

David Paris

From: Jennifer Everhart <jenny@everhartstudio.com>
Sent: Friday, December 5, 2025 1:09 PM
To: LUPC@venicenc.org
Cc: David Paris; David Reiss
Subject: the Brig (updated)

Dear Venice neighborhood council,

We have lived across the street from the Brig, (directly across the street 1520 AKB) since 1997, the bar has been there 75 years, a true Venice historical landmark. We are very excited about the proposed improvements and upgrades to the alfresco area.

After the 2020 close down, the then-parking lot became a 24 a toilet with constant drug activity. With the proposed improvements, We feel much safer, as it is a great deterrent for all sorts of crimes, we appreciate the beautiful outdoor lighting, SECURITY guards and all the activity from the bar. The Brig have always been great neighbors to us, We have never had an issue with the noise, We hope you'll consider how much we truly value their contribution to our neighborhood.

They un paved a parking lot and put up a paradise,
Jennifer & Tom Everhart

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From: Nicholaus Goossen <nickygoose@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:00 AM
To: David Paris
Subject: Fwd: The Brig

It says it bounced back

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicholaus Goossen <nickygoose@mac.com>
Subject: The Brig
Date: December 4, 2025 at 9:54:19 AM PST
To: "LUPC@venicenc.org" <LUPC@VeniceNC.org>

Good morning, LUPC -

My name is Nicholaus Goossen and I live in Venice @ 1611 Abbot Kinney Blvd, on the same side of the street as The Brig, just across Palms.

I've been residing at this address since November 2019, and having experienced the shutdowns of 2020 and 2021 here on Abbot Kinney, I can say wholeheartedly that The Brig being open as many hours as possible is a net positive to the community.

Personally I don't have problems with "noise", especially since there can be outbursts at all hours of the day, with or without The Brig.

In my opinion, The Brig, and all the other surrounding businesses in operation (especially restaurants and bars open till 2am), keep true criminals and vagrants away from the area.

It used to be a nightly occurrence having random vagrants in my driveway, that has all subsided greatly since The Brig has expanded their hours and presence.

Employees are closing up until approximately 3am, and that leaves only an hour or two of "night stalking" time until the Erewhon trucks start making their deliveries at about 4:30am / 5am.

I much prefer the sloppy drunks over the roving bands of criminals, and clearly the neighborhood craves a place like this - otherwise it wouldn't be so popular.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

NG
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Luis Lopez
Senior City Planner
Los Angeles City Planning

RE: SUPPORT FOR DIR-2025-2993-CDP - 1515-1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd (The Brig)

December 12, 2025

Dear Mr. Lopez,

I am writing on behalf of the Venice Chamber of Commerce to urge your full and enthusiastic support for the permanent Al Fresco designation for 1515-1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd (The Brig).

The Brig has operated an Al Fresco outdoor patio for over five years under a city-issued Al Fresco Temporary Approval during the COVID-19 emergency (2020). Building Permits for the permanent conversion of the patio were submitted in June 2024 and approved in March 2025. The permanent CDP application was submitted in May 2025 and has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce is the oldest organization in Venice and we speak on behalf of our nearly 400 members who employ over 10,000 people locally. The Brig is also a Venice landmark business, serving residents and visitors for over half a century.

Their plan both the Al Fresco and adjacent interior components are thoughtful, aesthetic and an impressive benefit to the community. The outdoor patio currently meets and will continue to enforce all of the applicable Al Fresco regulations including seating distances/accessibility, food service, and security; hours of operations are consistent with the established “deemed approved” entitlement; and no forms of live music, entertainment, or TVs will be permitted during normal operations

The property owner and operator are stalwart, generous and engaged members of the local community. They provide excellent service at reasonable prices, something increasingly rare and have turned The Brig into a “must-visit” for anyone coming to Venice and the Los Angeles coast.

Outdoor dining has become essential to our restaurants’ survival, especially in the Coastal Zone. The City of Los Angeles needs to support local businesses as they continue to confront high costs and restrictive regulations that are pushing them toward a breaking point at a time when the hospitality industry is still grappling with the economic aftermath of the pandemic.

We urge to approve this application to improve The Brig and thereby improve the entire community of Venice. This is an overwhelming benefit for the neighborhood, the city of Los Angeles and visitors the world over.

Sincerely,



George Francisco
Director of Policy & Planning
Venice Chamber of Commerce

Board Chair
Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce (WC3)

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