

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Miller

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 09:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: Case File Number 20-0858 Case
CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI Dear
PLUM Committee Members, As a resident of Venice, I am
writing to express my opposition to the Lincoln Apartments
project and my support for the appeals filed against it for the
following reasons: 1) The Specific Adverse Impacts that preclude
the necessary findings for a density bonus. VCH and SPY have
well documented safety issues that were buried in the CPC report.
2) The Planning Commission's failure to provide a fair hearing
due to conflicts of interest held by commissioners participating in
the vote 3) The Violation of Open Meeting Laws 4) Inadequate
parking 5) The project is out of scale and "monolithic" Critically,
the proposed project shares a property line with an elementary
school. I am therefore particularly concerned by the City Planning
Commission's disregard for documentation provided showing
Specific Adverse Impact based on the track record of Safe Place
for Youth (SPY) and Venice Community Housing (VCH). The
developer, Venice Community Housing, has a terrible safety
record with its other buildings. Its Gateway Apartments
supportive housing project (with only 20 units) generates more
than 11 times as many police and fire responses as a market-rate
building of comparable size on the same street (calls for Assaults
with a Deadly Weapon, Batteries, Burglaries, and Thefts). VCH's
Horizon Apartments has similar egregious calls. Records
showing this were submitted to the CPC but were buried in the
staff report. There is zero accountability. Prop 2 funding will be
used for this project and will mandate the inclusion of "adults
with serious mental illness...with symptoms of psychosis or
violence," and VCH has refused to provide a security guard.
These facts and records are not irrelevant to a project with two
elementary schools and a nursery school within a two-block
radius. Safe Place for Youth currently operates drop-in services
for clients three days a week. Over the last three years, police and
fire departments have been called to SPY 117 times, for incidents
ranging from Assault with a Deadly Weapon to Violent Mentally
Ill, Burglary and Battery. A chain-wielding man from SPY caused
a lockdown of St. Mark school in January. Over 1,000 letters from
both nearby businesses and area residents were submitted
detailing these concerns. These are not hypotheticals. The adverse

impact is real and predictable and it is the reason the Venice Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to oppose this project. The CPC's disinclination to consider these factors might be related to conflicts of interest held by two of the members, including President Millman. The specifics of these conflicts are laid out in the neighborhood appeal. That appeal also addresses the fact that the hearing violated Open Meeting Laws under the Brown Act. The public could not fully participate — many neighbors could not speak — because of busy signals, the lack of a local call number to join the meeting, or the fact that when people hung up after speaking, as President Millman directed them to, they could not get back into the meeting as it was full, at that point. As for the building itself: it will not be “visually compatible” with its surroundings but rather, at four stories, loom over the surrounding one- and two-story homes, as well as the play yard of the school next door. It will have only six parking spaces for some 98 residents, 25 staff, and 20 volunteers. According to the Venice Specific Plan, it should have 104. Increased density is meant to be self-sufficient, not a burden on the surrounding community. Finally, spending \$20 million to get little more than one tenth of one percent of the Los Angeles homeless off the streets is an unconscionable use of public funds. It lines developers' pockets while leaving the vast majority on the streets. It is not compassion, it is corruption. Indeed, the office of Mike Bonin, the councilman for district 11, has declined to turn over communication related to the project, despite a California Public Records Act request. For all of these reasons, I urge you to take a closer look at this project, and not allow it to move forward where and as proposed. Thank you, Jessica Miller

Communication from Public

Name: Raquelle Wallace
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 10:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: I support housing projects like Lincoln Apartments in Venice. To hear that a church is against this project leads me to bring up the following Scriptures: Matthew 25:40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Proverbs 14:31 “He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Proverbs 31:8-9 “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” The Bible’s stance on the matter could not be clearer. I fully support the construction of the Lincoln Apartments in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: Jared Hirsch

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 10:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a local resident in favor of the Lincoln Apartments development. Venice is critically short on affordable and transitional housing. Safe Place for Youth provides desperately-needed resources to youth and young families experiencing homelessness and working to get back on their feet. Our homeless youth and neighbors deserve our compassion and help.

Communication from Public

Name: Alejandra

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 09:36 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the Lincoln Apartments. I frequently move through this part of town and recently lived in the adjacent neighborhood. It's vital we provide more housing for vulnerable communities. In fact, I would like to see more of this type of development implemented throughout the city. We must stand together with our neighbors to support solutions - not exacerbate the housing/homeless crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Cruz

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 10:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: There are over 400 unhoused youth living in Venice. This project could be the first and only long-term housing option to provide shelter to 1 in 10 youth. We cannot risk the opportunity to generate low-income housing at a time when it's needed the most. With new evictions underway amid a pandemic that has put thousands out of work, the homelessness and public health crisis continues to grow. The need for housing across Los Angeles has never been greater. Please consider supporting this project that will help house unhoused youth.

Communication from Public

Name: Allie Kiekhofer
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 10:41 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the approval of this 100% affordable housing development. Los Angeles is in dire need of affordable housing and this is a rare instance where the entire project is comprised of affordable units. Please do not let NIMBY influences kill this much-needed project that would provide 40 units of housing for unhoused youth in Venice, of which there are at least 400. We need more projects like this one!!

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Leinbach
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 10:43 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I attempted to call in for the Planning meeting and rcvd a busy signal. We urge you to deny this project. It is the wrong building for this site and the neighborhood council unanimously rejected it.

1. There is insufficient parking. There are currently 6 on-site parking spaces which aren't enough to meet the existing parking needs because an additional 10 spaces are leased from the school/church nextdoor. After the project is completed there will only be 6 on-site parking spaces even though the size of the commercial space will have more than doubled.. Why is the City expecting the adjacent residential neighborhood to provide parking for this building and it's tenants? Why is this project receiving unprecedented exemptions?
2. The building was also exempted from current height restrictions and is out of scale. The roof deck should not substitute for the open space that should have been included in the design. Please reject this project.

Communication from Public

Name: Chase Engelhardt
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 10:52 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear PLUM Committee Members, I am writing to respectfully urge you to approve the Lincoln Apartments project and reject the appeal against it. Permanent supportive housing is nationally recognized as the absolute best tool we have in solving homelessness. As covid-19, heatwaves, and ash from wildfires threaten the lives of our unhoused neighbors, some would have you believe that concerns like parking are more important. Those who oppose this project are not reflective of our community's values. Los Angeles is for everyone. No one deserves to sleep on the street regardless of their history or circumstances. Almost 40% of the unhoused population in Los Angeles is Black. Of the approximately 6,500 Supportive Housing units existing in the city of Los Angeles, just 42 units are in Venice. Of the 9,500+ planned new homes over the next three years only 173 are in Venice. When I hear opposition to this project centering around racist dog whistles like "security concerns" or "those people" it makes me sick to my stomach. We need to end housing segregation in our community and apply an anti-racist approach to how we build our communities. The appellants will surely voice many things, but the effect of not approving this project is indisputable: further segregating our community and deepening our housing crisis. During the engagement process for this project VCH and Safe Place for Youth held weekly public meetings for months, and as you'll be able to see all concerns were addressed. Any further issue taken with this project is in entirely bad faith. The withdrawal I would like to thank you for your initial unanimous approval of this project, and ask that you uphold that decision today. Thank you, Chase Engelhardt

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica de la Cruz
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 09:27 AM
Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition to the Lincoln Apartments Project, and support the appeal filed against it. I have lived in the neighborhood for 47 years and will be directly affected by a building that is over planned for the area. Specifically, the building will be out of scale with the surrounding area. A specific and vital concern is that the plans calls for only six parking spaces for some 98 residents, 25 staff, and 20 volunteers. According to the Venice Specific Plan, it should have 104 spaces for a project this scale and with its operating plan. It is not only insane to impose more burdens on the community given the current parking situations, but also highly negligent. Safe Place for Youth currently operates drop-in services for clients three days a week. Over the last three years, police and fire departments have been called to SPY 117 times, for incidents ranging from Assault with a Deadly Weapon to Violent Mentally Ill, Burglary and Battery. A chain-wielding man from SPY caused a lockdown of adjacent St. Mark school in January. Over 1,000 letters from both nearby businesses and area residents were submitted detailing these concerns. These are not hypotheticals. The adverse impact is real and predictable and it is the reason the Venice Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to oppose this project. I understand the need for more programs and housing, but this project is not to scale with the area, and the track record of the current program raises serious safety concerns. Increased density is meant to be self-sufficient, not a burden on the surrounding community. ***Please Note that I was not able to participate in the public meeting on May 28, as I consistently got a busy signal. ***

Communication from Public

Name: MARK KNIGHT

Date Submitted: 08/31/2020 03:11 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Rick Garvey

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 12:18 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for the Lincoln Apartment project. As a 25 year Venice resident I have seen the disturbing rise of homelessness and worry that the problem will only get worse with the coming rise in evictions. We need to build housing, and we need to build it in Venice. I have worked in public health with homeless populations in LA for 20 years, and understand that Permanent Supportive Housing is an excellent model to get homeless folks successfully transitioned off the street and into housing. I have worked with Alison Hurst and SPY for many of those years and have found her program to be among the finest drop-in centers for homeless youth in the County. I trust that she will continue her success with this new venture. I have seen the positive results of the PSH projects downtown and am excited to have one in my neighborhood. I can't wait to see the new building, and think this stretch of Lincoln is the perfect location for a project like this because it is near major bus lines. It's time for Venice to start building it's share of PSH units, currently of the approximately 6,500 units in the city of Los Angeles, just 42 units are in Venice. As I'm watching million dollar mansions replace affordable housing throughout my neighborhood I want to see housing for someone other than millionaires. Lincoln Apartments is exactly what we need. I respectfully request that the commission rejects the appeal and upholds the original unanimous approval.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 12:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are at least 400 unhoused youth in Venice. This 40-unit project could house 1 in 10. Please do not block this 100% affordable supportive housing project for these kids. This would make an incredible difference in your community. Support those who need support the MOST in your community. Support Lincoln Apartments!

Communication from Public

Name: Valeria

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 01:03 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: Pleaseee support Lincoln Apartments! It is our responsibility to care for the members of our community that have the greatest need. This 40-unit project could house 1 in 10 unhoused youth in Venice. Please do not block this 100% affordable supportive housing project. Support your community and Lincoln Apartments!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Paul Fitz
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 07:22 AM
Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. My name is Mike Fitz. I like to think I am logical, being a trained engineer and scientist. I also like to think I came into my reflection able to see both sides of the issue since I am both a volunteer at Safe Place for Youth or SPY and a parent of graduates of St. Mark School (three of my four children graduated from St. Mark School). As a practicing Catholic I am pleased that my church has listened to the Gospel of Jesus and dropped it's appeal. I stand virtually before you today to say "I support the construction of the Lincoln Apartments." My support of the Lincoln Apartments is derived from four positive points: 1) My understanding is that approximately 80% of homeless transition aged youth or TAY are products of either the foster care or juvenile detention systems. We, as a society, largely created the homeless TAY problem so I encourage you to support this housing as a timely societal mitigation strategy. 2) I note that the greatest growth period of the frontal cortex and ability to make decisions happens during the age range of TAY. The material I have read shows that early housing for TAY, before the stress of chronic homelessness becomes overwhelming, is the path to functional citizenship. Supporting this housing is giving the housed TAY the greatest potential lifetime upside as citizens of our city. 3) In my assessment Lincoln Apartments are in as good a location as possible. The site is on a major street with good transit possibilities and also has significant commercial and employment opportunities for the housed TAY. Putting this shelter on perhaps the busiest street in Venice makes logical sense to me. 4) Co-locating the housing with the TAY services of SPY ensures that needs of the occupants can more effectively and quickly be addressed. My support is also derived from two counterpoints to arguments I have heard in opposition of Lincoln Apartments. 1) There will be an increase in crime because of no sobriety requirement. The Urban Institute report I read showed no statistically significant increase in crime around supportive housing compared to control neighborhoods. My understanding is that housing "first" in conjunction with supportive social services is the best social services practice. So the data does support that building supportive housing, like Lincoln Apartments, will produce the highest probability that the housed TAY will be functional in society. 2) Safety for school children. Each citizen

attending makes risk/reward assessments and decisions continually throughout the course of their life. Yes it is clear if and when the Lincoln Apartments are occupied, the parents at the nearby schools will have another decision/choice to make...should our family stay or should we move to another school. What was deciding for me was to realize that these TAY, who will benefit from the Lincoln Apartments, never have had the ability to make similar choices about their safety. I argue to you that the benefiting homeless TAY are citizens of this great city of LA and equally deserve the rights and opportunities (read constitutionally in the 14 Amendment as “equal protection of the laws”) that are routinely afforded to housed families of our city. These TAY who will hopefully be housed need our support as a community and not our derision. In summary I urge you to support the construction of the Lincoln Apartments.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:12 AM

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Name: Eric Donaldson
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0858
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CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI Dear
PLUM Committee Members, The problems that the children and
families of St. Mark School have witnessed at the SPY facility
that shares property with our campus is due to the poor
management and lack of security at SPY. The shortlist of what
kids have witnessed are as follows: Assault, vandalism, theft,
drug use, public nudity, intoxication, overdose, lewd acts and
verbal abuse directed at children. Forcing a 4 - 14 year-old child
to endure an environment such as this while at their school, is
akin to child abuse. Here's a great quote that you should take in
consideration: I am willing to offend those I'm riding with, to care
for those I'm assigned to. Bishop Omar Jahwar Please listen to
this cry for help, and do the right thing to protect the children of
our community. It takes a village, and these kids are assigned to
us all. For the record, unanimous voting is real. The FBI is
watching: California Penal Code Section 86 PC It is against the
law for a legislator to solicit bribes. This occurs when: A
legislator requests, receives or agrees to receive Money or
something of value with corrupt intent to sell their vote in an
official matter. "Legislators" can include nearly any person
holding a state or local office in which they have the power to
vote on policy matters. This includes state senators and
representatives, city council members, county legislators and
elected officials on school boards. If someone attempts to bribe a
legislator, that legislator need not accept the bribe for a crime to
have been committed. Simply the act of offering the bribe is
enough to violate the statute. A person acts with "corrupt intent"
when they do something in order to unlawfully gain an advantage,
financial or otherwise, for themselves or others. Many thanks,
Eric

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Fitz

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mary Fitz. Once an active member of St. Mark Parish, a teacher at St. Mark School for thirteen years, and a volunteer at SPY, I am proud to say I now work for Safe Place for Youth. I find SPY to be an amazing organization working to support an even more amazing group of young people who have, I can only assume, experienced significantly different lived experiences than myself, those at St. Mark Parish, St. Mark School, and the local neighborhood. Here is an opportunity for these communities to work together to not just house those who are without a home but to welcome them into the Venice community. What a remarkable opportunity to get involved and help make a difference in these young lives. As Robert F. Kennedy once said, “some men see things as they are and ask ‘why?’” while he “dreams things that never were and asks ‘why not.?’” So WHY NOT . . . BE BRAVE, HAVE FAITH . . . the Lincoln Apartments will provide this group of people an opportunity for a better and safer life. I applaud VCH and SPY for addressing the concerns of St. Mark and for making the requested changes that were not in conflict with their mission. I have faith that by working together, the St. Mark Community, Venice Neighborhood, and SPY will make the neighborhood safer while providing the much-needed support and housing for young adults who don't have a home. Please vote yes on this project. Thank you.

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Name: Samuel Parker
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:25 AM
Council File No: 20-0858
Comments for Public Posting: A very strong NO to Lincoln Apartments!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Custer
Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:38 AM
Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: Case File Number 20-0858 Case CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI Dear PLUM Committee Members, From the California Department of Housing and Community Development's web site, describing who Prop 2 housing funding serves. <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/nplh.shtml#background> "Population to be Served Adults with serious mental illness, or children with severe emotional disorders and their families and persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis, suicidality or violence and who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness. At risk of chronic homelessness includes persons who are at high risk of long-term or intermittent homelessness, including persons with mental illness exiting institutionalized settings with a history of homelessness prior to institutionalization, and transition age youth experiencing homelessness or with significant barriers to housing stability." Would any of you with minor children or grandchildren be OK with having them attend school next to folks with psychosis, many prone to and with a history of violence, crossing paths daily as they enter the parish hall? This is what up to half of the Lincoln Apartments will be comprised of, as this project cannot operate without Prop 2 funding. We all realize there is a need to help these folks, but why a location directly next to an elementary school has never been answered by VCH or SPY. Also, how does one of the organizations involved in the project, Safe Place for Youth, whose tax-exempt status is now suspended and under investigation by the California Department of Justice, be allowed to participate? You really cannot make this stuff up.
https://thevenicecurrent.com/2020/09/a-bridge-home-operator-faces-troubled-waters-with-doj/?fbclid=IwAR0nTdV6Mc3A5Zf69PHwMP11-XN4-mI5PQqG7AISjd-8Oix_c9-T-HsfCI
Please do the right thing here and stray away from California Penal Code Section 86. This seems to be the wrong project to risk it all by engaging in unanimous voting. Best Andrew Custer

Case File Number 20-0858
Case CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI
Dear PLUM Committee Members,

From the California Department of Housing and Community Development's web site, describing who Prop 2 housing funding serves.

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/nplh.shtml#background>

"Population to be Served

Adults with serious mental illness, or children with severe emotional disorders and their families and persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis, suicidality or violence and who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness.

At risk of chronic homelessness includes persons who are at high risk of long-term or intermittent homelessness, including persons with mental illness exiting institutionalized settings with a history of homelessness prior to institutionalization, and transition age youth experiencing homelessness or with significant barriers to housing stability."

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Best
Andrew

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Name: Kevin Chu

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:55 AM

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 08:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live 2 blocks from the site of this project I have 3 young children. I am against this project. There are not enough parking spaces to accommodate staff and visitors, meaning those who are visiting the facility will be coming and going adjacent to my property at all hours of the night. More importantly, there is no security system in place to ensure that drug and alcohol addicts and pedophiles will be refused entry, putting neighboring children at high risk. This project was approved by a council whose members do not live near this project and who will not be affected by the project. The operators of the program have a terrible track record. This is the wrong project for this site. There are too many allowances including the setback, building height, and lack of parking to make this project work at this site.

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Name: Erin Serfass

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Name: Varsiann Amerian

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I was on hold for 77 minutes waiting to submit public comment, having to listen to the meeting on my computer. When the committee called my number to speak at 11:17am, the call disconnected me. This is a complete violation of my right to speak to the agenda items. So completely unfair.

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Name: Chris Tilly

Date Submitted: 09/03/2020 11:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0858

Comments for Public Posting: I am Chris Tilly. I have been a Venice resident and homeowner for 11 years, and live within walking distance of the proposed 2467-2471 South Lincoln Apartments, and I support the project. I'm an economist and a Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. The reasons I support Lincoln Apartments are very simple. First, we have an enormous problem of homelessness in LA, and with the current economic crisis, it is going to get worse before it gets better. So we should embrace every feasible opportunity to house folks who are homeless. And second, we know that the housing first model and the permanent supportive housing model work, and Venice Community Housing has a proven track record of successful development and responsible management of projects of exactly this sort. I hope you will reject the appeal and uphold the proposal.

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Name: Jed Pauker

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Agenda item 11 on the Sep. 3 PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE agenda: 2467-2471 South Lincoln Boulevard, aka Lincoln Apartments: As a twenty-three year Venice resident, and with more than a decade of prior public service on Venice Neighborhood Council's elected Board of Officers and appointed Land Use and Planning Committee, I fully support this project and its management model, and I am grateful to see that the Archdiocese neighbor has secured the confidence that it needs to support the project. Further, as a career information technologist, I urge that you REJECT any recommendation received by TODAY's Venice Neighborhood Council, as well as all communications received from any email address at FightBackVenice.com or FightBackVenice.org, based on observation and inspection of form emails sent from Fight Back Venice email addresses to Venice Neighborhood Council and to City staff. Basis for this advisement is that ALL emails ever sent via the Fight Back Venice web site - regarding this and all other projects since the site's creation - are clearly unverified and untrustworthy as to a sender's identity (whether living, dead or imaginary) and even as to the existence of a sender's physical or email address and zip code. Further, the Fight Back Venice web site has never confirmed and still fails to confirm whether those emails are issued by unique senders or by ONE PERSON in an effort to trump up the voice of a "lone wolf" into a fictitious chorus of chaos to fool recipients. Again, I support the Lincoln Apartments project and its positive mission, and I thank you for your service.

Vote No on Lincoln Apartments: Stop Putting Our Kids in Danger and Stop Overpriced, Oversized Projects

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Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 9:19 AM PDT

Dear City Planning Commission and local leaders,

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the Lincoln Apartments project (**Case CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI**), proposed by Venice Community Housing Corporation.

This project is grossly unfair to Venice's most vulnerable and most important residents: school-age children. It is outrageous that funding for the project is expected to depend on the inclusion of residents with drug addiction and severe mental illness (Prop 2) despite having NO sober living requirement and no requirement to seek treatment. Bordering directly on St. Mark School (who opposes the project) and on the same street as Coeur d'Alene Elementary and Young Minds Preschool, the project will intensify the existing and well-documented threat posed by some clients of Safe Place for Youth in the neighborhood.

Evidence from the existing SPY drop-in center and a nearby VCH supportive housing project shows an alarming increase in police calls for crimes including **assault with a deadly weapon, battery, burglary, theft, and vandalism**. St. Mark has called in police when SPY clients harassed students and parishioners, including one who caused a **school lockdown** by wielding a chain and smashing windows. Yet, in a written answer to these concerns, VCH says it sees no need for a security guard at the Lincoln Apartments. SPY already ignores many of its neighbor's complaints. Homeless housing projects are **already over concentrated in our community**. While Venice accounts for only 15% of Council District 11, 48% of supportive housing units located in neighborhoods in CD11 will be located in Venice.

We adamantly oppose this four-story supportive housing project, which will **dwarf the surrounding neighborhood** and surely cause parking problems in the neighborhood as it will have **only 6 parking spaces** for up to 98 residents and 45 staff and volunteers. Furthermore, the \$20 million budget to build 40 units (at a cost of \$500K each) depletes at an exorbitant rate, public funds that could be used to help many more homeless people.

The project makes little sense economically amidst the devastation wrought by COVID-19 and represents a threat to the well-being of the 800 children who live on or attend one of the three schools on the street. Both those experiencing homelessness and our children deserve better than this over-priced and poorly conceived project. We urge you to vote against it.

Thank you,

Howdy Doody
Zippy

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Fallon

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Comments for Public Posting: For the Record: Spokesperson for applicant stated that the project which is benefiting from TOC bonuses is located near bus stops at Ocean Park Blvd and Lincoln. This is over 2 miles away. The large commercial space which requires parking was also conveniently dropped from the comments by the applicant and the numerous employees who spoke in favor of the project.