

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** AUDIO FOR PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING 1-22-2020 IS NOT WORKING AGAIN!

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**Name:** jayne pitchford

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**Comments for Public Posting:** A Church is a cornerstone of a community. It's a place of praising God, a place of gathering together to voice one's opinion or circumstance, a place where people find solace and friendships. It helps a community prosper and focus and grow. This particular Church has been the Cornerstone of the Venice African American community since the early 1900s and certainly deserves status as a Historical site. To rid the community of this asset is an intentional racist attack. This Church has helped the homeless fed the needy sheltered those in need for the decades I have been on the Westside, and in the most profound way...the way to help people further, and not fall back into need. It had an amazing choir as well. To take all this away from the struggling community that endured so much loss to gentrification and to replace it with just another one of many mansions for a single billionaire is utterly disgraceful, particularly as the whole transaction is marred with lies and thievery and deceit against the very community that supported this Church. To let this transaction proceed is to mark the city council as willingly taking part in gentrification against the community it proposes to help and is a markedly RACIST act. That Bonin dares it, with his adopted African American son in his arms, is only cursing his future self; he will tear that boy's self-image in half as his own race is disregarded for his father's prominence and his obvious concern with white billionaires over the African American community. As a mother of multiracial kids I can guarantee a sad future for Bonin as a father, despite his wealth and position. Please save this man from his own blunder, as well as the hundreds of long-standing community members, as well as the historical site of the Venice community and let the Healing begin!