



Venice Neighborhood Council

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March 1, 2009

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Development of County Land In Marina Del Rey

Dear Bill:

I write to inform you that, since October 2008, the Venice Neighborhood Council's (VNC) Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) has asked Goldrich & Kest to come before LUPC to present its proposed 114-unit retirement hotel development on Marina del Rey Parcel OT, LA County Project R2006-01510, which is presently developed as a Los Angeles County parking lot with 183 spaces. Goldrich & Kest has simply ignored our requests, notwithstanding the fact that this project will have a significant impact on the Venice community.

It is our understanding that Goldrich & Kest's proposed project will be six-stories, 65 feet high with a minimal setback on the Washington side and 5000 square feet of retail space located along Washington Boulevard. The project appears to be out of scale with the neighboring City properties it faces. And, it looks like it will have a substantial impact on Washington Boulevard traffic, the neighboring communities, and City planning in the Venice area. It also appears that it will eliminate much needed parking spaces from the community.

Finally, the proposed project seems as if it will have a significant impact on the adjacent Oxford Flood Control Basin. This basin is rich with wildlife, including many migratory species. It is an important asset to both the Venice & Marina Del Rey communities.

Given the significant impact that the proposed project may have on the Venice community, we ask that you (and those copied on this correspondence) review this project and urge Goldrich & Kest to appear before the VNC's LUPC to present it to the community. We would also appreciate any information you have - or Regional Planning has - pertaining to the proposed project, such as plans, drawings, surveys, maps, reports and studies (as but a few examples, environmental impact reports and



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traffic studies), etc. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike R. Newhouse".

Mike Newhouse
President
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Cc: Goldrich & Kest
Mr. Sherman Gardner
Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Department of Regional Planning
California Coastal Commission