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January 25, 2021

To: Mayor Murillo and City Council

Re: Appeal of the Planning Commission's Approval of a Coastal Development Permit for Bicycle Share Stations in the Coastal Zone (Council Agenda item #15, 1/26/21)

Madam Mayor and Council Members,

Allied Neighborhoods Association has provided three comment letters on this bike share program - two to the Historic Landmarks Commission meetings on the project, and a subsequent letter to the Planning Commission hearing for the Coastal Development Permit (CDP). Council was provided our letters at those times.

The Planning Commission CDP hearing lasted hours and their motion included important revisions to the Conditions of Approval. Attachment 5 includes both their approved Minutes with revisions to the Conditions and the project Resolution 010-20.

Of upmost importance are the Conditions in the Resolution, II.A. Together they try to minimize visual impacts of the bike equipment to scenic views of the ocean-side of the Boulevard, the beach and the ocean.

Regarding kiosks, our comments included that kiosks were not appropriate or necessary on the ocean side of the Boulevard and recommended, if needed, they could be located on the other side of the street or in other locations (such as the Funk Zone). We were pleased Planning Commission agreed with us (Condition II.A.4).

We appreciate Planning Commission's efforts to try to minimize impacts to important scenic views. We are stewards of this Waterfront area, remembering those before us who contributed to and helped create this wonderful public resource.

Sincerely,
Allied Neighborhoods Association

Cc: Allison DeBusk, Renee Brooke, Daniel Gullett, Ariel Calonne, Paul Casey