



Venice Neighborhood Council

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MOTION BACKGROUND: Los Angeles Public Works (LAPW) has proposed the Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) at 128 Hurricane St and an associated parking lot for employees and limited public use at 133 Hurricane St, MDR. The residents acknowledge the VAPP is considered critical infrastructure. From 2017 through and including the final city approval process, LAPW never meaningfully and materially addressed issues raised by the community. In fact, the City Planning Commission instructed LAPW to meet with the community. Nothing changed because of those meetings despite a multitude of suggestions and proposals offered to LAPW. The issues include, but are not limited to:

1. Conformance with the certified Venice LUP (Policies I.A.5, I.C.1, I.C.6, and I.D.1);
2. Meeting established Public Benefit standards including a 10' landscaped, irrigated buffer along all property lines. The performance standards applied to this project are applicable to those on a major or secondary highway, not a residential street;
3. Adherence to court-mandated ESHA protections in the Ballona Lagoon/Grand Canal area including no dredging and/or use of heavy equipment both of which are part of the project plan;
4. Mitigation of EIR issues related to loss of species and habitat, groundwater impact, and potentially significant methane gas release. The community has put forth a plan to address some of these issues;
5. Mitigation of "significant and unavoidable" construction-related issues including ground-borne vibration which could result in residential building damage, and, construction noise that exceeds LA CEQA Thresholds guidelines;
6. Improvement of inadequate emergency access during construction activities;
7. Change to five day/week construction and more restricted hours in lieu of six days/week;
8. Elimination of the proposed parking lot at 128 Hurricane St. for which parking requirements can be fulfilled via restricted street parking around the current Venice Pumping Plant (VPP), at a savings of at least \$2.5 million to the city;
9. Modification of the project design so that it is compatible with the residentially zoned neighborhood;
10. Actionable protection of residential properties from dirt, dust and other construction impacts;
11. Upgrade of a deficient maintenance plan for both the new and existing facility.

The intention of this motion is not to stop a necessary infrastructure project. It is to seek a meaningful, results-oriented dialogue with Public Works to identify reasonable solutions for these issues.
