

MOTION

Commercial uses are an engine of economic development. They are the source of employment, and also a catalyst to revive entire neighborhoods and communities, and also wherein other uses, such as but not limited to, housing can also take place, and/or mixed-use developments.

As such, it behooves that the Council direct the Department of City Planning to provide clarity as to any land use policy documents that restrict commercial uses, or that limit by zoning wherein commercial uses can be sited.

It is of critical importance that the Council direct the Department of City Planning to prepare an amendment to the Certified Venice Land Use Plan (LUP) to clarify Policy I.C.1, which currently states that '*commercial use of industrially designated land shall be restricted,*' inasmuch as California Coastal Commission staff have interpreted this language as a prohibition on commercial uses on industrially designated land, which is inconsistent with the City's longstanding practice of allowing certain commercial uses on industrially designated land as allowed in the Zoning Code, and more specifically, within the Venice Coastal Zone.

More specifically, one project located in the Venice Coastal Zone is currently delayed because California Coastal Commission staff will not agendize the application until the LUP language is clarified. In addition, several similar projects proposing commercial uses on industrially designated land are currently in the pipeline, and their timely review will be affected by this same issue. To prevent further project delays, it is necessary to act urgently to amend the Certified Venice LUP to explicitly confirm that commercial uses are permitted on industrially designated land consistent with City practice in other geographies of the City, and as allowed in the City's Zoning Code.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, and in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the Certified Venice Land Use Plan to clarify Policy I.C.1 (*Industrial Land Use*), to explicitly prescribe that commercial uses are permitted on industrially designated land.

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