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Mayor Holic and Venice City Council:

I was extremely disappointed to read this morning that Council decided to remove the South Jetty as a Trolley destination & stop. Riders last year had requested the South Jetty to be added and initial plans for the trolley this year included it. What changed?? I regret I wasn't able to attend yesterday's council meeting to hear the discussion firsthand.

Reasons for including the South Jetty on the trolley route are many:

- The South Jetty is one of Venice's most popular tourist destinations for fishing, sunsets and watching boat traffic
- A Route along Venice's most populated roads (Tarpon Center Drive and The Esplanade) and by Venice Beach
- Since the Trolley is tax supported, one of Venice's largest property tax revenue bases (along the beach) is under represented and underserved.
- The current taxi service in Venice is embarrassing (dirty vehicles and slow service) - We hear this first hand from visiting boaters who often request taxi service into downtown to patronize the merchants there.
- There is no UBER or LYFT authorized to operate in Venice – a service that would be of benefit to residents and visitors alike.

I realize your decisions are not always easy and the 'original' intent was to alleviate parking downtown. However the riders were the one who requested the South Jetty be added. Wouldn't operating the Trolley along the populous strip of condos along the beach alleviate parking since those folks wouldn't be driving their cars downtown?

In any event, please consider allowing UBER and LYFT to operate in Venice. The golf cart shuttles that previously operated were a plus and it was unfortunate they decided to cease operations.

Respectfully

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