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11:00 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

Council File 19-0092 and CEQA Appeal for Venice Boulevard Great Street Project - Finalized Project and Additional Improvements

Robin Berger <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:43 AM Reply-To: rmpartner17@gmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

Eric Bruins,

I strongly support the Westside Los Angeles Neighbors Network's CEQA appeal of the finalization of the Great Streets Venice Blvd. project.

There were many significant concerns raised during the one-year pilot project to support a fair argument that the road diet has had significant impacts upon the environment. Concerns that have not been acknowledged, answered or addressed by LADOT, the Great Streets Initiative, or Councilman Bonin's office.

So how can the City of Los Angeles make this project permanent without an environmental review? How can the City go back on its promise made in March 2018 that: "If it (Great Streets Venice Blvd) is made permanent, there will be an environmental assessment and accompanying public process."

Please rectify this error by granting the CEQA appeal brought before you by the Westside LA Neighbors Network.

Robin Berger rmpartner17@gmail.com

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11:07 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Kent Strumpell <kentstrum@aol.com> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 11:01 AM To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, [Koretz Paul <paul.koretz@lacity.org>](mailto:koretz.paul@lacity.org), councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org Cc: Bruins Eric <eric.bruins@lacity.org>
Dear Council Memebers,

I urge you to support making the Venice Great Streets improvements permanent.

As a cyclist and a driver, my regular experience of the protected bike lanes on Venice Blvd. in Mar Vista is that the improvements have made this intimidating, high-speed road a safer, more inviting corridor to travel through and visit. The minimal delays that I have encountered during peak hours in the project area are consistent with the findings of the city's recent report. I find them a minor inconvenience well worth the benefits that the project has brought to the area.

But there is an important climate change dimension to projects like this as well, Providing travelers with viable non- automobile mobility options is a crucial part of what we must do to reduce energy consumption. Because even if every car on the road were to be electric, they would still be consuming huge quantities of power, power that is needed to fulfill numerous critical uses that must be fueled with the limited renewable electricity that we are trying to convert to.

And fully developing a citywide network of safe lanes for low-speed mobility will also give us a way to avoid congestion for many trips. When I travel by bike or scooter I am mostly immune to the maddening congestion that plagues me when I drive. Using a bike for transportation is something that

many more people wish they were able to do comfortably. According to surveys done in our city, not having a safe, pervasive bikeway network available is the primary reason given for not cycling for everyday transportation. Projects like the Venice Great Street improvements are how we will give people this choice.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that change is difficult. Certainly there has been some loud opposition to reconfiguring our roads to serve more travel modes. But in this day of climate change, worsening congestion from a flawed mobility paradigm and safety hazards unfairly imposed on vulnerable road users, we must change. And it is your leadership that is needed to point the way that will bring our city into the future.

Thank you for all you do. Sincerely,

Kent Strumpell City of LA Bicycle Advisory Committee CD 11 representative 310-527-1618 6483

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11:05 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

Re: Council File 19-0092 10 messages

Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:22 AM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

On Feb 22, 2019 8:12 PM, "Damien Newton" <thedaymen@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

As a former member of the Mar Vista Community Council and a decade-long resident of Mar Vista, I would like to formally register my support for the changes done to Venice Boulevard in Mar Vista over the past couple of years. There are many reasons for my support, most of which can be found in the document prepared by LADOT.

Thank you for your consideration, Damien

Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:23 AM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Zachary Rynew** <zrynew@gmail.com> Date: Fri, Feb 22, 2019, 9:16 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 To: <cityclerk@lacity.org> Cc: <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

As someone who drives, walks and bikes on Venice Blvd., I have seen the significant improvement in safety since the upgrades have been put into place. Please keep these improvements and continue to implement these types of safety features across the city.

Zachary Rynew Valley Village, CA

Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:23 AM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **fred davis** <fdavis17@earthlink.net> Date: Mon, Feb 25, 2019, 12:38 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 To: <cityclerk@lacity.org> Cc: <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

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11:05 AM To whom it may concern,

I understand the transportation committee will be discussing the issue of making the Mar Vista/Venice Blvd. Great Street Project permanent. As a resident and business owner of the immediate area I would like to go on record as being strongly in favor of making this a permanent fixture.

The project has indeed been a benefit to the neighborhood. While there's much more work to be done on the issue of traffic safety citywide, I feel much safer when walking and riding my bicycle in this area. This should be considered a model to build on throughout the city. I'm hoping this will become one of many of projects that in turn form the backbone of a comprehensive bicycle network.

Thank you, Fred Davis

Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 12:52 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Galen Graham** <galen.graham@gmail.com> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 12:41 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, Hannah Levien <Hannah.Levien@lacity.org>

Hi, I'm a resident of Mar Vista and co-chair of the MVCC subcommittee for Mobility. I am equal parts a driver, cyclist and pedestrian in the neighborhood and would like to register my support for the improvements along Venice Blvd and the desire to make the neighborhood safer and more conducive

to exploration by all means of transportation, rather than biased toward automobile. I specifically endorse the buffered solution found along the western section of the great street design, where cyclists are in plain view of drivers and parking for cars is found in the traditional curbside location. I encourage continued implementation of future-facing road traffic-management solutions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion, Galen Graham

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 3:39 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

Pay attention to the last message

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **JOSHUA GILBERT BAUM** <joshuabaum93@ucla.edu>
Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019, 3:33 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, Hannah Levien <Hannah.Levien@lacity.org>

Hi Hannah,

As a resident of the Mar Vista neighborhood and as an Urban Planner, I would like to strongly voice my support for the street safety improvements that have occurred on Venice Blvd. According to LADOT's findings, the projects had undoubtedly been working well and would be a real let down for the residents, workers, and business owners in the neighborhood that are reaping the benefits of it. I regret that as a young professional who lives and works in CD 11 that I can't make the meeting to give my public comment in person at City Hall, but hope that this email finds you and others at City Hall, who will be making the decision on whether or not to continue with the project.

Best,

Joshua Baum

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 4:26 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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11:05 AM Subject: Council File 19-0092 To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Hi, My name is Peter Flax. I'm a Manhattan Beach resident who works on the Westside. I commute to work and get around LA almost exclusively by bike—I ride about 8000 miles per year. I have ridden

on the modified stretch of Venice Blvd hundreds of times. In short, I love it.

If you look at a map of bicycling infrastructure in LA, you'll see that the safe places cyclists have to get around are a disconnected patchwork at best. That's what makes Venice Blvd such an important East-West corridor for riders. But the truth is that many portions of Venice Blvd are chaotic and less safe than they should be. I can tell you that every time I enter the stretch on Mar Vista I feel a wave of calm come over me. I have a wife and two young children at home, and though I love to ride, my number one priority is to remain safe. The protected lanes on Venice are a huge step in the right direction. Honestly, rather than having more conversation about whether to make those changes permanent, I think we should be talking about how to get more protected lanes in Los Angeles. The debate really comes down to safety vs. convenience. Only three US states see more cyclists get killed than in LA county; it's on you to do something about it.

Thank you for your time, and please make these changes permanent.

Best, Peter Flax

Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 4:26 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Joseph Treves** <joseph.treves@thepartnerstrust.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019, 4:18 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Cc: Sherri Akers <sherriakers@ca.rr.com>

Dear Concilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

As a resident of Mar Vista since 1989 I have seen our community blossom into a vibrant attractive place to live. Our commercial corridor along Venice boulevard now includes quality coffee houses and restaurants, as well as a great Sunday Farmers Market. In addition our Art Walk event attracts many from our community and elsewhere as we get out and walk the event, dine out at the restaurants, and meet our neighbors.

Aside from the entrepreneurship of the retail proprietors, the City of Los Angeles has helped shape this growth via the improvements along Venice Blvd. The slowing traffic at first had taken some getting use to, but during the months that followed improvements were implemented that have made a substantial difference making

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11:05 AM the streets safer for both pedestrian and bicyclists while simultaneously improving traffic flow.

I would be grateful if, in considering the long term continued implementation of these improvements, you were to consider my voice alongside my neighbors as well as the statistics your DOT officials

have provided that seem to support this program.

There are some in our community that are quite vocal in opposition of this program, disregarding the benefits these improvements and the Great Streets Initiative have provided, and who consider the changes as unwelcome, ill conceived, and an intrusion, no matter what the statistics and quality of life improvements may otherwise represent. Some want their travel along Venice Blvd to be faster while others have difficulty adjusting to change.

Please keep the program, tweak it where you must, but do not reverse course and return our boulevard and community to the conditions that existed pre-Great Streets.

Thank you.

Joseph Treves

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11:05 AM Subject: FW: Council File 19-0092 To: cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org>, Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

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From: peterks <peterks@verizon.net> **Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 2:16 PM **To:** <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <john.white@lacity.org> **Subject:** Council File 19-0092

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

I am a community member who bikes, walks, drives and shops on Venice Blvd, and I am writing to support making the Mar Vista street safety improvements permanent and ask the committee to deny the CEQA appeal.

The Great Streets improvements have made Venice Blvd. a more vibrant corridor by increasing walking, biking, and scooting by 11%. At the same time, it has significantly increased the number of new storefronts and added \$3 million in business revenue to the sector. Most importantly, Venice Blvd. is undeniably safer: no fatalities or serious injuries have occurred in its first year of

implementation.

Traffic violence is the number one killer of children aged 14 and younger in America. In 2017 alone, 270 people died walking and biking in the streets of Los Angeles. This is part of why I'm working with an active community of neighbors pushing to make our streets safer.

Thank you for supporting this project and denying the CEQA appeal. The new Venice Blvd. increases our safety, decreases our environmental impacts, and makes my neighborhood more easy to travel and a more people-centered place.

Your neighbor,

Peter Kolstad Mar Vista Homeowner

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----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Cary Gordon** <cgordon@chillco.com> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 7:45 PM Subject: RE: Council File 19-0092 To: <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <john.white@lacity.org> Cc: Judy Kann <jkann@chillco.com>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

I live and work in Mar Vista, just 2 blocks north of Venice Blvd.

As a cyclist, driver and walker, I support the improvements made to Venice Blvd. in conjunction with the Great Streets program. While this project is not perfect, it is a big step in the right direction, and for me, that direction will lead to a more vibrant, attractive, and desirable center for Mar Vista.

Please deny the CEQA request to reverse these improvements.

-- Cary Gordon 818-694-1626 (mobile)

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----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Lenore French** <lenore@gcinitiative.org> Date: Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 11:53 AM Subject: RE: Council File 19-0092 To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, paul.koretz@lacity.org <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, john.white@lacity.org <john.white@lacity.org> Cc: jesi@la-bike.org <jesi@la-bike.org>, Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

As the organizer of the Mar Vista Art Walk I am a community member who works, bikes, walks, drives and shops on Venice Blvd. The Mar Vista Art Walk takes place along the 1-mile stretch of Venice Blvd. that coincides with the CD-11 Great Street. Today I am writing from my personal experience to support making the Mar Vista street safety improvements permanent.

An art walk is an event that specifically encourages people to walk in order to enjoy local art, music and culture. While I understand the Great Streets improvements have made Venice Blvd. a more vibrant corridor by increasing walking, biking, and scooting by 11%; while I also understand they have added \$3 million in business revenue to the sector and that, most importantly, no fatalities or serious injuries have occurred in its first year of implementation; the March 7, 2019 Mar Vista Art Walk will be our 14th consecutive quarterly art walk, and I can also personally attest to the positive effects the Venice Blvd. street changes have wrought. The changes allow folks to slow down or stop and appreciate the many colorful additions to our community -- the attractive new storefronts, the bus shelter art, the pedestrian haiku signs, the art on the new solar-powered Big Belly trash cans and the soon-to-come art in the pedestrian crosswalk medians.

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Thank you for supporting this project and denying the CEQA appeal. The new Venice Blvd. increases our safety, decreases our environmental impacts, and makes my neighborhood more easy to travel and a more people-centered place.

Your neighbor,

Lenore French President and Founding Member GREEN COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE, INC.
organizers of the Mar Vista Art Walk

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Will Wright <will@aialosangeles.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 1:58 PM To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, [Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>](mailto:Paul.Koretz@lacity.org),

councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org Cc: eric.bruins@lacity.org

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

As the Director of Government & Public Affairs for the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, I am writing to support your leadership efforts to make the City of Los Angeles safer, healthier and more inclusive.

Our streets and sidewalks become the critical urban tissue that helps us achieve a safer, healthier and more inclusive community and Venice Boulevard is one of the most vibrant back-bones we have in our city.

Therefore, I am writing to support efforts to make the Mar Vista street safety improvements permanent and to ask the City Council Transportation Committee to deny the CEQA appeal.

The Great Streets improvements have made Venice Blvd. a more vibrant corridor by increasing walking, biking, and scooting by 11%. At the same time, it has significantly increased the number of new storefronts and added \$3 million in business revenue to the sector. Most importantly, Venice Blvd. is undeniably safer: no fatalities or serious injuries have occurred in its first year of implementation.

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Thank you for supporting this project and denying the CEQA appeal. The new Venice Blvd. increases our safety, decreases our environmental impacts, and makes my neighborhood more easy to travel and a more people-centered place.

A step backwards would send a terrible signal to the people of our city that the fearful complaints of a few can prevent the healthy progress of the many.

Very truly yours,

Will Wright, Hon. AIA|LA Director, Government & Public Affairs

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<cityclerk@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Council File 19-0092 - Venice Blvd Great Street

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Mar?nez and Koretz, and all others involved in making this a permanent change.

I am wri?ng to ask you to make permanent the changes made to Venice Blvd.

I want to make you alert to the fact that a significant number of the pedestrians I talk to are not aware of how to be part of the decision making process for our neighborhood, some are elderly, some are hispanic families, some are just hardworking locals who have not heard of MVCC and are not on social media, they do however enjoy the benefit of the hard work of many who had a vision for a walkable and pedestrian friendly Mar Vista.

I know that traffic is a little slower and yes some of the side streets do seem to be impacted but I would offer that this might also be due to the many new apartments recently built and still being built south of Mar Vista that has added more through traffic. Please lets enjoy a ?ny piece of city that has a slower neighborhood feel! Looking at how many people are trying to move to Mar Vista from other parts of the cityI would say, that this vision is in high demand and should be replicated in other areas of Los Angeles.

RespecRully, BirgiSa Kastenbaum

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Feb 27, 2019 at 11:50 AM Subject: To the Transportation Committee, in reference to Council File
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Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Mar3nez and Koretz,

As a resident who both lives and works in the Mar Vista community, **I am writing to express my
support for the Venice Boulevard Great Street.**

I walk or bike to and from work in Mar Vista daily. The Great Streets project has made my experience
as a pedestrian and cyclist feel safer and friendlier. I appreciate the effort you have taken to make this
community less oriented around cars and commuters.

As a renter and Millennial resident of the neighborhood, I feel that our voices are not being heard in
spite of the fact that my peers in the neighborhood are supportive of the environment you are aiming

to foster with Great Streets. I'm horrified by the way that a negative but vocal minority has tried to silence the support for this project within the community.

Per the latest report from the LADOT, the adjustments to Venice Boulevard have no drawbacks; Great Streets are good for communities. Business is up along the corridor, there are fewer injury accidents, and traffic remains relatively unchanged from before. I believe in and trust your reporting around this issue.

I hope that you will continue to support our Great Street here in Mar Vista. We need determined and unwavering leadership to keep us on a path to smart and safe planning for this community.

Thank you.

Annie Bickerton

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To the Transportation Committee, in reference to Council File 19-0092:

As a resident of Mar Vista for the past three and a half years, I would like to express my support for the Venice Boulevard Great Street.

I frequent several shops on this section Venice Boulevard, including Grand View Market, Mitsuwa, Alana's Coffee, and others. To get there, I often either walk or bike as I live less than a mile away. I can attest that the improvements make me feel safer on that section of the street.

But you don't have to take my word for it: Per the latest report from the LADOT, the adjustments to Venice Boulevard have no drawbacks; Great Streets are good for communities. Business is up along

the corridor, there are fewer injury accidents, and traffic remains relatively unchanged from before. The Westside LA Neighbors Network represents neither me nor the thousands of others in Mar Vista who are happy with our street. Their actions and arguments continue to be devoid of fact, with support from community outsiders who value their commutes more than the communities they pass through.

I hope that you will continue to support our Great Street here in Mar Vista.

Thank you, Harrison Hopkins

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Hey there Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez!

I moved from New York City last fall where I primarily moved around the city by bicycle. I was under the impression that LA is a die-hard car city, and my heart felt so sad to give up an environmentally-friendly and physically active—not to mention FUN—method of getting around my community.

Lo and behold, I moved to Mar Vista and discovered the stretch of Venice Blvd with protected bike lanes— what JOY to realize that council members were forward thinking and able to see the greater picture: we humans need to instigate change on a wider level. Behavioral change, supported and encouraged by structural changes, that will help reverse or at least slow the damage we do to our planet.

I have only recently returned to bicycling: I felt too scared to cycle here despite having lived in both Shanghai and NYC with my bicycle being my primary mode of transportation. Cars barely seem to see pedestrians; how will they see cyclists when they aren't used to looking out for us? Thanks to the BEST Class + Ride: CicLAvia Street Skills event last weekend, I'm back on my bike!! We started and ended on Venice Blvd: What a relief it was to ride there after the tension of riding unprotected down Centinela, the narrower portions of Washington towards Culver downtown, and even Venice Blvd itself before hitting the glorious protected stretch. Please, please, please, support making the Mar Vista street safety improvements permanent and ask the committee to deny the CEQA appeal. I am a patron of the stores on that stretch as a pedestrian and cyclist— Small Batch, Sam: Johnson's Bookshop, and yes, Venice Grind too, though they closed before I could become a regular. I understand from the signage that many stores on that stretch want to restore Venice Blvd. I can't blame them—change is hard, especially when it requires short-term sacrifices for long-term gains. From what I understand,

the Great Streets improvements have made Venice Blvd. a more vibrant corridor by increasing walking, biking, and scooting by 11%. At the same time, it has significantly increased the number of new storefronts and added \$3 million in business revenue to the sector. Most importantly, Venice Blvd. is undeniably safer: no fatalities or serious injuries have occurred in its first year of implementation. How cool is that?!

In 2017 alone, 270 people died walking and biking in the streets of Los Angeles. (<—See why I was so

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11:04 AM terrified of cycling when I first moved here, despite being an avid cyclist in cities with even busier streets?) This is part of why I'm working with an active community of neighbors pushing to make our streets safer.

Thank you for supporting this project and denying the CEQA appeal. The new Venice Blvd. increases our safety, decreases our environmental impacts, and makes Venice Blvd. more easy to travel and a more people-centered place. And despite being an introvert, I LOVE PEOPLE!

Your [new!] neighbor,
Fern Lim

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Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

I am a community member who (lives/bikes/walks/drives/shops) on Venice Blvd, and I am writing to

support making the Mar Vista street safety improvements permanent and ask the committee to deny the CEQA appeal.

The Great Streets improvements have made Venice Blvd. a more vibrant corridor by increasing walking, biking, and scooting by 11%. At the same time, it has significantly increased the number of new storefronts and added \$3 million in business revenue to the sector. Most importantly, Venice Blvd. is undeniably safer: no fatalities or serious injuries have occurred in its first year of implementation.

Traffic violence is the number one killer of children aged 14 and younger in America. In 2017 alone, 270 people died walking and biking in the streets of Los Angeles. This is part of why I'm working with an active community of neighbors pushing to make our streets safer.

Thank you for supporting this project and denying the CEQA appeal. The new Venice Blvd. increases our safety, decreases our environmental impacts, and makes Venice Blvd. more easy to travel and a more people-centered place.

Your neighbor,

Stefan Wrobel Venice Resident

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Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

I am a community member who drives, walks, bikes, and shops on Venice Blvd, and I am writing to support making the Mar Vista street safety improvements permanent and ask the committee to deny the CEQA appeal.

As a driver, I've found the Great Streets improvements to make my drive more pleasant through that area, even at rush hour. It's significantly nicer walking with noticeably less traffic noise, and it's part of a network of improvements that have made it easier for my wife and I to bike to the farmer's market on Sundays. For me, the improvements have been entirely positive.

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Thank you for supporting this project and denying the CEQA appeal. The new Venice Blvd. increases our safety, decreases our environmental impacts, and makes Venice Blvd. more easy to travel and a more people-centered place.

Your neighbor, Brian Nilsen [2340 1/2 S Beverly Glen Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90064](#)

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Please see the attached .pdf letter in support of the Venice Blvd Great Street Project. Test is also included below.

Dear Council-members Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez

Re: Council File 19-0092

Slowing traffic is the key to providing a thriving city center that is safe for everyone from our children to older adults and we believe the changes on Venice Blvd have been a huge success. The time is now to make a strong commitments to Vision Zero and true meaningful investment in safer streets in all our local communities. We strongly encourage you to make permanent the improvements on Venice Blvd as part of the Mar Vista Great Streets Initiative. No doubt you have heard the attacks of the small but vocal minority who would like you to think they speak for the community as they continue tactics that include misinformation, bullying and slander — because of this, many have chosen to disengage! We cannot allow this vocal minority fueling misinformation or the impatience of drivers to prevent our community from building safer streets and more vibrant neighborhoods. We are not suffering alone in the current increasing epidemic of serious injuries and traffic fatalities. Traffic violence is the number one killer of children aged 14 and younger in America. In 2017 alone, 270 people died walking and biking in the streets of Los Angeles. This must change! Nationally, almost 40,000 people die each year in traffic collisions, numbers are up everywhere. We must continue to support the adoption of proactive and aggressive campaigns to address this crisis. We

must progress beyond words on a page if we truly want to succeed in reducing preventable traffic fatalities and serious injuries. One's life should be not put at risk for walking or riding a bike, especially when we are encouraging people to walk and bike in their daily lives, for their health, and the environment. The Great Streets improvements have made Venice Blvd a more vibrant corridor by increasing walking, biking, and scooting by 11%. At the same time, it has significantly increased the number of new storefronts and added \$3 million in business revenue to the sector. Making these safety improvements on Venice Blvd permanent will prevent future traffic related injuries and save lives.

"Managing speed," a report from The World Health Organization [1], notes that excessive or inappropriate speed contributes to 1 in 3 road traffic fatalities worldwide. "Measures to address speed prevent road traffic deaths and injuries, make populations healthier, and cities more sustainable." In the 50's, traffic deaths, individual and totals were openly published in the daily newspaper. Our current tendency is to bury this data, which dehumanizes these preventable deaths and injuries making them so abstract as though they

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11:04 AM are someone else's problem. They are our problem. With collaboration, openness and outreach we can begin to again humanize this growing epidemic and implement real solutions like the Great Streets Project on Venice Blvd.

We firmly support the street safety improvements on Venice Blvd - designed through community dialogue throughout a yearlong open process and now with data supporting it is undeniably safer with ZERO fatalities or serious injuries in its first year of implementation. Similar to how the farmers market improved the vibrancy and sense of community, we believe the "small town feel" of this Great Streets initiative has done more of the same for Mar Vista — and if made permanent will continue to further improve the communities health, culture and safety.

We must continue to improve our streets by supporting rigorous and informed evaluations. I urge you to remain committed to creating vibrant and safer streets in Mar Vista. Your leadership is needed to help point the way and bring our city and region into the future with your support today making this project permanent and denying the CEQA appeal. Sincerely,

Cynthia Rose Director Santa Monica Spoke Cynthia.Rose@SMSpoke.org [1] [Speed management key to saving lives, making cities more liveable](#)

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Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, and Martinez,

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Your neighbor, Guillermo Arguelles

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Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez and Koretz,

As an advocate for older adults who hope to age in place, I am writing to give my support to the Great

Street changes on Venice Blvd. Thank you for these changes and I implore you to make them permanent. This stretch of Mar Vista has all of the essentials for purposeful aging. Slowing traffic is the key to providing a thriving city center that is safe for older adults and I believe the changes have been a huge success. This parking lane configuration is much safer for exiting a parked car when one has any mobility challenges. As a caregiver for my 91 year old Dad and having osteo arthritis myself, I am painfully aware of how difficult and painful it can be to exit from the passenger side of a car when parked at a curb.

I am on this stretch of Venice Blvd every single day. My Dad lives in assisted living up the street on Grandview. I stop at the Post Office 6 days a week. My vet is on Grandview and my drugstore and bank are at Centinela and Venice. I lunch with friends at Sunny Grill and Atmosphere Café and shop in the local businesses. At no time have I felt it was a challenge to park or felt that it is in anyway unsafe.

There is a very vocal minority who have been committed to opposing these changes. They would like you to think that they speak for the community. Their tactics include bullying and slander and because of this, many of us have chosen to disengage. Additionally, MVCC has stopped announcing meetings by email or on Facebook – apparently there was a meeting this Sunday that only insiders knew about. For 12 years I co-chaired the MVCC Green Committee and Aging in Place Committee. I was a board member for 2 of those years. I look forward to a decision being finalized so that the discord in the community can be put behind us and the Mar Vista Community Council can return to its history of community engagement and support.

Respectfully,

Sherri Akers

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Dear Council Members

I am writing in support of making the great streets project a permanent feature of the Mar Vista

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11:05 AM area. I have lived a few blocks ([12114 Herbert St L.A CA 90066](#)) from this project for the past 20 yrs and am a life long Los Angeles resident.

The sense of safety and community that this project has brought to our community is tremendous and should be a model for other area to potentially for an expansion of this project. I am the owner operator of a preschool about 1 mile form this project and as a result many of our families frequent the area between Inglewood and Beethoven. They all have had nothing but positive support for this project as they are often biking or walking with their little ones along this stretch. I have two children a new born and a 2 yr old and I certainly feel safer walking along or biking with them.

I do understand part of our community does not like the change. I know they say they are the majority but in my experience that is not the case. They seem to be just a very loud minority. They are 100% entitled to their opinion but please just know many, many more of us support the project becoming permanent and support your efforts and work in creating this.

Please make this change permanent.

Thank you for your time

Dave Frank www.sunshinedaydreams.org Sunshine Daydreams 3843 College Ave
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<cityclerk@lacity.org> Cc: <hannah.levien@lacity.org>, Sherri Akers <sherriakers@ca.rr.com>

As a resident of 90066 since 1988 I want to express my support for the great streets project.

Venice Blvd was not meant to be a freeway. It now feels like a street where humans are no longer an afterthought.

My travel time on Venice Blvd has not significantly increased.

Please keep Great Streets Permanently.

Scott Littell CPA

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----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Brodsky, Michael** <mbrodsky@lmu.edu> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019, 4:45 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 Venice Blvd Great Street To: cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org> Cc: hannah.levien@lacity.org <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear City Council Members,

I support the Great Streets Project in Mar Vista and believe the changes should be made permanent. I am an old guy!

I was born in Mountain View Avenue in Mar Vista and I can still remember when street car tracks went down the center of Venice Blvd and there were only two lanes in each direction.

Venice Blvd was slower and safer back then. That was before the tracks were removed and the lanes EXPANDED to 3 lanes and made into a dangerous expressway.

I applaud recent efforts to RESTORE Venice Blvd. to the former 2 lane configuration.

I particularly applaud the addition of the new protected bike lanes.

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11:05 AM I now feel safer when drive my car or ride my bike on Venice Blvd.

I know intimately how important street streets are for everybody. My grandfather was killed in a crosswalk at the corner of Wilshire and 10th in Santa Monica by a speeding driver.

I support safe streets.

Thank you,

Professor Michael Brodsky Loyola Marymount University

Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:16 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Misha Dworsky** <dmisha@gmail.com> Date: Tue, Feb

26, 2019 at 8:00 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 Venice Blvd Great Street To:

<cityclerk@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez and Koretz,

I'm writing to voice my strong support for the current Great Streets configuration on Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, especially the separated and protected bike lanes. As a neighborhood resident and bike commuter, I firmly support the street safety improvements on Venice Blvd. This project was designed through community dialogue throughout a yearlong open process and is meant to make all residents and visitors safer. Similar to how the farmers market has improved our community, we believe the "small town feel" of this Great Streets initiative will do the same for Mar Vista and will further improve community culture.

In addition, I find it much more pleasant to walk and bike from Beethoven to Grand View than I did before, leading me to visit local businesses (esp. Grand View Market, Alana's, Bikerowave, Atmosphere, Mitsuwa, and Little Fatty) more than I used to before the bike lanes were protected from the cars. Mar Vista has begun feeling much more like home to me as a result.

It would be a disheartening step backwards for our neighborhood and for the city at large if the traffic lanes were restored. Car speeds in the three-lane segments of Venice Blvd are frequently unsafe and excessive, while traffic noise from vehicles going 50 miles an hour or more is highly detrimental to my quality of life as someone who lives on Venice west of the Great Streets area.

Sincerely, Michael Dworsky

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<mohamed@inhomecarela.com> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 10:17 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 Venice Blvd Great Street To: cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org>, hannah.levien@lacity.org <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez and Koretz,

I think the Great Streets changes to Venice Blvd have been very helpful for our community and I hope we make those changes are here to stay. I would love to see those changes extended on Venice Blvd and also see some similar changes to other major streets making those more accessible for pedestrians and cyclers. Thank you.

Mohamed Hassan

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Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 9:58 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 Venice Blvd Great Street To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Mar3nez and Koretz,

I am wri3ng in support of making the Great Street changes on Venice Blvd. permanent. Building a Great Street on Venice Blvd. is challenging and would be impossible without these changes that calm the traffic and the added (and much appreciated!) pedestrian crossings. I m a long 3me Mar Vista resident and thrilled with the evolu3on of our community's "downtown" along Venice Blvd. As drivers have become accustomed to the configura3on, traffic backups seem to have resolved themselves have not experienced problems with parking next to the bike lane.

Opponents of the Great Street changes would have you believe that cut-through traffic never existed before. This is simply not true. It existed long before the changes and is not confined to streets directly impacted by the changes.

Opponents of the Great Street changes would have you believe that backup on Palms Blvd (and other E/W streets). is due to the Great Street changes. This is simply not true. I live just north of Palms and it been severely congested during rush hour for many years.

I am part of the silent majority in Mar Vista. Restore Venice is loud but does not speak for me. Sadly, neither does the Mar Vista Community Council. MVCC held a stealth mee3ng on a Sunday evening outside in a parking lot to pass a mo3on opposing the

Great Street changes. No mee3ng announcement was sent to email mee3ng-announcement subscribers. As a past MVCC Director I experienced first hand their bullying tac3cs and slander. As Board Secretary I was commiYed to community outreach using all the tools at my disposal: eNewsleYers, pos3ngs on the website and bulle3n boards at the weekly Farmers' Market. These tools are no longer used. The current Mar Vista Community Council appears to prefer opera3ng without community involvement and Restore Venice does not accept any evidence that contradicts its posi3ons.

I hope that once the Great Street changes are made permanent, my community can heal and move on, and the Mar Vista Community Council can return to its history of community engagement and support

Respectully, Melissa Stoller [11430 Kingsland St. Los Angeles, CA 90066](#)

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----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Paola Cervantes** <rising.phoenix.77@gmail.com> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 9:58 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 Venice Blvd Great Street To: <cityclerk@lacity.org> Cc: Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez and Koretz,

As a former member of the Mar Vista Community Council, someone who has lived and spent a significant amount of time in Mar Vista throughout my entire life, I would like to formally register my support for the changes done to Venice Boulevard in Mar Vista over the past couple of years. There are many reasons for my support, most of which can be found in the document prepared by LADOT. I am an advocate for the very young and very old in our community. When I walk either with my family or with the students of my preschool (which is quite regularly) along this stretch of the street during afield trips with my students, I know that we are safer because of the new configuration. When moving through this area, I see a vibrant community full of life.

While I personally would prefer for the configuration to look more like the stretch along Wade, where the parking and the protected bike lane are flipped, I recognize that the pilot set up suits seniors. My mother has bad arthritis in her knees and find getting out of her car easier with the new configuration. I have not experienced significant delays in commute down this stretch as well, even when I have a last minute drop off/ pick up for my son at Venice High School.

I pray that you listen to the facts and not just the vocal active minority of nay- sayers opposing any

project that slows down traffic in Los Angeles. It is my belief that this project is the perfect transition to a greater change in our community to support all members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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11:05 AM **Paola Cervantes** *Voyages Preschool Founder/ Director* www.voyagespreschool.com

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 11:17 AM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Maggie Begley** <maggie@mbcprinc.com> Date: Wed, Feb 27, 2019, 10:59 AM Subject: Council File 19-0092 Venice Blvd Great Street To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez and Koretz,

I believe the Great Streets changes to Venice Boulevard in Mar Vista have been a huge success. This parking lane configuration is much safer for exiting a parked car and the number of pedestrians who are out and about and enjoying our Mar Vista center is increasing.

I am on this stretch of Venice Blvd every single day, as I live on the corner of Wasatch and Barbara and do many of my daily activities on Grandview Blvd.

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11:05 AM Please don't be swayed by the small minority of Mar Vista residents who oppose the Great Streets initiative on Venice Boulevard. I believe the vast majority of my neighbors are now discovering the many shops, restaurants, farmer's market and meeting places that are at the hub of our community. This sense of communal living is a great comfort in a depersonalized world and I hope to see it thrive in the coming years. Thanks for all your hard work.

Respectfully,

Maggie Begley

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11:06 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 8:31 AM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez, and Koretz,

I'm a supporter of Venice Boulevard's Great Streets. I think it would be such a travesty if the project was undermined by those who want to keep things status quo—or worse, revert back to days when Venice was designed with cars as a top priority.

Prior to the project, the street felt like a freeway, with cars zooming by at speeds up to 50 mph. As a pedestrian, I never really even considered walking along this stretch of Venice because I didn't feel safe, and it was the most unpleasant walking experience I could've imagined.

Today, the Great Streets stretch of Venice is the envy of many residents who live along L.A. thoroughfares that feel like pre-Great Streets Venice Boulevard. Any street in L.A. would be so lucky as to undergo the growth and revitalization that was sparked by this project. It has made the neighborhood much more enjoyable, and I have definitely brought more dollars to the area, helping support small businesses who've been attracted to the idea of a pedestrian-friendly street.

I'm attaching screenshots from Google Maps showing the corner of Venice and Grand View before and after Great Streets was implemented. As you can see, in the shot from October 2008, the buildings on that corner appear unoccupied: "for lease" signs appear on the windows. In contrast, the shot from December 2017 shows people *gasp* walking on the corner, and numerous thriving businesses that've invested in the neighborhood as a result of Great Streets.

I hope you will consider making Venice Boulevard's Great Streets a permanent feature in this neighborhood.

Best,
Linda

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 4:39 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Yvette Roman** <yphoto@earthlink.net> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019, 4:37 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 - Venice Boulevard Great Street To: Councilmember Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <john.white@lacity.org>, <cityclerk@lacity.org>, Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Cc: <jesi@la-bike.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Martinez, and Koretz,

I am a 3rd generation Mar Vista stakeholder and small business owner, and I am writing to give my support to the Great Streets improvements on Venice Blvd.

My entire household is grateful for these changes, and we are lending our support to you to make them permanent. We live on the eastern edge of the new bike lane, and as a family who walks, bikes, and drives, I can attest that we all feel much safer.

Redesigning the street has created a lovely downtown center, and parking is not a problem. Our neighborhood has never been more vibrant. New shops and restaurants have cropped up, and we frequent them constantly. We appreciate the new trashcans, the landscaping, the metro bikes, and all of the other assets that the program has brought to us, with special note to the new crosswalk at Mountain View. Since the traffic signals were timed, it has never been easier to drive through that stretch, and we are on it daily.

Be assured that the Restore Venice Boulevard group does not speak for my household, nor do they have a mandate to accurately represent the wishes of our community. Their presence has caused our MVCC meetings to become so contentious that we have been forced to have uniformed police officers in attendance. I have witnessed people being screamed at, called names, and bullied when they have spoken out in support of the Great Streets program, which is childish and absurd, and has no place in our community. Truth be told, sadly, I have stopped going to the gatherings altogether. My fondest wish for our neighborhood is that our new street becomes permanent. The only thing I would like to have "restored" is the decency and kindness of our constituency towards each other.

Regards,

Yvette Roman Davis Pacific Avenue Mar Vista

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11:07 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 3:26 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Mitchell Rishe** <mitchellrishe@gmail.com> Date: Tue, Feb 26, 2019, 3:25 PM Subject: Council File 19-0092 - Venice Blvd. Great Street To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>, <john.white@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Bonin, Mar3nez and Koretz,

I am a former director of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC), a former chair of the MVCC transportation and infrastructure committee, and former chair of the MVCC planning and land use committee. I am a 15-year resident of Mar Vista and a native Angeleno. *I write in support of the Great Street changes on Venice Blvd., and urge you to make them permanent.* I travel the protected bike lane segment of Venice Blvd. often, usually by bike, to shop at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market, or to shop or eat at one of the many establishments along Venice Blvd. I also regularly (once a week) commute by bike along the non-protected length of Venice Blvd. to my office in Downtown L.A. For anyone that commutes along Venice Blvd., there is no question that the protected segment of Venice Blvd. is a safer and more pleasant experience for bikers, pedestrians, children and the elderly.

I happen to work on Spring St. in downtown, which recently implemented a similar protected bike lane with a reduction of a lane of traffic. Anecdotally, I have observed no discernable difference in traffic before and after implementation of the protected bike lane. As the City implements more of these protected bike lanes throughout the City—along Figueroa St., Spring St., and soon Main St.—it would be a terrible setback for the City to reverse the protected bike lane on Venice Blvd. Rather, the City should *expand* it. Removing the protected bike lane will not solve West L.A.'s traffic woes, but it will make the street more dangerous for bikers, pedestrians, children, and the elderly.

Thank you,

Mitchell Rishe

P.S. I hope to see you at CicLAvia in Mar Vista this weekend!

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11:02 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org> Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 6:03 PM To: Eric Bruins <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

----- Forwarded message ----- From: **Eugene Hanrahan** <ladagene@netscape.net> Date: Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 8:58 AM Subject: 19-0092 Venice Bl, Great Streets To: <john.white@lacity.org>, <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <hannah.levien@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>

Dear City Council,

I am a cyclist who frequently uses the bike lanes on Venice Boulevard. I applaud that the City Council installed them and they should remain. The city must make its roads safer and pedestrian/bike friendly. This does not necessarily mean more traffic or less business because the more people who walk and bike the fewer single occupant cars on the road. The most lucrative and valuable commercial property in Los Angeles and Southern California are areas where cars are virtually

banned (eg. 3rd St Promenade, Venice Beach, and the Farmers Market). Finally, we as a society must do far more to curtail global warming. Every car trip warms the planet - mostly unnecessarily. If more people rode their bikes there would be a cooler planet and fewer obese Americans to boot.

Thank you,
Eugene Hanrahan

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11:10 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Sarah Furlong <sarahfurlongcasting@gmail.com> Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 4:38 PM To:
Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, paul.koretz@lacity.org,
councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, eric.bruins@lacity.org,
alek.bartosouf@lacity.org

TO: Councilman Bonin, Councilman Koretz: Councilwoman Martinez: Legislative Assistant John White: Transportation Deputy Eric Bruins Mobility Deputy Alek Bartosouf:

I am a long time Mar Vista resident and home owner. I drive a car, ride a bike, and take the 33 and 733 buses. I know the area very well and can honestly say my general well being and safety have NOT improved.

The Road Diet has made driving stressful in this area and parking more frustrating. I try to avoid this area whenever I can. I now use a different post office, library, and bank. I understand the intent of Great Streets and Zero Vision but I do not see the benefit to choking this area of town. Although I complain about cut thru traffic behind my drive way, I am now guilty of being a cut thru person myself.

I am writing to add my support for the Westside Los Angeles Neighbors Network's CEQA Appeal for Venice Boulevard Great Street Project - Finalized Project and Additional Improvements.

Thank you for you consideration.

Sarah Furlong

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marvistapainting@verizon.net <marvistapainting@verizon.net> Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 9:17 AM To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org Cc: eric.bruins@lacity.org, alek.bartosouf@lacity.org

I hope and pray that you end the Venice Great Street Projects.

I live in the neighborhood adjacent to Venice Boulevard, two and a half blocks north on Moore Street. I have lived here since the mid-1970's, and have enjoyed the natural transformation of the neighborhood, up until your project began. I was one of the very few who received the questionnaire, and completed it, but it did not seem to have any impact upon the project.

I have witnessed massive traffic jams on Venice, have watched emergency vehicles with sirens blaring stuck in traffic, have seen the road debris and filth collect into small piles around those white parking stanchions and the parking spaces, have endured the cars racing through our neighborhood trying to get around Venice Boulevard, have seen the traffic on Palms Boulevard go from a normal flow to massive traffic jams, have listened to the constant blare of horns as frustrated drivers sit in traffic, and it goes on and on. The utopian idyllic scenario painted by the propaganda the city and the council have put out is not true.

Give us back our street and our neighborhood, it is not yours to do with as you please.

Brian Mark Mar Vista

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Ken Davis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 5:58 PM Reply-To: kdplayaguy@yahoo.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

Eric Bruins,

My family had lived in Mar Vista since 1949. Venice Blvd is a disaster. I refuse to patronize any business as well as the farmers market. This travesty needs to go away along with Mike Bonin. Recall!!! strongly support the Westside Los Angeles Neighbors Network's CEQA appeal of the finalization of the Great Streets Venice Blvd. project.

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11:01 AM **Eric Bruins** <eric.bruins@lacity.org>

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Judy Accardi <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 11:14 AM Reply-To:

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11:07 AM 3726 Sawtelle Boulevard, Apt. 6 [Los Angeles, California 90066](#)

Madelaine Kolisnyk <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:02 AM Reply-To: madelainekproperties@gmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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sarahfurlongcasting@gmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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Jean Pappalardo <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:08 AM Reply-To:

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Joan Weamer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:10 AM Reply-To: bayley.weamer@gmail.com

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Russell Mark <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:12 AM Reply-To:

russ@fastmail.us To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

Eric Bruins,

Please listen to the will of the people. Venice Boulevard and the people using it have been negatively impacted by the changes made. People want freedom to work and move around.

The changes to Venice Blvd. are specifically to prevent people's freedom of movement.

In addition, neighborhoods surrounding the restricted part of Venice Blvd have had to absorb more traffic, which negatively affects their quality of life and their property values.

As a 50-year resident of the area, I strongly object to these changes and to the suppression of public opinion by the current administration.

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11:07 AM **Selena Inouye on behalf of Restore Blvd** <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019

at 8:19 AM Reply-To: restoreveniceblvd@gmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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11:07 AM **Neighbors Network.**

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11:07 AM **angela mchenry** <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:36 AM Reply-To: tamchenry@aol.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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Ken Marek <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:38 AM Reply-To:

kenneth.marek@gmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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john mc manamy <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:39 AM Reply-To:

jkmvenice@hotmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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Michelle Zweig <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:41 AM Reply-To:

michellezweig124@gmail.com To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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<info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:44 AM Reply-To: melodiemmeyer@gmail.com To:
eric.bruins@lacity.org

Eric
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California 90291

Steven Pearl <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:54 AM Reply-To: noladoggie@gmail.com To:
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Eric
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Steven Pearl noladoggie@gmail.com 225 Carroll Canal Venice, California 90291

Simone Wallace <info@sg.actionnetwork.org> Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:55 AM Reply-To:

simone.wallace64@verizon.net To: eric.bruins@lacity.org

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Steven Guerry <steven.guerry@gmail.com> Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 11:34 AM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, Paul.Koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Councilmember.Rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, Councilmember.Smith@lacity.org, CityClerk@lacity.org, Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

I strongly **OPPOSE** the Westside Los Angeles Neighbors Network's CEQA appeal of the finalization of the Great Streets Venice Blvd. project which is scheduled to be on the City Council agenda on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

If we're going to be serious about making our streets safer, we need more projects like these. Making streets safer for people to bike and walk is essential to move away from transportation that relies on automobiles. In addition to making neighborhoods safer, these street improvements have shown to be good for business and make streets more vibrant. It will also do a lot to cut into the 40% of California carbon emissions attributed to transportation.

Thank you.

Steven Guerry
5120 1/2 Fountain Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org> Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 11:40 AM

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Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 2:11 PM

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Subject: City Council Agenda: Council File 19-0092, CEQA Appeal for Venice Boulevard Great Street Project - Finalized Project and Additional Improvements
To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

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John White <john.white@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 3:33 PM

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From: **Richard Wafer** <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Date: Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 11:07 AM

Subject: City Council Agenda: Council File 19-0092, CEQA Appeal for Venice Boulevard Great Street Project - Finalized Project and Additional Improvements

To: <john.white@lacity.org>

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Richard Wafer

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Subject: City Council Agenda: Council File 19-0092, CEQA Appeal for Venice Boulevard Great Street Project - Finalized Project and Additional Improvements
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Kathy Wishard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 2:02 AM

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marianne pogoler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 7:19 AM

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Respectfully,
The Pogoler Family

marianne pogoler
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venice, California 90291

Sara Sluss <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 7:25 AM

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J D Pepper <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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In my 45 years as a LA County taxpayer, I have never witnessed a destructive force that could match that of Councilman Bonin. Mr. Bonin has proven to possess the "Midas Touch in reverse" as everything he touches turns into a public nuisance and degrades the vitality of the community.

J D Pepper
jdapepper@aol.com

Marina del Rey, California 90292

Olivia Shores <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 9:39 AM

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Sandy Szabo <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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Richard Wafer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 3:53 PM

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Robin PATTON <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 4:09 PM

Los Angeles City Clerk CPS-LAS,

No I do not support any road diets or so called traffic calming measures as ben implemented by the LADOT. Which has turned into a anti car and anti mobility organization. You need only to look at the Rowena ave road diet lane reduction to see what a disaster it is. and they wont reverse it because they wont admit to it being a mistake.

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Leslie Ryan