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Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 8:27 AM

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Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2026 07:22:27 -0800

Subject: Stop using City money to kill affordable housing

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Dear Councilmembers,

I'm grateful to have been informed about the ongoing well-funded fight to prevent this already-approved Venice Dell project from going forward and we concur completely with the sentiments in support of this project.

In these terrible times, please reject this City Attorney request and put this opposition campaign to rest so that you can focus your energies and important work on the critical issues we must come together on!

Janet and Jim Kotos

37 year residents of Venice, CA

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Sincerely,

Michele Prichard, Mar Vista Resident, CD11

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Brett Hollenbeck

Los Angeles, 90230

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Faith Myhra

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All the best in the world,

Kwanza

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I live in CD11, Venice. CA

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Ron Rouda and Nancy Loncke

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Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2026 00:23:00 +0000

Subject: Stop using City money to kill affordable housing

Dear Councilmembers,

I am a resident of CD11, at 12550 Rosy Circle in Mar Vista.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2026 16:21:56 -0800

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Thanks,
Jessica

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