

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brennan Lawson

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2025 08:44 AM

**Council File No:** 15-1138-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Transportation Committee members, I am writing as a strong supporter of Venice Dell Community, a 120-unit affordable and supportive housing development that was approved by the City Council for development on DOT Lot 731, which is related to the motion being heard in item #3 (Council file 15-1138-S42) on the Committee agenda on February 12. If relevant – I live, work, and own property in CD 11, less than a block from this development. The motion directs City staff to explore the feasibility of affordable housing on DOT Lot 701, which would be welcomed as the City should develop affordable housing on every available lot. However, it also directs staff to explore the steps needed to create a mobility hub on Lot 731. It also references an action by the Board of Transportation Commissioners that replicates these recommendations. Lot 731 is not available for a transportation hub, it is already an Affordable Housing Opportunities Site that has been approved in various ways by City Council on at least four past occasions, and the City is in a legally binding contract to develop Venice Dell Community. The motion omits this important information. The City Council should uphold its past commitments and acknowledge that an advisory commission does not have the authority to override City Council votes. This direction to explore a transit hub on Lot 731 is a distraction and a waste of City staffing resources, and would likely result in the City of Los Angeles being required to pay out millions of dollars to NOT build already approved affordable housing, with no funding or plan to create a transit hub. Sincerely, Brennan Lawson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peggy Lee Kennedy  
**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2025 06:21 AM  
**Council File No:** 15-1138-S42  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please post attached opposition to Council File 15-1138-S42

Dear Councilmembers

I am a 3rd generation Venice resident and a strong supporter of the Venice Dell Community, a 120-unit affordable and supportive housing project already approved by the City Council for DOT Lot 731.

This project is directly related to Council File 15-1138-S42 and I am asking you to vote no.

I definitely support exploring affordable housing on Lot 701—every available lot should be used for low-income housing.

But the part of this motion that suggests turning Lot 731 into a mobility hub is misleading and inappropriate.

Lot 731 has already been approved multiple times by the City Council for affordable housing, and the City is legally bound to develop the Venice Dell Community there. Ignoring this would not only break commitments but could also cost the City millions.

The City Council has made its decision. A commission shouldn't be able to override years earlier City Council decisions a day before it goes to the Coastal Commission for approval.

Let's focus on building much-needed affordable housing instead of wasting time and resources on a proposal that goes against what's already been approved.

Furthermore the Venice circle is already a transit hub where three different bus municipalities connect. Unless the city is planning to expand the metro train system into or through Venice near Lot 731, this makes no sense. Its a distraction and being used to stop already approved housing.

The opponents to the Dell housing project in Lot 731 are segregationists and they will oppose any nearby housing for unhoused people, including on Lot 701, and they will oppose a new transit hub in Lot 731 - if it means bringing low-income inner city visitors nearby them on busses! Funding this, in reality, is funding a distraction for Venice NIMBYs.

Please vote no.

Thank you for your time.

Peggy Lee Kennedy

Venice Justice Committee