



January 27, 2026

Re: Council File 24-0971

City Council Meeting of January 28th, Agenda Item 22

Need to Support the City Attorney's Request for Funds for Legal Services to Defend the City Against the Venice Dell-related Meritless Lawsuits.

To: City Councilmembers and City Clerk

We are extremely concerned with the serious legal, procedural and financial irregularities regarding the Venice Dell project. The City is being pressured to concede to a fiscal "boondoggle" that shifts massive costs and liabilities onto taxpayers under the guise of "community benefit."

The astronomical price tag of a currently estimated \$233 million (includes an estimated \$70 million market value of the City's land and the estimated City cost for the new parking structure) results in an estimated cost of **\$2.1 million per average 400 sq. ft. unit, for 113 net new units of "affordable housing"** (3 of the 120 units are for managers and 4 units replace the already existing affordable housing on the site). According to the developers, the cost per unit (presumably only includes \$130 million of total project cost to them) is \$1.1 million. **Whether the cost per unit is \$2.1 million "all-in" or \$1.1 million without the land and garage cost, it is an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars!**

Estimated "All-in" Cost per Net New Affordable Unit--Venice Dell (1.26.26)	
<u>Project cost</u>	
130,401,064 **	Total project cost per developers (from 1/14/26 project pro forma for L.A. County Development Authority (LACDA))
22,000,000	Most recent estimated cost for new garage structure, to be paid by City
14,600,000	Interest on MICLA loan for new garage structure, to be paid by City over 20 years
-3,400,000	Reduce by \$3.4 million assuming this appraisal value is included by developer in total project cost
<u>70,000,000</u>	Market value estimate of project site
<u>233,601,064</u>	"All-in" project cost
<u>Units</u>	
120	Total project units
-3	Manager units
-4	Replacement units
<u>113</u>	Net new affordable units
233,601,064	"All-in" project cost
<u>113</u>	Net new affordable units
2,067,266	Cost per 113 net new average 400 SF unit
\$2.1 million	
** Per unit cost per developer is \$130,401,064 divided by 120 units = \$1.1 million	
Note 1: even using the City's \$34 million 2016 appraisal instead of \$70 million, the cost per net new unit is \$1.8 million.	
Note 2: even using 120 total units instead of 113, the cost per unit is \$1.97 million (rounds to \$2.0 million)	

This is just the type of project that is attracting national attention for misuse/overuse of taxpayer funds and not following state and federal laws in place to protect the taxpayers.

Even a Superior Court Judge could see the potential gift and noted at trial (in the transcript record), “Look, you have very good arguments they are squandering money here.” This is reason enough to walk away from this project! Excerpt from June 2022 DDA trial transcript, page 19:

THE COURT: I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS OKAY.

LOOK, YOU HAVE VERY GOOD ARGUMENTS THEY ARE
SQUANDERING MONEY HERE. OKAY. I AM NOT SUBSCRIBING TO

Clearly, there is no question that the Board of Transportation Commissioners (BOTC) decision is valid and stands. As per Deputy City Attorney John Heath’s comments at the Coastal Commission hearing for the Venice Dell, as the City’s statutorily designated manager of all City owned parking lots, the BOTC is authorized to determine whether lot #731 should be utilized as proposed and/or whether other City parking lots are better options **to balance the urgent need for more affordable housing with parking for coastal access**. Typically, BOTC would have considered such a significant proposal to re-develop lot #731 much earlier in the City’s review process; however, due to prior litigation and other claims against the City and developer, the BOTC hearing on the project was delayed. However, on December 10, 2024, the BOTC voted 5 to nothing to deny the use of lot #731 for the proposed project and to consider using adjacent lot #701 to develop affordable housing. At that BOTC hearing, the Commissioners spoke about the importance of doing everything within the City’s power to address the affordable housing crisis and balancing this work with the need to facilitate better solutions for public coastal access and related public transportation solutions.

The BOTC also noted the potentially significant fiscal impacts of the proposed project during a time of fiscal crisis in the City. Projected construction costs have significantly increased, and the City would have been required to commit over \$20 million dollars to a new parking structure to replace an existing surface parking lot that generates approximately \$750,000 each year. Under the City Charter, BOTC’s action was final as a super majority of City Council members did not take the matter up within five council meeting days.

The BOTC approval issue went before Judge Chalfant in Superior Court in June 2022. Regarding the required BOTC approval, the Judge stated: “They can kill the deal, right? They can say ‘Oh, no, this parking structure is not good, we don’t want it here, we disapprove,’ in which case the project can’t go forward unless the City Council overturns that.” According to the City that is exactly right, and the City Council did not overturn the BOTC ruling; thus, the ruling stands. Excerpt from June 2022 DDA trial transcript, page 27:

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CAN SAY "OH, NO, THIS PARKING STRUCTURE IS NO GOOD, WE
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OVERTURNS THAT.

Below are a few of the many false claims, misrepresentations and/or violations of law, which together have corrupted the process and the project, as well as invalidated the DDA:

Possible Violation of Surplus Land Act

An administrative bait and switch circumvented the state Surplus Land Act law when this City owned land was offered up to the Affordable Housing Opportunity Site (AHOS) program in 2016 by Mayor Garcetti, CAO Miguel Santana and CD-11 Councilman Mike Bonin, all of whom knowingly falsely represented that the land was “surplus, vacant or underutilized,” which was material to the decision to put the land into the AHOS program. The site was neither surplus, vacant nor underutilized. The site has been used for decades for Coastal Commission-required visitor-serving parking, coastal access, a required boat launch for access to the Venice Canals, as well as a 4-unit multi-family building, housing low-income families. This false claim was later quietly “corrected” in a 2019 City Council motion describing the lot as **“heavily utilized by the public to access recreational opportunities at Venice Beach.”** The motion goes on to say, **“The reuse of City property must strike the right balance between affordable housing and other public benefits, including coastal access.”** The effect of the 2019 Council motion was to perpetuate the project even though it had originally been approved in possible violation of the Surplus Land Act, while at the same time transferring the cost of the visitor-serving parking on to the City. The City would be responsible for replacing the coastal parking with a public parking garage structure at a cost of over \$36 million in debt service, *including principal of an estimated \$22 million and interest of approximately \$14 million, over 20 years.* The City would also lose somewhere between \$750,000 to \$1 million per year in beach parking revenue as this income would be required to go towards the debt service for the new garage structure. Excerpt from May 2022 CAO report, including erroneous statement that the \$7.8 million interest *is included in* the \$19 million garage cost (based on 4 year old costs no longer accurate):

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based on the Key Terms and Conditions attached to the LAHD's Report. The project will result in the construction of 68 units of supportive housing for households experiencing homelessness, 34 units of affordable housing for low-income individuals, 34 units of affordable housing for low-income artists, and four unrestricted manager units. The project will also include a public parking structure of approximately 244 parking spaces, which are comprised of 27 Beach Impact Parking spaces, two Boat Launch Spaces (short-term) parking spaces, 196 replacement parking spaces, and up to 19 additional parking spaces. It is expected that the public parking structure will be financed by the City with Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) lease revenue bonds. The issuance of MICLA debt is a General Fund obligation. The 2022-23 Proposed Budget contains \$11,645,634 in MICLA authorization to finance the first year of construction costs. The total estimated cost to construct the public parking structure is \$19,492,682. Additional MICLA authorization totaling \$7,847,048 will be required in 2023-24 to pay for the remaining project cost. The total estimated debt service for the public parking would be \$19,490,000, including interest of approximately \$7,844,000. The estimated interest is based on a 20-year bond issuance at a 5.5 percent interest rate. Actual interest rates may differ as rates are dependent on market conditions at the time of issuance. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the LAHD Report.

Fortunately, the “right balance” referred to in the 2019 motion was finally achieved with the BOTC's December 10, 2024 decision that existing beach parking must remain on Lot #731, to preserve visitor coastal access and allow for a much needed transit hub, and that the affordable housing should be relocated to Lot # 701, directly across the street. This decision corrected any violation of the state's Surplus Land Act as Lot # 701 is underutilized. Feasibility analyses for these two projects have been subsequently advanced by City Council in 2025.

Re-Use Analysis and Loan Committee Reports Withheld from City Council

City Council decision makers were not provided, prior to voting on the DDA agreement, with the Keyser Marston Re-Use Analysis that purports to justify the \$1/year lease amount (for 99 years). A \$3.349 million manipulated appraisal was used for the Re-Use analysis so that (as

per Superior Court Judge Chalfant) the consultant was able to knock down the market value from the original appraisal done by the City of \$34 million so that the “fair reuse” of the property would be 0 or less and the City could charge the developers only a dollar. The subsequent lower appraisal also lowered the cost per unit which enabled the state funding. Excerpt from June 2022 DDA trial transcript, page 6:

SO -- AND THEN THE PETITIONERS POINT OUT THE HORRIBLES OF THIS CASE, WHICH IS THAT THERE WAS A FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY IN 2016 AT \$34 MILLION, NONETHELESS, THE FAIR USE ANALYSIS WAS PREPARED BY THE CITY'S CONSULTANT KM -- WHICH I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT THE NAME OF KM IS, ANYWAY IT'S KM -- AND MISS ROMNEY, R-O-M-E-Y, WHO STARTED WITH A MORE RECENT APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AT ONLY \$3.349 MILLION DOLLARS SAID SHE HAD TROUBLE BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO KNOCK IT DOWN SO THAT THE FAIR REUSE OF THE PROPERTY WITH CONSTRUCTION OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE ZERO SO THAT THE CITY COULD CHARGE THE DEVELOPERS ONLY A DOLLAR.

However, the re-use analysis also demonstrates that **with any appraisal amount the annual rent would come to the \$1 per year lease for 99 years**, rendering the re-use analysis justification meaningless and “an exercise” (also validated by Housing Department senior staff in a deposition). This means that *transferring the land for the Venice Dell project, which is some of the most valuable land in the City but materially undervalued for this analysis, would, in fact, be an unconstitutional gift of public assets.*

The April 6, 2022 Loan Committee Report was also not provided to City Council before its decision on the DDA. This report warned of **several material project risks**, including the disclosure that PBV (Project Based Vouchers) funding PSH units were guaranteed for only 20 years, creating immediate negative NOI risk thereafter. Excerpt from Loan Committee Report:

Project Risk

The Developer has experience with similar projects and has a successful track record.

However, the PBV vouchers will only be guaranteed for 20 years. If the contract is not extended therefore, the Project is expected to experience immediate negative NOI if this were to occur.

City Councilmembers were also not made aware that the lease for \$1/year for 99 years loses its “affordable status” in just 55 years, when the deed restrictions expire. **The plan for the remaining 44 years is unknown.**

Before any decisions are made with respect to Venice Dell, the City Council **must** demand to see an updated reuse analysis and loan analysis. These documents are now 4 years old and, based on the current financial and economic conditions, as predicted in the risk factors included in the initial reuse analysis, many risk factors have become the reality, such as increased interest rates and construction costs.

While the developers and those to benefit from the tax credits profit, the public loses land valued at an estimated \$70 million, while also losing approximately \$1 million in annual revenue from the current beach parking and paying \$36 million in debt service for a new garage structure.

This Venice Dell project has been corrupted and must not be revived. The costs are astronomical and embarrassing and there is huge future liability. The Press would have a field day with an approval of this project. The whole world would wonder why the City of Los Angeles would make such a terrible decision, especially in the wake of so much corruption in the “homeless industrial complex.” Sadly, the people benefiting most from this transaction would be the developers and investors, not the “unhoused,” not the community, and not the millions of visitors to Venice Beach.

There are vastly better alternatives- specifically lot #701, already approved for an affordable housing feasibility study and truly underutilized, directly across the street.

Please provide the funding to fight off these meritless lawsuits, which is a much cheaper and much more efficient option than moving ahead with this wildly expensive and risky project!

Thank you-

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Key concerns:

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