

## Belvedere gazebo

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To: La Jolla Community Planning Association <info@lajollacpa.org>

Please make these comments available to the public. Thank you for your assistance in addressing this very important matter.

To All Whom It May Concern:

I am the property owner on Neptune Pl for nearly ten years. I voiced my concerns during the public comments of the LJPB Zoom meeting this past Monday, and have been advised that I ought follow up in writing to go on record.

Be aware that I am a community-minded, proud resident of La Jolla, and am generally supportive of ideas and activities that enhance the lives of our neighbors as well as the community environment.

Further, I value, respect and appreciate people who devote their time and energy to the betterment of La Jolla and San Diego.

That said, I am opposed to this Gazebo project for the following reasons:

1. Windansea Beach, Birdrock and the Hut - not to forget the La Jolla Cove - are iconic, nationally-known tourist attractions; we simply do not need another. Why?
  - parking is already a major problem
  - the area is chronically congested due to cars, motorcycles, bicyclists, dog-walkers, strolling lovers, and beach-side weddings
2. It will become a danger to residents and visitors. One of the charms of the area is that it is one of the only places in San Diego where people can drive (or walk along Neptune Pl) with an unfettered view of the Pacific Ocean; this should be preserved and treasured!  
More traffic will bring more cars to dodge, more motorcycles that, for reasons unknown, feel the need to accelerate along the ocean. There are no crosswalks or traffic lights - nor should there be.
3. No businesses will benefit from this gazebo, and few people will even actually use any such structure. People come to the beach for the sun, surf, and activities. Gazebos, for many, are a sentimental tribute to yesteryear - hardly a project for which your progressive organization will want to be remembered, acknowledged, or cursed.
4. It will not enhance property values; in fact, it may very well hurt them. Instead, experience shows that such decisions become costly, high-maintenance white-elephants; distractions rather than attractions or enhancements.
5. There will be an increased liability risk for the City and all involved; physical structures on public property are injury-conducive and tort and civil-suit producers.

I am glad to elaborate on any of the above points, and assure that there are more. Further, as the

newly designated President of our HOA, this proposed gazebo has been identified as our number one immediate concern. I understand that we are not alone in our opposition.

We respectfully request and suggest that you shelf this project. Let us and others provide some input into a greater, more community-minded and less risk-laden use of your valuable time, dedication and resources.

Sincerely,

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