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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/19/2019

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 05/11/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0002-S159

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Community Impact Statement in opposition to City Council File No: 19-0002: The Venice Neighborhood Council is opposed to State Assembly Bill 1197 (AB 1197) and the proposed resolution of the Los Angeles City Council (currently being analyzed by the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee), as Council File No. 19-0002-S159, to exempt certain public projects in Los Angeles from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA).

Venice is a highly developed and heavily touristed coastal community already facing significant environmental challenges. Sitting at sea level, Venice is also one of the coastal communities most vulnerable to sea level rise in all of California.

Moreover, the Venice Coastal Zone also already has a disproportionate number of approved permanent supportive housing and homeless housing/emergency shelter projects using Measure HHH and other similar funding, with several more proposed, in comparison to other City of Los Angeles communities, including unit densities in one significant recent project that exceed the underlying zone density by over 75%, which effectively has resulted in spot zoning for permanent supportive housing and homeless emergency shelter projects. CEQA requires public entities to identify the significant environmental impacts of discretionary public projects, which may cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.

If AB 1197 passes, public entities seeking to build permanent supportive housing projects or other projects with Measure HHH or other similar funding, in Los Angeles only (and no other community in California), would not have to comply with CEQA. That is, they would not have to undergo any CEQA environmental review for any such project, and would thus not have to mitigate the environmental impact of any project.

Given the unique issues facing Venice, it is reasonably foreseeable that unchecked additional large-scale developments in the Coastal Zone, undertaken with no environmental mitigation requirements, would have a significant adverse impact on our community's already over stressed coastal resources. CEQA must be maintained in order to ensure environmental and social equity in the Coastal Zone.

Accordingly, the Venice Neighborhood Council asks that the City Council recommend rejection of AB 1197, or at a minimum, to amend the proposed legislation to exempt AB 1197 from applying in the Los Angeles Coastal Zones.

**ACTION:**

It was approved by a vote of 13-0-3.