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Comments for Public Posting: In case I don't make it in person.... Lot 731 is a valuable, much needed space for our community. The number of people and events coming into the area (Olympics / World Cup and more) need a transportation Hub. A hub will help facilitate traffic and visitor access. Venice is a wonderful tourist draw. People from all over, Angelenos and visitors, come to enjoy the area. We need the feasibility study for the use of 701 for housing. Thank you

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Name: Regan Kibbee

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an YIMBY. I spent ten years with a Santa Monica-based community that provided a clean and sober lifestyle for residents. I was also fortunate to live for over two decades in a rent-controlled apartment in Venice. I enthusiastically support developing critically needed affordable housing here in District 11, such as in Parking Lot 701 by my home. I also strongly support developing Lot 731 as a mobility hub for L.A. Venice Blvd is our city's "Gateway to the Pacific" but thousands of visitors each year routinely experience traffic, congestion, confusion, aggravation and accidents trying to travel this route, find parking and arrive at their destination. This public land by and at Lot 731 would better serve our local community, all visitors and tourists with safe reconfigured roadways, drop-off areas, bike lanes, wider sidewalks, bathrooms, trees, landscaping, permeable surfaces, an ecologically restored historic Canal and historic Trolley Car Bridge, a cafe on the banks of the Canal for all to enjoy, and for the site to adapt, as needed, to whatever the future may bring to L.A.'s #1 tourist attraction. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Marie Kennedy

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember Traci Park's latest attempt to block the Venice Dell project is by feigning support for an "alternative" site. The motion frames Lot 701 as a substitute for Lot 731, but Venice Dell is already fully approved, funded, and on track to deliver 120 affordable homes. Before any discussion of alternative sites, the City must make clear that it stands behind Venice Dell and will not bow to maneuvers designed to derail it. The City Council has approved Venice Dell on Lot 731 multiple times. The project has secured nearly \$45 million in County and State funding in the past two months, is under contract with developers, and includes a Project Labor Agreement to create hundreds of good jobs. The community desperately needs these homes, and delaying or undoing them would come at enormous cost. The Board of Transportation Commissioners does not have authority to overturn past Council votes. Breaching the City's agreements would waste millions in general funds, worsen the budget crisis, and expose the City to ongoing lawsuits. Undoing approvals for Venice Dell would also violate fair housing laws and the Housing Accountability Act. If the City wishes to explore Lot 701 for additional affordable housing and transit amenities, that should be welcomed, but only as more housing, not as a red herring to supplant Venice Dell. I urge this committee to ensure that any report back makes clear: -Venice Dell on Lot 731 remains fully approved and funded. -The City is legally and financially obligated to move forward. -Lot 701 can only be explored as additional housing, not a substitute. Los Angeles is in a dire budget and housing crisis. We cannot afford to change course on Venice Dell, which is ready to break ground, while families across the city wait for affordable homes. Marie Kennedy