

Commission_OPPOSITION- potential conflict-of-interests
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Hello City Clerk,

Can you please tell me why this later is not in Council File 16-1141? There is no record of any submissions from the public.

Appreciatively,

margaret molloy

From: margaret molloy <mmmolloy@earthlink.net>

Subject: Re: agenda item 16-1141 on Oct 25, 2016: Mike Newhouse for the West Los Angeles Planning Commission_OPPOSITION- potential conflict-of-interests

Date: October 24, 2016 at 5:48:59 PM PDT

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Dear City Council Members,

We ask that you vote NO on 16-1141 : Mike Newhouse for the West Los Angeles Planning Commission.

Mike Newhouse's tenure as President of the Venice Neighborhood Council ended on June 20, 2016.

On June 21, 2016, we submitted a letter of complaint regarding Mr Newhouse's tenure as VNC president to the the following people:

Ivan Spiegel
Jay Handal
Mike Fong
Darren Martinez
Mike Bonin

Newly elected VNC president Ira Koslow (installed June 20, 2016) appointed Mr Newhouse as Westside Regional Alliance of Councils representative without any community input.

Mr Newhouse is not an appropriate choice for WRAC OR the West Los Angeles Planning Commission.

Mr Newhouse is a land use lawyer with potential conflict-of-interests in the Venice development arena.

While Venice Neighborhood Council president Mr Newhouse was also a board member of the Venice Chamber of Commerce.

He is currently vice-president of the Venice Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Newhouse currently has active real estate listings on his professional website.

Please review the enclosed documents and do NOT approve Mike Newhouse for the West Los Angeles Planning Commission.

Ken Bernstein of Survey LA presented an overview of their research on Venice at a community meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

Attendees complained at the lack of public engagement in the survey process and the potential negative impact on their property values and development potential if their properties are found to be a historic structure or a contributor under the survey.

Mr Bernstein explained that Survey LA reached out several times to the VNC and got no response.

Mr Newhouse did not communicate with the community.

The Blue Bus has already asked for several changes along it's new route in Venice, changed as of August 2016, because of safety concerns. The new route is creating stress for the community, failing to meet many people's needs, and has safety issues. It was never brought to the community by Mr Newhouse as VNC president in spite of several attempts at outreach by BBB.

This is significant & consequential.

We ask that you vote NO on 16-1141.

NO on Mike Newhouse for the West Los Angeles Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

margaret molloy
laddie williams
lydia ponce

Begin forwarded message:

From: Margaret Molloy <mmmolloy@earthlink.net>
Subject: Requesting Formal Complaints be placed in the record regarding Mike Newhouse's tenure as President of the VNC until June 21, 2016
Date: June 22, 2016 at 2:00:02 AM PDT
To: ivan@empowerla.org, Jay Handal <jay@empowerla.org>, mike.fong@lacity.org, Darren Martinez <Darren.Martinez@lacity.org>, mike bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>
Cc: cwilli7269@gmail.com, Lydia Ponce <venicelydia@gmail.com>

Hello,

We would like to put on record several issues of concern regarding Mike Newhouse's tenure as President of the Venice Neighborhood Council for the last 2yrs ending today, June 21, 2016.

Mr Newhouse has been a lawyer at Buchalter Nemer, a prominent Land Use Law firm for most of this time until recently starting a new firm Newhouse Seroussi.

His website states:

"He is also a licensed real estate broker in the State of California, and is President Emeritus of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and Chair of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), a coalition of all 13 Los Angeles Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles."

" with an emphasis on Real Estate Litigation and Transactions, Creditors Rights and Commercial Litigation, Labor & Employment Law, and Insurance Litigation"

Mr Newhouse has been a member of the Venice Chamber of Commerce during this time.

Many community members in Venice are concerned about [LAPD's video surveillance system \(PRJ20875\)](#) that was installed on the Ocean Front Walk in Venice in 2015.

The Ocean Front Walk Committee and the Venice Neighborhood Council voted AGAINST this proposal several times because of invasion of privacy concerns.

Our CD 11 Councilman Mike Bonin and his staff were involved with the Department of Parks & Recreations, LAPD and the President of the Venice Chamber of Commerce in the planning & installation of the system.

Quimby funds were used to pay for 50% of the LAPD equipment.

From Councilman Bonin's website:
http://www.11thdistrict.com/safety_upgrades_installed_at_venice_beach

Safety Upgrades Installed at Venice Beach

Councilmember Mike Bonin Celebrates New Security Cameras and Loudspeaker System

at World Renowned Tourist Destination

VENICE, CA - Fulfilling a commitment he made shortly after taking office, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin today announced that a new, high-tech and durable security camera and loudspeaker system has been installed at Venice Beach.

“An estimated 16 million people come to Venice Beach every year to see this quintessential part of Los Angeles,” said Bonin. “An area this important and busy demands top-notch security tools to keep people safe. These new cameras and loudspeakers will help prevent and solve crime and protect people in the event of an emergency.”

Bonin has been working with the City Department of Recreation and Parks and Los Angeles Police Department to install security cameras at Venice Beach, and the installation of 21 new cameras and speaker system was completed earlier this year. The cameras, which have been installed throughout the public park, are monitored by trained LAPD officers and have already proven effective, assisting officers and detectives with the identification of suspects and helping in the successful prosecution of criminal activity.

“The addition of the cameras along Ocean Front Walk is a welcomed technological improvement and has already proven to be a valuable investigative tool,” said LAPD Pacific Division Captain Nicole Alberca. “This project is an example of our collaborative forward momentum in improving the quality of life and keeping Venice a safe place to live, work and visit.”

The cameras were recommended in the Venice Beach Needs Assessment, a report the City Council commissioned at Bonin’s request shortly after he was sworn-in in 2013. The report identified key security upgrades that would improve safety at the two-mile long public park, which also serves as a residential neighborhood and commercial district.

The idea of security cameras in Venice was widely supported, and the Venice Neighborhood Council voted in favor of the camera installation in 2013.

The cameras were donated to the City by Samsung, and Bonin and his staff worked with the Department of Recreation and Parks, LAPD, the City’s Information Technology Agency, Time Warner Cable and Leverage Information Systems to secure the necessary permits and install the system throughout the Venice Beach area.

Several of the cameras have loudspeaker capabilities, which allow police officers to direct and manage crowds in the event of an emergency. In addition to helping prevent and prosecute criminal activity, the cameras are a useful tool in other common situations at Venice Beach, such as locating missing children when they are separated from their families.

This announcement was not true or accurate.

Mike Newhouse NEVER CORRECTED the record.

The community rejected this proposal several times because of invasion of privacy concerns.

Quimby funda have specific uses.

This may not be a legal use of these funds. The community was not included in discussions of the use of Quimby funds.

<http://www.laparks.org/planning/quimby.htm>

USE OF QUIMBY FEES

Any land required to be dedicated and/or fees required to be paid pursuant to the City's Quimby Code are to be used to acquire new parkland or fund capital improvements at existing recreational and park facilities which will serve residents of the new development. City and State law do not allow for Quimby funds to be used to offset staff operation and maintenance costs, to purchase materials and supplies, or to replacement equipment.

Currently, fees can only be spent, and land can only be dedicated, within a service radius of one to two miles from the development that paid the fee. This geographic restriction is based on a requirement in the City's Quimby Code that Quimby land dedications and fees must be used in a manner that complies with the City's Public Recreation Plan (a portion of the Service System Element of the City's General Plan). According to the City's Public Recreation Plan, the service radius is the geographic area whose population the park or facility serves. Neighborhood parks and facilities have a service radius of up to one mile from the park or facility. Community parks and facilities have a service radius of two miles. Definitions of neighborhood and community parks and facilities can be found in the Public Recreation Plan.

2013 letter from Linda Lucks, Venice Neighborhood Council President, with the motion failing (Motion F):

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/12.16.13-VNC-Letter-Ocean-Front-Walk-Safety-2.pdf>

ICE RINK proposal at Windward Plaza.

This proposal also includes permanent security lighting.

Quimby funds are a suggested source to cover some portion of the costs.

The Venice community voted AGAINST this proposal.

They strongly expressed their disapproval and many traveled to the Coastal Commission hearing in January 2015 to speak against it.

Mr Newhouse **NEVER** sent an official letter stating the **VNC denial of the motion** to the **California Coastal Commission**.

These letters are an importation part of his job as an elected community representative.

The Big Blue Bus route was changed without notice no community input.

Certain sections of the community are disproportionately affected by these changes.

The bus on California Avenue used to stop in front of a senior building and the Vera Davis Center that provides a variety of community services.

Many local children were also on the route for Mark Twain & Venice High school.

This was a real neglect of the needs of the broader community.

From: Timothy McCormick <Timothy.McCormick@SMGOV.NET>

Subject: RE: re BBB in Venice

Date: March 21, 2016 at 5:20:51 PM PDT

To: margaret molloy <mmmolloy@earthlink.net>

Hi Ms. Molloy,

At this point, Big Blue Bus is very much hoping to move forward rather than spend a lot of time looking at how we arrived here. It is not uncommon for these types of studies to get lost in the rumble of day to day problem solving and we can't say that VNC responded markedly different from many other stakeholder groups.

In answer to your questions, yes, the outreach to VNC was to discuss the plan to change the service routes to Venice. The outreach was made to email addresses we found on neighborhood council websites. We had the following: president@venicenc.org; communications@venicenc.org; chair-lupc@venicenc.org. We first wrote a generic invitation to participate to all neighborhood councils in August 2014. We then wrote again in December 2014 and January 2015 if we had not heard back from them earlier. The last email to VNC was sent on January 9th, 2015 to president@venicenc.org after verifying that the address was good with Norm Kulla at Councilman Bonin's office. We sent links to the plan maps for reference to that "president" email address in case people wanted to just look and not make time to meet. Then in late January of 2015 we emailed Norman Kulla from Councilman Bonin's office that we had not heard anything back from VNC. Admittedly, VNC was not alone in this, and other neighborhood councils also did not respond, so VNC appeared in a list of names to Bonin's office.

We did meet with Councilman Bonin's staff regarding the whole plan, but did not zero in on Venice. When one is looking at 51 square miles of changes, it can be difficult to notice everything of interest. The plan included six new routes, 47 directional route miles of new service and 227 new bus stops so there was a lot to consider. It was not at all apparent to us which areas would be contentious. In other areas much like Ocean Avenue, we have heard nothing or next to nothing. So, we don't know in advance where reactions will be pronounced, even though it may seem like we should have. Our liaisons for the planning process to Bonin's office were Norm Kulla and Paul Backstrom. Lastly, the letter we received from Robert Singer came in a few days after the meeting on March 9th, 2016.

I hope this answers your questions. Regarding students going to school, we had ridership information from 30 different school days over the fall of 2015 regarding ridership to Mark Twain and Venice HS. We had heard at the meeting that there were 20 students in the morning at one bus stop alone on California Avenue. We did not see that in the ridership data. In fact it looks as if nearly a third of the students were coming from outside the neighborhood and we expect to see those students show up on Route 16 which now goes to

those schools. That said, we did see about ten students from various areas of Venice going to those schools on the bus and are considering options for them. We are taking all feedback seriously.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry.

Tim

Proposed Ocean Front Walk Business Improvement District

Email from Debbie Dyner Harris on June 21, 2016:

Margaret,

please note on the BID, I am the only contact on that issue in this office.

Also, our office did not lead any of the meetings or planning of the BID. That was done through the **BID's Executive Committee and the City Clerk's office**. I don't have that much correspondence but what I can dig up I will share. Again, if you gave me more specific information it would be helpful.

Mr Newhouse, as President of the VNC, a member of the Venice Chamber of Commerce, and a land-use lawyer, **has never presented any information at all to the community about this proposal.**

On Tuesday April 19, 2016, Debbie Dyner Harris gave a 5 minute presentation to a VNC board meeting. No questions & answers were allowed by Mr Newhouse.

That is the total extent of public disclosure.

Ira Kaslow, current VNC president made a comment at the time. "They haven't told us anything about it."

This is a conflict of interest between Mr Newhouse & the business community/ Chamber of Commerce vs the community interest represented by the VNC.

Mr Newhouse is a high profile land use lawyer. As VNC President and a member of the Chamber he has been in regular contact with Carl Lambert, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Lambert and many others are conducting illegal businesses in Venice and City Attorney Mike Feuer announced legal action against Carl Lambert and Andy Layman in a press release on Monday, June 20.

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From: **Frank Mateljan** <frank.mateljan@lacity.org>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2016 at 11:03 AM

Subject: PRESS RELEASE: CITY ATTORNEY MIKE FEUER FILES ACTIONS AGAINST PROPERTIES ALLEGEDLY OPERATING UNLAWFULLY AS HOTELS OR SHORT TERM RENTALS

To: Frank Mateljan <Frank.Mateljan@lacity.org>

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June 20, 2016

CITY ATTORNEY MIKE FEUER FILES ACTIONS AGAINST PROPERTIES ALLEGEDLY OPERATING UNLAWFULLY AS HOTELS OR SHORT TERM RENTALS

Complaints Allege Rent-Stabilized Properties Illegally Converted

LOS ANGELES – Seeking to preserve much-needed affordable housing, City Attorney Mike Feuer is taking action against the owners of four properties for allegedly unlawfully converting and operating rent stabilized apartment buildings as short-term rentals or hotels.

“In a city with a profound shortage of affordable housing, unlawfully converting rental units to operate hotels has got to stop,” said Feuer. “My office will continue to intervene to keep rent-stabilized units on the market and hold owners accountable for not complying with the law.”

The City Attorney filed civil cases against the owners and operators of three apartment buildings each subject to the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), alleging that the property owners are illegally operating and advertising as hotels. The lawsuits seek a court appointed receiver to operate the properties until they are brought into compliance, as well as restitution and significant civil penalties.

Carl Lambert, the owner of Venice Suites (417 Ocean Front Walk), allegedly has operated and advertised the 32-unit apartment building in Venice as a hotel complete with its own website and regular hotel amenities. In January, 2015, the Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCIDLA”) issued Orders to Comply to discontinue use as a hotel. Those orders allegedly continue to be ignored by the defendant.

William Andrew Layman, Rose Layman and Matthew Moore, the owners and managers of Venice Beach Suites (1305 Ocean Front Walk), allegedly operate the 30-unit apartment building as a hotel, extensively using internet

sites to advertise the apartment units as hotel rooms for reservations, though the zoning for the location does not allow for its current use. In January 2015, HCIDLA issued Orders to Comply to the property owners citing the illegal use as a hotel. Those orders allegedly continue to be ignored by the defendants.

George Panoussis owns a 59-unit apartment building (830 N. Van Ness Avenue) allegedly operating and advertising as the Hollywood Dream Suites Hotel in direct violation of the area's residential zoning requirements. Panoussis and his co-defendants allegedly have denied inspectors access to the premises at least eight times. In January, 2014, HCIDLA issued Orders to Comply to the property owner for illegally using the property as a hotel without proper permits from the Department of Building and Safety. Those orders allegedly continue to be ignored by the defendants.

At a fourth property, Carol Jean Alsman, the owner of a 4-unit property located at 500 N. Genesee Avenue, was charged with six counts in a criminal case alleging: failure to comply with an Order to Comply, zoning violations; illegal use without proper building permits, failure to file notice of intention to re-rent, failure to offer rental to displaced tenants, and renting property within five years after withdrawing from the rental market under the Ellis Act.

The complaint alleges Alsman applied under the Ellis Act to remove her rent-controlled property from the rental market and complied with all regulations to have tenants compensated and relocated. However, Alsman allegedly began renting those units shortly thereafter through Airbnb and failed to allow former tenants an opportunity to re-rent those units, in direct violation of the provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

The City Attorney will be sending a list of Ellis Act properties to Airbnb and other short-term rental platforms as a preemptive measure to prevent listing of similar properties.

Assistant City Attorney Tina Hess and Deputy City Attorney Andrew Wong are handling the litigation.

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We believe Mr Newhouse has not served the public interest by allowing a culture of illegal

business and non-compliance to be pervasive during his term. He did not present this

reality to the public and does not appear to have defended the public interest in his dealings.

It remains to be seen what his involvement has been in the development of the BID proposal.

Many residents are extremely opposed to the BID.

However involved Mr Newhouse has been, he has not shared this information with the community at large in any way.

We believe this is and has been a fundamental conflict-of-interest.

Please place these complaints in the record regarding Mike Newhouse's tenure as President of the VNC until the new board was seated today, June 20, 2016 .

Thank you,

Margaret Molloy

Lydia Ponce

Laddie Williams

www.thenewhousegroup.com has active real estate listings.

http://www.thenewhousegroup.com/index_new.cfm

30 attachments

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a prescribed practicable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the 2 Breeze Avenue LAPD location. The locations along Ocean Front Walk identified in the preliminary design provide situational awareness through flood and pass-through cameras. An audio loudspeaker is included in many of the locations and audio intervention is possible from any monitoring station within this system. It is proposed that the 2 Breeze Avenue location will serve as the main wireless network infrastructure aggregation location for most of the Venice Beach surveillance equipment.

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Upon approval of this Report, \$298,288.00 in Quinby Fees can be transferred from the Quinby Fees Account No. 1966K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 1966K-VII and allocated to the Venice Beach - Public Safety Camera (PRJ2015) project. The total Quinby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach - Public Safety Camera Project (PRJ2015) project is \$298,288.00. These Quinby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quinby Fees for community recreational facilities.

cameras are currently situated in circumstances from the same geographic area as proposed in this report, the Office of CIP-11 and the RAP Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch (PCMB). The cameras were installed and along Ocean Front Walk at the following locations:

- Two (2) pole mounted intersection camera locations:
- Pacific and Brooks AVE
- Pacific and Westminster Avenue

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- Building mounted equipment locations, most of which are privately owned:
- NBS near Westminster and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- 2 Broomway Avenue Building (2 cameras)
- Venice Beach Police Sub Station (2 cameras)
- 1101 Ocean Front Walk Building
- NBS near Brooks Avenue and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- Goodies Tropical Lush Building
- 812 Sprengle Building (2 cameras)
- 1211 Ocean Front Walk Building (2 cameras)
- Danny's Restaurant Building (2 cameras)



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LAPD, in consultation with RAP, has determined that public safety cameras require a delicate balance of tactics, technology, and process that when done properly improve citizens' quality of life and safety. It is the objective of the proposed project design to provide a technological solution that is tailored to the community of Venice Beach to accomplish this objective.

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LAPD and RAP agree that intervention is fundamental to prevent and suppress criminal and nuisance activity. From a technical perspective, intervention requires minimal system latency and acceptable levels of video quality, and the ability to interact with live video. It is the LAPD's experience with local communities, when intervention is properly implemented, that the community not only accepts this capability, but will wholeheartedly embrace it.

The proposed Project will be highly scalable, beginning with wireless network connectivity designed in a peer-to-peer fashion. Video traffic will flow through this network in a predictable, predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the LAPD 2 Broomway LAPD location.

- The preliminary design will be presented in three sections:
- Location and Intervention locations,
- Monitoring and Response, and,
- Networking Infrastructure

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Special Board of Officers Meeting Agenda
Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM

5. Ocean Front Walk Safety (7:25PM – 120 minutes) (Tom Elliot – Chair, CFW Comm)
(For discussion and possible action)
The Ocean Front Walk, and Public Safety Committees met and deliberated on recommendations and suggestions from the VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 20, 2013 and responded with the following proposed motions to the Needs Assessment on Public Safety for Venice Beach as submitted by the City Recreation and Parks Department: VNC-OPW-Safety-Report_8-14-13.pdf

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F SECURITY CAMERAS

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should not install security cameras on OPW, because they are an invasion of privacy, as they have historically been poorly maintained, and they would be technologically unfeasible.
Public Comment: Tom Kasper, Gary Harris
ACTION: Motion failed TESSA 0-9-7

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NEW SECURITY CAMERAS MOTION
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should install security cameras on OPW, and ensure they are properly maintained.
ACTION: Motion failed 05/06 4-5-7

G LIGHTING

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports lighting upgrades as the number one priority of the RAP Assessment, and recommends that expansion of lighting on OPW, the bike path and Spreckels, using green, LED and solar technology as a cost-effective, safety measure. ANTO support comments on the backlink.
Public Comment: Colleen Sims
ACTION: MO call to action 10-8-11
Motion approved TESSA 14-8-1

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6. Ocean Front Walk Safety (7:25PM – 120 minutes) (Tom Elliot – Chair, CFW Comm)
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H INCREASED LAPD FOOT PATROLS

MOTION: Whereas, at the OPW Public Safety Town Hall held in October 2013, the concept of Venice overhauling its approach to the "hotspot" one issue surrounding safety on OPW is a marked decrease in Police Presence on the boardwalk in recent years.

Therefore, be it resolved that:
1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that LAPD must increase the number of officers on the boardwalk, specifically on hot spots, as there is a dramatic difference in incident with officers are on duty, versus if a number of any sort.

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2. Police presence should be 24/7, as nighttime police presence is vital.
3. "Suburban", "Convenience Style Parking", "Living Benefits to the Boardwalk", and "Town-owned Entertainment" of all businesses, including 4E, 15, should be the standard.
4. The Police Substation at Whittier should be open and staffed 24/7.
Public Comment: Colleen Sims
ACTION: Motion approved 05/06 13-8-1
Motion as amended approved TESSA 15-8-1

I New Business

(For discussion and possible action)
MOTION: The CFW Committee did not take a position on the following item as it is being agenda'd separately.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA install a Public Address System on OPW for use in entertaining and evacuation purposes only.
ACTION: Motion approved TESSA 11-11-2

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PRESENT: LL, IK, ESW, IH, TE, SK, HS, TW, SG, AM, MS, SA, MK, CR, MS, KV,
ABSENT: EM, BJ, JK, MG, CH

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Mike Newhouse, Principal Broker & Attorney



Mike is an experienced real estate and business attorney, and has been voted a Super Lawyer "Rising Star" by his peers and Los Angeles Magazine for the past three years. His practice focuses on counseling and representing developers, landlords, tenants, property managers and financial institutions in all aspects of commercial and residential real estate litigation and transactions. This includes negotiating and structuring real property leases, acquisitions, sales, financing, and development. Recent transactions and litigation involve shopping centers, office and industrial buildings, residential subdivisions, residential and commercial condominiums, hotels, and golf courses.

Mike graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Southern California in 1986 with majors in environmental studies and political science. He is also a 2002 graduate of the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College where he earned a specialty degree in Environmental Law.

Mike is a member of the California Bar and a licensed real estate broker. He is currently in the process of becoming a LEED Accredited Professional.

Over the years, Mike has worked or served as a volunteer for a number of non-profit and governmental environmental organizations. These include Environmental Defense, The Wilderness Society, The Natural Resources Defense Council, The Fund for Public Interest Research, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Environmental Affairs. Mike is presently the President of the Venice Neighborhood Council, Vice-President of the Costa Mesa Airport Marine Chapter and a member of the Red Bay Science and Policy Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Venice Arts, the Venice Canals Foundation and the Pacific Resident Theater.

Mike lives in Venice with his wife, Rubin, their son, Holden, and their dogs Bianca, Jed and Gastew. He is an active traveler, outdoor enthusiast and runner.



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MICHAEL R. NEWHOUSE, ESQ.



Mike Newhouse is an experienced attorney, real estate broker, and "Rising Star" by his peers and Los Angeles Magazine for the past three years. His practice focuses on counseling and representing large businesses, and individuals, and individuals. Mike also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Venice Arts, the Venice Canals Foundation and the Pacific Resident Theater.

Mike is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Southern California (B.A., 1986) and the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College (LL.M., 2002). In addition to his legal experience, Mike is the author of Negotiating and Structuring Real Estate Lease/Tenancy Agreements in The Negotiator's Guide: The Ultimate Guide to Real Estate Leases. A licensed real estate broker (1986-1991) and an attorney of Standing in the State of California (1986-1991).

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December 17, 2013

Hon. Mike Bonin,
Councilman CD11
200 N. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mike

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) held a Special meeting on December 2, 2013 to discuss City recommendations to enhance public safety on Ocean Front Walk. The results and vote counts are included below:

Motions:

A AUTOMATED RETRACTABLE BOLLARD SYSTEM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should not install automated bollards due to the cost of installation and maintenance, and potential for failure.

ACTION: **Motion passed TE/CR 12-1-1**

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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should not install a lockable gate system because it will obstruct delivery, restrict handicap access, and is potentially dangerous in crowded panic situation.

ACTION: **Motion passed TE/CR 12-0-2**

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design and construction of these Hard Street Closures.

ACTION:

Motion made TE/CR

Substitute motion made SG/TE

Substitute motion amended HH/CR 13-1-1

Substitute motion approved as amended SG/TE 13-1-1

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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA removes the temporary bollards on OFW because they are unsightly, ineffective, broken, and are a pedestrian safety hazard.

ACTION:

Motion to postpone and refer back to committee failed SK/SA 1-13-1

MK/CR amended motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA repairs the ineffective and temporary bollards and makes them more attractive.

Failed 2-12-2

Motion approved TE/CR 13-2-1

E SIGNAGE

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA removes the "Dead End", "Road Closed" and "Do Not Enter" signs, and replace them with "Welcome to Venice Beach", "Pedestrians Only" and directional signs for parking where appropriate, ie Speedway, because the existing signs are unsightly, unwelcoming, and obstruct the view of the beach.

ACTION:

Motion made TE/SA

Motion to postpone failed MS/ESW 3-9-2

MK/CR amended motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA in addition to, "Dead End", "Road Closed" and "Do Not Enter" signs, add "Pedestrians Only" and directional signs for parking where appropriate. Failed 3-6-7

Motion failed TE/SA 1-7-8

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Public Comment: Ron Kramer, Gary Harris

ACTION: Motion failed TE/SA 0-9-7

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ACTION: Motion failed SK/MK 4-5-7

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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports lighting upgrades as the number one priority of the RAP Assessment, and recommends vast expansion of lighting on OFW, the bike path and Speedway, using green, LED and solar technology as a crime deterrent, safety measure, and to support commerce on the boardwalk.

Public Comment: Colleen Saro

ACTION: MS calls question 14-0-1

Motion approved TE/SA 14-0-1

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MOTION: Whereas, at the OFW Public Safety Town Hall held in October 2013, the people of Venice overwhelmingly agreed that the number one issue surrounding safety on OFW is a marked decrease in Police Presence on the boardwalk in recent years.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends demands that LAPD must increase the number of officers on the boardwalk beat, specifically on foot patrol, as there is a dramatic difference in interaction with citizens when officers are on foot, versus in a vehicle of any sort.

2. Police presence should be 24/7, as nighttime patrol is paramount to safety.

3. "Education", "Community-Style Policing", "Training Specific to the Boardwalk", and "Even- Enforcement" of all ordinances, including 42.15, should be the standard.

4. The Police Substation at Windward should be "open and staffed" 24/7.

Public Comment: Colleen Saro, Gonzo Rock

ACTION: Motion amended MS/CR 13-2-1

Motion as amended approved TE/CR 15-0-1

I OPEN AND CLEAN ALL PUBLIC RESTROOMS

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA MAINTAIN, CLEAN DAILY, and KEEP OPEN ALL public restrooms in the Park DURING PARK HOURS.

ACTION: Motion approved TE/SK 15-0-1



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J MAINTAIN BIKE PATH

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA, in conjunction with the County of LA, maintain the bike path by sweeping sand from the path DAILY, and mitigating sand build-up on the grassy knolls between the path and the boardwalk, as sand on the bike path is major safety concern.

ACTION: Motion approved TE/SK 15-0-1

K WARN, BAG AND TAG PROGRAM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles implement a Warn, Bag & Tag program similar to the program currently in use in Downtown Los Angeles for reasons of public safety. The VNC should be consulted as to the storage location.

Public Comment: Daryl Barnet,

In Favor: Ron Kramer, Gary Harris, Carl Lambert, Vlad Popescu,

Against: Mike Chambness

ACTION: Amended to motion: **“The VNC should be consulted as to the storage location.”**

(language added) approved MK/CR 13-0-3

Motion as amended approved TE/CR 14-0-1

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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City initiate a voluntary storage program to move unsightly piles of property out of the public view and to reduce blight and enhance public cleanliness, public safety and greatly improve the visitor experience on Ocean Front Walk and surrounding areas. It shall be located at a site to be determined, with input from the community and LAPD, to provide safe storage for the personal property of un- housed local residents. The site should not be on Ocean Front Walk.

Public Comment: Daryl Barnett, Gonzo Rock

In Favor: Fernando Garces, Steve Clare, Xaime Casillas, Eleu Navarro, Mike Chambness, Stephanie Tatro, Jessica Lin, Clark Davis, Roberto Santana

Against: Ron Kramer, Gary Harris

ACTION: Motion made SG/CR, LL recuses herself

TE/CR amendment to motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City initiate a voluntary storage program to move unsightly piles of property out of the public view and to reduce blight and enhance public cleanliness, public safety and greatly improve the visitor experience on Ocean Front Walk and surrounding areas and to provide safe storage for the personal property of un-housed local residents. It shall be located at a site to be determined by the community and LAPD, but not on Ocean Front Walk. Approved 12-2-1.

Amended motion defeated SG/CR 5-7-3



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Sincerely,

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Special Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

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****ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED****

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)

Meeting called to order in memory of Guillermo Carmona-Perez, a young man murdered in his prime; and Ita Bayer, 92 year old lifetime resident of Venice. May they rest in peace.

PRESENT: LL IK, ESW HH, TE, SK, HS TW, SG, AM MS_o, SA, MK, CR, MS, KV,
ABSENT: EM, BJ, JK, MS_lo, OK,

2. Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)

3. Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)

ACTION: Agenda approved CR/ESW

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:15PM -- 10 minutes)

[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

5. Ocean Front Walk Safety (7:25PM -- 120 minutes) (Tom Elliott – Chair, OFW Comm)

[For discussion and possible action]

The Ocean Front Walk, and Public Safety Committees met and deliberated on recommendations and suggestions heard at The VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013 and responded with the following proposed motions to the Needs Assessment on Public Safety for Venice Beach as submitted by the City Recreation and Parks Department: VNC-OFW-Safety-Report_8-14-13.pdf)

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ACTION:

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Public Comment: Colleen Saro, Gonzo Rock
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Against: Mike Chambness
ACTION: Amended to motion: "The VNC should be consulted as to the storage location." (language added) approved MK/CR 13-0-3
Motion as amended approved TE/CR 14-0-1



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~~**ACTION: Motion made SG/CR, LL recuses herself**~~

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~~**Amended motion defeated SG/CR 5-7-3**~~

6. New Business

[For discussion and possible action]

NOTE: The OFW Committee did not take a position on the following item so it is being agendized separately.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA install a Public Address System on OFW for use in emergency and evacuation purposes only.

ACTION: Motion approved TE/IK 11-1-2

7. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:25PM -- 10 minutes)**

[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

8. **Adjourn**

ACTION: Meeting adjourned KV/IK (10:30PM)

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUMMARY:

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice community of the City. This 178.0 acre facility provides basketball, handball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, and volleyball courts, children's play areas, an outdoor fitness area, a skate park, and a bike path. Venice Beach is also home to the Venice Boardwalk (Ocean Front Walk), the Venice Fishing Pier, and Muscle Beach Venice. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), in coordination with Department, has determined that public safety awareness requires a delicate balance of tactics, technology, and process that when done properly, improves citizen quality of life and safety. The scope of the proposed Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project includes the installation of twenty (20) surveillance cameras and seven (7) audio loud speakers along Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach. It is the objective of the proposed project to provide a technological solution that is tailored to the community of Venice Beach. The proposed Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project will be highly scalable, beginning with wireless network connectivity designed in a peer-to-peer fashion. Video traffic will flow through this network in a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the **2 Breeze Avenue LAPD** location. The locations along Ocean Front Walk identified in the preliminary design provide situational awareness through fixed and pan-tilt-zoom cameras. An audio loudspeaker is included in many of the locations and audio intervention is possible from any monitoring station within this system. **It is proposed that the 2 Breeze Avenue location will serve as the main wireless network infrastructure aggregation location for most of the Venice Beach surveillance equipment.**

Upon approval of this Report, \$298,288.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE and allocated to the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera Project (PRJ20875) project is \$298,288.00. **These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.**

Additionally, on December 12, 2014, the City Council approved the transfer of \$200,000.00 in funding from the LAPD to the Department or the Venice Beach - Public Safety Camera Project (Council File No. 14-0600-S252). These funds are to be transferred from LAPD's Fund 100, Department 70, Account 003040 to Department's Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89704H.

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Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of installation of new equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use if required for safety, health, the public convenience, or environmental control, and additions to underground electric utility distribution system facilities such as cables, conduits, pipelines, manholes, vaults and appurtenances, including connections to existing overhead electrical utility distribution lines. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3 (4, 8) of the City CEQA Guidelines

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Jim Newsom, Management Analyst II, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.

APPROVED

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-068

DATE: April 01, 2015

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**BOARD OF RECREATION
& PARK COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA PROJECT (PRJ20875)-
AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY OF CORONA’S SELECTION PROCESS
FOR THE DESIGN, LABOR, MATERIAL AND SERVICES OF SECURITY A
CAMERA SYSTEM WITH LEVERAGE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

R. Adams	_____	*V. Israel	_____
R. Barajas	_____	K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

*as amended
see attached*

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1 Find that the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) desires to secure a onetime contract to provide the design, labor, material and a two (2) year maintenance plan to install twenty (20) surveillance cameras and seven (7) audio speakers as specified by the Los Angeles Police Department and as detailed on Attachment “B” Statement of Work (SOW) , along the Ocean Front Walk at Venice, to deter crime and increase public safety and pursuant to Charter Section 1022, the Department does not have available in its employed personnel with the necessary expertise to undertake and accomplish the aforementioned specialized supplies and professional services in a timely manner; Leverage Information Systems, Inc., is experienced in providing municipalities with commercial grade surveillance systems and has historically installed similar camera systems for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), is willing to perform such services, and can provide such services more economically to the Department and it is in the Department’s best interest to secure these services with Leverage Information Systems, Inc.;
2. Find pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(8) that the City may piggyback on The City of Corona’s contract with Leverage Information Systems, Inc., because contracts for cooperative arrangements with other governmental agencies for the utilization of the purchasing contracts and professional, scientific, expert or technical services contracts of those agencies and any implementing agreements, even though the contracts and

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implementing agreements were not entered into through a competitive bid process are an exception to the City's competitive bidding requirements;

3. Authorize the Department to enter into the proposed onetime agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, specifying the terms and conditions for a piggyback contract between the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks acting by and through its Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) and Leverage Information Systems, Inc., with a term expiring on April 30, 2019, subject to approval of the Mayor, and the City Attorney as to form;
4. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forth with the proposed onetime Contract to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
5. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the proposed Contract upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

Venice Beach and the Venice Beach Recreation Center (collectively, the Beach) are located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Community Venice. The proposed Project to install surveillance cameras and audio speakers to be monitored and operated by the Los Angeles Police Department is essential to the City's efforts to deter crime and increase public safety, and if such acts are committed, to respond in an efficient and effective manner. The Beach is a 178.0 acre recreational facility operated and maintained primarily by The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). However, lifeguard services on the sand and in the ocean are provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors through a joint powers agreement with the City. Additionally, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) operates a substation at the Beach, adjacent to the RAP recreation center.

The Beach provides a variety of amenities, services, and programs to the surrounding community, including basketball, handball, and paddle tennis and volleyball courts. The Beach is also home to the World famous, Muscle Beach Venice weightlifting and exercise area. There is also a skate plaza, graffiti wall, and bike path that runs parallel to Ocean Front Walk (OFW), which is located along the entire stretch of Beach from Santa Monica to Marina Del Rey. OFW, from Rose Avenue to Venice Boulevard, includes many restaurants, retail stores, public speech vendors, service providers and entertainment performers that will benefit from the proposed Project. The facilities, features, programs, and services that the Beach provides, meet the standards for a community park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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LAPD, in coordination with RAP, has determined that public safety awareness requires a delicate balance of tactics, technology, and process that when done properly improve citizen quality of life and safety. It is the objective of the proposed projects design to provide a technological solution that is tailored to the community of Venice Beach to accomplish this objective.

LAPD and RAP agree that intervention is fundamental to prevent and suppress criminal and nuisance activity. From a technical perspective, intervention requires minimal system latency and acceptable levels of video quality, and the ability to interact with live audio. It is the LAPD's experience with local communities, when intervention is properly implemented, that the community not only accepts this capability, but will wholeheartedly embrace it.

The proposed Project will be highly scalable, beginning with wireless network connectivity designed in a peer-to-peer fashion. Video traffic will flow through this network in a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the LAPD 2 Breezeway LAPD location.

The preliminary design will be presented in three sections:

- Interaction and Intervention locations;
- Monitoring and Response; and,
- Networking Infrastructure

The locations along OFW identified in the preliminary design provide situational awareness through fixed and pan-tilt-zoom cameras. An audio loudspeaker is included in many of the locations and audio intervention is possible from any monitoring station within this system. It is proposed that the 2 Breeze Avenue location will serve as the main wireless network infrastructure aggregation location for most of the Venice Beach surveillance assets. It will be the responsibility of RAP to provide a dedicated 120VAC circuit to the roof of the 2 Breeze Avenue Building.

Project deployment will be comprised of:

Pole mounted intersection camera locations

- Pacific and Brooks Ct.
- Pacific and Westminster Avenue
- Pacific and Windward

Building mounted camera locations

- VBS near Westminster and Ocean Front Walk
- 2 Breezeway Building
- LAPD Pacific Police Sub Station
- 1100 Ocean Front Walk
- VBN near Brooks Avenue and Ocean Front Walk

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- Good See Optical Lab
- 615 Speedway
- 1211 Ocean Front Walk
- Danny’s restaurant roof PTZ

The 58 page camera description report will be filed with the Board’s Commission Office as “Attachment “B”.

The Board has approved the allocation of a total of \$627,496.00 for this project (Board Report No. 15-036). Funding is available from the following funding accounts:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
LAPD	302/89/89704H-SC	\$200,000.00
Quimby	302/89/89460K-VE	\$298,288.00
RAP General Fund	302/88/003040	(\$129,208.00)
TOTAL:		\$627,496.00

Total Project Cost Summary

Mobilization -	\$12,755.00
Surveillance Network Infrastructure -	\$220,297.00
Cameras (Samsung Approximate Value Donation- \$50,000) -	\$0
View Station, Incident Library, Storage System -	\$57,982.00
Software (VMS Suite, Google Maps License Year One)	\$28,638.00
Freight	\$6,638.00
Sales Tax	\$28,770.00
Labor, Engineering, Project Management -	\$113,616.00
Camera maintenance, alignment & cleaning -1 st year (Once per quarter)-	\$10,465.00
On-Site Support- Year 1 (Leverage Donation) -	\$0
Camera maintenance, alignment & cleaning -2nd year (Once per quarter) –	\$10,465.00
On-Site maintenance/Support and Google licensing- 2nd year -	<u>\$ 28,200.00</u>
Total:	\$517,826.00

Out Years Options:

On-Site Support and Google Licensing for Years 3 thru 5 -	\$82,370.00
Camera maintenance, alignment & cleaning Years 3 thru 5 (Once Quarterly) -	<u>\$27,300.00</u>
Total:	\$109,670.00

Project Total **\$627,496.00**

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Upon execution of this contract, Leverage is prepared to install five (5) surveillance cameras and the base viewing station at the Venice Beach LAPD substation. They anticipate three (3) to four (4) weeks. The remaining cameras would take an additional two (2) to three (3) weeks.

The LAPD and Council 11 staff has finalized all of the hold-harmless agreements from all private property owner locations proposed in the camera budgetary estimate report (Attachment "C")

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of installation of new equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use if required for safety, health, the public convenience, or environmental control, and additions to underground electric utility distribution system facilities such as cables, conduits, pipelines, manholes, vaults and appurtenances, including connections to existing overhead electrical utility distribution lines. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3 (4, 8) of the City CEQA Guidelines

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funding in the amount of \$129,308 will be from RAP General Fund budgetary account, Account 3040 – contractual services. Funds are available for this project.

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
April 1, 2015

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VENICE BEACH – PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA PROJECT
(PRJ20875) – AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY OF CORONA'S
SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE DESIGN, LABOR, MATERIAL
AND SERVICES OF SECURITY A CAMERA SYSTEM WITH
LEVERAGE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

Jimmy Newsom, Management Analyst II, amended the report as follows:

Subject:

The word "SECUIRTY" was corrected to "SECURITY".

Recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1 was amended to change the (2) year agreement, to a (4) year personal service agreement with a one (1) year extension, assuming the City of Corona extends their current contract for an additional year, to request the Board approve a preliminary finding for the 1022 determination report, subject to the Personnel Department verifying the finding, and to replace the term "Statement of Work" (SOW) with "Surveillance Proposal".

Recommendation No. 3 was replaced with the following recommendation:

"Request the Board to authorize the General Manager or his designee, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, to make appropriate revisions to this agreement on file with the Board Office. Such revisions may include the authority to clarify the term of the agreement, statement of work and compensation, which will not exceed \$627,496.00, and to make any necessary technical changes."

APPROVED
OCT 07 2015

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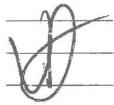
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH RECREATION CENTER - DONATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION THROUGH A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FROM SAMSUNG TECHWIN AMERICA, INC., CONSISTING OF TWENTY (20) VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Barajas
H. Fujita
*V. Israel



K. Regan _____
N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) That the Board accept as a gift to the City of Los Angeles from the Los Angeles Police Foundation (Foundation), through a charitable contribution from Samsung Techwin America, Inc. (Donor) to the Foundation, consisting of twenty (20) fixed, 360-degree and pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated hardware, valued at \$50,000.00, installed at various locations near and along Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach, and that appropriate recognition be given to the Donor; and,
- 2) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUMMARY:

Through a donation by Samsung Techwin America, Inc. to the Los Angeles Police Foundation, in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) video camera installation efforts at Venice Beach, RAP has been provided a gift consisting of twenty (20) fixed, 360-degree and pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated hardware for a video surveillance and recording system to monitor and record video of various public areas and locations near Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach, located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, California 90291, in Council District Eleven (CD-11).

For some time, the community of Venice and the Venice Beach Recreation Center have had concerns regarding their personal security while visiting and working at Venice Beach, respectively, due to crime and unwanted activity perpetrated by unlawful individuals and groups. In an effort to address these concerns and attempt to deter crime, and assist the Los Angeles

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Police Department (LAPD) in their response to crime incidents, RAP implemented a video surveillance system installation project along Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach (Public Safety Camera Project PRJ20875). In support of the RAP project, the Los Angeles Police Foundation (Foundation) received a donation of video cameras from Samsung Techwin America, Inc. (Donor), which reduces costs associated with the surveillance system project, including the related installation of video cameras in and around areas of Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach.

The Donor's contribution to the surveillance system project consists of twenty (20) fixed, 360-degree and pan-tilt-zoom video cameras and associated hardware, valued at \$50,000.00, which were installed by Leverage Information Systems, Inc. (Leverage), a private licensed contractor chosen by RAP, as approved by the Board, through RAP's use of a City of Corona contract with Leverage (Report No. 15-068, approved April 1, 2015). Leverage performed the project and installed the donated cameras in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Office of CD-11, and the RAP Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch (PCM). The cameras were installed near and along Ocean Front Walk at the following locations:

Two (2) pole mounted intersection camera locations:

- Pacific and Brooks Ct.
- Pacific and Westminster Avenue

Building mounted equipment locations, most of which are privately owned:

- VBS near Westminster and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- 2 Breezeway Avenue Building (2 cameras)
- Venice Beach Police Sub Station (2 cameras)
- 1101 Ocean Front Walk Building
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- 615 Speedway Building (2 cameras)
- 1211 Ocean Front Walk Building (2 cameras)
- Danny's Restaurant Building (2 cameras)

The Venice Beach Police substation and the Pacific Division Police Station will now be able to view and respond to incidents along Ocean Front Walk more effectively than they could before the cameras were installed, with video recording equipment housed at both LAPD stations. The Venice video surveillance system installation project was implemented by RAP in coordination with the LAPD, CD-11, and various community stakeholders.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has determined that the Project consists of installation of new equipment for security and public safety involving negligible or no expansion of use, which is supported by the donation of the cameras. Therefore, the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this gift has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as the twenty (20) video cameras were provided by the Donor through the donation to the Foundation. Report No. 15-068, approved by the Board on April 1, 2015, provides detail of the **Venice video surveillance system project (PRJ20875)** costs and funding sources which reflect the project savings provided through the subject donation from Samsung to the Foundation.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, and Raymond Chang, Management Analyst II, Partnership Division.

October 30, 2015

California Coastal Commission
South Coast Area Office
200 Ocean Gate, Suite 2000
Long Beach, CA 90802-4302

Via email to: Zach.Rehm@coastal.co.gov

Re: Opposition to CDP Application #5-14-1932. 2 E. Breeze Avenue, Venice

Dear Coastal Commissioners,

I respectfully ask that you consider the cumulative impact and precedent setting consequences of your decision beyond, this isolated application.

Venice, CA 90291, though world famous is only a 2.4 square mile area.

The applicant, Carl Lambert has applied for an after the fact change-of-use approval to change 2 Breeze, a 31-unit RSO apartment building into a hotel. He has operated an unpermitted de facto hotel at 2 Breeze for 8 yrs. In his application he says that it was already functioning as such when he bought it in 2007 so he is not responsible for the change-of-use. Buying an illegal taxi business wouldn't legitimize that business. It would be a bad investment by most standards.

It is also a logic that is not supported by Mr. Lambert's 5 other RSO buildings at the beach that he has also operated as de facto hotels (2 have recently been sold) for several years. None are permitted. These businesses are advertised on hotel listings throughout the Internet and even in an article in Sunset Magazine.

There are approximately 250 units of permanent housing in RSO multi-unit apartment buildings on just the Ocean Front Walk and within a block of the beach in Venice that have been converted into unpermitted de facto hotels. That is a significant number. Mr. Lambert is leading the charge.

The Mello Act and the Rent Stabilization Ordinance are laws put in place to protect affordable housing. Long-term tenants benefit from RSO protections. Their rents are by default affordable compared to current market rates. That is the very intention of the law. It protects and promotes a full spectrum population of economic diversity and promotes a multi-cultural and multi-generational creative community that is the essence of Venice, giving it unique character along the entire California coast. In fact, visitors insist there is no place like it in the world.

But, our neighbors in Venice are disappearing and our community is being adversely affected. Homeowners and long-term residents keep any neighborhood safe, friendly and healthy. It is our community. We care and look after each other. The boardwalk in Venice has always benefitted from this balance of local residential community in multi-unit apartments while being the second most popular tourist destination in Los Angeles.

I believe Venice is a pressure valve for Los Angeles, the most racially diverse city in the US. It is a place to visit for free with family and friends that welcomes all without demands. There is a beach, sidewalk entertainment and the most multi-cultural shoulder-to shoulder mingling anywhere in the city. There is remarkably little violence given the extraordinary numbers. That is an amazing

achievement and has always made me proud to be a “Venetian.” Changing that remarkable balance that is supported by the stability of the long-term residents along the boardwalk could be a very shortsighted goal in one of the most populous and popular visitor destinations in Los Angeles.

2 Breeze and other RSO buildings should be returned to their intended use as RSO residential apartments benefitting the community and restoring neighborhood stability in all areas of Venice. 2 Breeze was never a hotel. Original documents show it was always intended as a residential apartment building. Mr. Lambert’s claim that because of “vacancy decontrol” these units would not be affordable is not relevant in this determination.

Tenants have a right to protections of the law under the Mello Act and Rent Stabilization Ordinances. The Coastal Commission has a mandate to protect the character of unique coastal communities and accessibility of all people to these amenities.

2 Breeze and the other apartment buildings listed below are permanent homes and many of my friends and neighbors have lived in them. We would like them restored to their original permitted intent.

Approval of this application would have a drastic negative cumulative effect on our community. We do not know how these building were emptied of so many residents and that deserves a review. Rewarding continuous and blatant commercial operation of an “unpermitted business” would set a troubling precedent. It will put even more pressure on long-term tenants in the community and open the floodgates for similar applications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Molloy

Venice Breeze Suites - 2 Breeze

31 RSO units- 1 long-term tenant only.

Venice Admiral Suites - 29 Navy Street

25 RSO units- 1 long-term tenant only.

Venice Beach Waldorf - 1217 S Ocean Front Walk

32 RSO Units- about half are Short Term Rentals with pressure on remaining tenants.

Paloma Suites- 52 Paloma (now Venice Beach Vacation Condos)

8 RSO units- no tenants

Venice Suites - 417 Ocean Front Walk

32 RSO units- unknown if there are any remaining tenants.

Air Venice - 5 Rose- formerly senior & section 8.

59 RSO Units- less than 10 long-term tenants.

The Ellison- 15 Paloma Ave

58 RSO units- many are Short Term Rentals with pressure on remaining tenants.

The Rose Hotel- 12 Rose

20 RSO units- no tenants

Venice Beach Suites - 1305 Ocean Front Walk

20 RSO units- 2 long-term tenants.

Su Casa Oceanfront Suites - 431 Ocean Front Walk

13 RSO units- no tenants

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Special Joint Committee meeting

Ocean Front Walk, Public Safety, and Visitor Impact Committees

Oakwood Recreation Center Meeting Room

767 California Ave, Venice, CA 90291

Thursday, November 7, 2013, 6-9pm

MINUTES

1.) Approval of Agenda

Melissa Diner motion to approve, second by Sevan Gerard.

2.) Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

First Friday of December, Lighting of the Venice Sign

December 7, 2013 Venice Toy Drive

3.) Discussion and Possible Action:

Draft a Motion(s) in response to the City of Los Angeles Ocean Front Walk Public Safety Assessment,

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0981_rpt_drp_8-14-13.pdf

The Committees will also consider recommendations and suggestions from the public and those presented at The VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013.

Motion to adapt motion as written with adaption. Tom motion, Gail second.

AUTOMATED RETRACTABLE BOLLARD SYSTEM-Public Comment

Debra Leshever-Tragic but do we really need this?

People of Venice- Agrees with Debra, hurt when you run/walk into them. Waste of money.

Board Comment---

Gail Rogers--- Not in favor, random act, cost ridiculous

Shelly Rogers----Not in favor, temporary bollard broken

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Melissa Diner---Not in favor of automated bollards

Therese Dietlin-Not in favor of automated bollards

Laura Orrico- Not in Favor, do they make a warning sound when they go up and down?

Sevan Gerard- Not in Favor with break function at the wrong time, etc.

Joseph Shield-Not in Favor

Daniel Samakow Is this the best use of the money, come up with the best use of the money

Carl Lambert- in certain locations is a good idea/ok.

Thomas Elliott- Not in favor, come up with other ideas.

Linda Lucks-Not in favor

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC Board not support automated bollards.

Melissa Motion, Sevan Second

9 in favor
0 opposed
1 abstain

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC Board not support automated bollards. Recommend further study.

Melissa Motion, Sevan Second

As amended
9 in favor
0 opposed
1 abstain

GATE AND BOLLARD SYSTEM

Gail Rogers--- oppose

Shelly Rogers----oppose

Melissa Diner---have particular streets closed and bollard put in place where the guy drove onto boardwalk

Therese Dietlin----oppose

Laura Orrico- Not in Favor, do they make a warning sound when they go up and

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down?

Sevan Gerard- Not in favor

Joseph Shield-More cost effective

Daniel Samakow More cost effective

Carl Lambert- not in favor

Thomas Elliott- Not in favor, come up with other ideas.

Linda Lucks-Not in favor, bike racks/planters etc. Public Private partnership.

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend that the VNC Board not support a lockable gate system.

Carl motion, Gail second.

9 in favor

0 opposed

1 abstain

Public Comment:

Nic Antinello Take into consideration what Sevan says
Abraham-we need the money for the poor its safe here

HARD STREET CLOSURES

Public Comment

Where were the Police
Do we need this

Gail Rogers--- oppose

Shelly Rogers----not opposed to street closures

Melissa Diner---in favor taking into consideration what local businesses need

Therese Dietlin----oppose

Laura Orrico- Interested in exploring, not for greenery that will not be maintained. Be specific.

Sevan Gerard- Hard closures, native plants require, bike racks, against steel bollards. Delivery access only. Signs on Ocean Front Walk and signs on speedway. All for bike racks.

Joseph Shield- in favor

Daniel Samakow -ok thing we need to vote in favor of something

Carl Lambert- ok to do take businesses into consideration, concrete furniture in areas where it improves business. Take into consideration what would be best for each street.

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Thomas Elliott- In favor

Linda Lucks- In favor with more community input

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends to support hard street closures on the streets recommended and additional streets like Westminster that would include existing bollards and other options to enhance beauty and safety of the street. Joseph second. Linda withdrew motion, Melissa Second withdrawal

PUBLIC COMMENT

People of Venice Plants making neighborhood or parks and rec maintain them.

Nick Signage key Welcome to Ocean Front Walk, pedestrians only.

Debra---Is this necessary.

Linda—nicer signage

HARD STREET CLOSURES

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC not support the use of steel and concrete bollards on OFW and support the use of functional and artistic obstructions that may include welcome arches, bike racks, statues, art, monuments and concrete seating areas etc. These items should be placed close enough to block vehicles but far enough apart to allow pedestrian, wheelchair access and delivery access on all streets with access to OFW except Navy, Rose, Brooks, Market, 18th ave, Venice blvd and Washington blvd.

Sevan Motion, Melissa Second

8 In Favor
0 Opposed
2 Abstain

PUBLIC COMMENT: People of Venice signs are enough

Debra-not in favor

We need more bike racks

Gail Rogers---disagree

Shelly Rogers----who will maintain plants?

Melissa Diner---in favor taking into consideration what local businesses need

Therese Dietlin----oppose

Laura Orrico- support

Sevan Gerard- Hard closures, native plants require, bike racks, against steel

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bollards. Delivery access only. Signs on Ocean Front Walk and signs on speedway. All for bike racks.

Joseph Shield- in favor

Daniel Samakow -support

Carl Lambert- bollards on OFW

Thomas Elliott- In favor

Linda Lucks- In favor with more community input

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SAFETY MEASURES

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC support removing the temporary bollards on Ocean Front Walk.

Melissa Motion, Gail second

8 in favor

2 opposed

0 Abstain

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends to the VNC that the removal of the Dead End, Road Closed, Do Not Enter signs and replace them with Welcome to Venice Beach, Pedestrians Only and Directional signs regarding parking where appropriate, i.e. Speedway.

Carl Motion, Joseph second

10 Favors

0 oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comment

People of Venice---

Board Comment:

Come to Venice and Slow down street traffic, pedestrian and welcoming signs.

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SECURITY CAMERAS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC not support security cameras.

Sevan Motion, second Laura.

7 in favor
3 oppose
0 abstain

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC to support the use of public address system for use in emergency and evacuation purposes only.

Sevan Motion, second Laura.

7 in favor
3 oppose
0 abstain

LIGHTING UPGRADES

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC support Lighting Upgrades as the number one priority of the Safety Assessment and support vastly expanding lighting on Ocean Front Walk, the bike path and Speedway using green technology, LED and solar.

Danny Motion, Shelly second

9 favor
0 oppose
1 abstain

Debra: Most positive of all should rank all points in order of importance.

Gail Rogers---

Shelly Rogers----

Melissa Diner--

Therese Dietlin----

Laura Orrico-

Sevan Gerard-

Joseph Shield-

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Daniel Samakow -number one issue

Carl Lambert-

Thomas Elliott- additional lighting

Linda Lucks-

Support the expansion of lighting on ocean front walk, bike path and speedway.

OTHER

Clean Bathrooms

24-hour bathrooms

Bike Path Safety

Moving and storing unattained packages

No bikes on OFW

More Police On Boardwalk

Parks and Rec Overall Maintenance Steam Cleaning Restrooms

Improve recycling program, motorized vehicles.

Visitor survey

If plants are implements make sure community does.

4.) Meeting Adjourned

Ocean Front Walk Committee

Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott, Chair		P			Gail Rogers	P	
Ron Kramer			NP		Therese Dietlin	P	
Matt Moore			NP		Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner		P					

Visitor Impact Committee Quorum

Joseph Shields P

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Catherine Chevalier NP
Gail Rogers P
Daniel Samakow P
Gogi Overhoff NP
Clabe Hartley NP
Carl Lambert P
Nancy Feinberg NP
Therse Dietlin P

Public Safety Committee Quorum

PHS Committee Members	Position
Sevan Gerard P	Chair
	Co-Chair
	Secretary
	Member
Theresa Haley NP	Member
Laura Orrico P	Member
Member	
Member	

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE February 18, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA (PRJ20875) PROJECT -
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the 2 Breeze Avenue LAPD location. The locations along Ocean Front Walk identified in the preliminary design provide situational awareness through fixed and pan-tilt-zoom cameras. An audio loudspeaker is included in many of the locations and audio intervention is possible from any monitoring station within this system. It is proposed that the 2 Breeze Avenue location will serve as the main wireless network infrastructure aggregation location for most of the Venice Beach surveillance equipment.

Upon approval of this Report, \$298,288.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE and allocated to the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera Project (PRJ20875) project is \$298,288.00. These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

installed the donated cameras in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Office of CD-11, and the RAP Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch (PCM). The cameras were installed near and along Ocean Front Walk at the following locations:

Two (2) pole mounted intersection camera locations:

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DATE: April 01, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA PROJECT (PRJ20875)-
AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY OF CORONA'S SELECTION PROCESS
FOR THE DESIGN, LABOR, MATERIAL AND SERVICES OF SECURITY A
CAMERA SYSTEM WITH LEVERAGE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

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LAPD, in coordination with RAP, has determined that public safety awareness requires a delicate balance of tactics, technology, and process that when done properly improve citizen quality of life and safety. It is the objective of the proposed projects design to provide a technological solution that is tailored to the community of Venice Beach to accomplish this objective.

LAPD and RAP agree that intervention is fundamental to prevent and suppress criminal and nuisance activity. From a technical perspective, intervention requires minimal system latency and acceptable levels of video quality, and the ability to interact with live audio. **It is the LAPD's experience with local communities, when intervention is properly implemented, that the community not only accepts this capability, but will wholeheartedly embrace it.**

The proposed Project will be highly scalable, beginning with wireless network connectivity designed in a peer-to-peer fashion. Video traffic will flow through this network in a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the LAPD 2 Breezeway LAPD location.

The preliminary design will be presented in three sections:

- Interaction and Intervention locations;
- Monitoring and Response; and,
- Networking Infrastructure

5. Ocean Front Walk Safety (7:25PM -- 120 minutes) (Tom Elliott – Chair, OFW Comm)

[For discussion and possible action]

The Ocean Front Walk, and Public Safety Committees met and deliberated on recommendations and suggestions heard at The VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013 and responded with the following proposed motions to the Needs Assessment on Public Safety for Venice Beach as submitted by the City Recreation and Parks Department: VNC-OFW-Safety-Report_8-14-13.pdf)

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Special Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM

F SECURITY CAMERAS

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should not install security cameras on OFW, because they are an invasion of privacy, as they have historically been poorly maintained, and they would be technologically unfeasible.

Public Comment: Ron Kramer, Gary Harris

ACTION: Motion failed TE/SA 0-9-7

NEW SECURITY CAMERAS MOTION

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should install security cameras on OFW, and ensure they are properly maintained.

ACTION: Motion failed SK/MK 4-5-7

G LIGHTING

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports lighting upgrades as the number one priority of the RAP Assessment, and recommends vast expansion of lighting on OFW, the bike path and Speedway, using green, LED and solar technology as a crime deterrent, safety measure, and to support commerce on the boardwalk.

Public Comment: Colleen Saro

ACTION: MS calls question 14-0-1

Motion approved TE/SA 14-0-1

5. Ocean Front Walk Safety (7:25PM -- 120 minutes) (Tom Elliott – Chair, OFW Comm)

[For discussion and possible action]

The Ocean Front Walk, and Public Safety Committees met and deliberated on recommendations and suggestions heard at The VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013 and responded with the following proposed motions to the Needs Assessment on Public Safety for Venice Beach as submitted by the City Recreation and Parks Department: VNC-OFW-Safety-Report_8-14-13.pdf)

H INCREASED LAPD FOOT PATROL

MOTION: Whereas, at the OFW Public Safety Town Hall held in October 2013, the people of Venice overwhelmingly agreed that the number one issue surrounding safety on OFW is a marked decrease in Police Presence on the boardwalk in recent years.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends demands that LAPD must increase the number of officers on the boardwalk beat, specifically on foot patrol, as there is a dramatic difference in interaction with citizens when officers are on foot, versus in a vehicle of any sort.

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2. Police presence should be 24/7, as nighttime patrol is paramount to safety.
3. "Education", "Community-Style Policing", "Training Specific to the Boardwalk", and "Even-handed Enforcement" of all ordinances, including 42.15, should be the standard.
4. The Police Substation at Windward should be "open and staffed" 24/7.

Public Comment: Colleen Saro, Gonzo Rock

ACTION: Motion amended MS/CR 13-2-1

Motion as amended approved TE/CR 15-0-1

6. New Business

[For discussion and possible action]

NOTE: The OFW Committee did not take a position on the following item so it is being agendized separately.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA install a Public Address System on OFW for use in emergency and evacuation purposes only.

ACTION: Motion approved TE/IK 11-1-2

PRESENT: LL IK, ESW HH, TE, SK, HS TW, SG, AM MS_o, SA, MK, CR, MS, KV,

ABSENT: EM, BJ, JK, MS_{lo}, OK,

MICHAEL R. NEWHOUSE, ESQ.

Partner



Mike Newhouse is an experienced attorney **voted** a Super Lawyer "**Rising Star**" by his **peers** and **Los Angeles Magazine** for the past **five years**. Mike's broad based practice includes counseling and representing large businesses, small businesses, and individuals. Such clients include members of the apparel industry, technology companies, insurers, licensors, financial institutions, accredited investors, multi-media and

post production companies, interior designers, and jewelry industry clients. Additionally, a significant part of Mike's practice is real estate related, and focuses on representing developers, landlords, tenants, property managers and financial institutions in all aspects of commercial and residential real estate litigation and transactions. Recent transactions and litigation involve shopping centers, office and industrial buildings, residential subdivisions, residential and commercial condominiums, hotels, and golf courses.

Representing this diverse group of clients includes extensive experience with partnership disputes, breaches of contract and related litigation, licensing agreements, intellectual property disputes, entity formation, contract formation and negotiation, loan structuring, commercial and residential loan default workouts, construction defect litigation, receiverships, and negotiating and structuring real property leases, acquisitions, sales, financing, and development. Mike also has extensive **appellate advocacy** experience, including a published decision in the case of **Watts v. Farmers Ins. Exchange (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1246**.

Mike is a **magna cum laude** graduate of the **University of Southern California** (B.A. 1996) and the **Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College** (J.D. 2000). In addition to his legal experience, he is the **author of Recognizing and Preserving Native American Treaty Usufructs In The Supreme Court: The Mille Lacs Case. Public Lands & Resources Law Review**, Westlaw Citation 21 PUBLRLR 169; and **co-author of Slamming the Door on Legal Malpractice In Criminal Matters**, *Los Angeles Lawyer*, with Jonathan B. Cole and David B. Owen, Vol. 24, No. 11, February 2002.

In addition to California state courts, Mike is **admitted to practice** before the **United States District Court** for the Central District of California and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, is a **member of the State Bar of California**. He is also a **licensed real estate broker** in the State of California, and is **President Emeritus of the Venice Neighborhood Council**, and **Chair of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)**, a coalition of all 13 Los Angeles Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles.

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This includes negotiating and structuring real property leases, acquisitions, sales, financing, and development. Recent transactions and litigation involve shopping centers, office and industrial buildings, residential subdivisions, residential and commercial condominiums, hotels, and golf courses.

Mike graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from the University of Southern California in 1996 with majors in environmental studies and political science. He is also a 2000 graduate of the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College where he earned a specialty degree in Environmental Law.

Mike is a member of the California Bar and a licensed real estate broker. He is currently in the process of becoming a LEED Accredited Professional.

Over the years, Mike has worked or served as a volunteer for a number of non-profit and governmental environmental organizations. These include Environmental Defense, The Wilderness Society, The Natural Resources Defense Counsel, The Fund for Public Interest Research, and the City of Los Angeles' Department of Environmental Affairs. Mike is presently the President of the Venice Neighborhood Council, Vice-President of the Sierra Club's Airport-Marina Chapter and a member of Heal the Bay's Science and Policy Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Venice Arts, the Venice Canals Foundation and the Pacific Resident Theater.

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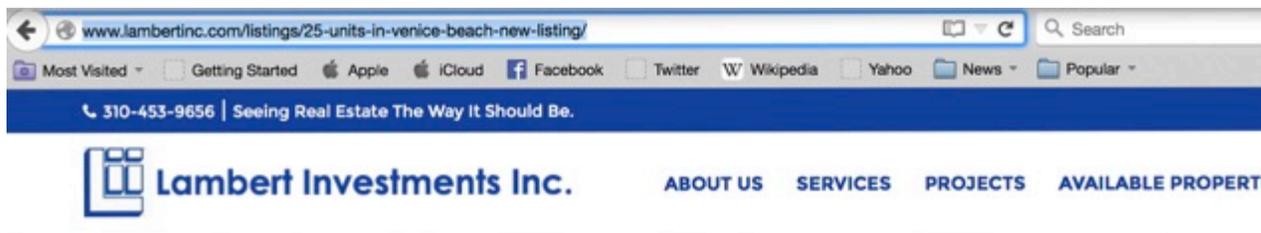
Arrival: 11/4/2015 Departure: 11/5/2015 **BOOK NOW**

Re: 417 Ocean Front Walk

Carl Lambert is a lawyer, broker and developer.

He is also a serial operator of unpermitted businesses. He has a pattern of buying buildings, emptying them of tenants, turning them into de facto hotels, advertising them for years as hotels, and then applying for an after-the-fact change-of-use permit to turn a Rent Stabilized apartment building into a legitimate hotel.

He sold 2 such apartment buildings in 2015, 52 Paloma Avenue and 29 Navy Street, after operating them for years in this way. 29 Navy was advertised for sale on his website as “currently operating 24 units as monthly/weekly rentals.” (photo: <http://www.lambertinc.com/> Oct 1, 2015)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.lambertinc.com/listings/25-units-in-venice-beach-new-listing/. The browser's address bar and search bar are visible. Below the browser window, the website header for Lambert Investments Inc. is shown, including the company logo and navigation links: ABOUT US, SERVICES, PROJECTS, and AVAILABLE PROPERTY.

25 UNITS IN VENICE BEACH – UNDER CONTRACT

Address: 29 Navy Street	Zoning: LARD
Purchase Price: 9,995,000	Lot Size: 5,837
Total Expenses: \$210,752	Building Square Feet: 13,849
Scheduled Monthly Income: \$50,650	Year Built: 1924
Scheduled Annual Income: \$607,800	Parking: NONE

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***Unit 22 is the only long term unfurnished lease tenant. Other rents are projected, higher rents for ocean views.**



Each of Mr. Lambert's 5 buildings have had change-of-use complaints filed with Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department's Code Enforcement Division. Tenants do not appear to have left happily. Complaints were filed on 417 Ocean Front Walk. Many complaints were filed on Mr. Lambert's four other properties. The tenants are gone.

How do these complaints go unanswered?

PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number:	4286029004	Official Address:	417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291
Council District:	Council District 11	Case Number:	247830
Census Tract:	273402	Case Type:	Complaints
Rent Registration:	0322172	Inspector:	
Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:		Case Manager:	
Total Units:	32	Total Exemption Units:	0
Regional Office:	West Regional Office		
Regional Office Contact:	(310)-996-1723		

Nature of Complaint: Change of use/occupancy without Building permit and Certificate of Occupancy

Date ▲	Status
5/7/2009 11:31:00 AM	Complaint Closed
5/7/2009 12:00:00 AM	Complaint Received



PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number:	4286029004	Official Address:	417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291
Council District:	Council District 11	Case Number:	94697
Census Tract:	273402	Case Type:	Complaints
Rent Registration:	0322172	Inspector:	Thomas Reichmann
Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:		Case Manager:	
Total Units:	32	Total Exemption Units:	0
Regional Office:	West Regional Office		
Regional Office Contact:	(310)-996-1723		

Nature of Complaint: Following properties are being demolished without permits. Tenants being asked to leave. They are being turned into Hotels. 417 S. Ocean Front Walk 29 Navy Street - Building a garden apartment on top done without permits. 15 Horizon Avenue -Being turned into Hotels tenants asked to leave.

Date ▲	Status
5/18/2009 12:12:00 PM	Complaint Closed
8/25/2006 6:23:00 PM	No Violations
8/24/2006 6:03:00 PM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
8/9/2006 12:00:00 AM	Complaint Received



PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **249260**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector: **Richard Brinson**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Change of use/occupancy without Building permit and Certificate of Occupancy



Date ▲	Status
8/9/2011 1:27:00 PM	Complaint Closed
5/29/2009 11:20:00 AM	Photos
5/29/2009 11:05:00 AM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
5/29/2009 11:05:00 AM	All Violations Resolved Date
5/15/2009 12:00:00 AM	Complaint Received

PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **249259**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector:
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Change of use/occupancy without Building permit and Certificate of Occupancy



Date ▲	Status
5/28/2009 9:38:00 AM	Complaint Closed
5/15/2009 12:00:00 AM	Complaint Received

PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **290163**
 Case Type: **Systematic Code Enforcement Program**
 Inspector: **Zuberi Smith**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Date ▲	Status
6/21/2010 11:23:00 AM	All Violations Resolved Date
6/21/2010 11:15:00 AM	Site Visit/Compliance Inspection
6/18/2010 12:00:00 AM	Compliance Date
5/12/2010 1:01:00 PM	Order Issued to Property Owner
5/12/2010 9:05:00 AM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection



PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **502889**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector: **David Brandon**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Change of use/occupancy without Building permit and Certificate of Occupancy

Date ▲	Status
3/10/2015 9:30:00 AM	Site Visit/Compliance Inspection
3/4/2015 12:00:00 AM	Compliance Date
1/26/2015 10:42:00 AM	Order Issued to Property Owner
1/13/2015 10:42:00 AM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
1/6/2015 10:37:00 AM	Complaint Received



PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **264835**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector: **Richard Brinson**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Unapproved, defective or inoperative receptacles at kitchen/bathroom/exterior, Windows, doors, cabinets, and frames not operable, defective, missing, and/or unsanitary, Plaster/drywall wall/ceiling covering defective, deteriorated, or paint is peeling

Date ▲	Status
10/20/2009 12:45:00 PM	Site Visit/Compliance Inspection
10/20/2009 12:25:00 PM	Complaint Closed
10/20/2009 12:18:00 PM	All Violations Resolved Date
10/16/2009 12:00:00 AM	Compliance Date
9/9/2009 2:26:00 PM	Order Issued to Property Owner
9/9/2009 9:44:00 AM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
8/22/2009 12:00:00 AM	Complaint Received



PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **502889**
 Case Type: **Property Management Training Program**
 Inspector: **David Brandon**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Change of use/occupancy without Building permit and Certificate of Occupancy

Date ▲	Status
3/10/2015 9:30:00 AM	Site Visit/Compliance Inspection
3/4/2015 12:00:00 AM	Compliance Date
1/26/2015 10:42:00 AM	Order Issued to Property Owner
1/13/2015 10:42:00 AM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
1/6/2015 10:37:00 AM	Complaint Received



PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **94697**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector: **Thomas Reichmann**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Following properties are being demolished without permits. Tenants being asked to leave. They are being turned into Hotels. 417 S. Ocean Front Walk 29 Navy Street - Building a garden apartment on top done without permits. 15 Horizon Avenue -Being turned into Hotels tentants asked to leave.



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8/25/2006 6:23:00 PM	No Violations
8/24/2006 6:03:00 PM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
8/9/2006 12:00:00 AM	Complaint Received

PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286029004**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration: **0322172**
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **32**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **417 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, VENICE 90291**
 Case Number: **555363**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector:
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Change of use/occupancy without Building permit and Certificate of Occupancy, Unapproved Unit(s)



Date ▲	Status
12/14/2015 3:17:00 PM	Complaint Closed
12/14/2015 11:31:00 AM	Complaint Received

2 complaints were filed in 2013 for unpermitted construction at 811 Ocean Front Walk. This is Mr. Lambert's Venice Breeze Suites parking. A garage was demolished, 2 trees removed, concrete poured, and a chain link fence, security lighting and an electric gate were installed. According to Los Angeles Building & Safety Department website no permits were issued on this property since 2004.

811 S OCEAN FRONT WALK

Date Received: 4/19/2013
 Description: CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS WITHOUT PERMITS OR INSPECTIONS
 Inspector: ROBERT GARTH
 Phone: (310)417-8640
 Status: REFERRED TO HOUSING DEPARTMENT

PROPERTY ACTIVITY REPORT

Assessor Parcel Number: **4286027007**
 Council District: **Council District 11**
 Census Tract: **273402**
 Rent Registration:
 Historical Preservation Overlay Zone:
 Total Units: **2**
 Regional Office: **West Regional Office**
 Regional Office Contact: **(310)-996-1723**

Official Address: **811 S OCEAN FRONT WALK, Los Angeles 90291**
 Case Number: **434796**
 Case Type: **Complaints**
 Inspector: **Aydin Akbarut**
 Case Manager:
 Total Exemption Units: **0**

Nature of Complaint: Construction in progress without permits, Sales of merchandise on residential zone property, Miscellaneous articles stored on premises



Date ▲	Status
8/13/2013 11:04:00 AM	Complaint Closed
8/13/2013 11:01:00 AM	All Violations Resolved Date
8/8/2013 1:15:00 PM	Site Visit/Compliance Inspection
6/21/2013 12:00:00 AM	Compliance Date
5/15/2013 7:47:00 AM	Order Issued to Property Owner
5/9/2013 1:55:00 PM	Photos
5/9/2013 11:46:00 AM	Site Visit/Initial Inspection
5/3/2013 4:22:00 PM	Complaint Received





In November 2015 Mr. Lambert applied to the California Coastal Commission for an after-the-fact change-of-use permit to convert 2 Breeze, a 32-unit Rent Stabilized apartment that he has owned since 2007 into a legitimate hotel. He said that the building was already operating as an unpermitted hotel when he bought it in 2008. He presented Los Angeles City's SurveyLA report that it was previously a hotel.

November 2, 2015

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: South Coast District Staff SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO ITEM W17a, COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 5-14-1932 FOR THE COMMISSION MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015.

Project History

- **1930:** Building constructed as “Breeze Hotel” and used as apartments.
 - Building footprint extends to property lines w/no on-site parking; City determined project has grandfathered parking rights
- **Late 1900s-Early 2000s:** Property had both hotel and apartment use. (See sign from prior owner.)
- **2007:** Applicant purchased subject property and began renovation for interior remodel with Coastal exemption and building permit from City.
- **2012:** City notified applicant that a change of use permit was required for transient occupancy use.
- **2012:** Applicant submitted application to City for change of use to 30-room hotel.



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Excerpt from City's historical property survey describes subject site as hotel

Context: Commercial Development, 1850-1980
Theme: Hotels, 1880-1980

This Context/Theme was used to evaluate significant examples of hotel buildings in Venice, most notably those situated on the beach overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Located along Ocean Front Walk between Venice Boulevard on the south and the City of Santa Monica border on the north, a number of the original hotels and apartment houses built to accommodate Venice's earliest visitors remain extant today. Four examples were identified in the survey, dating from the teens to the 1930s. While most examples have some degree of alteration, these buildings are important to the understanding of Venice of America as an early-20th century tourist destination.



Address: 2 E. Breeze Avenue
Name: Breeze Hotel
Date: 1930



Address: 1217 S. Ocean Front Walk
Name: Hotel Waldorf
Date: 1918



Address: 401 S. Ocean Front Walk
Name: Cadillac Hotel
Date: 1914



Address: 227 S. Ocean Front Walk
Name: King George Hotel
Date: 1912

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LADBS records show that the original construction permit for 2 Breeze was for an apartment building and all subsequent Certificates of Occupancy were also apartment.

Side View

and other data must also be filed

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY Application for the Erection of Buildings

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VENICE ANNEX CLASS "C"

To the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles:
 I, the undersigned, hereby apply to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, through the office of the Superintendent of Buildings, for a building permit in accordance with the provisions and for the purpose hereinafter set forth. This application is made subject to the following conditions, which are hereby agreed to by the undersigned applicant and which shall be deemed conditions entering into the exercise of the permit:

First: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to erect any building or other structures therein described, or any portion thereof, upon any street, alley, or other public place or portion thereof.

Second: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to use any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, for any purpose that is, or may hereafter be prohibited by ordinance of the City of Los Angeles.

Third: That the granting of the permit does not affect or prejudice any claim of title to, or right of possession in, the property described in such permit.

TAKE TO ROOM No. 4 REAR OF NORTH ANNEX 1st FLOOR CITY CLERK PLEASE VERIFY

Lot No. _____ Block 2
 (Dwelling Property) Country Club Street

District No. _____ M. B. Page _____ F. B. Page _____
No. 2 Breeze Ave. (S. Side) Street
 (Location of job)
bet. Ocean Front and Speedway
 (USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL)

TAKE TO FIRST FLOOR 242 SO. BROADWAY ENGINEER PLEASE VERIFY

O.K. City Clerk
 O.K. City Engineer

1. Purpose of Building Apartment House No. of Rooms 60 No. of Families 30

2. Owner's name Victoria Jewel Austin Phone _____

3. Owner's address 1011 1/2 Block 10th

4. Architect's name Ed. Wray, Inc. Wash. Phone Apartment 3126

5. Contractor's name F. A. Harty, Phone Tu. 6762 Phone 4391

6. Contractor's address 1124 1/2 S. Main St. Los Angeles Phone 4377

7. TOTAL VALUATION OF BUILDING (including Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Sewer, Electrical, Elevators, Painting, Finishing, all Labor, etc.) \$ 25,000.00

8. Any other building or permit for a building on lot at present? No How used? _____

9. Size of proposed building 36' x 107' Size of lot 46' x 110' feet

10. Number of stories in height 4 Height to highest point 48'-0"

11. Material of foundation Concrete Character of soil Sand

12. Material of exterior walls Brick

13. Material of interior construction Frame

14. Material of floors Wood

15. Material of roof Composition

I have carefully examined and read the above application and know the same is true and correct, and hereby certify and agree, if a permit is issued, that all of the provisions of the Building Ordinances will be complied with, whether herein specified or not; also certify that the plans and specifications herewith filed conform to all of the provisions of the Building Ordinances and State Laws.

OVER 2/1/29 11 30 (Sign here) W. W. Anderson, Mayor
 (Over to Recorder's Office)

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PERMIT NO. 19463	Application checked and found O.K. <u>W. W. Anderson</u> Mayor	Stamp here when permit is issued ISSUED JUL 30 1929
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VENICE ANNEX SPRINKLER

#455

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

APPLICATION	O.K. <i>JMA</i>
CONSTRUCTION	O.K.
ZONING	O.K. <i>JMA</i>
SET-BACK LINE	O.K. <i>JMA</i>
ORD. 3376J (N. S.)	O.K. <i>JMA</i>
FIRE DISTRICT <i>H1</i>	O.K. <i>JMA</i>

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Contract # 4552

Address of Building 2 Breeze Avenue

Permit No. and Year V 1065 of 1949

Certificate Issued October 10, 1949, 1949

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

NOTE: Any change of use or occupancy must be approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

This certifies that, so far as ascertained by or made known to the undersigned, the building at above address complies with the applicable requirements of the Municipal Code, as follows: Ch. 1, as to permitted uses; Ch. 8, Arts. 1, 3, 4, and 5; and with applicable requirements of State Housing Act,—for following occupancies:

3 Story, Type III-A, 35' x 100' 30 Unit Apartment House altered to 31 Unit Apartment House, H-2 Occupancy.

Owner N. Abramson
Owner's Address 2 Breeze Avenue Venice, California

Form B-65a-20M-3-49 G. K. MORRIS, Superintendent of Building By A. MILLER

Address of Building 1001 Ocean Front Walk
2 Breeze Avenue

Permit No. and Year W55452/1965

Certificate Issued August 20, 1965

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

REHABILITATION
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

NOTE: Any change of use or occupancy must be approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

This certifies that, so far as ascertained by or made known to the undersigned, the deficiencies in this building have been corrected and the building complies with the applicable requirements of Division 49, Article 1, Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code for the following occupancies:

Four-story, type III A, 36'X108' Thirty-one unit apartment house
H-2 Occupancy **EXEMPT FOR DEVIATIONS APPROVED BY BOARD OF BLDG. & SAFETY COMMISSIONERS X21401**

THIS IS A REINSPECTED BUILDING

Owner Mr. Ruwin Farber
Owner's Address 929 Hauser Boulevard Los Angeles, California

Form B106-20M-12-52 [Redacted] Superintendent of Building By C.M. WILSON kmn

a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the **2 Breeze Avenue LAPD** location. The locations along Ocean Front Walk identified in the preliminary design provide situational awareness through fixed and pan-tilt-zoom cameras. An audio loudspeaker is included in many of the locations and audio intervention is possible from any monitoring station within this system. **It is proposed that the 2 Breeze Avenue location will serve as the main wireless network infrastructure aggregation location for most of the Venice Beach surveillance equipment.**

Upon approval of this Report, \$298,288.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE and allocated to the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera (PRJ20875) project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach – Public Safety Camera Project (PRJ20875) project is \$298,288.00. **These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.**

installed the donated cameras in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Office of CD-11, and the RAP Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch (PCM). The cameras were installed near and along Ocean Front Walk at the following locations:

Two (2) pole mounted intersection camera locations:

- Pacific and Brooks Ct.
- Pacific and Westminster Avenue

Building mounted equipment locations, most of which are privately owned:

- VBS near Westminster and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- 2 Breezeway Avenue Building (2 cameras)
- Venice Beach Police Sub Station (2 cameras)
- 1101 Ocean Front Walk Building
- VBN near Brooks Avenue and Ocean Front Walk (3 cameras)
- Good See Optical Lab Building
- 615 Speedway Building (2 cameras)
- 1211 Ocean Front Walk Building (2 cameras)
- Danny's Restaurant Building (2 cameras)

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER **APPROVED** NO. 15-068
 DATE: April 01, 2015 **APR 01 2015** C.D. 11
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA PROJECT (PRJ20875)-
 AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY OF CORONA'S SELECTION PROCESS
 FOR THE DESIGN, LABOR, MATERIAL AND SERVICES OF SECURITY A
 CAMERA SYSTEM WITH LEVERAGE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

R. Adams _____ *V. Israel _____
 R. Barajas _____ K. Regan _____
 H. Fujita _____ N. Williams _____

M. Shur

 General Manager

Approved As amended see attached Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 3 NO. 15-068

LAPD, in coordination with RAP, has determined that public safety awareness requires a delicate balance of tactics, technology, and process that when done properly improve citizen quality of life and safety. It is the objective of the proposed projects design to provide a technological solution that is tailored to the community of Venice Beach to accomplish this objective.

LAPD and RAP agree that intervention is fundamental to prevent and suppress criminal and nuisance activity. From a technical perspective, intervention requires minimal system latency and acceptable levels of video quality, and the ability to interact with live audio. **It is the LAPD's experience with local communities, when intervention is properly implemented, that the community not only accepts this capability, but will wholeheartedly embrace it.**

The proposed Project will be highly scalable, beginning with wireless network connectivity designed in a peer-to-peer fashion. Video traffic will flow through this network in a prescribed predictable manner to ensure a high level of uptime and availability. The Venice Beach LAPD substation will have both viewing and proactive response capabilities. Video will be recorded at both the Venice Beach Police substation and the LAPD 2 Breezeway LAPD location.

The preliminary design will be presented in three sections:

- Interaction and Intervention locations;
- Monitoring and Response; and,
- Networking Infrastructure

ON 11/7/13, OFW, along with other committees in a special meeting, recommended against cameras. **From the 11/7/13 minutes:**

SECURITY CAMERAS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC not support security cameras.

Sevan Motion, second Laura.

7 in favor
3 oppose
0 abstain

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC to support the use of public address system for use in emergency and

evacuation purposes only.
Sevan Motion, second Laura.

7 in favor
3 oppose
0 abstain

However, they did support increased lighting at the meeting. On Nov. 25 was another joint meeting, this time including the Board. However, only OFW appears to have voted:

6) SECURITY CAMERAS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install security cameras on OFW, because they are an invasion of privacy, they have historically been poorly maintained, and they would be technologically unfeasible.
Shelley Motion, Therese Second

4 in Favor
2 Oppose
0 Abstain

The Board declined to take a position in its 12/2/13 meeting:

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F SECURITY CAMERAS

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should not install security cameras on OFW, because they are an invasion of privacy, as they have historically been poorly maintained, and they would be technologically unfeasible.

Public Comment: Ron Kramer, Gary Harris

ACTION: Motion failed TE/SA 0-9-7

NEW SECURITY CAMERAS MOTION

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of LA should install security cameras on OFW, and ensure they are properly maintained.

ACTION: Motion failed SK/MK 4-5-7

Quimby funds were used to pay for 50% of the LAPD Public Safety Camera Project.

In regard to 417 Ocean Front Walk, the first document on file at LADBS is a building/ alteration permit issued in 1926 for an apartment building.

1926: Apartment

All Applications Must be Filled Out by Applicant

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
and other data must also be filed

BUILDING DIVISION

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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

Application to Alter, Repair or Demolish

To the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles:
Application is hereby made to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, through the office of the Superintendent of Building, for a building permit in accordance with the ordinances and for the purpose hereinafter set forth. This application is made subject to the following conditions, which are hereby agreed to by the undersigned applicant and which shall be deemed conditions entering into the exercise of the permit:
First: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to erect any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, upon any street, alley, or other public place or portion thereof.
Second: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to use any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, for any purpose that is, or may hereafter be prohibited by ordinances of the City of Los Angeles.
Third: That the granting of the permit does not affect or prejudice any claim of title to, or right of possession in, the property described in such permit.

	REMOVED FROM		REMOVED TO
<p>TAKE TO ROOM No. 4 REAR OF NORTH ANNEX 1st Floor CITY CLERK PLEASE VERIFY</p> <p>TAKE TO FIRST FLOOR 212 S.D. BROADWAY ENGINEER PLEASE VERIFY</p>	<p>Lot _____ Block _____</p> <p>Tract _____</p>	<p>Lot _____ Block _____</p> <p>Tract _____</p>	<p>VENICE ANNEX</p>
	Book _____ Page _____ F. B. Page _____		Book _____ Page _____ F. B. Page _____
	From No. <u>417 Ocean Front</u> Street _____		To No. <u>Between Dudley & Palomar</u> Street _____

(USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL)

1. What purpose is the present Building now used for? Apartment house
2. What purpose will Building be used for hereafter? Same
3. Owner's name Mrs. L. A. Winn Phone St. Monica 8308
4. Owner's address 417 Ocean Front Venice
5. Architect's name J. R. Winn, Jr. Phone " " "
6. Contractor's name " " " Phone " " "
7. Contractor's address 417 Ocean Front Venice
8. VALUATION OF PROPOSED WORK (Including Foundation, Gas Fitting, Sewers, Composts, Elevators, Painting, Finishing, etc. Labor, etc.) \$ 100.00
9. Class of present Building C No. of rooms at present 100
10. Number of stories in height 4 Size of present Building 30' x 120'
11. State how many buildings are on this lot. One
12. State purpose buildings on lot are used for: Apartment house
(Apartment houses, hotels, residences, or any other purpose.)

STATE ON FOLLOWING LINES EXACTLY WHAT ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, ETC., WILL BE MADE TO THIS BUILDING:

This escape door ladders on front and rear escapes to be built in compliance with Fire Prevention Bureau order # 295513 served July 29, 1926 by Capt. H. G. Hubbard

I have carefully examined and read the above application and know the same is true and correct, and that all provisions of the Ordinances and Laws governing Building Construction will be complied with, whether herein specified or not.

APPROVER (Sign here) John R. Winn, Jr.
(Owner or Authorized Agent.)

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			
<p>PERMIT NO.</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; text-align: center;">23820</p>	<p>Plans and Specifications checked and found to conform to Ordinances, State Laws, etc.</p> <p><u>J. R. Winn</u> Examining Engineer</p>	<p>Application checked and found O. K.</p> <p><u>J. R. Winn</u> Clerk</p>	<p>Stamp here when permit is issued.</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> RECEIVED AUG 18 1926 1000LB </p>

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**APPLICATION TO
ALTER, REPAIR, or DEMOLISH
AND FOR A
Certificate of Occupancy**

Form B-3
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT
OF
BUILDING AND SAFETY
BUILDING DIVISION**

Lot No. _____
Tract _____
Location of Building 417 Ocean Front, Venice, California } Approved by
(House Number and Street) City Engineer
Between what cross streets? _____ } Deputy.

USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL

- Present use of building Apartment Bldg. Families _____ Rooms _____
(Store, Dwelling, Apartment House, Hotel or other purpose)
- State how long building has been used for present occupancy _____
- Use of building AFTER alteration or moving Same Families _____ Rooms _____
- Owner Mr. Becker Phone Ex-92305
- Owner's Address 417 Ocean Front P. O. Venice
(Print Name)
- Certificated Architect _____ State License No. _____ Phone _____
- Licensed Engineer _____ State License No. _____ Phone _____
- Contractor Termite Insulating Co. State License No. 118624 Phone Ex-44140
- Contractor's Address 1629 - 12th Street, Santa Monica
- VALUATION OF PROPOSED WORK \$450.00
Including all labor and material and all permanent lighting, heating, ventilating, water supply, plumbing, fire sprinkler, electrical wiring and elevator equipment therein or thereon.
- State how many buildings NOW } One - Apartment Bldg.
on lot and give use of each. } (Store, Dwelling, Apartment House, Hotel or other purpose)
- Size of existing building x Number of stories high _____ Height to highest point _____
- Material Exterior Walls Brick Exterior framework _____
(Wood, Steel or Masonry) (Wood or Steel)

14. Describe briefly all proposed construction and work:
Cut off partition walls in basement in areas indicated, raise foundations above top of concrete slab, replacing stucco where removed.
Cut off damage in posts in basement, at P, and install on concrete bases, extending above top of concrete floor.
Drill and chemically treat drywood termite infestations in window frames, and in tower of elevator shaft, opening inside plaster where necessary.

- Size of Addition x Size of Lot x Number of Stories when complete _____
- Footing: Width _____ Depth in Ground _____ Width of Wall _____ Size of Floor Joists x
- Size of Studs x Material of Floor _____ Size of Rafters x Type of Roofing _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above application is correct and that this building or construction work will comply with all laws, and that in the doing of the work authorized thereby I will not employ any person in violation of the Labor Code of the State of California relating to Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

DISTRICT OFFICE **VENICE DISTRICT** Sign here TERMITE INSULATING CO.
By [Signature] Owner or Authorized Agent

PLAN CHECKING		OCCUPANCY SURVEY		Investigation Fee \$ _____	
Valuation \$ _____	Area of Bldg. Sq. Ft. _____	Cert. of Occupancy Fee \$ _____	Bldg. Permit Fee \$ <u>3.50</u>	Total \$ _____	Clerk _____
TYPE <u>✓</u>	Maximum No. Occupants <u>see chg</u>	Inside Lot <u>NO</u>	Key Lot <u>CECA</u>	Lot Size _____	Ft. rear alley _____
GROUP <u>H-2</u>	Plans and Specifications checked <u>✓</u>	Corner Lot _____	Corner Lot Keyed <u>CECA</u>	Fire District No. <u>2</u>	Ft. side alley _____
For Plans See _____	Correction Verified <u>✓</u>	Bldg. Line _____	Zone <u>C-3</u>	Street Widening _____	District Map No. <u>7184</u>
Filed with _____	Plans, Specifications and Application rechecked and approved. <u>[Signature]</u>	Continuous Inspection _____	SPRINKLER Specified—Required _____	Valuation Included Yes—No _____	Application checked and approved _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

TYPE OF RECEIPT	DATE ISSUED	TRACER NO. (M)	RECEIPT NO.	CODE	FEE PAID
Plan Checking					
Supplemental Plan Checking					✓
Building Permit	<u>MAR 4 1953</u>		<u>12465</u>		

TYPE OF RECEIPT
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**APPLICATION TO
ALTER, REPAIR, OR DEMOLISH
AND FOR A
Certificate of Occupancy**

Form B-3-2031-5-48
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT
OF
BUILDING AND SAFETY
BUILDING DIVISION**

Lot No.

Tract

Location of Building 417-Ocean Front } Approved by
(House Number and Street) City Engineer

Between what cross streets Paloma + Dudley } Deputy.

USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL

1. Present use of building Apartment House Families 32 Rooms 112
(Store, Dwelling, Apartment House, Hotel or other purpose)

2. State how long building has been used for present occupancy 35 years

3. Use of building AFTER alteration or moving Same Families 32 Rooms 112

4. Owner LOUIS BECKER Phone

5. Owner's Address 417-Ocean Front Apt. # 31
State License No. Phone

6. Certificated Architect State License No. Phone

7. Licensed Engineer State License No. Phone

8. Contractor Owner State License No. Phone

9. Contractor's Address

10. VALUATION OF PROPOSED WORK (including all labor and material and all permanent lighting, heating, ventilating, water supply, plumbing, fire sprinkler, electrical wiring and elevator) \$125.00

11. State how many buildings NOW Apartment House Only on lot and give use of each. (Store, Dwelling, Apartment House, Hotel or other purpose)

12. Size of existing building 28 x 90' Number of stories high 4 Height to highest point 50ft.

13. Material Exterior Walls Masonry Exterior framework Iron
(Wood, Steel or Masonry) (Wood or Steel)

14. Describe briefly all proposed construction and work:
Put 3 new ceiling on 1 x 3 - framing - 16" D.C. 16" square celotex blocks.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

15. Size of Addition x Size of Lot x Number of Stories when complete

16. Footing: Width Depth in Ground Width of Wall Size of Floor Joists x

17. Size of Studs x Material of Floor Size of Rafters x Type of Roofing

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above application is correct and that this building or construction work will comply with all laws, and that in the doing of the work authorized thereby I will not employ any person in violation of the Labor Code of the State of California relating to Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Sign here LOUIS BECKER
(Owner or Authorized Agent)

DISTRICT OFFICE

VENICE DISTRICT

By Alben D. Madby

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

PLAN CHECKING Date _____ Receipt No. _____ Valuation \$ _____ Fee Paid \$ _____		REINFORCED CONCRETE Bbls. Cement _____ Tons of Reinforcing Steel _____	FEES Bldg. Per <u>2.00</u> Cert. of Occupancy _____ Total _____
TYPE _____ GROUP _____ Maximum No. Occupants _____ Inside Lot _____ Corner Lot _____	Key Lot _____ Corner Lot Keyed _____ Zone <u>C-3</u> Bldg. Line _____ Application checked and approved _____ Clerk _____ Continuous Inspection _____ SPRINKLER Specified-Required Valuation Included Yes- No	Lot Size <u>37.5x129</u> Fire District No. <u>2</u> Street Widening _____ District Map No. <u>7184</u> Stamp here when Permit is issued Inspector <u>DEC 21 1954</u>	28 ft. rear alley _____ X ft. side alley <u>Frige</u>
PLANS Plans, Specifications and Application rechecked and approved. <u>Frige</u> For Plans See _____ Filed with _____			

V11892

1976: Apartment

CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND FOX CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant to Complete Numbered Items Only.

1. LEGAL DESCR.	LET 247	BLK 4	TRACT Golden Bay	DIST. MAP 7184 CENSUS TRACT 2734.00
2. PRESENT USE OF BUILDING () apartment house	NEW USE OF BUILDING () same			ZONE C1-1
3. JOB ADDRESS ✓ 417 Ocean Front Walk				FIRE DIST. II
4. BETWEEN CROSS STREETS Dudley	AND Paloma Ave.			LOT TYPED int
5. OWNER'S NAME Robert Washburn	PHONE 478 4383			LOT SIZE irreg
6. OWNER'S ADDRESS c/o J. Wickens 2751 Barry Ave. L.A. 90064	CITY ZIP			
7. ENGINEER	ACTIVE STATE LICENSE No. PHONE			ALLEY 20 rear
8. ARCHITECT OR DESIGNER	ACTIVE STATE LICENSE No. PHONE			BLDG. LINE
9. CONTRACTOR owner	ACTIVE STATE LICENSE No. PHONE			AFFIDAVITS
10. BRANCH LENDER	ADDRESS CITY			CZCA
11. SIZE OF EXISTING BLDG. WIDTH LENGTH	STORIES	HEIGHT	NO. OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON LOT AND USE	
12. CONST. MATERIAL OF EXISTING BLDG.	EXT. WALLS	ROOF	FLOOR	
13. JOB ADDRESS 3 417 Ocean Front Walk				DIST. OFFICE WLA
14. VALUATION TO INCLUDE ALL FIXED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO OPERATE AND USE PROPOSED BUILDING \$ 1,000.				CRIT. SOIL
15. NEW WORK (Describe) repair fire damage - non struct.				GRADING HIGHWAY DED.
NEW USE OF BUILDING SAME	SIZE OF ADDITION NONE	STORIES	HEIGHT	FLOOD
TYPE IA	GROUP OCC.	BLDG. AREA	PLANS CHECKED	CONS.
DWELL. UNITS	MAX. OCC.	TOTAL	PLANS APPROVED	ZONED BY Enbody
GUEST ROOMS	PARKING REQ'D	PARKING PROVIDED STO. COMP.	INVESTIGATION BY	FILE WITH
SPRINKLERS REQ'D SPECIFIED	CONT. INSP.	INDEMNITY ACTIVITY		INSPECTOR I
P.C.	S.F.C.	B.P.C. 7300	P.M.	I.F.
		G.P.L.	C/O	O.S.
P.C. No.	PLAN CHECK EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER FEE IS PAID. PERMIT EXPIRES TWO YEARS AFTER FEE IS PAID OR 180 DAYS AFTER FEE IS PAID IF CONSTRUCTION IS NOT COMMENCED.			TYPIST lt

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I certify that in doing the work specified herein I will not employ any person in violation of the Labor Code of the State of California relating to workmen's compensation insurance.

"This permit is an application for inspection, the issuance of which is not an approval or an authorization of the work specified herein. This permit does not authorize or permit, nor shall it be construed as authorizing or permitting the violation or failure to comply with any applicable law. Neither the City of Los Angeles, nor any board, department, officer or employee thereof make any warranty or shall be responsible for the performance or results of any work described herein, or the condition of the property or soil upon which such work is performed." (See Sec. 91.0202 L.A.M.C.)

Signed <i>Robert Washburn</i> (Owner or Agent having Property Owner's Consent)	Signature/Date H Christian 5/25/76
Bureau of Engineering	ADDRESS APPROVED
	DRIVEWAY
	HIGHWAY DEDICATION
	FLOOD CLEARANCE
SEWERS	SEWERS AVAILABLE
	NOT AVAILABLE
	SFC PAID
	SFC DUE
Conservation	APPROVED FOR ISSUE <input type="checkbox"/> NO FILE <input type="checkbox"/>
Fire	APPROVED (TITLE 19) (L.A.M.C.-5700)
Housing	HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROVAL
Planning	APPROVED UNDER CASE #

1966 Certificate of Occupancy- Apartment

Address of Building 417 Ocean Front Walk	CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY
Permitt No. and Year 59314W/1965	REHABILITATION CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
Certificate Issued June 10, 1966	NOTE: Any change of use or occupancy must be approved by the Department of Building and Safety.
This certifies that, so far as ascertained by or made known to the undersigned, the deficiencies in this building have been corrected and the building complies with the applicable requirements of Division 49, Article 1, Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code for the following occupancies:	
Four Story Type III-A, 30' x 129' Thirty Two - Unit Apartment House. H-Occupancy X21173	
Owner Mr. Louis L. Becker Owner's Address: 417 Ocean Front Walk Address: Venice, California 90291	
Form B100-20M-12-52 [Redacted] Superintendent of Building By C. M. WILSON/tb	

Mr. Lambert is a powerful player in Venice real estate. Venice Waldorf LLC et Al bought 1207 Ocean Front Walk (5 Westminster) for \$18, 238,682 million in July 2015, a building he has managed for several years.

We should not take any action by Mr. Lambert lightly. Many people are affected by Mr. Lambert's ambitions and have lost their homes. We are losing significant aspects of our community through his actions. The Ocean Front Walk has always been a mixed-use residential and commercial area and this balance has kept the community cohesive. Residents are the eyes, ears and hearts of community. We are invested in the welfare of all members, old, young, rich or poor, housed and unhoused. Displacing residents along the Ocean Front Walk has a negative effect on the visitor/residential balance that is part of our unique coastal community.

One tenant at the December hearing on 417 OFW told the audience that Mr. Lambert had offered her \$50K to move out of her apartment at 52 Paloma but she had told him that she preferred to stay. That is an indication of the treasury involved in privatizing the revenue of these properties in perpetuity.

**All housing laws are designed to protect tenants.
Please support our laws. No hotels in our homes.**

Mr. Lambert has converted 5 RSO apartment buildings in Venice into illegal hotels



417 Ocean Front Walk- 32 unit RSO apartments



The Waldorf- 32 unit RSO apartments



2 Breeze- 31 unit RSO apartments



25 unit RSO apartments- Mr Lambert sold this building recently but operated previously as Venice Admiral Suites



52 Paloma- 8 units RSO apartment- Mr Lambert recently sold this building but operated previously Paloma Suites.

Please Deny this application on the basis of the documented research.

1. Mr. Lambert is a serial operator of illegal conversion of RSO apartment buildings to hotels in Venice- 5 buildings.
2. Mr. Lambert is the President of the Venice Chamber of Commerce and sets a precedent for business practices in our community.
3. Mr. Lambert is a lawyer, broker and developer and should be a responsible business operator.
4. The Mello Act, Rent Stabilization Ordinance and zoning laws are laws, not open to interpretation.
5. We ask the Venice Neighborhood Council to uphold the law. We ask the Housing Department, Planning Department, Los Angeles City Council, CD 11 Councilmember Mike Bonin, and the City Attorney's Office to enforce the existing housing laws.
6. If this is all legal as Mr. Lambert asserts we would not be here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rita Raskin
Laddie Williams
Pam Anderson
Ivonne Guzman
Lydia Ponce
Margaret Molloy
Cat Hernandez, Tongva
Gabriel Ruspini

Left: Mr. Lambert submitted this photo in his history of 417 Ocean Front Walk.
Right: Black people in Venice were restricted to the segregated area of the beach in Santa Monica known as Inkwell during this era.



Venice Publicity Photo, 1930's. Three of the original hotels are along Ocean Front Walk. From Venice Historical Society Website – source, Security Pacific Bank Collection, LA Public Library.



Caption reads: "L. to R. Grace Williams, Albert Williams, Mary Mingston, Willie Williams (the relation) in the segregated section of Santa Monica beach known as the Ink Well," ca. 1938 | Shades of L.A. Collection, Los Angeles Public Library

Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / www.VeniceNC.org

Email: info@VeniceNC.org



Special Joint Committee/Board meeting

Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee, and VNC Board

Oakwood Recreation Center Meeting Room

767 California Ave, Venice, CA 90291

Monday, November 25, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm

MINUTES

1.) Call To Order

2.) Approval of Agenda Ron approve, Shelly second.

3.) Public Comment for items not on the Agenda and within the Committee's jurisdiction

Stuart Oscars---10 year old boy trying to break in and is scared and the neighborhood near Cotz de Lane elementary.

Gary Harris---Storage locker coming back to the boardwalk? Will VNC vote on it?

Carl Lambert---makes rec on whether or not city should implement Warn Bag and Tag storage program. Health, Safety, Violation and program.

4.) For Discussion and Possible Action:

A) Review motions from November 7, 2013 Special Joint Committee meeting in response to the City of Los Angeles Ocean Front Walk Public Safety Assessment,

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0981_rpt_drp_8-14-13.pdf and possibility amend the committee motions to include the following:

- 1. Reasons for the committee's actions**
- 2. Suggestions on what the committees might propose as an alternative.**

B) Draft additional motions about Ocean Front Walk Public Safety considering recommendations and suggestions from Venice stakeholders presented at the VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013.

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1) AUTOMATED RETRACTABLE BOLLARD SYSTEM

The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the City of Los Angeles not support the installation of automated bollards because of cost of installation, maintenance and potential for failure.

Gail Motion, Ron Second

6 in favor
0 opposed
0 abstain

Public Comments: Gonzo, do not install, take out recommend further study, Carl

Board comments: because of cost of installation, maintenance and potential failure. The cost can be utilized in more beneficial ways.

2) GATE AND BOLLARD SYSTEM

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install a lockable gate system because it will obstruct delivery, restrict handicap access and is potentially dangerous in a crowded panic situation.

Ron Motion, Shelly Second

6 in favor
0 opposed
0 abstain

Public Comments:

Carl-looking to put gates mid street not taking into account deliveries.

Gonzo---crazy to have gates.

Board Comments:

Linda---maintenance issue

Shelly---handicap issue.

3) HARD STREET CLOSURES

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install steel and concrete bollards at OFW, but rather supports the use of functional and artistic obstructions that may

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include welcome arches, bike racks, statues, art, monuments, and concrete seating areas that do not obstruct ocean views and beach access. These items should be placed close enough together to block vehicles, but far enough apart to allow pedestrian, wheelchair and hand-delivery access to the boardwalk on all streets except Navy, Rose, Brooks, Market, 18th, Venice Bl, and Washington. Further, the OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA consult the community of Venice and the VNC regarding the use of local art and artists in the design and construction of these Hard Street Closures.

Ron Motion, Gail Second.

3 In Favor
2 Opposed
1 Abstain

Public Comments: Stewart Ocsars ---how it is written doesn't make sense.
Colleen --what streets will be closed?

Board comments:
Gail-Will there be a statue on my street?

4) TEMPORARY BOLLARDS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA removes the temporary bollards on OFW because they are unsightly, ineffective, broken, and is a pedestrian safety hazard.

Melissa Motion, Ron Second
6-Favor
0-Oppose
0-Abstain

Public Comments:
Colleen yahoo.
Gonzo very greasy

Board Comments: unsightly, ineffective, broken and a pedestrian safety hazard.

5) SIGNAGE

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA removes the "Dead End", "Road Closed" and "Do Not Enter" signs, and replace them with "Welcome to Venice Beach", "Pedestrians

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Only” and directional signs for parking where appropriate, i.e.

Speedway, because the existing signs are unsightly, unwelcoming, and obstruct the view of the beach.

Ron Motion, Therese Second

6 in Favor

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comments:

Nic-Point of Procedure comments

Board Comments: eyesores, obstruction of views of the beach and they are unwelcoming.

Positive reinforcement.

6) SECURITY CAMERAS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install security cameras on OFW, because they are an invasion of privacy, they have historically been poorly maintained, and they would be technologically unfeasible.

Shelley Motion, Therese Second

4 in Favor

2 Oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comments:

Colleen: What is a public address system?

Gonzo: Support security cameras.

Stewart: Why would you not support cameras?

Board Comments:

Ron-This is the best use of money.

7) LIGHTING

The OFW Committee supports lighting upgrades as the number one priority of the RAP Assessment, and recommends vast expansion of lighting on OFW, the bike path and Speedway, using green, LED and solar technology as a crime deterrent, safety measure, and to support commerce on the boardwalk.

Gail Motion, Therese Second

6 in Favor

0 Oppose

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0 Abstain

Public Comments:

Colleen-Yes!

Board Comments:

Shelly-lights on all the time, 24/7 day and night on the boardwalk already why is that? Can we change?

Linda-Police Substation has cameras and they have never been maintained.

8) INCREASED LAPD FOOT PATROL

As a result of the OFW Public Safety Town Hall held in October 2013, the people of Venice overwhelmingly agree that the number one issue surrounding safety on OFW is a marked decrease in Police Presence on the boardwalk in recent years, and that LAPD must increase the number of officers on the boardwalk beat, specifically on foot patrol, as there is a dramatic difference in interaction with citizens when officers are on foot, versus in a vehicle of any sort. Further, Police Presence should be 24/7, as nighttime patrol is paramount to safety. Further, "Education", "Community-Style Policing", "Training Specific to the Boardwalk", and "Even-handed Enforcement" of all ordinances, including 42.15, should be the standard. Further, the Police Substation at Windward should be "open and staffed" 24/7.

Gail Motion, Ron Second

6 in Favor

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comments:

Board Comments:

9) OPEN AND CLEAN ALL PUBLIC RESTROOMS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA MAINTAIN, CLEAN DAILY and KEEP OPEN ALL public restrooms in the Park DURING PARK HOURS.

Shelly Motion, Ron Second

6 in Favor

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

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Public Comments:

Colleen: suggested # of Police officers?

Board Comments:

Shelly how they are enforcing and training about the Boardwalk?

10) MAINTAIN BIKE PATH

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA, in conjunction with the County of LA, maintain the bike path by sweeping sand from the path DAILY, and mitigating sand build-up on the grassy knolls between the path and the boardwalk, as sand on the bike path is a major safety concern.

Melissa Motion, Shelly Second

6 in Favor

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comments:

Nic add language on grassy knoll areas.

Board Comments:

11) WARN, BAG AND TAG PROGRAM

The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the city of Los Angeles implement a Warn, Bag & Tag program similar to the program currently in use in Downtown Los Angeles for reasons of public safety.

Melissa Motion, Ron Second

6 in Favor

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comments:

Gary-Great idea

Carl-private money has been raised and Chrysalis is ready to start

Sylvia-Volunteer Storage Program tied into this motion?

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Board Comment: Back and forth on whether to include location and joint motion with Storage program. , ultimately decided not to include either in this motion.

12) VOLUNTARY STORAGE PROGRAM

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City initiate a voluntary storage program at a site to be determined, but not on Ocean Front Walk, with input from the community and LAPD, to provide safe storage for the personal property of un-housed local residents.

Once a storage program is enacted, it will greatly enhance the beauty of OFW and increase the safety for all visitors and will allow the authorities to more accurately decide if unattended property has been abandoned and subject to removal.

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a voluntary storage program to move unsightly piles of property out of the public view and to reduce blight and enhance public cleanliness, public safety and greatly improve the visitor experience on Ocean Front Walk and surrounding areas.

Linda Motion , Ron Second

5 in Favor
0 Oppose
1 Abstain

Public Comment:

Gary-I do not want this on Ocean Front Walk for reasons of safety

Board Comment:

Ron- not on Ocean Front Walk

Tom-I won't vote for unless it contains language that the storage container will not be on Ocean Front Walk.

Melissa-Not safe to have storage container with miscellaneous items on Ocean Front Walk.

5.) Meeting Adjourned

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Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott, Chair		P			Gail Rogers	P	
Ron Kramer		P			Therese Dietlin	P	
Matt Moore			NP		Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner		P					

Public Safety Committee

PHS Committee Members		Position
Sevan Gerard	NP	Chair
Theresa Haley	NP	Member
Laura Orrico	NP	Member

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3/2/2016

DEAR WEST LOS ANGELES PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

320 SUNSET AVENUE, VENICE, CA 90291 came into the neighborhood as a bakery & take-out with limited impact on a primarily residential neighborhood.

INITIAL TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT
APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER
COASTAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN (CTCSP)
ORDINANCE NO. 168,999 [ZI 1874]

LADOT CASE NO. CTC: 13-101175 DATE: 5/22/13: Wed.

PROJECT ADDRESS: 320 E. Sunset Ave. (M1-1 Zoning)

7. A work of improvement on the property hereinafter described was COMPLETED on 08/03/2014

8. The work of improvement completed is described as follows: CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICE TO BAKERY AND RETAIL.

9. The NAME OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTOR, if any, for such work of improvement is ALEXANDER BOYCE

10. The street address of said property is 320 SUNSET AVENUE, VENICE, CA 90291

11. The property on which said work of improvement was completed is in the City of VENICE / LOS ANGELES
County of LOS ANGELES, State of California, and is described as follows:

As shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and commonly known as (street address):
320 SUNSET AVE, VENICE, CA 90291

DATE: 08/05/2014 FRAN GAMA
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT OF OWNER

INITIAL TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT
PRELIMINARY TRIP GENERATION

LAND USE			TRIP GENERATION (to nearest whole #)
Proposed Use	Trip Rate	Size	PM Peak Hour
Other Commercial Retail (Bakery)	9.6 trips/KSF	4.675 KSF	44.9
TOTAL			+ 45.0
Previous Use	Trip Rate	Size	PM Peak Hour
Commercial Office (100 KSF or less)	2.8 trips / KSF	4.675 KSF	13.1
TOTAL			- 13.0
NET TRIPS			+ 32.0

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION REQUIREMENTS: project providing 20 existing parking spaces. Vehicular access TBD.

This PERMITTED BAKERY & TAKE OUT:



has an UNPERMITTED AND FULLY OPERATIONAL RESTAURANT:



in spite of MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS WITH LADBS:


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320 E SUNSET AVE

+ Parcel Profile Report: 1

+ Permit Information found: 1

- Code Enforcement Information: 7

Date Received	Problem Description	Status
1/31/2003	PRO-ACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT	CLOSED
11/10/2014	CONSTRUCTION DONE WITHOUT PERMITS OR INSPECTIONS	CLOSED
11/17/2014	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	CLOSED
11/21/2014	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	CLOSED
7/10/2015	ANY PROBLEMS THAT ONLY OCCUR FROM 5:00PM TO 7:00 AM (AT NIGHT) OR ON WEEKENDS	CLOSED
7/30/2015	BUILDING OR PROPERTY CONVERTED TO ANOTHER USE	UNDER INVESTIGATION
10/17/2015	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	CLOSED

320 E SUNSET AVE

Date Received: 11/10/2014
Description: CONSTRUCTION DONE WITHOUT PERMITS OR INSPECTIONS
Inspector: ROBERT GARTH
Phone: (310)417-8640
Status: CLOSED

Order Information

Order Number	Order Type	Effective Date	Issued By	Phone
3668248	ORDER TO COMPLY	1/18/2015	ROBERT GARTH	(310)417-8640
3705484	ORDER TO COMPLY	2/24/2015	ROBERT GARTH	(310)417-8640
3715716	ORDER TO COMPLY	3/8/2015	ROBERT GARTH	(310)417-8640

Code Violation Information

Violation	Date in Compliance
Failure to provide means of egress from required exit door for kitchen area. Also, discontinue use of required exit for on-site delivers from front of premises.	5/26/2015
A 4'x6' structure for water filtration added to the roof of 320 E Sunset Ave.	5/26/2015

320 E SUNSET AVE

Date Received: 11/17/2014
Description: MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS
Inspector: ROBERT GARTH
Phone: (310)417-8640
Status: DUPLICATE SERVICE REQUEST

AFTER MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS ON THIS PROPERTY WITH LADBS, 2 CLOSE-DOOR MEETINGS WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE UNPERMITTED RESTAURANT IS STILL FULLY OPERATIONAL & SEEKING A PERMIT TO BECOME A LARGER "LEGAL" RESTAURANT WITH A FULL CUB IN A PRIMARILY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD :

320 E. SUNSET AVENUE

Case No.:
ZA-2013-3376-CDP-CUB-SPP-1A
Community Plan: Venice
Council District No.: 11 - Bonin

Hearing Date: **Wednesday, November 18, 2015**
Hearing Time: **after 4:30 P.M.**
Hearing Place: Henry Medina West L.A.
Parking Enforcement Facility
2nd Floor, Roll Call Room
11214 West Exposition Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Continued from October 21, 2015

The West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission invites you to attend a hearing regarding the property highlighted above. *The law requires that owners and renters near this site be notified of this hearing.* If you do not wish to attend the hearing, you may ignore this notice.

The hearing involves an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve: pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit authorizing a change of use of a tenant space from a 4,116 net square-foot bakery with 559 net square feet of retail floor area to a 4,675 square-foot sit-down restaurant with a maximum Service Floor Area of 717 square feet and 559 square feet of retail space located in the single permit jurisdiction area of the Coastal Zone; pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24-W-1, a Conditional Use authorizing the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption in a proposed restaurant in the M1-1-O Zone, and; pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.5.7-C and the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan, a Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance to allow the change of use from bakery and retail use to a sit-down restaurant and retail use with an approved Service Floor Area not to exceed 717 square feet (contained within the restaurant's interior and the new outdoor dining area). MZ

APPLICANT: Fran Camaj
Representative: Stephen Vitalich Architects

AND TODAY.....

320 SUNSET - GJUSTA'S - APPEAL HEARING THIS WEDNESDAY

Wed 2 March at 4.30PM

Henry Medina West LA Parking Enforcement Facility

1214 W. Exposition Blvd, 2nd floor

Los Angeles, CA 90064

OWNER FRAN CAMAJ IS A SERIAL OFFENDER IN VENICE....

1305 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291 (CAMAJ): this restaurant has remained closed with unresolved parking issues. AKB is a commercial street. The impact of the overflow-parking burden falls on the surrounding residential neighborhood.

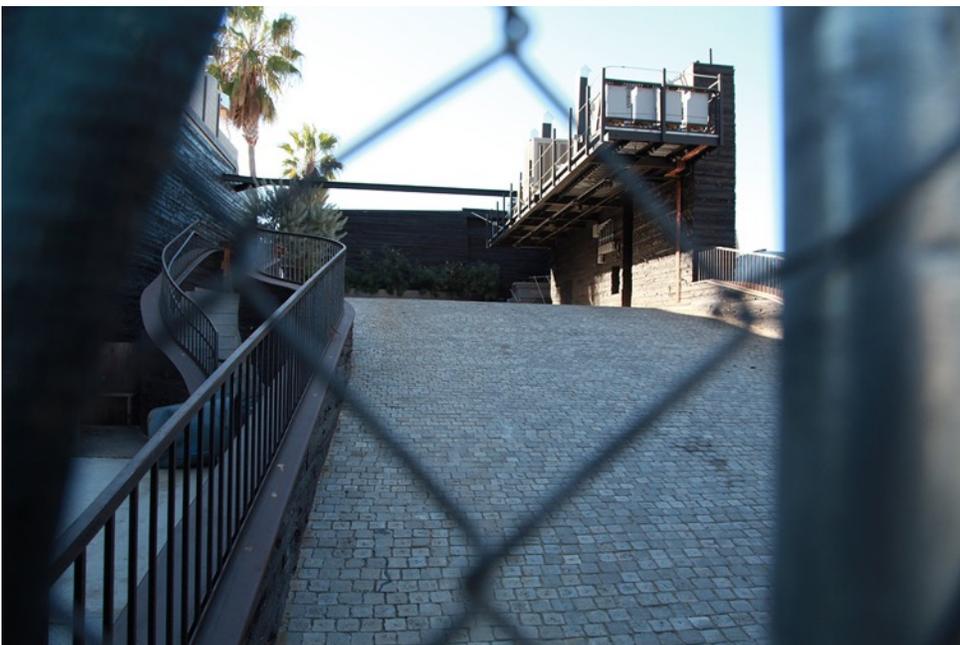
Work Description **NEW RESTAURANT W/ROOF DECK PARKING.**

Permit Issued

Issued on 5/7/2012

Work Description

Supplemental to permit 11010-10000-00590. Revise Arch & Struct plan to reflect correct layout. Remove automobile lift and replace with bicycle parkings. Permit Issued Issued on 12/1/2014



1305 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291

Application / Permit
11010-10000-00590
Plan Check / Job No.
B11LA02649
Group
Building
Type
Bldg-New
Sub-Type
Commercial
Primary Use
(17) Restaurant
Work Description
NEW RESTAURANT W/ROOF DECK PARKING.
Permit Issued
Issued on 5/7/2012
Issuing Office
Metro
Current Status
Intent to Revoke on 3/31/2015

1305 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291

Application / Permit
11010-30005-00590
Plan Check / Job No.
B15WL01511
Group
Building
Type
Bldg-Alter/Repair
Sub-Type
Commercial
Primary Use
(17) Restaurant
Work Description
Supplemental to permit 11010-30004-00590 to revise parking to the original design and provide 13 automobile parking spaces.
Permit Issued
No
Current Status
Application Submittal on 3/19/2015

1305 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291

Application / Permit
11010-30004-00590
Plan Check / Job No.
B13WL04504
Group
Building
Type
Bldg-Alter/Repair
Sub-Type
Commercial
Primary Use
(17) Restaurant
Work Description
Supplemental to permit 11010-10000-00590, Revise Arch & Struct plan to reflect correct layout. Remove automobile lift and replace with bicycle parkings.
Permit Issued
Issued on 12/1/2014
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Current Status
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GJELINA, 1429 ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291 (CAMAJ):



LA DBS DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY [Back to LADBS](#) All Services

1429 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD

- +** Parcel Profile Report: 1
- +** Permit Information found: 1
- Code Enforcement Information: 4

Date Received	Problem Description	Status
7/30/2011	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	CLOSED
7/12/2012	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	UNDER INVESTIGATION
4/16/2015	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	UNDER INVESTIGATION
1/5/2016	CUB OR CUX VIOLATIONS	CLOSED

1429 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD

Date Received: 7/30/2011
Description: MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS
Inspector: DAVE MATSON
Phone: (213)252-3045
Status: DUPLICATE SERVICE REQUEST

1429 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD

Date Received: 7/12/2012
Description: MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS
Inspector: ROBERT GARTH
Phone: (310)417-8640
Status: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Order Information

Order Number	Order Type	Effective Date	Issued By	Phone
3123688	ORDER TO COMPLY	10/5/2012	ROBERT GARTH	(310)417-8640
3872794	ORDER TO COMPLY	10/30/2015	ROBERT GARTH	(310)417-8640

Code Violation Information

Violation	Date in Compliance
Unapproved use of the open exterior areas as seating for the restaurant in the C2 zone.	
Construction work is being performed without the required permits.	
The approximate size and location is listed below in the comments section that was constructed without the required permits and approvals.	
The approximate size and location of the unapproved construction is listed below in the comments section that was constructed without the required permits and approvals.	
Electrical work has been done without the required permits and approvals.	
Mechanical (heating, air conditioning, refrigeration or ventilation) work has been done without the required permits and approvals.	

1429 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD

Date Received: 4/16/2015
Description: MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS
Inspector: DANIEL VARNUM
Phone: (310)417-8665
Status: UNDER INVESTIGATION

1429 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD

Date Received: 1/5/2016
Description: CUB OR CUX VIOLATIONS
Inspector: JOHN WHIPPLE
Phone: (213)252-3040
Status: DUPLICATE SERVICE REQUEST

Putting a full CUB into this primarily residential neighborhood at 3rd Street & Sunset Avenue is detrimental to the safety of our communities. Recent reports from LAPD's traffic analysis division show a significant increase in alcohol related accidents in the Pacific Division.



COMPSTAT

West Traffic Division

12/06/15 to 01/02/16



DIVISION
COMMANDING OFFICER: Edward Pape
Rank: CAPT- II
Date of Rank: October 18, 2014
Date Assigned Division: January 25, 2015
LAPD Appointment Date: November 28, 1994

TRAFFIC STATISTICS for week ending 12/26/15

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	FOUR WEEK COMPARISON			YEAR - YEAR COMPARISON					
	11/29/15 to 12/26/15	11/01/15 to 11/28/15	Percent Change	2015 YTD	2014 YTD	Percent Change	2015 YTD	2013 YTD	Percent Change
TOTAL									
Hollywood	188	196	-4%	2464	2256	9%	2464	2292	8%
Wilshire	231	262	-12%	3018	2667	13%	3018	2635	15%
West LA	187	214	-13%	2806	2629	7%	2806	2769	1%
Pacific	218	222	-2%	2654	2597	2%	2654	2503	6%
Olympic	225	231	-3%	2783	2535	10%	2783	2428	15%
Total	1049	1125	-7%	13725	12684	8%	13725	12627	9%
Total - A									
Hollywood	2	2	0%	46	47	-2%	46	63	-27%
Wilshire	3	4	-25%	36	40	-10%	36	57	-37%
West LA	4	5	-20%	52	55	-5%	52	65	-20%
Pacific	8	4	100%	59	51	16%	59	72	-18%
Olympic	3	5	-40%	32	55	-42%	32	57	-44%
Total	20	20	0%	225	249	0%	225	314	-28%
Total - K									
Hollywood	1	0	N.C.*	9	7	29%	9	8	13%
Wilshire	0	0	N.C.*	8	7	14%	8	8	0%
West LA	1	1	0%	8	8	0%	8	11	-27%
Pacific	0	3	-100%	10	7	43%	10	8	25%
Olympic	0	0	N.C.*	5	9	-44%	5	7	-29%
Total	2	4	-50%	40	38	5%	40	42	-5%
DUI Related									
Hollywood	8	10	-20%	119	135	-12%	119	136	-13%
Wilshire	14	6	133%	135	110	23%	135	125	8%
West LA	6	6	0%	76	74	3%	76	97	-22%
Pacific	16	7	129%	141	129	9%	141	130	8%
Olympic	10	11	-9%	153	139	10%	153	135	13%
Total	54	40	35%	624	587	6%	624	623	0%
DUI Related - A									
Hollywood	0	0	N.C.*	5	3	67%	5	3	67%
Wilshire	1	0	N.C.*	3	2	50%	3	4	-25%
West LA	0	0	N.C.*	3	4	-25%	3	4	-25%
Pacific	2	0	N.C.*	9	1	800%	9	2	350%
Olympic	0	1	-100%	1	3	-67%	1	5	-80%
Total	3	1	200%	21	13	62%	21	18	17%
DUI Related - K									
Hollywood	0	0	N.C.*	2	0	N.C.*	2	0	N.C.*
Wilshire	0	0	N.C.*	1	0	N.C.*	1	1	0%
West LA	0	0	N.C.*	0	0	N.C.*	0	0	N.C.*

RESIDENTS HAVE INVESTED IN THEIR HOMES, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITY.

WHY HAS THIS UNPERMITTED RESTAURANT BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE ILLEGALLY FOR MORE THAN A YEAR IN SPITE OF LADBS COMPLAINTS, VOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD OPPOSITION, PETITIONS AGAINST THE OPERATION, AND 2 CITY ATTORNEY MEETINGS?

REWARDING THIS ILLEGAL OPERATION BY VALIDATING THEIR ACTIVITY, ALLOWING THEM TO EXPAND, AND GRANTING A CUB IN A PRIMARILY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD SEND A CHILLING MESSAGE TO OUR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY AND OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

IT IS UNCONSCIOUSABLE. PLEASE DENY THIS APPLICATION.

SINCERELY,

Rita Raskin

Oscar Galan

Issac Galan

Margaret Molloy

Lydia Ponce