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To Council Members,

Parking has become a nightmare in our neighborhood over the past two years. Bonin passed a measure to rezone the area and push all the RV parking to our neighborhood. Specifically Main Street, Sunset and Rose have RVs consuming the entire length of the street on both sides. Little Main Street and even the parking lot at Main and Rose have smaller RVs and cars with people living in them.

They only shuffle their vehicles every Monday and Tuesday when Street Sweeping happens. There are three walk streets between Rose and Sunset and many of the residents DON'T have parking. This has forced us to hunt for parking by driving all the way down to 3rd or 4th street North of Rose.

So the people who work are hiking to their cars while transients and emboldened Urban Refugees that want to be off the grid and not work camp in our parking spots. It often takes an hour to find a spot and I have to walk 15 minutes with my groceries and laptop. There is no way we can support the parking for the Service workers at the MTA Lot. This madness needs to stop.

Tori Knight

101 Paloma Ave,

Venice, CA 90291

To Council Members,

Over the last year or so our neighborhood has taken a frightening turn. In addition to filth and feces, our street parking has become impossible. We have always had very limited parking. And now that RV parking has be pushed to our area, us residents cannot find parking when get home at night. Our streets are lined with RV after RV or vans. When I get home, I have to pull my car up, block Rose to unload items, and then drive around to find parking sometimes blocks away. Not to mention that sometimes RVs have large dogs off leash that have jump out of the van snarling at me. I am really rethinking living here. Please help. Thanks.

Tiffany Schlesinger

59 Rose Ave.

## VENICE MTA LOT PARKING AND IMMEDIATE AREA

Mark Knight

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Thursday December 05 2018

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing this letter to explain the horrible state of parking in the immediate area surrounding the MTA lot under consideration for bridge housing. We have been residents of the "Rose Corridor" in north Venice for the last 12 years. We have never seen anything like the limitations on parking before due to both RVs and Transients living in their cars along the immediate one block area surround the MTA lot. This appears mainly by design as RVs have been told to park in this area and zoned accordingly as well as a lack of enforcement by LAPD for those residing in vehicles.

On most nights I must park on 4<sup>th</sup> street and just north of Rose in Santa Monica, walking approximately six blocks to get home. This was not the situation as little as 2 years ago. However the endless assault on our small neighborhood by Councilman Bonin has been relentless.

At the time of writing this letter I walked the vicinity and found no less than 16 RVs parked in the immediate area of the MTA lot. Each of these is taking between 2-3 parking spaces. I counted no less than 13 cars along the area directly around the MTA lot occupied by transients- many in vans. The idea of the transients with vehicles abandoning them for bridge housing is highly unlikely- if anything the opposite. These vehicles move only one day each week during sweeping. They pile trash, feces and abandon furniture on our walkways, blocking use for strollers. Additionally there has been a significant increase in rat activity causing myself and neighbors to put out poison unlike in years past.

This current state is untenable and there is no solution in sight considering the placement and design at hand. The current plan and lack of changes to surrounding zoning will only make the situation worse considering more needed parking and deliveries.

Kind Regards,

Mark Knight

Venice Resident 12 years

Dear Commissioners,

I am a frequent visitor in the area of the MTA lot, specifically to a friend's house at 700 Main Street, and the boardwalk, and while it was always difficult to find parking, it is now next to impossible with RVs and car campers taking up large spaces for days at a time. I almost always have to park a few blocks away.

It is my understanding that the proposed Bridge Housing MTA location will only have nine parking places for 100 adults, 54 youths (of driving age), and what should end up being a large number of service providers. Michael parking places is a drop in the bucket of what the real need, which is being woefully underestimated. Where are these people to park? And, more importantly, where are the people who reside and visit this neighborhood supposed to park in an area that is notoriously short on parking?

Best regards,

Carol Reynes  
23 year Venice, CA

Dear Commissioners,

I live at 700 Main Street and let me explain how the parking works here.

On Monday street cleaning comes at 10am. Once street cleaning comes, 7 or 8 cars park there, and many don't leave for a week, until the next street cleaning because the people are living in their cars. They hang out at the beach and then sleep in their cars.

On Tuesday the exact same thing happens on the other side of the street.

This is great for the people who live in their cars and don't have to work. This is absolutely terrible for anyone that works and tries to find parking on main street between Sunset and Main Street.

There is no daytime parking on Pacific. Sunset and Thornton are tiny streets without parking. Main Street between Sunset and Rose, is much worse. Instead of cars, trucks and vans, RVs come after street cleaning and won't move for a week at a time.

Basically people who live and work in Venice will circle the block for 30 minutes to an hour looking for parking.

People coming to the beach from the rest of LA cannot find parking because car dwellers have taken many of the spots.

Travis Binen  
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Venice CA 90291

Sam Awad

105 Paloma Ave Venice CA 90201

Monday 12/10/2018

Dear Commissioners,

**PARKING IS BADLY NEEDED**

I am a resident of North Venice and live about 25 feet from the MTA lot, the proposed site for Bridge Housing. Paloma Ave like Thornton Pl, Vista Pl, Dudley Ct, Park Ave, and other surrounding streets are "WALK streets" and my house, like other houses on those streets have no parking on site or designated parking on the street or anywhere else.

The only option we have for parking is street parking on Main St and Sunset Ave, which is nonexistent today due to vehicle dwelling laws not being enforced and permit parking not being allowed. My family (4 people that drive) spend an average of 120 mins combined looking for parking and walking back to house after finding parking. When we set out to live in Venice Beach we never expected our quality of life to be so badly affected by not having anywhere to park.

Today on 12/10/2018, there was a road construction crew contracted by the city of Los Angeles doing work at the corner of the MTA lot taking up 5 very valuable parking space.

If you allow a 154 residents bridge home on this site, along with its varied numbered staff throughout the day and night, during construction, or during operation, they will take up more and more spots on Main St and Sunset Ave.

Please ask the staff to require a full Coastal Development Permit for this project. We need more parking spaces not less.

Yours

Sam Awad

Venice Resident

Brad Knox  
125 Brooks Avenue  
Venice, CA 90291

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about the lack of parking on Brooks Avenue between Pacific and Main Street in Venice.

We are constantly faced with lack of parking; there are no restrictions or permit zones (except for street cleaning on Tuesday's).

I have been forced on numerous occasions to call the police regarding people sleeping (and partying late into the evening) in vans, camper-trailers and cars in front of our house (which due to the proximity to Westminster Elementary is illegal).

With parking on only one side of the street coupled with the proximity to the beach, Abbott Kinney etc. the availability of parking for residents is completely unacceptable.

Best,

Brad