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To: City Clerk; Ann Yang; City Council; Angela Crespi; Suja Lowenthal
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Bob Wolfe submitted a new eComment.

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Item: e. REPORT 22-0061 UPDATE REGARDING THE PARKING STUDY SESSION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2022 (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: A few comments about the City's Parking Management Study: A. Re: COASTAL ZONE PARKING MANAGEMENT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS: Any study session regarding parking management should include a discussion of the potential impact on the City's present and future parking needs of a more robust use of public transit. Currently, public transit is not even expressly listed as one of the available transportation demand strategies to be encouraged - a serious, yet telling, omission. Here I note that the Griffith Park Observatory sought to alleviate many of its parking problems through a DASH bus shuttle that runs from the Metro B (Red) Line subway station at Vermont / Sunset. https://www.ladottransit.com/rideobservatory/. In like fashion, the Huntington Library now runs a free weekend shuttle service from the Metro Sierra Madre Villa light rail station (with free parking). See https://www.huntington.org/route-h-shuttle B. Re REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL & EMPLOYEE PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM. I have no objection to engaging in a comprehensive review of resident and employee permit programs and fees, or to parking rates, time limits and parking citation fine comparisons. However, I do have serious concerns about the timing of this review. Any studies should be thoughtful, thorough and in-depth, with opportunities for ample public input. Consequently, I do not believe that we should delay the sale and implementation of the 2022 parking permits, now set to begin on February 1, 2022, pending such a study. Delay of the parking permit sale would only confuse the public, particularly with the announcement of the newly designed artwork for the 2022 stickers. And it could have the ironic effect of reducing city revenues, should the studies take long than expected, or engender significant public feedback. Furthermore, many residents who have newly acquired vehicles may have relied upon the existing timing of the renewal season for securing new or replacement permits. Thanks for your consideration of these concerns.

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