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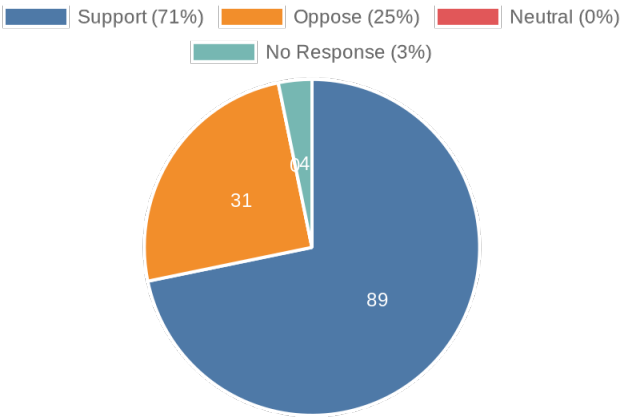
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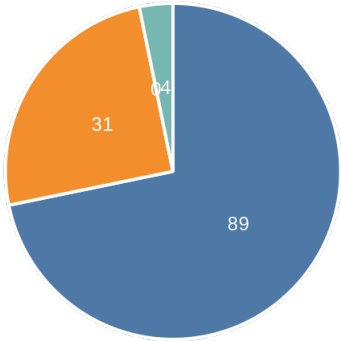
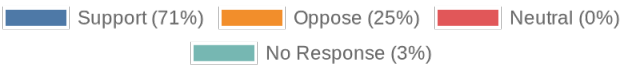
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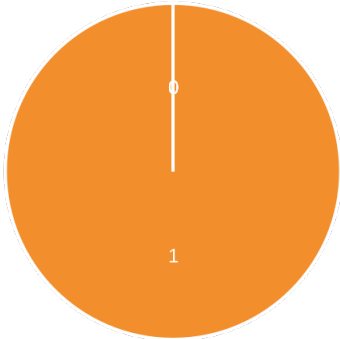
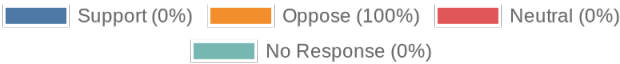
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Overall Sentiment



Devyne Dawson

Location:
Submitted At: 8:55pm 05-14-25

I strongly oppose. This use to be a flower market and now you want to turn it into a liquor store? There is already at least 4 liquor stores on Artesia blvd including Walmart, CVS, and grocery outlet where you can buy liquor. I think it is a terrible idea and does not support the goal of redeveloping the area with more retail stores and restaurants. Please save this building for something else the city actually needs.

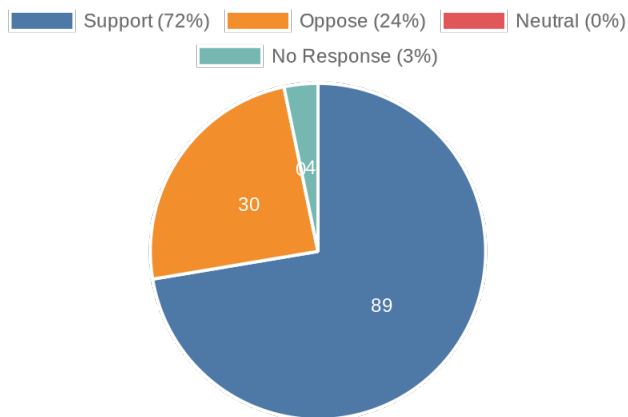
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Stephanie Garnica

Location:

Submitted At: 6:39pm 05-15-25

As a former gymnast and employee of Fit Kids Gymnastics Center, a former resident of Redondo Beach, and a current law enforcement officer in the Southern California region, I urge the planning commission to deny the exemption declaration and request for a conditional use permit for the operation of Aerial Gymnastics Club (AGC) at the proposed location. Aside from the personal bias all commenters have expressed, there are safety concerns regarding this location that should be addressed. This location does not allow for the safe drop off and pick up of children, in the front or rear of the facility. I have coached at three different gymnastics facilities throughout California: Fit Kids, Bay Aerials Gymnastics in Fremont, CA and Starz Gymnastics in Ukiah, CA. All three locations had plenty of parking to accommodate all classes, staff, and spectators. AGC proposed location simply does not have the space to accommodate the business. Parking in the rear is minimal to perhaps accommodate morning classes, but would never work for gymnastics camps, shows, or busy evenings with full classes. Based upon AGC claims of high waitlists, the parking lot traffic will be a problem, especially for the front of the facility. When parking in the rear of the facility is full families will attempt to park in the front of the facility where parking is already impacted by the present businesses. My family, who live in Redondo Beach, and I often eat at Havana Maina. If parking was impacted, we simply would not eat there any longer. I believe many patrons

of these businesses would avoid the shopping complex if they could not find parking, which in turn will be detrimental to current businesses in the shopping complex. Parking lot traffic collisions happen, but I believe with this type of facility in this shopping complex, there is a high probability of an increase of collisions. The increase in pedestrian traffic for the proposed facility will also give way to protentional pedestrian vs. vehicle collisions within the parking lot, with those pedestrians being children. Please consider the parking lot safety concerns and liability to the City of Redondo Beach when making your decision.

Amanda Zambrano

Location:

Submitted At: 5:32pm 05-15-25

I oppose the approval of a conditional use permit that would allow Aerial Gymnastics Club to open their facility in this particular location. I am a current employee of Fit Kids and have been with the company for almost 20 years. Fit Kids is not attempting to completely prevent this club from doing business in Redondo Beach, and in fact did not previously make any attempts to prevent them from doing business when they opened a facility less than a mile from Fit Kids' Torrance location. AGC's strategy continues to look and feel like a predatory one because of their actions in the past and present. Not very many people even have a lot of knowledge about the sport of gymnastics, let alone the logistics of running a gymnastics business for children. Of the approximately 5,000 colleges in the US only 86 offer women's gymnastics programs, and a staggering 15 offer men's gymnastics programs. I hope this puts in perspective why this businesses supply/demand cannot be compared to that of coffee shops, restaurants, drug stores, or even other youth sports. The required knowledge, temperament, and continued training of an employee does not compare to most industry's. This is a niche sport and a niche business that cannot withstand 2 separate businesses competing next door to each other, for customers and employees, in a city with half the amount of residents of Torrance. Aside from these facts, the location they have chosen is going to put customers at risk, cause other tenants frustration, and possibly put a strain on the flow of traffic on Inglewood Avenue and Manhattan Beach Blvd. The parking lot is already congested because of the current patrons frequenting this shopping center, but adding crowds of children to this is going to be a liability and tragedy for someone. A safer and less intrusive location can be found for AGC to continue thriving.

Brittany Kelly

Location:

Submitted At: 5:28pm 05-15-25

I have read all the comments on here and I have to say I am shocked at how many people think that competition is a bad thing. I am also shocked at how many people are pretending that the proposed site for Aerial Gymnastics is suddenly a dangerous area. Everyone does understand that Fit Kids is literally one building away from this site. There is absolutely nothing unsafe about the location of the AGC site. If it is so unsafe, please explain how there is a Dojo (Inspire) in the complex that also has classes for kids that end at 6:30pm at night. Where were all the "concerned citizens" then when Inspire opened? I went to their grand opening the other day and the place looked safe to me. This is a case of Fit Kids getting people to comment and oppose Aerial Gymnastics simply because they don't want competition. There are other locations throughout Southern California where gyms are within block of each other. Pre-pandemic LA School of Gymnastics and JAG Gymnastics were 4 buildings away from each other for over 10 years. Same for Broadway and All Olympia, stop with the silliness. There are over 1 million kids aged 0 to 17 in the Los Angeles County area, opening an Aerial Gymnastics in Redondo Beach, allows more kids to be a part of something amazing.

Thomas James

Location:

Submitted At: 5:12pm 05-15-25

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed CUP that would allow Aerial Gymnastics Club to open. This proposal raises serious concerns on multiple levels—economic, ethical, and public safety. AGC is yet again attempting to open in close proximity to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center Gymnastics programs are not high-volume walk-in services; they rely on long-term commitment, personalized instruction, and a loyal base of families. Situating two nearly identical facilities in such close quarters doesn't foster competition—it fractures the existing customer base and destabilizes a program that has been serving this community for years. There's also the issue of professional boundaries. The owners of Aerial Gymnastics Club previously worked with and had close ties to Fit Kids. While starting a business is commendable, opening it in this specific location—so near to their former employer—raises questions about ethical business practices and the responsible use of insider knowledge or established relationships.

Beyond economic and ethical concerns, the proposed location poses significant safety issues. The shopping center in question is not designed to support a child-centered facility. It's heavily trafficked, poorly lit, and the immediate surroundings include a gas station, a smoke shop, and freeway ramps.

This isn't about opposing new businesses. It's about ensuring that any new development contributes to a healthy, safe, and sustainable community.

On top of these concerns, it's been disheartening to see some supporters of the new proposal resort to spreading misinformation about the existing gym and its leadership. Public decisions should be based on facts and community need. But instead AGC's plan is to fire false narratives aimed at undermining the competition. Is this the reputation AGC wants?

Redondo Beach should expect more from any business seeking to serve its families—more respect, more responsibility, and more transparency. This proposal doesn't meet that standard. I respectfully ask the Commission to deny this permit and prioritize long-term community well-being over short-term business opportunity.

Paul Marsella

Location:

Submitted At: 4:33pm 05-15-25

Please consider Public Safety and the increase of traffic at this particular intersection. Without conducting a TIA, the increase of vehicles could cause major congestion before and after every scheduled session.

Amanda Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 4:29pm 05-15-25

As a Redondo Beach resident, a mother, a therapist for children and teens, and the wife of a police officer, I feel deeply compelled to speak out against the proposed opening of Aerial Gymnastics Club at the former 99 Cents Only Store on Manhattan Beach Blvd and Inglewood Ave. This location is fundamentally unsafe for a child-centered business. The shopping center is poorly lit, has no designated pedestrian or drop-off zones, and is adjacent to a gas station and smoke shop that routinely attract loitering and suspicious activity. Critically, it sits directly next to on- and off-ramps for the 405 freeway—creating a heightened security risk due to how easily someone could enter or flee the area. No significant safety improvements have been proposed to address these concerns.

Additionally, incidents of theft, verbal aggression, and police response calls have been reported in or around the plaza. Families dropping off children for evening classes will face increased risk in an environment not designed for youth-focused activity. There are serious logistical and public safety flaws that should not be overlooked in pursuit of commercial development.

Equally troubling is the apparent strategy of the proposed gym's supporters. Instead of offering clear plans or community engagement, they've chosen to spread false and personal claims about Fit Kids Gymnastics—a long-standing, trusted business in our community. Some have suggested Fit Kids does not support children with special needs. That is entirely untrue.

Yes, Fit Kids is owned by a man. But it is run by a team of women who are deeply committed to every child who walks through the doors. The owner is fully invested in creating a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment. As someone who entrusts him with my own children, it is disheartening to see his integrity questioned by non-residents making defamatory claims in an apparent attempt to sway the city.

Redondo Beach families deserve more than vague promises and marketing spin. We deserve transparency, professionalism, and safety. I urge the Planning Commission to deny the CUP and protect our children, our standards, and our community.

Courtney Bonner

Location:

Submitted At: 3:56pm 05-15-25

I was proudly employed by Fit Kids Gymnastics Center for 15 years. Chris Olsen, Founder & President, gave me my first job—his cell number is still one of the few I know by heart. If you ever need someone, Chris shows up. It's that character, integrity, and consistency that's allowed Fit Kids to serve the South Bay community for nearly four

decades—21 years right here in Redondo Beach. Now, it's my turn to show up for him.

Approval of CUP 2025-0015 threatens the future of Fit Kids and the livelihoods it supports. AGC's proposed address isn't just close—it's nearly identical: 2701 / 2641 Manhattan Beach Blvd. I support family choice, but the Commission deserves full context.

AGC claims to meet growing demand, but reality is more complex. Members of the Snyder family—owners of AGC—were once employees and customers of FKGC. They were part of our community for many years. Like most businesses, Fit Kids made difficult layoffs during the pandemic to stay afloat. The Snyders, however, had the means to open AGC, and I commend their success. Still, I oppose granting a permit that allows them to operate in such proximity to a former employer. It raises serious concerns about competitive fairness and the potential misuse of relationships or insider knowledge gained while at Fit Kids.

This isn't about blocking competition—it's about WHERE it happens. This isn't a coffee shop scenario. Gymnastics isn't a walk-in business. It's a niche, relationship-based sport with high investment of families' time, cost, and trust. Customer base is more limited, and competition of similar programs within 300 feet of each other undermines the integrity of our local business environment. Yes, AGC and FKGC both operate in Torrance—but Torrance spans 21 square miles. Redondo Beach is just 6. The scale isn't comparable.

The proposed site also raises safety concerns: it's in a congested shopping center with limited parking and heavy traffic. Without a comprehensive traffic study, the risks—especially to children—cannot be ignored.

Approving this permit would not grow the local market—it would divide it. One program would likely replace the other. That's not healthy competition; that's a loss.

Dannye Ciaccio

Location:

Submitted At: 3:00pm 05-15-25

This location is already busy and can be dangerous. Another area would be better suited for this business.

Nino Lopez

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 05-15-25

This is not a good location for a gym.

Renee Sanacore

Location:

Submitted At: 12:39pm 05-15-25

I am writing as a concerned community member and longtime supporter of Fit Kids. Opening another gymnastics facility so close to Fit Kids is an insult to the gym and what it has brought to so many families. I strongly urge you to reconsider this plan.

Fit Kids is more than just a gym. It is a community cornerstone that has nurtured hundreds of local children through high-quality instruction, mentorship, and athletic development. Fit Kids has a deep commitment to the families they serve. Additionally, Fit Kids employs many former gymnasts, providing them with meaningful jobs that keep their passion for the sport alive while helping train the next generation. Introducing a direct competitor nearby would threaten their ability to continue operating. Unlike national chains or large corporations, small community businesses like Fit Kids cannot easily withstand aggressive competition, especially from businesses offering similar services in such close proximity.

Approving this proposal risks displacing a beloved local institution that has invested deeply in our children and our neighborhood. I ask you to support and protect long-standing, community-rooted businesses like Fit Kids rather than allow the market to be saturated in a way that could undermine their future.

Kathy Rebentisch

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16pm 05-14-25

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed gymnastics facility at Manhattan Beach Blvd. and Inglewood Ave., particularly around safety and security at this location. A gymnastics center involves continual arrival and departure of parents with young children, as well as older kids who may be dropped off or waiting outside for pick-up. In my experience, this strip mall experiences high levels of transient activity, likely due to the gas station and restaurants. The parking lot's traffic flow is inefficient and can be dangerous, with periods of insufficient parking. Safety concerns are especially heightened during evening hours after dark, particularly in the winter. I respectfully request the Planning Commission deny approval of this resolution and thoroughly examine the public safety, traffic, infrastructure, and parking impacts. The safety of our families always comes first. Thank you.

Daneve Milam

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 05-14-25

I oppose AGC's CUP. The proposed children's gym location is unsafe. Currently, that shopping center has a gas station, smoke shop, and bar.

I personally have been in near collision incidents while driving in that parking lot. Will the city and AGC be held responsible for negligence?

Please consider the safety of children and not financial gain. Please find an alternate safe location.

Devyne Dawson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38pm 05-14-25

I highly support the opening of a new gymnastics center within our community to provide more options to families. Gymnastics is a popular and beneficial sport for our youth and I welcome another center opening in our city besides FitKids that has the current monopoly. FitKids is expensive, overcrowded, and has a retention issue with staff resulting in an unpleasant experience for my family. We had to pull our child out and place at another gym in a different city. It would be nice to support another local business.

Philip Rebentisch

Location:

Submitted At: 6:42pm 05-14-25

The proposed AGC location is unsafe for a gymnastics facility. There are many retail businesses with limited parking, along with gas station traffic. Further, I've often witnessed drivers racing through the lot from Inglewood to MB Blvd., disregarding foot traffic and other cars. Children and their parents would be put in harm's way. There are many better-suited locations to open a gym. It's literally an accident waiting to happen. Safety first!

Ariana Sierra

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19pm 05-14-25

I fully support the opening of this new gymnastics gym.

I wasn't even aware of it until I received an email from FitKids Gym expressing "safety concerns" about AGC. To me, it felt less like a genuine concern and more like an attempt to discredit a potential competitor. It came across as competitive and, frankly, desperate.

Brittany Clark

Location:

Submitted At: 2:48pm 05-14-25

I support the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for Aerial Gymnastics Club. Expanding is a natural next step for a business that has an extensive wait list, including families that do not live just around the corner from their original location. Concerning being "right next door" to another gymnastics center, I agree with what was voiced by others supporting this permit. Different businesses offer different styles and environments which allow

patrons to choose for themselves what works for them. Burger King and McDonald's both sell burgers, but are completely different restaurants, and no one thinks putting them on the same block is a threat to the other. It's up to the consumer to decide what they prefer and what suits their needs. If a long standing business is worried about losing clientele to a similar, but not identical, business moving in - I suggest they evaluate why they believe their customer base would consider the newer option.

Spreading the knowledge and love for gymnastics should be welcomed by the community. The sport not only helps kids' motor skills, athleticism, and confidence - it also creates long standing friendships and community within the younger generation. I say the more gymnastics centers, the merrier. As another supporter wrote, let the kids play.

Bonnie Kerker

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 05-14-25

I am writing to express my strong support for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the Aerial Gymnastics Club at 2701 Manhattan Beach Boulevard in Redondo Beach. This location is ideal for South Bay families with easy freeway and major thoroughfare access as well as ample parking. A bustling family focused gym that will bring customers to the surrounding area is just what this center needs for revitalization. The convenience of dropping off a child for a class, practice, or party and then grabbing a meal at the Market, Havana Mania, Chicken Madison or one of the other nearby restaurants or an after practice doughnut or Acaia bowl for your gymnast then quickly and conveniently filling up your gas tank is a win-win for South Bay families, surrounding businesses, and the City of Redondo.

Candace Gellman

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 05-14-25

I oppose the opening of AGC at this location as the intersection is very busy and the parking is very tight, making a less than ideal situation for parents and children. There are other locations in South Bay that do not have gymnastics options, such as El Segundo.

Patrick Adkins

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 05-14-25

I oppose the approval of a conditional use permit that would allow Aerial Gymnastics Club to open their facility in such close proximity to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center, her former employer.

Sarah Co

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 05-14-25

We have experienced long wait lists and full classes at Aerial Gymnastics. As a parent, it seems that there is a lot of demand for gymnastics in the area, and not enough gyms to fulfill it.

Thu Hoai Yanase

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 05-14-25

I fully support Aerial Gymnastics. If there are concerns of safety in this area, the city should provide the area with more resources to make it more safe. Aerial Gymnastics is a great gym and should be able to offer their services to more kids. The Southbay area is lacking gymnastic opportunities for kids. My kids were on the the waitlist for over 1 year before there was space to participate. Adding another gym would be good for the community and good for the kids that it would serve.

Lenore Graham

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21am 05-14-25

I fully support Aerial Gymnastics

Club expansion to a second location. It will bring more jobs to Redondo Beach. There are many families in the area that are always looking for new clean state-of-the-art facilities for sports activities, positive social interaction,

athletic training, and birthday parties. They are a family run business that does a lot for the community as well, for example during the fires they had a campaign and collected clothing and personal healthcare items to donate. It is important for the city of Redondo Beach to focus on the future and children are the future. They are not just a place where a child learns Gymnastics. They are a place where a child can grow and develop, socially mentally and physically, and be full of confidence.

Kathleen Smidt Cook

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 05-14-25

Hello, until recently I lived nearby at the corner of Marine and Aviation. I am very familiar with the proposed location and am extremely concerned with the placement of a family/child focused business. This is a notoriously high crime area that experiences frequent assaults and thefts. Additionally the traffic in the area on the 405/exits and city streets is highly traveled and the parking is always a challenge. I would strongly discourage allowing this type of business to relocate into this area. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sam Porter

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24pm 05-13-25

I fully support more youth activities to be available in the community. Fit kids being established before AGC's founder was born doesn't give them indefinite rights to attempt to keep away competition under the guise of safety, as Fit Kids recent email states. Let the kids play.

Tom Ashcraft

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00pm 05-13-25

As a South Bay resident and the parent of a young gymnast, I am writing to express my strong support for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the Aerial Gymnastics Club at 2701 Manhattan Beach Boulevard in Redondo Beach.

The instruction and mentorship at Aerial Gymnastics Club are exceptional, and since joining, my child has gained not only physical skills but also confidence that carries into academics and daily life. We currently carpool with several other local families to their Torrance location, and having a Redondo Beach facility closer to home would be a significant benefit to many local families.

Some have raised concerns about the proposed proximity to Fit Kids Studio. However, the presence of a similar business nearby is not a valid reason to deny this application. CUP decisions must be based solely on compliance with the requirements within the city's Municipal Code, and the staff report clearly outlines how this application meets all necessary criteria—including compatibility with nearby uses and minimal impact on traffic, parking, and noise. The proposed location, situated in a commercial zone with multiple ingress and egress points, is ideally suited for this type of use. Our experience with drop-off and pick-up at the Torrance site has always been smooth, and I expect similar or better access here.

Furthermore, having another gymnastics facility will not undermine the community—it will strengthen it. Aerial Gymnastics Club fulfills a distinct need and gives families more choices to support their children's growth and development. In fact, the club's presence will likely benefit neighboring businesses as families shop or dine nearby during class times.

I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to approve the CUP and allow Aerial Gymnastics Club to continue its valuable work serving our community's children.

Giselle Palacios

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40pm 05-13-25

Aerial Gymnastics club has a good reputation. From the people I know who go there, I have only heard positive reviews.

Katrina Stephens

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30pm 05-13-25

I am excited for Aerial Gymnastics Club to open in the community. I've wanted to take my daughter to their location in Torrance due to their excellent reviews, but it was too far from our home. I am aware of the email sent by Fit Kids trying to rally parents to oppose this opening and feel it was in poor taste. I hope both businesses are given a chance to thrive and families are able to find the gym that gives their kids the best experience.

Sayat Brook

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 05-13-25

support!

Carlos Vaughn

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17pm 05-13-25

I support this to open new opportunities for these children and even maybe open up new doors for their future.

Christa Ramey

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06pm 05-13-25

I have not heard a credible argument that suggests that Aerial's gymnastics is a bad idea. As I understand it, AGC's first location is so successful that they need to start another location to help support the kids in and around the South Bay. As a woman business owner myself, I fully support sending my daughter to a gym that is run and operated by a woman of color! Any concern about two gyms being near each other is just ridiculous. Competition is the secret to success. If you are not surrounded by healthy competition, you will not strive to be your best. Having another option to send our children should help our community. I fully support this.

Brian Neuman

Location:

Submitted At: 7:29pm 05-13-25

Support more opportunities for our kids.

James Vakula

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02pm 05-13-25

As a parent of a gymnast, I fully support the opening of another gym. The fact that there are as many kids in this community and so few buildings with the zoning to house enriching activities, especially sports that require speciality equipment that can be kept in a field, is a clear example of local municipalities not being agile enough to keep up with population growth and change. We have to drive deep into Torrance for my daughter's activities because there is only one other gym in the area. I also will add that the other gym is so overcrowded they are not able to progress athletes on merit rather, but when they have space available. This is all while they had raised their prices significantly in the two years we spent with them. I think some competition in the area is good for the consumer, good for the area and more in line with the values we share of enriching the lives and development of our children. I also will say that the other gym's attempt to send an email blast to rally residents to vote against the new gym opening up nearby was disgusting. They claim that the area (not more than block or two from their own location) is unsafe. I think we as parents can make that decision on our own. If it is so unsafe, we won't sign our kids up. I believe RCPD does a great job of keeping our community safe. I hope the Chamber and City can do a great job of facilitating more options for parents of gymnasts.

Stephanie UC

Location:

Submitted At: 5:23pm 05-13-25

As a Redondo Beach resident, local business owner and parent of 2 AGC students, I am in full support of their expansion. The more local businesses and opportunities to enhance the children in our community the better, especially ones that can also cater to young kids. We did the 18 months - 3 years program at AGC as it offered

something different than other "gyms." We had literally 5 kid gyms within a 2 mile radius and we picked the one that worked for our family's needs and schedule.

As a business it doesn't matter what you sell, you bring your own unique culture and community and you offer something different. This is why you can have 4 coffee places in a 1/2 a block radius in the Riviera. There is something for everyone and the more opportunities for growing local businesses the better. If this other place is a longstanding 40 year business, then you should be proud of what you've built, the community you have and let others do their thing.

From a real estate and business perspective this is only beneficial to the Redondo Beach economy and community. I know how hard it is to fill a vacant big box retail space and I've seen another local gym try to find new space (it usually has to be industrial) and the requirements are extensive. If this meets both needs then it seems like a perfect match.

Meisha Collins

Location:

Submitted At: 4:06pm 05-13-25

I would love to have this gymnastics studio in my neighborhood

Jessica Porter

Location:

Submitted At: 3:36pm 05-13-25

As a parent with children at BOTH gymnastics facilities and as a former athlete with a less-than-ideal coaching experience, I'm excited to share my perspective. Both gyms have positively impacted my family. Aerial Gymnastics Club suits one child with its program options and coaching support, while Fit Kids helps the other with basics and peer interaction.

Having nearby gyms offers valuable options; if one doesn't meet needs, another can. During my time in the sport, such choices were limited, which led me to quit. With a significant growth in gymnastics—32.2% for women and 23.2% for men in the past 10-15 years—there's a demand for facilities that serve young athletes and let families choose what fits them best.

In the time that I've been involved with these communities, I have never encountered any negative sentiment from AGC regarding Fit Kids. It has always been my understanding that both centers aim to provide excellent opportunities for young athletes and it is surprising to hear otherwise from the community discourse. My experience reflects a spirit of mutual respect and a shared goal of fostering a positive environment for all participants.

I believe it is possible to support both Fit Kids as an established community contributor and recognize the potential positive impact of AGC and the new facility could provide to the community. Our kids need more and more opportunities to be together in real life & doing things. A vacant retail space would be useless to the community and let's not forget the limited space the south bay offers for gymnastics facilities to operate. I understand traffic and congestion could increase, doesn't that mean the community is using the facility and contributing to our local economy?

Monica Semco

Location:

Submitted At: 2:57pm 05-13-25

Families need more options for their kids, and AGC provides that. It's normal to have similar businesses nearby, and both can succeed while helping the community. This isn't about choosing gyms! This isn't a competition! It's a chance to grow. Supporting this new gym means more space for talent, passion, and families to thrive! Thank you for your time.

Walter Cortez

Location:

Submitted At: 2:12pm 05-13-25

There is a limited amount of real estate in the Southbay that can accommodate a gym. This location is the fourth location that AGC has tried to secure around the South Bay in the last two years a fact that very few people know. I know because I am John's engineer at JE Snyder Electric Inc. and have worked on all those projects. There was a proposal in El Segundo on Nash that fell through and is now a Pickleball location. A second location the former Bootbarn in Torrance on Hawthorne Blvd fell through when the owners sold the building instead. A proposal on another Torrance location by the court house that through because the anchor tenant is still in litigation with the owners of the property which was the former S>Mart Asian Supermarket. However, you have people writing that AGC is targeting Fitkids. Absolutely laughable!! There are several things to consider when looking for a location for one, parking space. I read all these comments talking about parking and traffic being an issue, yet the documents that I helped prepare are right here for everyone to read above the comment section and they address that very issue. The parking map shows 223 parking stalls. I would note, now that the location is no longer a 99cent Store they don't need all the room behind the building for the large tractor trailer trucks. Additional parking can be created to add even more stalls if needed. Zoning for a gym is another challenge and currently there is no zoning in all of Redondo Beach that allows gyms. Every location that would be chosen in RB Myla and Arielle the owners would have to file for a Conditional Use Permit. Ceiling heights are another challenge and the ceiling heights in this shopping center will accommodate a gymnastics business. This location AGC has chosen is ideally suited for a gymnastics business plenty of parking with six access and exit points. Which is the type of thing the City is concerned about. They are not interested in limiting competition or protecting some moral high ground people are trying to claim for other existing businesses. AGC is an ideal fit for this location and there is nothing personal in their decision it's just business.

Ryan Siebert

Location:

Submitted At: 1:48pm 05-13-25

I fully support AGC opening a new location in Redondo Beach. If you are local to the area or attend a gym "right next door" you would know that the space AGC is looking to acquire has a parking lot in the back and will not affect the parking issue within the plaza. It looks like the only competition here is being created by the parents of fit kids and their employees. While they both offer gymnastics, AGC also offers classes to a wide range of children including those with disabilities and special needs (which are not welcome at Fit Kids).

Ashley Insular

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 05-13-25

I fully support for AGC to open up a second location. It's a positive step for the community, young athletes, and the sport as a whole. It's not about competition or comparison with existing facilities. It's about expanding access, offering variety, and giving families more choices. This isn't about choosing one gym over another—it's about creating more space for passion, talent, and growth. Supporting the opening of this new gymnastics gym means supporting families, coaches, and athletes who want to thrive in an environment that fits their needs best.

Elsie Herrera

Location:

Submitted At: 12:14pm 05-13-25

It's clear that AGC's desperation is showing by actively soliciting comments from families who live nowhere near the proposed location. You see proof of this on their Instagram page. These families, unlikely to make the trek to North Redondo, should not be the ones influencing a decision that directly impacts our community. Let's focus on supporting Fit Kids, an established, successful pillar of the Redondo Beach community, rather than giving weight to irrelevant opinions from neighboring cities. While I personally don't have a child in either program anymore, it's simply common sense to prioritize the businesses that are already contributing to our city's success.

Mindy Douglas

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 05-13-25

This DOES NOT have anything to do with the kids. It seems this has EVERYTHING to do with trying to put an existing establishment of 40 years, out of business. I'm sure there were other close-by locations within this area where this proposed establishment could have chosen to build their complex. While we all agree that this is what the foundations of what America was built on (free enterprise), whatever happened to having integrity and

scruples towards a fellow business associate? Maybe the taste of money and success was greater than the integrity and scruples, eh? Hopefully, the loyal customers of the existing gymnasium, will remain there. No ill will towards the new establishment - wishing them great success but, couldn't they do it in another close-by location instead of RIGHT NEXT DOOR to the established business?? What's up with that?

Dominic Charmello

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 05-13-25

I would like to publicly say am in full support of Aerial Gymnastics Club opening a location in Redondo Beach. As I read the opposing comments posted here, the reoccurring theme is that this is a personal vindictive act by an individual against a business. (They're opening close to us to steal our business) Those speculative accusations have no validity in their claims. Using the same logic one can claim Fit Kids doesn't want Aerial Gymnastics Club in Redondo Beach in order to monopolize the city. (Don't let them open close to us we want all the business). I don't agree with this divisiveness in our community.

Both business have been operating near each other in Torrance for years now and it seems the opposition had a problem with that location as well. Let me pose a question to the public; would it be risky to start a new business in close proximity to an established one? I would say yes. And due to healthy competition both businesses are succeeding and continuing to do good for the community in all aspects. The case study is there, both business can co exist and continue to provide good for the community.

Michelle Adkins

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 05-13-25

I am commenting not in opposition to growth or healthy competition, but in support of responsible planning that protects long-standing community institutions and ensures public safety. I urge you to reconsider the proposed location of Aerial Gymnastics Club.

The location in question raises several serious concerns—both practical and ethical. First and foremost, the site is in close proximity to Fit Kids Gym, a gymnastics facility that has served our community for over 40 years. Fit Kids is more than just a business—it is a cornerstone of this area's youth development, known for nurturing thousands of children through its high-quality, safety-first programming. The owner has dedicated his life to building a safe, welcoming space with deep ties to families across generations.

Placing a competing gym mere steps away from this legacy business risks not just economic disruption, but the loss of countless jobs and the collapse of a proven and beloved community resource. We're not talking about natural competition across town—we're talking about a direct and potentially devastating redundancy in the same vicinity.

That brings me to the second and equally urgent concern: safety. The proposed location is marked by a chronically congested parking lot that is poorly suited to the heavy foot traffic associated with children's activities. Additionally, the area has a documented issue with a transient population at night, raising legitimate concerns about child and family safety—particularly during evening classes.

This is not a question of whether Aerial Gymnastics should open in our city. It's a question of where? The proposed site threatens the survival of a cherished institution and exposes families to avoidable risks. I urge the commission to deny approval for this location and encourage Aerial Gymnastics to explore alternative spaces that better serve their business while respecting existing community pillars.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cate Stutz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 05-13-25

AGC offers families more flexibility in the area for their kids. It is not uncommon for multiple similar businesses to reside near one another. Both facilities can both successfully operate.

Samera Eusufzai

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15am 05-13-25

As a South Bay resident, I strongly support the approval of CUP 2025-0015 allowing Aerial Gymnastics Club to operate in the vacant space at 2701 Manhattan Beach Blvd, which resides in a separate plaza from Fit Kids Gymnastics Center.

Zoning regulations should not be used to exclude this company. Gymnastics services are a non-homogenous product: AGC provides unique classes, specialized events, and other aspects that differ from FK's own great services. Allowing AGC's operation will demonstrate Redondo Beach's commitment to supporting small businesses and respecting freedom of choice for Redondo families.

- Knowing John Snyder and the owners of AGC, claims of this move being vindictive rather than a normal business decision based on extensive research, clearly shows a misunderstanding. I must respectfully yet importantly add that this perspective lacks critical thought: one participant's gain is not equal to another participant's loss. Claiming this would shift customers from Fit Kids to AGC is a fallacy: the already existing high demand that is targeted specifically for AGC's services shows that both companies can thrive.
- Fit Kids' abilities as an almost 40 year old business should not be so disrespected as to assume they could not withstand a new gymnastics company entering the city. As stated by others, they have a record of integrity and a trusted consumer base. Such a strong part of the community will not falter by giving families this new access.
- I know numerous people wanting to attend AGC because it fits their family's needs, which demonstrates a public need for this service. Having an AGC closer or within their beach city eases their hectic schedules of school, work, and other activities. Travel time is an important factor in their schedules.
- Redondo Beach will economically grow with this addition. The other businesses within the plaza will benefit from AGC's consumer introduction and this current vacant space increases Redondo's opportunity cost with each day that passes. With the current interest rates, how many other offers of investment will Redondo have?

Please accept this permit and encourage freedom of choice—not favoritism.

Aisha Bridges

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55am 05-13-25

Not only is Aerial Gymnastics an amazing business to bring into the community, but they are an inclusive business. We actually ended up there because the other Gymnastics place didn't accept funding from a program that supports Autistic families like ours. AGC didn't give us the runaround and have been completely accepting. My daughter loves going there. Not only that, but the current facility is well kept, the staff is friendly and the waitlists are long because of this. Adding another business would help alleviate the waitlists and support a location that is closer for some people.

This does not cause the other location to lose business because loyal clients will continue to support the business they already have for the last 40 years. Just as loyal clients to AGC will continue to support that business.

This is the foundation America is built on. We want businesses to thrive and we want buildings to be filled with activities that support our community. The north part of the Southbay is lacking in additional Gymnastics places, especially ones that are diverse and inclusive to all kids.

Amelie Kircher

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 05-13-25

I fully support AGC's expansion, as it allows more opportunities for children to exercise, gain confidence, and make friends through gymnastics. The small size of their current gym creates lots of waitlisting, and this would alleviate the issue! Gymnastics for everyone __

Brandon Kwon

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40am 05-13-25

My daughter has been with AGC for 3 yrs and she still loves going. I am strongly support AGC expansion for other kids to have great opportunities.

Marisa Krom

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 05-13-25

AGC has been a supportive and welcoming environment for my daughters for the last 3years (one of whom has some special needs). The whole team is so kind and helpful. We would love for there to be a second location to be able to take more classes and have less time spent on waitlists for classes. As a north Redondo resident I strongly support this proposal.

Nicholas Banda

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 05-13-25

I support adding the expansion of Aerial Gymnastics Club. AGC has proven to provide quality services for many kids & families in Torrance. The sport of gymnastics is not slowing down in growth and having this location will expand opportunities and meet the needs of families looking to grow strong healthy youth in the South Bay. This is also a great location and will provide more support, income and profitability for surrounding business in the same plaza.

Lance Bommelje

Location:

Submitted At: 10:13am 05-13-25

I frequently drive through the intersection by the proposed gymnastics center to pick up my daughter from work and visit businesses in the strip mall. That entire corner is regularly congested and difficult to navigate, especially during peak times. It's not uncommon to sit through multiple light cycles just to get through the intersection.

The parking lot adds to the challenge—it's often overcrowded, with limited spaces, tight lanes, and cars constantly backing out or cutting across. Pedestrians, including families and older adults, are left to navigate this busy environment with little room for error.

Introducing a gymnastics center into that space would significantly increase traffic and foot activity throughout the day. The added volume from frequent drop-offs and pick-ups, especially involving young children, would put even more pressure on an area that's already overburdened.

I hope the Planning Commission takes a close look at the safety, traffic flow, and parking concerns this proposal raises. This location simply isn't equipped to handle that level of activity.

Jena Deleon

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06am 05-13-25

My cousins/family are apart of the AGC company and I hear nothing but amazing stories ranging from lifting kids' confidence to making every single person apart of AGC feel like family. I wish I had something like this growing up, so I fully support the opening of AGC in redondo beach to give these kids chances to make new experiences with the BEST.

Martine Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 9:41am 05-13-25

I fully support AGC's expansion into redondo beach

Estevan Ledesma

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 05-13-25

I stand firmly behind AGC and its potential to create valuable new opportunities for the youth in our community.

Rex Y.

Location:

Submitted At: 9:21am 05-13-25

I am in support of giving the children of our community more options and access to activities/sports

Andrea Doyle

Location:

Submitted At: 8:15am 05-13-25

I strongly support the opening of AGC in Redondo to allow increased access to this excellent sport to more children and families in the South Bay!

Maya Sanacore

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13am 05-13-25

As someone who has grown up in this community and been part of Fit Kids Gymnastics for most of my life, I'm heartbroken to hear about the proposed AGC facility opening in the same center. Fit Kids isn't just a gym—it's a second home for so many of us. It's where kids learn confidence, build friendships, and feel truly supported by coaches who care.

Opening a competing gym right next door feels like a betrayal to a place that has poured so much into our community for years. It threatens the heart of something that's already doing so much good—not just for kids, but for families who rely on that safe and positive space.

Please don't let that be pushed aside. I ask you to protect what already works, what already matters, and reject this proposal.

Jan Hirra

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43am 05-13-25

I strongly support the opening of AGC in Redondo Beach. This expansion has been something many of us has been anxiously anticipating for years. My friends and family have been on the waitlists since the end of 2023 and will wait as long as it takes. The owners who are a an amazing mother daughter duo (John Snyder is a husband/father not owner) simple google of public information could find that. Much disinformation is being spread, for one the location is not DIRECTLY next door again simple research would show this. 2 the Torrance location has not failed its extremely live and well, you can not even get into the parking lot sometimes. This alone shows the need for growth and expansion. If people truly knew the back story behind the building of the gym, the extreme love and dedication to the community and AGC families, you'd jump on the extremely long waitlist too! Redondo would blessed to have them!

What should be noted is that is those starting the opposition, so called influencers, also have had personal relationships with AGC members, have no interest in "protecting" the community or its children. Telling people to use Chatgpt or AI to create more compelling comments on here shows they do not have concerns from their hearts but instead a calculated attempt to cause hurt and disruption to serve a personal agenda. My kids will grow up with AGC no matter where they decide to expand, P.S. we are former Fit Kids customers!

Christine Morgan

Location:

Submitted At: 5:51am 05-13-25

Support opening of Redondo Beach location 100%

Debbie Dalrymple

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11am 05-13-25

This is America where competition is a good thing. Where you have options to choose.

Martine Joseph

Location:

Submitted At: 12:42am 05-13-25

Support

J. Whitney

Location:

Submitted At: 12:10am 05-13-25

I support AGC's moving into the neighborhood. They're looking to expand because of their waitlist - not because they want to move into an area and poach families from other gyms. The idea that a business shouldn't be allowed to move into a neighborhood because of a similar business nearby is childish. We all like our coffee differently- thank goodness there's a variety of coffee shops, where we can CHOOSE which one to go to.

David Parod

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01am 05-13-25

No two gymnastics centers are the same. The teaching style, class offerings, overall vibe, etc all determine whether it connects with your child or not. We've tried other gymnastics centers, but Aerial Gymnastics Club is what worked for our child. It won't for everyone.

So just like with gyms, yoga studios, etc, there should be plenty of space for two different gymnastic centers to operate in a similar vicinity, as they both have their own style and things to offer.

Aerial's family friendly atmosphere has been great for my daughter and really helped boost her confidence. But it's also been great for her male friends too, as they take Aerial's Ninjas classes, which has been a fantastic outlet for these kids who aren't interested in traditional gymnastics classes.

So I am in full support of Aerial's request to bring new options, opportunities, and business to the community by opening an additional location at this property.

Julie Welte

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27pm 05-12-25

I strongly oppose Aerial gymnastics opening right next door to Fitkids gymnastics which has been built up and established for over 40 years by its owner and his loyal and committed staff. He has brought revenue to the city, integrity and a vested interest in the sport and students, and has a loyal client base. Unfortunately the owner of Aerial gymnastics has shown a different set of ethics. Please keep the city of Redondo free of business owners that only want to benefit themselves.

Sierra Battah

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25pm 05-12-25

I fully support AGC expanding to Redondo Beach, the popularity of gymnastics has been growing over these years with social media presence and media exposure of awesome gymnasts, and its a great way to get more Redondo kids involved in this sport and sports in general. Many have already explained the economic benefits that Redondo can reap from this inclusion, and I can add to the support of AGC's supportive and hard-working owners who would make a great addition to the community.

Kaitlyn Welsh

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57pm 05-12-25

I strongly support AGC opening a new location in Redondo! The owners, majority of whom are minority women, of this small business are an incredible group that have already impacted many families with their services.

Aside from this, if we're looking at the business side of things: Fit Kids has the upper hand of an established consumer base and connections-- any movement from Fit Kids to AGC, though unlikely as many will come from

AGC's waiting list, will demonstrate families choosing what is best for their needs. Redondo should respect normal, healthy business competition to promote diversity and the entry of small businesses. This is not a Starbucks with their corporate advantage entering a plaza with a small café, this is normal small-to-small business competition!

AGC would be a great addition to the community of Redondo Beach by promoting youth activity, new jobs, supporting neighboring businesses, and allowing families the freedom to choose what is best for their needs!

Yesenia Zambrano

Location:

Submitted At: 10:29pm 05-12-25

I am in full support of AGC Gymnastics to open up their new site. I have heard nothing but good things about their environment. Communities need more places like this one where children and adolescents can have a safe place where they feel secure and happy. Having a waitlist says it all.

Roxie Bogoyevac

Location:

Submitted At: 10:15pm 05-12-25

I strongly oppose the proposed opening of a second AGC location next to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center in Redondo Beach. Fit Kids has been a valued part of the South Bay community for years, it has provided a safe, positive, and nurturing environment where kids can grow and feel supported. Bringing in a competing facility right next door undermines Fit Kids efforts and creates a situation where the already established business is not being protected nor respected. Additionally, bringing an AGC location in such close proximity could cause an increase in traffic, parking, and noise making things harder for families and staff. I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and prevent this unnecessary harm to an already established and valued business.

Mark Freeman

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51pm 05-12-25

Dear Planning Commission,

As a long time resident, I'm deeply concerned about the proposal to open Aerial Gymnastics Club right next door to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center. Fit Kids has been part of Redondo Beach for nearly 40 years—it's where generations of local kids have learned confidence, discipline, and community.

The new applicant isn't just a stranger trying to meet a public need. They have a personal history with Fit Kids and previously opened a competing gym near them in Torrance, which didn't last. Now they're back, this time placing their business just feet away. It feels less like healthy competition and more like an attempt to undercut an established neighbor.

Do we really need two gymnastics gyms on the same block? Has there been any demonstrated need? This kind of saturation doesn't serve the broader community—it concentrates the same service in one small area, leaving other parts of the city untouched. Zoning should help promote balanced growth, not enable targeted competition.

Redondo Beach deserves smart, intentional development—not business warfare. Please consider what kind of local economy we want to build, and who we're choosing to support.

Sincerely,

Frank Butcher

Bree Chapman

Location:

Submitted At: 9:37pm 05-12-25

I oppose AGC opening in the business complex next door to Fit Kids. I strongly support the business decision of expanding to a second location to alleviate a growing waitlist. Opening near a Fit Kids location is not a first

occurrence as seen in Torrance. To best serve the South Bay, finding a space that serves the most amount of people in the community is the smartest choice. I fear this decision could cause both businesses to suffer creating a lose-lose-lose situation for AGC, FK, and Redondo Beach.

Also, the owner and applicant of the permit, John Snyder, is not a female or a minority as some comments claim.

Skylen Collazo

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30pm 05-12-25

I am in strong opposition of the proposed opening of a secondary Aerial Gymnastics Club location in such close proximity to the existing Fit Kids Gymnastics Center. The Snyder's, owners of AGC, have falsely represented their intentions in choosing this exact location. Members of the Snyder family were previously long time supporters of Fit Kids Gymnastics Center as both gymnasts and coaches. Since departing from Fit Kids, they have demonstrated a history of strategically attempting to hinder the success of Fit Kids. Upon the initial opening of AGC, AGC staff used their knowledge and connections as previous Fit Kids' employees to recruit Fit Kids' clientele and staff. Further, Aerial Gymnastics Club first location is less than a mile's distance from Fit Kids Torrance gym. Applying for a secondary location directly neighboring Fit Kids' Redondo Beach location is not coincidental or an opportune expansion for AGC. When two businesses offering the same exact niche services neighbor each other, neither is likely to thrive. The opening of this location is not meeting a need of the community but rather harming it by creating unnecessary competition and over saturating the gymnastics market in Redondo Beach. Ill intentions aside, the approval of this application will not bring a significant increase of revenue to the city. I urge the city of Redondo Beach to consider the harm that will be done to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center, a long-standing and well respected small business that has spent decades pouring into the children of the South Bay. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Josie Lamberth

Location:

Submitted At: 9:23pm 05-12-25

I'm writing in strong support of Aerial Gymnastics Center's proposed expansion into Redondo Beach. As a parent and a member of this community, I believe this move would be a tremendous asset—bringing more opportunities for local families and children to thrive through movement, discipline, and connection.

Now more than ever, youth programs play a vital role in shaping confident, healthy, and well-rounded individuals. Our children deserve access to high-quality, inclusive, and well-equipped environments where they can build life skills, friendships, and self-esteem. This new location would allow Aerial to meet the growing demand from families seeking that kind of positive and supportive training experience.

It's also important to acknowledge that no single gym or program can meet the needs of every child. Just as children learn differently, they also flourish in different environments. Families should have the freedom to choose the setting that best aligns with their goals, values, and each child's unique personality.

Aerial Gymnastics has consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence, encouragement, and athlete-focused development. Bringing their program to Redondo Beach wouldn't just add another gym—it would expand opportunities, enhance youth engagement, and contribute meaningfully to the vibrant community spirit our city is known for.

Luciana Gissing

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18pm 05-12-25

I believe families deserve the freedom to choose the environment that best fits their child. No single gym can meet the needs of every child, and having options allows families to find the right fit for their goals and values.

Ulysses Duran

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57pm 05-12-25

South Bay's growing population of young families naturally seeks a safe, flourishing environment for their children

to participate in fitness and athletics. Ariel Gymnastics Club has proven itself in its short existence, which has led to a waiting list that surpassed their expectations. They must fill the needs of their potential members on this waiting list, as any business should that is experiencing a surplus of potential members. There is nothing suspicious about this move at all, they are simply working with what they are offered to adjust to the sudden rush of potential members.

As for the proximity to Fit Kids, the conclusion that the intent is based solely on geography or personal associations is unfair. Opening a business near a successful one is a common and legal practice! It reflects market research, not malicious targeting. Fit Kids has had nearly 40 years to build brand loyalty and community trust; a new business in its radius should pose no existential threat...

Aerial Gymnastics Club deserves a fair opportunity to contribute to the community. Let the families of Redondo Beach decide which programs best meet their needs!

Michael Rice

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54pm 05-12-25

I support the opening of Aerial Gymnastics Club. This club has an amazing family friendly environment that only creates another outlet for the youth of the South Bay to enter the world of gymnastics or further enhance their current abilities.

JoAnn DuBay

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47pm 05-12-25

As a mom and someone who regularly shops at the strip mall where the new gymnastics center is being proposed, I feel the need to speak up—and I hope others will too.

This strip mall has a history of serious traffic and parking problems. I've been going there for years—even back when the original 99 Cents Store was still around—and it's always been an issue. The lot is chaotic most days, with constant cars, drivers getting impatient, and families trying to cross safely through unpredictable traffic.

Now imagine adding hundreds of kids and families throughout the day to attend a full-service gymnastics center. Toddlers, preschoolers, and young children being dropped off and picked up in that environment? It honestly feels like a disaster waiting to happen. As a parent, it makes me uncomfortable. There are already too many businesses squeezed into that complex, and not nearly enough parking to support what's there now—let alone a high-traffic gymnastics center.

This just doesn't feel like a safe or smart idea for our neighborhood. I hope the Planning Commission takes a hard look at the impact this would have on traffic, safety, and parking.

Traci Y.

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46pm 05-12-25

I support AGC. The Torrance Fit Kids location is currently 0.8 miles from AGC. They both seem to be operating successfully.

Lily Zwicki

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36pm 05-12-25

I respectfully urge you to deny the application for Aerial Gymnastics Club to open a facility immediately adjacent to the long-established Fit Kids Gymnastics Center.

Fit Kids has been serving the Redondo Beach community for nearly 40 years. It is not just a business—it's a cornerstone of local youth development and trusted by generations of families. The proposed placement of Aerial Gymnastics Club right next door is not only suspicious in its proximity, but appears to be a deliberate and targeted move rather than a coincidental site selection.

There is no demonstrated public need for two nearly identical gymnastics centers to operate side-by-side. In fact, the applicant, who has a known personal history with Fit Kids, has already opened a similar business near Fit Kids' previous location in Torrance. This troubling pattern strongly suggests that the intent is not to serve a new or underserved population, but rather to siphon off clients through proximity—effectively cannibalizing an existing, beloved business under the guise of “competition.”

Zoning exists to promote thoughtful, diverse, and sustainable economic development. Allowing this move sets a dangerous precedent that encourages business warfare, not community enrichment. When two identical businesses operate on the same block, the outcome is not innovation or growth—it's confusion, duplication, and often the eventual collapse of one or both. That is not what Redondo Beach needs.

I urge this commission to consider the broader picture. Redondo Beach deserves planning decisions that uplift the community, not pit neighbors against one another. Please reject this application in favor of zoning that reflects long-term community benefit, not short-term rivalry.

Clara Bommelje

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 05-12-25

I want to strongly oppose the proposal for a new gym to open right next door to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center in Redondo Beach.

Fit Kids has been a trusted part of our community for nearly 40 years. Myself, and thousands of other local families have grown up in their programs, and they've built something really special here in Redondo Beach. So it's incredibly suspicious that someone with a personal history with Fit Kids is now trying to open an almost identical gymnastics facility—literally steps away.

Redondo Beach doesn't need two gymnastics centers on the same block. There's no lack of access to youth gymnastics here—Fit Kids already offers extensive classes for all ages and skill levels. Zoning and city planning should help prevent this kind of business saturation, where a duplicate service pops up solely to compete rather than contribute.

This move doesn't help the community grow—it undermines one of its long-standing pillars. If we want thoughtful, sustainable development in Redondo Beach, we have to speak up against tactics like this.

I hope the planning commission sees through the intent behind this proposal and stands by the businesses that have invested in our city for decades.

Alejandra Duran

Location:

Submitted At: 8:13pm 05-12-25

I'm here to express my strong support for Aerial Gymnastics Club.

First, while I respect the history and success of Fit Kids Gymnastics Center, no single business has the right to monopolize a service area. The idea that Redondo Beach cannot support more than one gymnastics facility in a commercial corridor ignores the facts of a growing population and increased interest in youth sports and wellness. Families deserve the freedom to choose what best fits their child's developmental and athletic needs. Variety strengthens the community. Furthermore, opposing a business simply because it is “similar” to another nearby could set a dangerous precedent. If we began denying permits based on proximity alone, we'd be limiting innovation and diversity. We don't apply this logic to coffee shops, fitness studios, or other specialized services—why gymnastics?

Second, allegations about “bad faith” or “calculated moves” are speculative and not a valid basis for denying a permit. We must avoid making planning decisions based on personal dynamics or assumptions about intent. The Planning Commission's role is to assess whether a business meets zoning requirements, serves a public interest, and operates safely and legally—not to mediate perceived personal rivalries.

Lastly, the applicant, Aerial Gymnastics, is seeking to invest in the community, create jobs, and expand youth programming. Denying this opportunity based on subjective narratives about motivation would be unfair, and would send a message that Redondo Beach discourages entrepreneurship.

Jordan Marshall

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 05-12-25

I strongly support Aerial Gymnastics Club getting the permit they need. It's an amazing place for kids and teens to stay active, build confidence, and have fun in a positive environment. The staff are incredibly dedicated, supportive, and great with the kids. AGC is a real asset to the community and deserves this opportunity to keep growing.

Lori Rico

Location:

Submitted At: 8:09pm 05-12-25

I 1000% support this gymnastics club operation. These are great owners who run an amazing club with passion and quality coaching. Any child would greatly benefit from attending this establishment and learning from the best!

Travis York

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51pm 05-12-25

What a great family owned business! Any community would be blessed to have such a wonderful place to take their kids to.

Albert Rico

Location:

Submitted At: 7:45pm 05-12-25

I 100% SUPPORT AGC! GREAT OWNERS, COACHES, LOCATION, and GREAT for the COMMUNITY!

Sandra Parod

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40pm 05-12-25

Aerial Gymnastics club has been part of my child's life for 4 years and they are the most lovely people who care deeply for the community. I support their expansion!

Zoe Lyons

Location:

Submitted At: 7:39pm 05-12-25

AGC has much to offer the city of Redondo Beach. From an economic standpoint, their long waiting list for their Torrance location proves more access to their services is desired, and bringing these consumers to Redondo could only benefit the community. There are six food-serving business within the plaza of the requested location, and when AGC brings these new consumers to the city, it will spur economic growth by supporting these other businesses—grabbing food during or after athletic practices is a common activity. In addition, AGC will provide more options for employment—especially for young people looking to start matching their skills to a company that provides a healthy work environment.

Respectfully, what seems to be a neglected point by those opposing is that there is already high demand for AGC's services. AGC is not out to harm incumbent firms, rather, they require an additional location where they can serve the overflow of consumers at their Torrance location. Preventing this small business from participating in healthy competition due to claims of saturation would be a disservice to the community. There is little evidence to prove that the demand for gymnastics services has been maximized--especially given the closeness of neighboring beach cities with young kids. Rather, AGC's waiting list is evidence of a service in demand that will pump consumers into Redondo Beach's economy. In addition, gymnastics services is not a homogenous product and there is plenty of variation AGC can bring that will allow families to choose the best location for their needs--all a part of healthy competition. Denying families this freedom in favor of the incumbents would not be a healthy

practice for the community. This situation is not a zero-sum game, and viewing it as such does not reflect Redondo Beach's mission statement, nor their core values as outlined on their website: https://www.redondo.org/community/about_redondo_beach/index.php.

I fully support AGC's expansion into Redondo Beach.

John Safar

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37pm 05-12-25

I support the opening of Aerial Gymnastics. As a Redondo Beach business owner I support Healthy competition. Parents should have more options on where to take their children for gymnastics lessons. I think it'll be a perfect fit for the city and the plaza

Beth Bohl

Location:

Submitted At: 7:34pm 05-12-25

Families with competitive gymnasts currently have to drive to Torrance as the closest option. Having a real gymnastics studio for HB, RB & MB residents would be a great service for our residents.

Nancy Villegas

Location:

Submitted At: 7:10pm 05-12-25

I support this location

Randy Flinders

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01pm 05-12-25

As a father and grandfather who was raised in the South Bay area, I understand the value to parents of having options when selecting the right environments for our children to grow and thrive. My sons spent their childhood learning and practicing Taekwondo. The impact this had on their development into strong, successful men cannot be understated. It took a few tries to find the right studio where my sons felt comfortable and were able to connect with the studio and thrive. We tried several studios, all within the same proximity of each other, until we found the right fit. I am thankful I had the opportunity to choose between more than simply one. A community cannot have enough organizations such as Aerial Gymnastics Club, which support our children's development in a supportive and constructive atmosphere. It appears to me the opposition to the granting of this conditional use permit is based solely in the desire to protect another gym from competition. It is my belief that reducing the availability of resources for our children within the community solely to protect business interests of one dominate gym is not in the best interest of the children, or the community as a whole. The more support our children have available to them, the better. I also don't believe proximity is a concern. Auto parks with multiple automotive sales and repair centers adjacent to each other are common. Restaurants are commonly located adjacent to each other. Retail centers provide multiple retailers in one location to allow consumers to choose the retailer that fits their needs. Why would gyms be any different? Aerial Gymnastics Club is an established, valued organization with considerable community support and a proven history of supporting the children of the community in which they operate. I strongly encourage the planning commission to approve this conditional permit and not deny the community's children a valuable resource in the name of protecting the business interests of a competing gym.

Adriana Villa

Location:

Submitted At: 7:00pm 05-12-25

I'm so happy that AGC has been so successful and In demand! This has been a great place to develop my grandchildren's desire to learn gymnastics while having fun! It would be a shame to have our kids on a waitlist, when AGC is ready to expand and serve the community! 100% support Aerial Gymnastics Club

Katherine Steelman

Location:

Submitted At: 6:53pm 05-12-25

I strongly support the approval of Aerial Gymnastics Club's (AGC) proposal and respectfully disagree with the notion that their presence would harm the community or represent an act of bad faith toward existing gyms.

Competition in a free market is not harmful—it is healthy, especially when it expands options for families and creates new opportunities for youth. AGC is not trying to replace or undermine any other business. Instead, they are seeking to offer their own unique programming and coaching style, which has clearly resonated with many families who already follow and support them. Their success and reputation are based on the trust they have built with students and parents, which is a testament to their quality—not an indictment of any other gym.

It's also important to recognize that the families supporting AGC are not being “taken” from another business—they are making informed choices about where their children thrive. Claiming that AGC's presence is harmful to another gym implies that families shouldn't have the freedom to choose what's best for them.

Moreover, the proposal is for a space that is currently underutilized. Filling it with a thriving youth-centered business adds life, safety, and economic activity to the area. That benefits the entire community.

Approving AGC isn't about favoring one business over another. It's about allowing room for multiple community-serving businesses to coexist and offer diverse options to our residents.

Please approve this proposal in support of youth well-being, community vibrancy, and fairness.

Ashley Snyder

Location:

Submitted At: 6:28pm 05-12-25

AGC has given my daughters a fun, safe and clean environment to grow and learn both physically and mentally.

To deny AGC expansion into the community would be a major disservice to all of the children in the area, especially those who have been on the wait list to be apart of the amazing AGC team.

AGC is providing more than just a place to do gymnastics. They're providing an environment for kids to develop in multiple ways.

I am in full support of Aerial Gymnastics

Alberta Reeves

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25pm 05-12-25

I fully support this business. It's good for the community! I have witnessed the good that this gym emotes. The kids deserve this and should have the right to chose what gym they want to join. We have many fast food restaurants in the same strip malls and areas to give the public a choice. This is no different. This will be a great addition for the city and community. Plus it keeps kids off of electronics and active and healthy! It also teaches them valuable life lessons, how to interact with others, how to be proud of their accomplishments, how to strive for better, and many more lessons.

Tate Brock

Location:

Submitted At: 6:21pm 05-12-25

I fully support AGC and their proposed expansion!

Becca Duran

Location:

Submitted At: 6:18pm 05-12-25

I am in full support of AGC! Great community, staff, support & gym!

Tilde Valentin

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 05-12-25

I'm in full support of AGC opening their gym. Great gym, great staff, great ethos, great support of our kids.

Jaimee Hecker

Location:

Submitted At: 6:11pm 05-12-25

I approve

Marcel Oropeza

Location:

Submitted At: 6:00pm 05-12-25

I approve.

Lisa Nisbet

Location:

Submitted At: 5:59pm 05-12-25

I'm writing in full support of Aerial Gymnastics Club (AGC) and their proposed gym. AGC is in high demand for a reason—it offers something truly valuable to our community: a welcoming, supportive environment where children of all abilities can participate, grow, and thrive. AGC goes above and beyond to make sure as many children as possible feel seen, supported, and included.

Some have raised concerns about zoning, particularly the location being near another gym. But AGC is not just another gym—it's a specialized facility focused on child development, not adult fitness or general training. Redondo Beach families have been asking for more space, and this would accommodate families from Redondo Beach and all neighboring cities.

We live in a city that values family, wellness, and inclusion. AGC reflects all of those values, and their presence would only strengthen what makes Redondo Beach such a great place to live. Zoning should be used to support community needs—and right now, there is a need for a facility like AGC.

Let's welcome a business that lifts up our kids and gives them a place to belong. That's what building a strong community is all about.

Daenera Jimenez

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 05-12-25

Fully support __

Elizabeth Anderson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:36pm 05-12-25

I favor the proposal to allow a gym to operate in the space. The city should be interested in bringing another business into the space. It will pay rent and pay employees all bringing business and money into the city. Unoccupied, unrented space that is not bringing revenue into the community is not in the city's interest. Nor should the city be choosing winners and losers between competing businesses. A legitimate business should have every right to compete. Fast food restaurants frequently operate competitively in close proximity. This seems no different in my opinion.

Stephanie Hernandez

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 05-12-25

I'm writing to show my full support for Aerial Gymnastics as they work to expand into a new location that will allow them to continue serving their amazing community. This expansion is not about competition—it's about meeting the needs of families and kids who are eager to be part of something special.

With a long waitlist and many clients in the South Bay, the new location is the perfect size and one of the few available options that meets the safety and space requirements for this kind of training. Aerial Gymnastics is looking to meet the real demand that already exists.

It's also important to recognize that a business—even in the same field where one once trained—is not a betrayal; It's a beautiful example of passion and dedication coming full circle. Aerial Gymnastics is not looking to "take away" from anyone but rather to create more opportunities for young people to grow, move, and thrive.

If the families on Aerial Gymnastics waitlist were simply looking for any gym, they would have already enrolled elsewhere. Instead, they've chosen to wait—sometimes for several months—because they trust and value the unique environment, coaching, and community that Aerial Gymnastics provides. That speaks volumes.

There is room for more than one gym to succeed, and ultimately, it's the kids who benefit when there are safe, professional, and accessible places to train. Let's support businesses that are trying to do the right thing, grow responsibly, and meet the needs of the families they serve.

Joy Sun

Location:

Submitted At: 5:32pm 05-12-25

This will be a great addition to the community. Not all gyms are one size fits all and this can give families and kids another option.

It is a great way to promote kids to get up and moving. Aerial Gymnastics has been a foundation in the Torrance community with high reputation. This will also be a great add to the Redondo community as well.

Elizabeth Marie

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 05-12-25

This gym will be a great addition to our community, giving children and teens a safe, healthy place to be active, build confidence, and make friends.

With kids today spending so much time indoors and on screens, having a space dedicated to movement, discipline, and fun is more important than ever. Aerial Gymnastics will offer a positive environment where young people can grow both physically and emotionally.

This club will give families in our area a valuable option for their children, and I believe it will have a lasting, positive impact on our community.

Travis Combine

Location:

Submitted At: 5:13pm 05-12-25

I'm in full support of AGC opening their gym. Great gym, great staff, and an awesome environment.

Chandler Bonilla

Location:

Submitted At: 5:13pm 05-12-25

Aerial Gymnastics Club, a woman-owned business, would be a wonderful addition to Redondo Beach and I hereby pledge my unwavering support of their proposal. AGC is more than a gymnastics club, and the environment AGC has established for their athletes is incredibly positive. They promote inclusivity and respect. They provide young athletes with a supportive training environment and empowering role models. They help foster confidence, discipline, and hard work among their athletes. Denying AGC's petition would be in an incredible mistake. They provide so much more to their athletes and the families of said athletes.

Brenna Combine

Location:

Submitted At: 5:06pm 05-12-25

I support the opening of AGC in Redondo Beach community. AGC is a top notch facility and has an amazing staff to go with it.

Al Lan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 05-12-25

I believe this gym is good for the youth and for our community!

M. Graham

Location:

Submitted At: 4:37pm 05-12-25

The facility that AGC operates in Torrance is first class, with excellent teachers, first class equipment and a wonderful support staff. We should be welcoming them into our Redondo Beach community. My daughter has been training there since they opened despite the fact that we live closer to another gymnastics training center. She prefers their coaches and techniques and if they are allowed to grow into this larger operation and offer even more training equipment to local kids and gymnasts this is a win for our city.

I've noticed comments about unfair competition, and I believe if they are not allowed to move into this location this sets a dangerous precedent for competition. Since when is the City of Redondo Beach in the business of protecting certain businesses? Aren't there martial arts studios, Pilates studios and health clubs within blocks of each other? Why is this any different? There is high demand for this type of business and enough of a market that more than one should be able to flourish in our community. We should be welcoming this outstanding family and operation to RB.

Joelle Gibson

Location:

Submitted At: 4:15pm 05-12-25

I want to express my support to establish AGC, a new children's gymnastics facility, near the existing Fit Kids Gymnastics Center. As someone who strongly supports youth development and community enrichment, I am in favor of initiatives that broaden access to high-quality athletic programs for children.

The addition of AGC presents an opportunity to further nurture interest in gymnastics within our area and to meet the increasing demand for youth fitness and enrichment activities. I believe AGC and Fit Kids can successfully coexist, offering complementary programs that serve the diverse needs of local families.

I welcome AGC's commitment to our community and look forward to the valuable contributions both organizations will continue to make in promoting healthy, active lifestyles for children.

Leila Zamudio

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 05-12-25

The idea that AGC is acting in bad faith is not only speculative but unfair. Businesses grow based on need, not personal history. John Snyder's connection to the industry or to past locations doesn't change the fact that AGC is being asked—by families—for more space. Their program is in high demand, and expansion is the natural next step. Intentions should be judged by actions, and AGC has consistently served its community with integrity and care.

Isabella Soto

Location:

Submitted At: 4:03pm 05-12-25

There is a very real public need for AGC's services. Their waitlists prove that families are struggling to get their children into quality, inclusive gymnastics programs. This isn't about convenience like gas stations—it's about access, opportunity, and finding the right environment for a child's emotional and physical development. More than one quality option benefits the entire community.

Patricia Zambrano

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 05-12-25

Zoning should protect community integrity, not eliminate fair access to trusted programs. There are multiple dental offices, fitness centers, and preschools on the same blocks in Redondo because families deserve options. AGC offers a unique coaching philosophy and culture built on inclusivity and personal growth. Two gymnastics centers in proximity is not a threat—it's healthy community choice.

Elizabeth Zambrano

Location:

Submitted At: 3:59pm 05-12-25

AGC is a trusted, inclusive program that meets a real need in the Redondo Beach community. Families are facing long waitlists—some up to 6 months—for access to a space where their kids can feel safe, confident, and supported. This expansion is not unnecessary duplication—it's responsible growth rooted in demand and community interest.

Steven Greene

Location:

Submitted At: 3:56pm 05-12-25

As a fellow beach community resident, I offer an alternative perspective in support allowing the conditional use permit for Aerial Gymnastics Club to operate at this location. While concerns about competition and proximity are understandable, they should not outweigh a business's right to fair market participation, especially when the new business meets zoning requirements and safety standards. I personally have known the Snyder family for more than 30 years and I know the product they will offer at Aerial Gymnastics will be top notch. Healthy competition can drive innovation, improve service quality, and provide families with more choices in coaching styles, class structures, and facility environments. Allegations about personal motives should not be a basis for denying a permit. If the existing gymnastics company has indeed earned lasting community trust, it will continue to thrive. The presence of two gyms may even strengthen the area's identity as a hub for youth athletics, ultimately benefiting Redondo Beach through increased foot traffic, business activity, and community engagement. Limiting competition to protect one business sets a troubling precedent and hinders organic economic growth. In addition, there are thousands of kids in the surrounding beach communities/south bay area that would benefit from an additional outlet for youth activities.

Lisa Duran

Location:

Submitted At: 3:39pm 05-12-25

AGC is so much more than a gymnastics center—it's a second home for so many families. The environment is safe, supportive, and inclusive, especially for kids with special needs. But right now, the community has outgrown the building. The waitlist is long and growing every day. So many children are missing out on the chance to thrive, gain confidence, and be part of something special. More space would mean more opportunities for kids to move, grow, and belong.

Kathleen Theobald

Location:

Submitted At: 3:35pm 05-12-25

I want to express my support for Aerial Gymnastics Club and their place in the community. I have seen firsthand the dedication and professionalism of the staff at AGC and know there is no ill intent in the location of their business. If another business is concerned that their new location will affect their business, then they should look internally at their practices.

Morgan Zecchini

Location:

Submitted At: 3:31pm 05-12-25

AGC is a woman and minority-owned gymnastics facility preparing to open in the beach cities community. Their mission is to provide inclusive, high-quality gymnastics instruction and training for athletes of all ages and abilities in our neighborhood. AGC will be bringing new jobs, opportunities to boost our local economy, contributing to the health and wellness of local residents, and supporting youth development through positive athletic experiences. As a woman and minority-owned small business, AGC will face unique challenges in establishing themselves in

any marketplace. Fit Kids does not face these same challenges. These are facts that are important to consider. Parents, guardians, and most importantly, the athletes, deserve to have diverse options when it comes to coaching and instruction, particularly in youth activities that predominantly serve girls. Having a minority, woman-owned gymnastics facility provides important representation and diverse perspectives in our community. There is room for diversity. There is room for multiple perspectives. There is room for multiple gymnastics options to serve different needs within our area. The presence of choice and healthy competition benefits our community by providing more options, different specialties, and accommodating more students overall. I support AGC and recognize the value of having diverse business ownership in our community. I believe that AGC will make positive contributions to our local economy and community well-being.

Derek Pueblo

Location:

Submitted At: 2:54pm 05-12-25

I want to express my strong opposition to the proposed Aerial Gymnastics Club. Locating a second gymnastics business immediately adjacent to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center, a valued community institution thriving for nearly four decades, raises serious concerns.

The suspicious proximity alone warrants scrutiny. Redondo Beach is not so underserved in gymnastics that we require two competing businesses on the very same block. This isn't about meeting public demand; it feels like a calculated move.

Adding to this suspicion is the applicant's history. This isn't the first time this individual has opened a gymnastics venture in close proximity to Fit Kids – a similar situation occurred in Torrance. Given this pattern and a known personal connection to Fit Kids, the intent appears less about community enrichment and more about direct business usurpation.

Redondo Beach deserves thoughtful economic growth, diversification, and businesses that fill genuine needs. Allowing this redundant saturation within a single block sets a dangerous precedent. Our zoning regulations should protect against such transparent attempts at business raiding, fostering an environment of healthy growth that benefits the wider community, not just a select few engaging in what appears to be business warfare. I urge the Commission to deny this application.

Conor Woo

Location:

Submitted At: 2:52pm 05-12-25

I would like to request that this committee look into the intentions of the parties here and decipher what is truly driving the petition to open alongside Fit Kids, a longstanding pillar in the gymnastics community and city. As I understand it, there may be other motivating factors that extend beyond traditional business concerns considering there appears to be some personal history here between the two business owners. I am all for healthy competition, but as a city, we must protect our business owners who contribute so much to the youth and ensure both can thrive without harming the other. My fear is that a new business with the same audience moving right next door might create the opportunity for one business to undercut the other and unfair competition might ensue. We need to make sure all can survive. Is there not another location that might serve more of the population not currently served by Fit Kids? We wouldn't put a McDonalds with one franchise owner adjoining another McDonalds with a different franchise owner would we? Wouldn't we space them out to better serve the needs of the community? To reach more people who may not be served by the initial owner in the location? That seems prudent. My wish is that the committee makes an objective finding for what best serves the city as a whole taking this into consideration. Thank you.

Eva Vazzana

Location:

Submitted At: 1:32pm 05-12-25

Public Comment Opposing Permit for Aerial Gymnastics Club – Planning Commission Hearing
Good evening, Commissioners.

I'm here to voice strong opposition to the proposed opening of Aerial Gymnastics Club directly adjacent to Fit Kids Gymnastics Center in Redondo Beach—a gym my daughter attended that has faithfully served local families for nearly four decades. The proposed location is not just close—it is literally next door. This is not a coincidence; it's a calculated move.

The applicant behind Aerial Gymnastics Club is not a stranger to Fit Kids. In fact, they have a long-standing personal and professional connection to the owners of Fit Kids and previously attempted a similar tactic by

opening a competing facility in close proximity in Torrance. This pattern suggests not an intent to grow or diversify our community's offerings, but rather to poach clientele and destabilize a beloved, community-rooted business. From a planning perspective, this proposal fails to demonstrate any meaningful public benefit or unmet need. Redondo Beach is not suffering from a shortage of youth gymnastics programs. In fact, placing two nearly identical businesses side-by-side is not only redundant—it's counterproductive. This kind of business saturation in a single block does not represent smart zoning or sustainable growth. It encourages zero-sum competition that can ultimately damage the economic fabric of our city.

Additionally, Fit Kids Gymnastics has been located in the City of Redondo Beach for decades and provided the city with a multi-level competitive gymnastics team, generating revenue for the city as well as a stellar reputation. Approving this permit would not be supporting economic development—it would be enabling another business access to current and potential clients of an already established Redondo Beach business.

Redondo Beach deserves better. We deserve thoughtful development that serves a broader section of our community, not strategic placement intended to undermine long-standing local institutions. I urge the Commission to consider the precedent this would set and deny the application for Aerial Gymnastics Club.

Thank you.

Eva Vazzana

Danielle Gray

Location:

Submitted At: 12:21pm 05-12-25

As a concerned community member, I respectfully oppose the approval of CUP 2025-0015 allowing Aerial Gymnastics Club to operate directly next door to the long-standing Fit Kids Gymnastics Center at 2701 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Before moving forward, I ask: Do current zoning regulations not prevent two nearly identical, niche businesses from operating wall-to-wall? It seems counterintuitive to city planning and raises questions about permitting standards.

- **Questionable Intent & Bad Faith:** This proposal is not rooted in opportunity, but in personal history. John Snyder's daughters were previously coached at Fit Kids, and his actions reflect a pattern—this isn't the first time Aerial Gymnastics Club has opened near a Fit Kids location, as seen in Torrance. This isn't about meeting demand. It's a strategic, vindictive move to usurp Fit Kids' clientele and potentially put them out of business. That's not healthy competition—it's bad faith. If Snyder succeeds, it doesn't grow Redondo Beach's economic landscape. It merely shifts customers from one door to the next.

- **Fit Kids' Record of Integrity:** Fit Kids has been in business in the South Bay for just under 40 years, without a single SafeSport issue or violation of USA Gymnastics' Code of Conduct. They have built trust across generations in the South Bay. This kind of targeted competition undermines a local business that's played by the rules and served the community with integrity.

- **No Public Need Justifies This:** There is no overcrowding or underserved gymnastics demand in this area. This is not a grocery store or gas station where proximity increases convenience. Gymnastics training is niche and deeply trust-based. Opening another gym next door creates confusion, not choice.

- **Redondo Deserves Smarter Growth:** If Redondo Beach wants real expansion and increased revenue, it should encourage geographic diversity—not saturation. Requiring some separation between similar businesses would drive broader engagement, higher tax revenue, and a better distribution of services citywide.

Please deny this permit and encourage genuine growth—not calculated disruption.