

January 17, 2006

City of Los Angeles
City Hall
Planning Department
200 South Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: 796 Main Street, Venice, California
Amuse Cafe
Case No. ZA 2005-2021 (CDP) (ZV) (PAB) (SPP)

Dear Madam/Sir:

We, Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council, request that you deny subject project.

Applicant is asking to increase their square footage without providing adequate parking. They are asking for offsite parking which belongs to an existing business on Abbot Kinney Boulevard which will not be recorded but rather be merely a written lease.

The added square footage on the front upstairs patio was added by the property owner without permits from Public Works. The underlying land belongs to the City of Los Angeles on a revocable permit which does not allow the structure to exist in the first place.

We respectfully request that in the future any Venice projects going through the City of Los Angeles Planning Department must first be reviewed by the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council's Land Use and Planning Committee. After such a review the entire Board of Officers will advise the Planning Department of their recommendation.

Sincerely,

Ms. DeDe Audet, President
Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council