

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, The Supportive Housing Alliance is writing as a strong supporter of the 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 Transportation Committee agenda on February 12. We are a coalition of 12 supportive housing developers that advocate for policies that improve the development and operation of supportive housing. Together, we have developed over 7,500 units of supportive housing over the last several decades. The Park/Nazarian motion being heard this week 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, and it is unacceptable that City Councilmembers would entertain it under any circumstances, but particularly in the midst of an exacerbated housing crisis due to the fires and when CD 11 and the westside has so contributed so little affordable housing to the City's great need. The City Council should uphold its past commitments and acknowledge that an advisory commission does not have the authority to override City Council votes, and we urge you to vote no on this motion. The 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, Supportive Housing Alliance