

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Case CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI Dear PLUM Committee Members, I am a longtime resident of Venice, I LIVE WITHIN 500 FEET OF THIS PROJECT AND HAVE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN, and 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) 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. NOW THEY ARE PLANNING TO OFFER SERVICES 7 DAYS A WEEK! 2) Safety For My Children To Move About Their Neighborhood. Safety for a grade school children that share a separating wall with proposed housing. 3) 20 Million Dollars for 40 Beds is not best use of taxpayer money to support homeless youth 4) This is not wanted by our Venice community. We already have housing in this area and we are unfairly being used as a location for all westside transitional housing. 5) We as residents deserve security. SPY cannot guarantee security for neighbors. And many other factors from land use, zoning, lack of parking, will put huge burden on adjacent residents. I urge you to take a closer look at this project, and not allow it to move forward as proposed. Thank you, David Barach Venice Resident

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Name: Eric Donaldson
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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Eric Donaldson and I am speaking on Item #11 - The proposed Lincoln Apartments. I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I moved to Venice around 1993. I'm ashamed of our city. In 2020 the number of unhoused in the City of Los Angeles rose 14.2 % from the previous year. In Mike Bonin's District CD 11, which includes Venice, Pacific Palisades, Westchester and Brentwood, to name a few, homelessness is up 40%. The percentage of CD 11 Unhoused In Venice, however, is up 61%. Houston, we have a problem. But, Lincoln Apartments is not affordable housing for those unhoused in Venice. Let's look at the numbers: Venice Community Housing Invoice: \$23 Million Funding Source: Taxpayers Number Of Units: 40 Cost To Build Per Unit: \$575,000 The number of L.A. County unhoused this proposed project will support is .03%. Guaranteed Housing For Those Currently Unhoused In Venice: 0% How can we, in good conscience, call this affordable housing? And how can we say that this project will support the unhoused in Venice? A man I admire greatly, Bishop Omar Jahwar, once said, "I am willing to offend those I'm riding with, to care for those I'm assigned to." Lincoln Apartments supports the developer, not the people living on the streets of Venice who truly need our help. Just think how many people \$23 million could benefit, when spent responsibly. This spending is irresponsible and everyone who approves this should be ashamed of themselves. I oppose this project.