

Such a shame if you change the venue

[REDACTED]  
Mon 1/16/2023 2:25 PM

To: LaVenta Comments <LaVentaComments@pvestates.org>

I have lived in PVE since 1965, I have enjoyed just looking at the La Venta Inn, and was lucky enough to attend a event in the 1980's. We didn't have any push back about parking or noise. I realize I don't live right there, but it is a shame to change something after all these years. Did the people move in during Covid? Is that why they are now upset about the noise and parking? Did their Real Estate agent not inform them about the La Venta Inn?

I have gone through school in PVE, my son has gone through school in PVE, I never have complained or rocked the boat, but I do wish you would consider not imposing such restrictions on a venue that would make it almost impossible to stay in business. I know many of you council people are business people, please consider if this was your place. You bought it in good faith, most of the hill would like to see it stay the way it is.

Just one person's opinion, but again, it would be a shame to see it go.

Thank You

Debbie Quezambra

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FW: Community Member in Support of La Venta Inn

[REDACTED]  
Tue 1/17/2023 1:59 PM

To: LaVenta Comments <LaVentaComments@pvestates.org>

From [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2023 4:52 PM

To: City Clerks <cityclerks@pvestates.org>

Subject: Community Member in Support of La Venta Inn

Dear City Council Members.

I write to you today to show my support of La Venta Inn's continued operations under the proposed ordinance.

Thank you.

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JILL SANDERS GALLERY

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Redondo Beach, Ca 90277  
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## La Venta Inn Public Comment | Robert Grasier - 2924 Via la Selva

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Thu 1/19/2023 2:00 AM

To: LaVenta Comments <LaVentaComments@pvestates.org>

Robert ("Bob") E. Grasier  
2924 Via la Selva  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Jan 19, 2023

City of Palos Verdes Estates

Re: La Venta Public Comment

Dear sirs,

I'm writing to provide public comment re the Draft La Venta ZTA Elements dated 12-23-22

My wife & I were married in a ceremony at La Venta. It is in many ways the "heart" of PVE and it brought us to the community where we made our home and raised our daughter attending public schools.

La Venta's continued operation and viability is now threatened by a small, aggressive, and self-centered group of close neighbors that knowingly purchased properties in proximity to a public business and now seek to change the status quo and stifle their operations. This is unacceptable to me and to the majority of Estates residents who greatly value La Venta and desire it to continue to thrive and flourish.

Cumulatively the provisions of the Draft ZTA are unworkable and would put La Venta out of business. They constitute a drastic break from the status quo established over decades of hosting weddings & events and an insufferable micro management of La Venta's operations.

I'll focus on the worst ideas in my comments below.

Maximum Event Size • Fire Code capacities to be followed at all times • Seated Dining – 135 plus staff • Cocktail – 200 plus staff

Event capacities should be per fire code. There is no reason to set a 2<sup>nd</sup>, conflicting standard

Event Frequency • Events of 75+ cannot occur more than 2 days in a row • One event per day except Saturdays during June, July, August which can have two events per day • No events on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve

These restrictions would be crippling to the business. La Venta's event business is a seasonal one. In the Summer months they need to book as many large events as is possible to offset the slow Fall & Winter months. This may include events of 75+ fri-sat-sun. And two events per day on Sundays. The holiday prohibitions are without justification. No events New Years Eve? Really?

Timing – all events • 9 am to 9 pm Sunday-Thursday, indoor by 8:30 pm • 9 am to 10 pm Friday-Saturday, indoor by 8:30 pm • Clean up to be completed by 11 pm

Overly restrictive. Setups should be allowed to start at 8:00am. Events shouldn't have to move inside until dark which is 9:00pm in the summer.

To be reviewed by Traffic Safety Committee: o Restrict parking in front of La Venta – no parking between 10 pm and 9 am o Create a large restricted parking zone along Via Somonte and Via Del Monte o Red curb across from La Venta from Gatos Place down through the hair pin turn and after the no parking sign near the hair pin turn on the La Venta side of Via Del Monte

La Venta

Thu 1/19/2023 8:35 AM

To: LaVenta Comments <LaVentaComments@pvestates.org>

There should only be a late noise restriction, say after 11pm Sunday thru Thursday, and 1am Friday & Saturday.

This is a legacy property, and needs to be treated a such.

no other restrictions

Jack Goldberg

1229 Via Landeta, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

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La Venta public comment

Thu 1/19/2023 1:43 PM

To: LaVenta Comments <LaVentaComments@pvestates.org>

Dear Members of Our PVE City Council:

We are writing to provide public comment re the Draft La Venta ZTA Elements dated 12-23-22.

We greatly value La Venta and desire it to continue to thrive and flourish. We have attended numerous events at La Venta over the years, including joyful wedding celebrations and beautiful memorial services. It is an integral part of our history as a community.

The proposed regulations are draconian, they constitute of significant break from the status quo established over decades of hosting weddings & events, and would put La Venta out of business.

We fully support the comments of PVE resident Bob Grasier in his letter sent to you, copied below.

We urge you to keep La Venta alive. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Judy Gordon  
2700 Via Rivera  
PVE

Letter from Bob Grasier Valmonte "City of Palos Verdes Estates Re: La Venta Public Comment Dear sirs, I'm writing to provide public comment re the Draft La Venta ZTA Elements dated 12-23-22 My wife & I were married in a ceremony at La Venta. It is in many ways the "heart" of PVE and it brought us to the community where we made our home and raised our daughter attending public schools. La Venta's continued operation and viability is now threatened by a small, aggressive, and self-centered group of close neighbors that knowingly purchased properties in proximity to a public business and now seek to change the status quo and stifle their operations. This is unacceptable to me and to the majority of Estates residents who greatly value La Venta and desire it to continue to thrive and flourish. Cumulatively the provisions of the Draft ZTA are unworkable and would put La Venta under. They constitute a drastic break from the status quo established over decades of hosting weddings & events and an insufferable micro management of La Venta's operations. I'll focus on the worst ideas in my comments below. re> Maximum Event Size • Fire Code capacities to be followed at all times • Seated Dining – 135 plus staff • Cocktail – 200 plus staff Event capacities should be per fire code. There is no reason to set a 2nd, conflicting standard Event Frequency • Events of 75+ cannot occur more than 2 days in a row • One event per day except Saturdays during June, July, August which can have two events per day • No events on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve These restrictions would be crippling to the business. La Venta's event business is a seasonal one. In the Summer months they need to book as many large events as is possible to offset the slow Fall & Winter months. This may include events of 75+ fri-sat-sun. And two events per day on Sundays. The holiday prohibitions are without justification. No events New Years Eve? Really? re> Timing – all events • 9 am to 9 pm Sunday-Thursday, indoor by 8:30 pm • 9 am to 10 pm Friday-Saturday, indoor by 8:30 pm • Clean up to be completed by 11 pm Overly restrictive. Setups should be allowed to start at 8:00am. Events shouldn't

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I oppose the suggested parking restrictions. They are groundless and have no basis in public safety. Their only purpose is to make it more difficult for La Venta to operate. re> Outdoor Activity (includes the lawn, courtyard, and parking lot)

- Ceremonies are limited to 60 minutes, only officiates/speakers/vocalists amplified
- No music outdoors except during ceremony on the lawn/grass area, 60 minutes maximum
- No amplified music outdoors at any time except for harp or string quartet during ceremony
- Cocktail period– passed tray service
- Seated and buffet dining limited to 24 on the veranda/terrace only, no seated dining in the courtyard
- Ceremonies are only organized activity allowed on grass/lawn area, 60 minutes maximum

ATTACHMENT A

- Move indoors and keep doors closed 8:30 pm on with door attendants
- No dancing shall be permitted outdoors

Re movement indoors same comment as above. It is still light at 8:30pm in the summer. Movement indoors should be at 9:00pm

Re instruments & amplification same comments as below. Any natural wind, brass or string instruments should be allowed. And amplification is absolutely necessary for electric keyboard/piano. re> Music

- Outdoor live music limited to string instruments with no amplification allowed outdoors except for a harp or string quartet during a ceremony

This is needless and poorly conceived micro management. We had a 5-piece wind quintet at our wedding – Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Horn & Bassoon. They were no louder than a string quarter. There should be no instrument restrictions except for percussions. Any natural wind, brass or string instruments should be allowed – and electric keyboard/piano

Moreover amplification should be allowed. An electric keyboard/piano – which are popular for weddings – cannot be used without amplification. I have often played weddings myself on electric keyboards (I'm a professional pianist – organist). re> Enforcement

- Enforcement will be conducted for each ZTA provision as follows:
- o 1st offense is a warning
- o 2nd offense is a warning
- o 3rd offense is a \$1,000 fine
- o 4th and subsequent offenses are a fine equal to 20% of the event's gross revenue. The penalties are draconian. There should never be a fine > \$1,000

And the "offense count" should reset every year on January 1 so that the first offense of that year will be a warning, etc.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns."

Sent from my iPhone

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## La Venta Inn Public Comment | Yuko Grasier - 2924 Via la Selva

  
Sat 1/21/2023 7:49 PM

To: LaVenta Comments &lt;LaVentaComments@pvestates.org&gt;

Date: 1-21-2023

To: The City of Palos Verdes Estates

Subject: Statement of Support for the La Venta Inn

We should support La Venta Inn's continued full, open operation. I'm against restrictions of days of operation, hours of operation, capacity restrictions (other than as required by Fire code) and any other operational restrictions.

La Venta has created a unique ambiance and charm in our city since 1923. They have embraced their legacy while providing a modern-day facility with historic charm. Visitors enjoy a stunning sunset, crashing ocean, and pristine coastline. The Inn's hosting of events has helped create a lively, vibrant and cohesive community in Palos Verdes Estates.

La Venta Inn provides local residents with job opportunities including chefs, servers, cleaning staff, and associated businesses, e.g. Florists & Musicians. The Inn has attracted people from out of state who attended a wedding and made locals proud of where they live.

If La Venta Inn were to close its business, the Palos Verdes community would no longer share such an experience. We would regret if the historic building was demolished by a new owner and the property with gorgeous scenery became only available for private new homeowners. I understand developers are interested in this valuable property.

The community is rallying to defend La Venta Inn and its history. We should buoy La Venta to continue their business and protect our historic landmark.

Yuko Grasier

2924 Via La Selva

Valmonte

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