

**Fwd: Accommodations for Public Comment**

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Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 8:21 AM

From: **Janve Sobers** <janvesobers@gmail.com>  
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Subject: Accommodations for Public Comment  
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Good morning Mr Rivera and Mr Katherman

I am requesting and confirming accommodations for todays general public comment and a comment for agenda item #6. As in previous times, my mother Michelle McKinney will require double time for a total of 2 minutes per item for a total of 4 minutes for our public comment. As her Aide, I will be assisting her with her comment. As a constituent, I will also need 2 minutes for my own general and agenda item comment time of 2 minutes.

Please accept this as a formal issue of concern:

On Nov 28th we were refused an opportunity to make public comment even though my name was noted. After much consultation with the City Attorney, the City Clerk and Andrew Westhall, the Sargeant returned a message, " City Council had already fulfilled their obligation to hear public comment during the REIC meeting on the issuetype week before. Per the Sargeant the City Attorney communicated there were no substantive changes that warranted re opening public comment. Yet, the social equity budget was reduced by \$1.75 million.

Thank you  
Janve Sobers  
Michelle McKinney

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**Fwd: Vote No on MTA LOT for homeless shelter**

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Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 9:22 AM

From: 'Wendy L. Kaysing' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 9:01 AM

Subject: Vote No on MTA LOT for homeless shelter

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Cc: Venice United - Core <venice-united-core@googlegroups.com>

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

As the mother of a resident of Venice and 6 year resident of Venice, CA, I respectfully ask you to ABSTAIN from voting, or vote NO, on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on Council Item no. 48, Council File 18-0510.

**Reasons for Opposition-**

-**This project does not have Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) approval**, nor has it followed the proper protocol at any time in regards to sharing plans with the VNC. A Land Use and Plan has never been brought to the VNC, which is a legal requirement of Bridge Housing. Also of note, is that this project is the only proposed citywide site that is surrounded by residents on all 4 sides.

- **On November 20<sup>th</sup> a VNC Board Member presented two (2) alternative locations for Bridge Housing in CD11, which community members selected and voted on themselves.** The VNC agreed that The City should explore other sites. Bonin refuses to consider any other locations for Bridge Housing. This is not democracy of the democratic process. This is the action of a council member who believes he does not have engage with the community, specifically the community who will be most impacted by this proposed shelter.

- The request to waive CEQA for this project displays a total lack of respect and concern for our precious coastline. The project is in the dual coastal zone. A full Environmental impact report must be done. **This project should not be exempt from CEQA.**

- **The project only has nine (9) parking spots for a facility that will house 154 individuals, plus support staff, employees, and vendors.** The insufficient parking will have an obvious and very detrimental impact on available parking for residents, and is a violation of the Coastal Act and a drain on coastal resources.

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## VENICE MTA LOT PARKING AND IMMEDIATE AREA

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Monday December 10 2018

Dear Councilmember,

Parking in the area around the MTA lot on Main Street, Ocean Ave, Sunset Ave, Hampton Drive is a major problem. In fact the parking problem stretches south further in Venice and north up to Santa Monica. The streets around the MTA lot do not have enough parking since it has older apartments, houses and small businesses which do not provide enough parking spots.

In addition, it is also a famous tourist destination with the Venice Beach boardwalk, well known Venice architecture iconic buildings (Golds Gym, Frank Gehry binocular building, etc), Venice Walk Streets and culinary and art scenes. It is lacking parking even for the tourist that visit the area not only on the weekends but also on weekdays.

Parking is a big concern when we have visitors any time of day or night and especially worse during the day due to the services and businesses being open.

We are already suffering from lack of parking. The proposed large project of the Bridge housing will make the parking problem significantly worse. We all need to focus on helping the homeless population the most effective ways.

Thank you  
Rozi Roufoogaran

December 10, 2018

To Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Re: Parking Challenges in North Venice

PARKING IN NORTH VENICE: Trying to find a place to park a car on the streets of North Venice is a challenge, a big challenge, and one which will only become worse if Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Bonin have their way. They wish to place bridge housing for the homeless on the MTA lot at 100 Sunset. Now bridge housing will only bring more vehicles to an already congested area. Consider: 154 persons would live on the 'campus,' where there are only 9 parking spots. Moreover, parking would be required for the dozens of staff members attached to the campus: support staff, social workers, teachers, security, kitchen, custodial staff.

COMPETITION FOR PARKING : I live at 42 Paloma Avenue, between Speedway and Pacific. Paloma is a walk street, so we have no parking in front of our homes. Lucky are the residents who have parking available at the rear of their properties, on Paloma Court, our alley; unlucky are those who have no parking, as these are the ones who must compete with the homeless for street parking on Main Street between Rose and Sunset. There one finds the same campers, the same RVs, the same cars - - day after day. The vehicles have become like permanent homes. The people hang 'drapes' over their windows so they will not be disturbed by the police. Meanwhile, the residents of North Venice are robbed of their street parking, while the homeless have discovered free campgrounds only 2 blocks from the ocean! They shuffle their cars on street sweeping day, but essentially, they enjoy permanent parking privileges. This situation may have unintended consequences, in my opinion.

PUBLIC SPACES - OCCUPATION: This occupation of the streets is part of a larger pattern: the occupation by the homeless of public spaces (like Venice Library and Ocean Front Walk in Venice). Ocean Front Walk north of Paloma and as far as the border with Santa Monica is under homeless occupation. This is especially tragic because the seniors of the Israel Levin Center and the Ada Safran low income housing units are intimidated by the homeless. I have been here in Venice for 48 years, and I can remember when the seniors would bring out folding chairs from the above mentioned buildings, and they would watch the sun set together. They enjoyed the camaraderie. Some of these were Holocaust survivors. No more. The oldest among us and the youngest among us are placed at risk. There are three schools only 2 blocks from the MTA lot, where 553 children are being educated. I have read on Next Door, and reported by a parent of a child, that a homeless person found his way into the Westminster Elementary School and used the student bathroom.

The safety of the children, their parents, faculty and staff must be prioritized.

As I write this note to you, I hear a homeless woman screaming on my walk street. It is 11:30 p.m.

I oppose Bridge Housing on the MTA lot at 100 Sunset, Venice.

Respectfully,

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December 10, 2018

Dear Commissioners,

**PARKING IS BADLY NEEDED**

I am a resident of North Venice and live on the same block MTA lot, the proposed site for Bridge Housing. The parking in this neighborhood is already a disaster—in large part due to the RVs which park in the same spots for months on end, taking needed parking spaces from visitors and shoppers. The vehicle dwelling laws are not enforced, for reasons that defy any reason or logic.

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 five parking spaces, making the situation even worse.

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. Many in our community would prefer to see the lot used as public parking; revenues generated could be earmarked for homeless and other social services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Karen Tenkhoff  
Venice Resident