	It sounds the stupidest idea I've ever heard. #wedontneedGENTRIFICATIONcops #youruinedvenice
Roxanne Steinberg	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	I am a long time Venice home owner and resident. I love the spirit and history of Venice. I care that we remain accessible to artists and friendly to the homeless. I appreciate every inch of public space and potential for community. While I am happy that we now have many good restaurants and small businesses in Venice, we need to remain cognizant of the fact that new businesses and development have pushed out mom-and-pop shops, artistic boutiques created by artists, and artists themselves. Even the most successful of these artists, the individuals that actually made Venice the desirable place it is today can no longer afford to live here. With so called "improvement" the heart and soul that makes Venice special gets lost forever.
Teresa Verplanck	Bailey, CO	2016-08-02	It would be tragic to see Venice go the way of Coconut Grove, in Miami, FL.
Mathilde Karsenti	San Francisco, CA	2016-08-02	Keep venice unique & artFULL. Keep the community intact!
Brittany Sweatt	LA, CA	2016-08-02	Larger Businesses and corporations settling in an area such as this will destroy the local economy. It is not needed or welcome.
Zenji Oguri	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	I have been a resident of venice all my life, and while change is inevitable, this is aggressive to the existing community in favor of those that are insensitive to what has made Venice unique.
Cindy Kay	Chatsworth, CA	2016-08-02	Enough is enough. Thank you
Joshua Dysart	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	This is an engine of purposeful gentrification. Large companies move and in for cheap and then push out the prevailing character of Venice (that of economic and ethnic diversity) to raise the value of their property investments. It's community smashing as an art. Don't let them get away with it.
Ashley Beedon	Playa del Rey, CA	2016-08-02	I love venice the way it is! It is sad to see business owners who have been there for decades being kicked out because of the privatization.
Richard Succheralli	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	Dont want BID

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Mark Rago	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	it's simply just wrong.
Carol Gronner	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	Save Venice!!!
David Borden	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	This attempt to hijack the democratic process with a Business Improvement District (BID) in Venice. Shed the light on this outrageous theft of citizens rights!
Rita Raskin	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-02	This sounds like a terrible idea! Sort of like Donald Trump's "wall". We don't need this in Venice or anywhere!
Marlene Okulick	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	I oppose the BID. Undemocratic, No No Oversight, Does not benefit the entire community, oppose a paid vigilante police force. And many more reasons. Thank you for putting this petition out.
MARK LENNON	VENICE, CA	2016-08-02	i am 3rd generation venice and now our family has our 4th 5th and 6th generation living here. i've lived in my same family house i bought after my parents passed away for my 53 years. i'm also crushed that my local roosterfish bar closed down due to rents going thru' the roof.
Kelly Rush	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-02	We were just priced out of our Venice neighborhood. We had to move east from our beloved Venice. This has to be stopped!
Clive Lonie	Sandwich, United Kingdom	2016-08-02	I whole heartedly oppose the Venice BID proposal. Venice should be for everybody not just an elite wealthy few!
Barry Bunes	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-02	Even though I don't live there now I used to and the spread of "gentrification" has got to stop. Venice should belong to it's current inhabitants, not rich Chinese investors, or a bunch of yuppies
Bram van Steenberg	Huntington Beach, CA	2016-08-02	we need to stay the home of the free.
Jessamine Tepper	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-02	I grew up in Venice and HATE what it has become. It is now a poser community and no longer the free-spirited town that attracted people to it in the first place. It has lost it's soul. BID would be the final nail in its coffin
Bunny Lua	Venice, CA	2016-08-02	We don't need junior policing just so the nouveu-riche can feel safe shopping or brunching in Venice.
Dennis Smith	Bainbridge Island, WA	2016-08-02	I was a resident of Venice for over a decade, and my wife lived there for 16 Years. Venice is a unique environment which had a spirit all it's own. This would effect the nature of Venice in a negative way.
Cyndi Conley	Paso Robles, CA	2016-08-02	Generations of family living there
Diane Laurino	Marina del REy, CA	2016-08-02	Im tired of seeing natives lose their property and mew businesses coming in and changing the original an and feel of Venice. Stop the gentrification
JOSEPH COTTEN	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-02	Enough already with privitytization of security! We are coping just fine without turning Venice into a gated Private Police State. Get a grip!  I have lived in Venice for 38 years. My home is within the Venice Neighborhood Council district (my zip code is Mar Vista)
Sharon DiMuro	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	Venice has already been changed enough. The essence of the Abbot Kinney's plan has been mired by gentrification and people coming wanting to change something that was already working.
Richard Checkman	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	I grew up in the Venice area. Venice was always such a unique place. It wasn't ever perfect but that didn't matter and that was part of it's charm. The idea of some sort of private business entity/ entities controlling the city and it's "security" sounds very dystopian. The same way this country doesn't need Donald Trump.. Venice doesn't need BID.
Jeanette Jackson	Fort Wayne, IN	2016-08-03	Born and raised here

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Daniel Joy	Fall Church, VA	2016-08-03	I'm a former long-time resident of Venice and I would hate to see this happen. Not right for Venice.
debbie wilson	Denver, CO	2016-08-03	I have a deep love for historical Venice and have spent a lot of time there. The free wheeling mix of locals and tourists, the monied folks living near the poor, and the long standing history is worth preserving. Not all change is good. So I say no to BID
tracy aldrige	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	I'm signing this because I live right here at the boardwalk and don't think a group of private business should control the scene down there. Look what happened when the owner of the Cadillac hotel took things in his own hands.
Elaine Brandt	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	Venice doesn't need B.I.D.
Nurse Susan	Pāpa'aloa, HI	2016-08-03	VENICE LEAVE ALONE.
Susan Fancourt	Australia	2016-08-03	I'm signing because I would hate Venice to change into a business district. It is just perfect the way it is, and has been for years.
shannon Fleck	Hinkley, CA	2016-08-03	Leave Venice alone and the homeless and the artist, it's fucking ridiculous that we can't make art if it's used for 2 or more things cops are killer and as shoes they pray on the homeless I've watched them kill homeless shooting them kicking them to death it's bull shot this is a free state not free for cops to vent on and kill the homeless I was homeless 10 years their way he'd police brutality they killed people for no reason said homeless had a gun liars I was at many of those fatalities, cops can't say who dies and kill them ,beating them, even sent them in to put drugs they had on them while making them brake into houses and they come out doing what they the cop told them to do shoot point blank in the head 2 off my friends, I was under a jeep watching they killed then took the drugs back that they gave the homeless killed them because they want to get rid of homeless sad how about the tables turn on them, they drugged me and so friends dropped us in Hollywood and said Goodluck that's bulls hit and take ur id and won't give it back, the badge doesn't give the mother fuckers a right to kill what if they got all that done to them the people shall rise and shut all government down I'm gonna be their to spit on them all fuckers the government and all the police email ur basturds, power to the people fuckers the cops they kill everyday and military, the people r too many we shall rise against uu court of law lol bulls hit send ur assessment to the grave like u do the homeless and the people we've not done anything but told truth about u bast urges ,go to he'll were ur waiting to go god will never send you to heaven murders
Ray Ramos	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	NO!!! 55 YEAR VENICE NATIVE!!!
Elizabeth Stergiou	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	Because I was raised in Venice and it will always be home. Keep Venice's unique bohemian free spirited way of life INTACT. There is nowhere else like Venice
Shepard Stern	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	I've seen Venice go through many changes in the past 30 years I've lived here. Not all good. Not about to stand by and watch it become a gated community with rent-a-cops beating up the homeless and less fortunate. No BID in Venice!
David Busch	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-03	BIDS bring negativity and their personel are so cheaply paid and poorly trained that they end up costing more in lawsuits and settlements than the problems they supposedly prevent.
Michael Reese	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	Venice is losing its way. Snapchat holds too much real estate influence and with this, I feel big money will push out even more of the authentic element that is VENICE.

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demetrios mavromichalis	mar vista, CA	2016-08-03	Today Venice... Tomorrow Mar Vista. No B.I.D. CD11 can make do with all those new shiny multi million dollar assessments.
Silvia Estrada	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-03	Because enough is enough!!! We need to keep what's left of the special Venice raw... No more development, it's starting to look generic... Get it????!!!
J. Gregory McFall	Chicago, IL	2016-08-03	Against the original grant of the land.
joyce kuenen	rijen, Netherlands	2016-08-03	It's s very important issue to my friends who live in venice.
Sam Park	Van Nuys, CA	2016-08-03	I've lived in Venice and Santa Monica. This attempt to remake Venice is a travesty.
Rick Silva	Hawthorne, CA	2016-08-03	I don't like what has been happening to venice I loved my old venice real people
christy gerhardt	Spokane, WA	2016-08-03	BID exemplifies everything that venice is NOT..
Elaine Davis	Hawthorne, CA	2016-08-03	We need to preserve our unique communities.
Jesse Ortiz	Chandler, AZ	2016-08-03	I grew up in Culver City and Venice was my backyard! Don't want Venice to become like Culver City.
Amy Murphy	Southbury, CT	2016-08-03	I believe in keeping Venice and its history in place
Laci Hendricks	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	Development in this community had gotten out of control and is changing all that makes Venice great and has always made it unique. If they keep it up it will look like every beach community and that is so depressing and disgusting. Please stop!!
Kyle King	venice, CA	2016-08-03	BID will not help keep Venice the wild and wonderful place people want to come visit.
Melinie Esformes	Danville, CA	2016-08-03	Venice has always been unique, spirited and a love child of Yhe area forever. To lose that and all those wonderful entrapenureal ideas our country is built upon would be a sad day in the historical freedom in which it stands.
Lisa Hawkins	Troy, MI	2016-08-03	Leave this area alone!
momo Thiam	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	I am signing because the idea is wrong and would hurt small businesses and people trying to make a living. Find other ways to generate revenues.
Graham Richards	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	I'm from Venice !
Jacqueline Woll	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	No More BID in Venice
Mary Anne Thomas	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	I AM SIGNING BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR A TAX CHAT WITH SNAP CHAT... AND GOOGLE FOR THAT MATTER. All the reasons set forward in the intro. to this petition are valid, especially those which highlight Ocean Front Walk as a PUBLIC PARK IN PERPETUITY. I am signing because people who live on the walk streets, property owners and renters, are being corralled in this BID with no say or oversight. But most of all, I am signing so that the most vulnerable of us, those who live out on the street, are not subject to violence from poorly trained security forces who must hassle people to meet a quota of "contacts"
Paul Abell	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	We do not need this BID, or the shade that comes along with it. Enough with the gentrification and deep pocket glad handing BS.
Matt McLaughlin	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	I want to hold on to what Venice was and make New Venice live with it. Abbot Kinney would have wanted it that way.

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Leah Ferrarini	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-03	This is my home. There is little room left for residences in Venice. Forget about affordable housing. Big business promotes the gentrification of BUSINESSES in the area that we don't need. People come to see the smaller shops and jokes in the wall. Send big business to Santa Monica or west la. we can't afford it here. Neighbors like snap chat who have. Turned out neighborhood into a business "campus" are unwelcome
Atje Alfons	Netherlands	2016-08-03	o
EDMUND HANSBERRY	CANOGA PARK, CA	2016-08-03	The spirit of Venice is being destroyed.
Michael Naranjo	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	Because I don't think it's fair we have to change our rent prices to keep up with some Ritch dude who does care about people who have lived there for a long time.
Matthew Beltran	Venice, CA	2016-08-03	The current development projects and some of the businesses in Venice are simply trying to change the landscape of what made Venice the huge cultural hub that it current represents in Los Angeles and the world. A Business Improvement District will only diminish what historic beauty is left.
Adam Michardi	Venice, CA	2016-08-04	I don't see the bid as a positive.
Inge Mueller	Venice, CA	2016-08-04	Privatization of public services without oversight is a bad idea.
Francisco Bravo	Venice, CA	2016-08-04	Venice is already undergoing significant changes. This is not needed and does more harm than good.
Jacob White	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-04	I was raised 26 years in Venice.
Michael Albrant	Oakland, CA	2016-08-04	Stop ruining Venice!
Diego Garcia	Inglewood, CA	2016-08-04	I grew up eating free meals on Venice Beach every Thanksgiving. It was also a place were people with meager resources had their piece of paradise. Now it's another rich man's trifle.
Biljana Milasin	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-04	Venice needs to keep it's charm and residents come first!
Josh Berr	Venice, CA	2016-08-04	Community first, not money for a select few.
Javier Rodriguez	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-04	I grew up in Venice.
Barbara Milliken	Venice, CA 90291, CA	2016-08-04	BID is a transfer of Venice's iconic boardwalk to the wealthy, exacerbating the already wide divide between the wealthy 1% and other Venetians, especially the low-income and homeless. It will radically change our Venice; we don't want a Manhattan/Laguna/Hermosa Beach!
Alex Rea	Venice, CA	2016-08-04	It is important to me as a resident
Bailey Guzman	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-04	I love my city, I'm proud of my city, we're better than this. I've watched people I love pushed out of their homes. Heard countless accounts of older family members being driven out of Venice, and can't afford to stay in the city they've spent their whole lives.
JASON alexander GERRARD	Marina del Rey, CA	2016-08-04	It seems the BID is working under false pretenses and leading us into a venice beach full of the one percent. Only the richest will enjoy it. BIDs are a form of privatization that harms those that don't own property and limits democratic control over resources. BIDs are not feasible for all businesses or property owners to pay, particularly non-profits and small business owners.
Alex Zepeda	inglewood, CA	2016-08-04	Venice is for everyone
Kevin Dempsey	Cary, IL	2016-08-04	As a resident I've seen Venice change over the past 4 years and I don't like it.
Lorita Contreras	Los angeles, CA	2016-08-05	I'm for the small businesses and love the way it is...

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Monica Estrada	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-05	Stop remaking Venice for tourists and greedy developers. Residents, past, present, and future should be able to say they love the neighborhood with an eclectic array of representation. They should be able to shop locally without going broke. All this is vile.
Rotimi Rainwater	SHERMAN OAKS, CA	2016-08-05	Venice is no place for a BID
Lisette castillo	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-05	Don't do it!
A B	Venice, CA	2016-08-05	Carl Lambert GTFO of Venice! You're breaking the law with your short term rentals, why should you be trying to impose more laws on us? You are not above the law!
Penelope Stames	Burbank, Ca.	2016-08-05	I'm tired of private companies finding ways to take over public issues to make money. This is an issue for the City Council. Thats why they exist.
Mary Campbell	Venice, CA	2016-08-06	The BID is trying to create a sovereign state in Venice for the wealthy. Venice is not a gated, private community. It is disgusting and a spit on the constitution. Most offensive is the blatant clean vig to our elected officials. Shame on every single one of them.
Jeanette Hanna	El segundo, CA	2016-08-07	Venice needs to stay accessible to all people, not just the tourists and wealthy!!!
Carmen Fanali	Santa Monica, CA	2016-08-07	Leave Venice Free
Marcos Garcia	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-07	The places with bids are not friendly towards both homeless and the people the store owners think are homeless. They are like private police or bouncers for the area they patrol. Similar to the gestapo of germany.
Tobias Ricci	Valley Village, CA	2016-08-07	Fuedelism sucks.
Peter Simon	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-09	I've worked in lived in Venice sine 2000. We already have enough incidences with the LAPD we don't need a privatized security force which only represents rich business owners and not the entire community. I think Abbot Kinney intended for Venice to be a place for all people from all walks of life regardless of income or housing
Chris Ekstein	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-09	Had no idea this was even legal
Maureen Cotter	Venice, CA	2016-08-10	I'm tired of the money people having no respect for other peoples needs. We've had enough gentrification. \$3000 for a one bedroom is not the Venice I know and love. Maureen Cotter
Rick Selan	Venice, CA	2016-08-10	No need for BID except for developers and big business and those who make large donations. Peace, Rick Selan
Timothy Sassoon	Venice, CA, CA	2016-08-12	I've had to contribute to a BID with almost no value returned. IMHO it's a landlord scam and little else.
Barbara Milliken	Venice, CA 90291, CA	2016-08-12	Preserve the small-scale, artist-friendly character of the Sunset neighborhood.

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Jed Pauker	venice, CA	2016-08-12	<p>With due respect for our Councilmember's need to perform fiscal triage in the unfair climate created by our wrong-way campaign finance system, and with understanding of commercial needs to navigate a fiercely competitive business environment, I ask all Venetians, and our Councilmember as well, to oppose this and any BID that will - based on known results - deny fair representation to affected parties, further exacerbate the tragedy of homelessness which itself has been increased by some of the very businesses promoting this BID as a de facto "cleansing" agent without regard to human rights and - like the proposed Abbot Kinney hotel - run roughshod over neighbors and neighborhoods who will be subjected to radically increased commercialization and congestion of their homesteads, with no say and no recourse.</p> <p>Private police force, closed-door decisions, loss of public space, government submission to the will of a moneyed few - all agree that these projects will be "game-changers" for Venice. Only their commerce-driven proponents want the game changed in this way. The community at large opposes the BID and all that it represents.</p>
Blake Machamer	Venice, CA	2016-08-12	Enough is enough already with all the existing places with full liquor licenses.
CAROL V. BECK	VENICE, CA	2016-08-12	No BID for Venice, totally not necessary.
Robin Rudisill	Venice, CA	2016-08-15	This has not been a Public Due Process and the BID has not been properly considered with respect to impacts within the Coastal Zone, particularly re. Venice as a Special Coastal Community.
Michael Kohlhaas	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-15	I guess it's a compliment that you ripped off my photograph for your petition without even a link, but it's a good cause, so I suppose you're welcome to it.
Katherine Lim	Santa Ana, CA	2016-08-18	BID is wrong
peter de'Avila	Hermosa Beach, CA	2016-08-18	Keep Venice Venice
Lillian White	Venice, CA	2016-08-18	I'm opposed to rushing any measures through without more outreach, and explanation. I think this is sure to have a negative impact rather than a positive one.
roseann boffa	venice, CA	2016-08-18	If Ocean Front walk was deeded as public land, we do not need a privatized business consortium taking over. Big business has been trying to turn Venice into Santa Monica for decades. Let's stop it now!
Chris Fay	Venice, CA	2016-08-19	The BID in Venice is not appropriate, not needed, not approved by residents, did not go through any reasonable or legal process for approval, and is an all-around bad idea inconsistent with Venice. It is also of VERY questionable legality.
Caan Hamlet	Venice, CA	2016-08-19	This will finally be the end of the beautiful Venice beach as we know it.
Lani Ware	Venice, CA	2016-08-19	Dia ware
Clayton Scott	Venice, CA	2016-08-19	Pretty soon I won't be able to live in Venice.... Enough is enough.... Too many millionaire and billionaires have ruined what was once so great about our neighborhood.
Marva Smith	Lawton, OK	2016-08-20	Wrong is still wrong, even if it is possible to do it.
Ana Gudiel	santa monica, CA	2016-08-21	We already have police patrolling the wrong ppl. Why would we need another task force who will do the same and keep criminalizing our own ?
Dominique Almeida	Amsterdam, NY	2016-08-21	I appreciate Venice where artists and other cultural creatives made it bloom. They should be able to live andere work here
Roy Edwards	Venice, CA	2016-08-22	I already suffer from living in a Carl Lambert illegal hotel that he is converting from an RSO property at 5 Westminster. I do not believe he should be allowed to ignore any more laws

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Lily Cruz	Los Angeles, CA	2016-08-22	Venice is being gentrified out of existence.
Margaret Eldridge	Dallas, TX	2016-08-22	It is unfair to local residents

5. BID assessments are not feasible for all businesses or property owners to pay, particularly non-profits and small business owners.

6. The founding premise for the Business Improvement District is at fault. It is claimed that a BID is needed because the City of Los Angeles is not providing the proper public services. While there is accuracy in the fact that the city is not providing services, the solution is not privatization. I vehemently oppose any privatization of our public spaces and services. The city is responsible for providing the necessary budget to provide these services.

7. Since 2011, global tech companies, like Google and Snapchat, have enjoyed an 80% Tax Break – our money – taken out of our revenue stream – which isn't and SHOULD BE invested into our public services. As a result of this Tax Break, "Championed" by Councilman Mike Bonin, the City of Los Angeles has lost Billions of Dollars in income. By making these companies pay their fair share, we will be able to properly fund our needed public services.

8. In 1904, Abbot Kinney deeded Ocean Front Walk to be a public park in perpetuity, which also included sharp restrictions on commerce; therefore the city has no authority to approve a BID on this section of Venice.

For these and other reasons, I urge that any proposal for a BID in Venice be denied. Additionally, all documents regarding any plans to date for a BID should be released to the public.

Sincerely,

Barbara Peck  
Stakeholder of Venice