

## Belvedere at Windansea

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

To who it may concern:

I strongly disagree with any construction on our sensitive and delicate bluffs and I am worried about adding anything that incorporates an enclosed area hidden from view from the street. These two concerns of safety and environmental impact are quite valid.

First off, I am a native La Jollan who played in that old Belvedere until it was torn down. I walked down sadly to see it after its sudden and terrible removal! My childhood drawing of a blue bird is in the concrete near the area in question. I was born on Camino de da Costa in the 6300 block and live on Winamar Ave right above Big Rock. I have lived here my whole life. I have experienced many changes at our precious beach over these fifty plus years too. In the last few years at night my most alarming concern is from smugglers boats, drug deals and sex trafficking. These are really happening here.

A Gazebo could give shelter to exacerbate this situation. We live in a beautiful bubble. But some time ago that bubble popped for me and I saw with grim reality the terror lurking right here too when my own child was threatened! I can tell you young girls openly sitting on even the rocks can be a target to predators! My own grown daughter (in her twenties) was stalked and lured away right there too one late afternoon in June just sitting on those rocks. Believe me adding a "shelter" there is like adding fuel to the fire! So for safety reasons I much prefer wide open spaces!

I have environmental concerns too.

Our ocean and beaches should be left pristine and be protected. Not jack hammered and retrofitted. We have squirrels, water run off and massive erosion problems. Our bluffs are already at risk of collapsing. To have the natural state dug up and replaced with rebar (toxic rust) and concrete which will deteriorate over time and cost the city more money is concerning! Peeling green paint and microorganisms and sea life blended together seem like a bad idea just a few feet from a high tide. This location is much closer to the waves than those at the Cove. I really think no construction should happen at all in such a delicate habitat. I am very pro environment and a man made construction in today's age just has no place that close to the sand.

If you want more seating add something natural that blends with the environment. Whoever did the long rock benches at Windansea Beach did a fantastic job:

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They add a natural beauty to the space while providing ample seating for everyone to relish our breathtaking sunsets (no paint, splintering wood, rebar or concrete). Why would you block the walkers view of our sunsets from the sidewalk of one of the most famous beaches in the world either? Leave the beautiful horizon unbroken!!!

Please committee I humbly ask you to consider a natural open air "Beach Perch" and not a walled off and covered man made structure.

Keep the Cove area cohesive with the Belvederes and add more there if you must. The trees and shrubs already break up the horizon in that location. Windansea and Neptune Street is unique! So yes, please expand the fabulous beautification of the look already in place at the Windansea parking lot all the way South to the Big Rock area. But keep the great look you already have and keep it wide open for safety!

Have you read the new revenue for San Diego Sex trafficking this past year? We are a boarder town and trafficking is a huge problem now.

READ THIS:

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/investigations/rise-in-reports-of-child-sex-trafficking-exploitation-cases-during-covid-19/2388917/>

This is a REAL THREAT and your actions could provide shelter for this ugliness!

Instead, let's be "Green" (Natural rocks and native plants are way cool too) but without green paint on the beach. Let's beautify with elements from nature and create a natural setting for sitting and enjoying the scenery.

Let's be "Blue" too and keep rubble, rusty rebar and concrete out of our oceans.

Lastly let's be "transparent" and let there be wide open and safe vistas for all to be enjoyed. With lifeguards, and police full visibility of any and all actions taking place on our beaches, bluffs and sidewalks along the sand.

I close by saying I applaud and value your efforts. I so appreciate all your hard work protecting our communities and keeping them cool looking, clean and safe.

Thank you so much for considering my concerns!

Sincerely,

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