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I listened to the Planning Commission hearing for the Galleria property project. The Commission was spot on denying the plan. The building is planned to be constructed so that the back of the building faces Venice Ave. Apparently, the original site plan for the whole complex allowed this. Think about it. When driving down the main "gateway" to Venice you will pass by the back of a shopping strip mall.....like driving behind a Publix store ; service entrances, delivery trucks, smoking breaks, YUK. And, a drive-thru lane is planned to go adjacent to the sidewalk! The Planning Commission actually took visual appeal into consideration and the safety of sidewalk walkers. We want our community to look good for the folks traveling down the Avenue towards town. The Planning Commission votes that were positive appeared to be pre-determined. Come on folks. Do it right.
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From: [Dennis Block](#)
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Subject: Please Deny Appeal Re: Petition No. 20-08SP [Galleria on Venice Ave.]
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Dear Mayor Feinsod and Council Members,

I urge you to follow-suit with the Planning Commission's denial of Site and Development Plan Amendment Petition No. 20-08SP for the development of a commercial/retail building on an outparcel of the Galleria at 1460 E. Venice Avenue.

I attended [by zoom] the Planning Commission's August public hearing regarding this petition. I highly agree with concerns raised over building siting [rear of building facing sidewalk and Venice Avenue]. Drive-through feasibility [facing on-coming west-bound Venice Ave. traffic]. And, lack of screening "back-door" deliveries, employee "break areas", and temporary garbage containers; immediately adjacent to the public sidewalk. The public's "walk down the sidewalk" and/or "drive down the avenue" shouldn't have to view, hear, or smell: Dumpster screens, drive through and delivery lanes, sparse landscaping, employee and delivery doors--for over a city block in length.

It should be noted, two buildings--the new Venice Police Station across the avenue; and the adjacent *The Eye Associates* building in progress; are compatible examples, aesthetically pleasing, to the neighborhood. They set a desired look of [Venice Avenue] front-facing buildings, with well landscaped sites and screened amenities.

Please say "NO" to the appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of Site and Development Plan Amendment Petition No. 20-08SP. Thank-you.

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