



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Minutes**

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, July 13th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**ACTION: No Board quorum. Meeting proceeds as Administrative Committee meeting.**

**PRESENT: Marc Saltzberg (MS), Kristopher Valentine (KV), Ira Koslow (IK), Hugh Harrison (HH), Melissa Diner (MD), Eduardo Manilla (EM),**

**ABSENT: Mike Newhouse (MN), Abigail Myers (AM)**

### **2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**

**ACTION: Agenda approved, IK/MD 3-0-1**

**FOR: IK, HH, MD**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

### **3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/150608AdComMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Agenda approved, IK/HH 3-0-1**

**FOR: IK, HH, MD**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**Kristopher Valentine arrived.**

### **4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**



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## 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

### A Agenda Request Principles and Guidelines Kristopher Valentine ([kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org))

Continued discussion of Committee Chairs, board members, and stakeholders submitting agenda requests well past deadline and possible solutions to resolve or lessen the long-standing problem.

**ACTION: Wording for e-mail will be made to be sent to committee chairs and board members about the deadline for agenda requests and will be brought up to board.**

## 6. New Administrative Committee Business

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

### A Templates for VNC Motions (Marc Saltzberg) ([VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org))

Discussion of templates for VNC motions and referral to Rules and Elections.

Link to SIMPLE Motion Template: [http://www.venicenc.org/?attachment\\_id=28741](http://www.venicenc.org/?attachment_id=28741)

Link to Complex Motion Template: [http://www.venicenc.org/?attachment\\_id=28743](http://www.venicenc.org/?attachment_id=28743)

**ACTION: Place on agenda request page to help people write motions.**

**Eduardo Manilla (EM) arrived.**

### B Approval Of Revised AdHoc Mission Statements & Names (Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian)

**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee approves any revisions to submitted AdHoc Committee Mission Statements

**ACTION: Motion to change Housing Committee to the Homeless committee approved. To be placed under New Business (MD/KV 4-1-1)**

Mission statement:

Assist the residents, businesses, visitors, and unhoused people with issues surrounding homelessness.

Vote 3-0-0

**FOR: IK, MD, EM, KV**

**AGAINST: HH**

**ABSTAIN: MS**



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~~C~~ ~~Revision to Speaker Form~~ (Marc Saltzberg) (~~[VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org)~~)

~~**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee shall the Speaker Cards to add "Neighborhood" after name~~

~~**ACTION:** Removed by maker of the motion.~~

D Committee Changes (Marc Saltzberg) ([VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Administrative Committee directs that the Rules and Elections Committee review changes to VNC Committees that require bylaws changes as requested by Committee Chairs with the understanding that any changes will not take effect until the current EmpowerLA bylaws moratorium is lifted.

**ACTION:** Placed on agenda under VNC announcements

F Consideration and approval of July 21st, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda

**ACTION:** Board agenda approved

7. **Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

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## **DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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**DISABILITY POLICY:** See last page.

**ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

**ACTION: City Council certificate for Challis Macpherson added as item 3 (IK/HH 5-0-1).**

**FOR: IK, MD, EM, KV, HH**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150616BoardMinutes.pdf>

4. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 1 minute)**

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 35 minutes)**

**A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus,



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[35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), Lt. Lydia Leos [23216@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:23216@lapd.lacity.org) , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor.  
*Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**B Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Jesus “Chuy” D. Orozco, 310-568-8772 ([jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org](mailto:jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org))
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 [janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Fernando Morales, 310-318-6994 ([fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov](mailto:fernando.morales@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseus Bostick, 310-412-6400 ([odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov](mailto:odysseus.bostick@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Rachel Zaiden, 213-974-3333 ([rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rzaiden@bos.lacounty.gov))
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 ([ejjah.cooper@lacity.org](mailto:ejjah.cooper@lacity.org))

**C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)**

- President - Mike Newhouse ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))
- ~~Vice President - Marc Saltzberg ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))~~

**ADDED: Hugh Harrison**

**Report on the LA City Budget Day and Budget Survey**

**ADDED: Ira Koslow – Rules and Election Chair**

**ADDED: Kristopher Valentine ([kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org))**

**Agenda Request Reminder**

- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Catherine Chevalier, President ([Catherine@notmaurice.com](mailto:Catherine@notmaurice.com))

**D The VNC BBQ and Picnic is on August 8 at Oakwood Recreation Center from noon to 4 PM (5 minutes)** (BBQ Committee)

**7. General Consent Calendar (7:40PM -- 1 minute)**

*[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]*

**8. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (7:40 PM -- 1 minute)**

*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any*



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*item. Items may be removed by any Board member or Stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.]*

9. **Approval Of 2015-2016 Community Improvement Projects (7:40 PM -- 30 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee ([VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the following Community Improvement Projects (CIP) and budgets for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year as ranked by the Neighborhood Committee:

Rank	Project Name	Applying Organization or Stakeholder	Neighborhood Committee Recommended Budget
1	<u>Centennial Park Rejuvenation</u>	Centennial Park Rejuvenation Mavens	\$ 3,750
2	<u>Doccupy Film Series</u>	Occupy Venice	\$ 1,000
3	<u>Abbot Kinney Triangle Neighborhood Watch Signs</u>	AK Triangle Neighborhood Watch	\$ 2,250
4	<u>Community Healing Project</u>	Mildred Kursh Foundation	\$ 2,200
5	<u>Tree Trimming at Venice Beach Post Office</u>	Venice Stakeholders Association	\$ 5,000
6	<u>Pocket Potty Project</u>	Deborah Lashever	\$ 1,000
7	<u>Green Art Event</u>	Venice Art Crawl	\$ 5,000
8	<u>Share Change Service Learning Program</u>	Share Change	\$ 1,612
9	<u>Veteran's Wall Restoration &amp; Beautification</u>	Venice Chamber of Commerce	\$ 3,750
10	<u>Operation Alley Cleanup</u>	Various Residents	- 0 -

Rankings were determined according to the eight criteria which can be found on Page D at: 2015 CIP Application Guidelines. The recommended budget is based on the amount requested in the project application, City of Los Angeles regulations, and the 2015 Application Guidelines.

10. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:10PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*



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**11. Old Business** *[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Reappoint Ad Hoc Committees (8:20 PM -- 10 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel  
([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

*Each Committee Chair will have one minute to speak to their Committee.*

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall reappoint the following Ad Hoc Committees until the seating of the next Board following the 2016 elections:

- Environmental
- Communications
- Discussion Forum
- Business
- Mass/Scale Character
- Parking/Transportation
- Public Safety
- Santa Monica Airport

**12. LUPC (8:30PM – 70 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, ([Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Motion to amend: 10 Washington Blvd (“The Venice Whaler” restaurant expansion),** Marina Peninsula Subarea, C4-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka “Appealable Area” post LCP)  
APCW-2014-4703-SPE-SPP-PAB-PAD-CDP and ENV-2014-4704-MND  
<http://www.venicenc.org/10-washington-blvd-the-venice-whaler/>

**CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED**

**Project Description:** To permit the use and maintenance of an existing 754 sq ft patio service area operating in conjunction with an existing restaurant, including:

- a) A Specific Plan Exception (SPE) from VCZSP Section 13.D to permit zero (0) on-site parking spaces in lieu of the 28 required parking spaces;
- b) A VCZSP project compliance permit (SPP);
- c) A determination of a “Deemed-to-be-Approved” conditional use status as per LAMC 12.24-L (PAD) for the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 3,096 sq ft 2-story restaurant accommodating 214 patrons and having interior hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, currently selling a full line of alcoholic beverages;
- d) An Approval of Plans as per LAMC 12.24-M (PAB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption on an existing 754 sq ft (24%) patio having 36 patron seats and hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, in conjunction with a “Deemed-to-be-Approved” 3,096 sq ft 2-story restaurant accommodating 214 patrons and having interior hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, currently selling a full line of alcoholic beverages;
- e) A Coastal Development Permit, in the dual permit jurisdiction coastal zone

**Applicant:** Dafne Gokcen / **LUPC Staff:** Ramsey Daham & Robin Rudisill



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**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends a modification to the 10 Washington Blvd ("The Venice Whaler") original, May 19, 2015, VNC Board Motion recommending approval of the project\*, to correct the number of required parking spaces to be 28 parking spaces in the SPE parking exception clause of the Project Description  
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC 7/7/15 by a vote of 4-1-1

Original motion may be found at: <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150519BoardAgendaRevised.pdf>

**ACTION: Placed on Consent Calendar**

**B** 1712, 1712 1/2 & 1712 3/4 Washington Way (2-lot small lot subdivision), (20 minutes) Southeast Venice Subarea, RD1.5-1-0 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential--Low Medium II ZA-2014-1728-CDP-ZAA-MEL and AA-2014-1730-PMLA-SL and ENV-2014-1729-MND  
<http://www.venicenc.org/1712-washington-way/>

**CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED**

Project Description: Preliminary parcel map to create a 2-lot small lot subdivision, Mello determination, CDP, and Zoning Administrator Adjustment request to permit a 10' front yard for 1712 and a 6' front yard at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor line for the Mildred setback, both in lieu of the required 15' front yard set back; and request to permit a 4' side yard in lieu of the required 5', and MND.

Applicant: Alon Zakoot / LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali & Robin Rudisill

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends denial of the project, on the grounds that:

1. There is insufficient evidence that the project is Mello Act compliant
2. There is no evidence that the tenants were informed of their Mello Act-related rights
3. There is no evidence that Replacement Affordable units were correctly determined
4. The project is inconsistent with the Mass, Scale and Character of the Community, in terms of over 100% density on the lot (FAR of >1.0) vs. the rest of the block, which averages approximately 37%, and as of the 30 homes on the block, < 20% (6) are multi-story homes

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 7/7/15 by a vote of 5-0-2

**C** 425 Rose Ave (change of use from restaurant and market/deli to restaurant with beer & wine), (20 minutes) Oakwood Subarea, C4-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial Area of Special Interest--Oakwood Community Commercial Area (Rose Avenue between 4th and 7th Avenues, to be used for residential, neighborhood retail and services, personal services, and small scale businesses oriented to the local community)

ZA-2014-1877-CDP-CUB-SPP and ENV-2014-1878-MND

<http://www.venicenc.org/425-rose-ave/>

**CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 23, 2015, City determination held open by ZA for VNC advisement for July 21, 2015 VNC Board meeting vote on project recommendation.**

Project Description: CDP & SPP (VCZSP compliance permit) for change of use from existing 2,696 sq ft restaurant & market/deli to a 2,306 sq ft restaurant with accessory retail (of less than 10% annual gross revenues) and a new 410 sq ft outdoor covered patio dining area, with an increase in seating from 38 interior seats to 48 interior seats & 24 outdoor patio seats, on a





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6,294 sq ft lot, with 18 on-site parking spaces, comprised of 11 spaces existing, 4 spaces grandfathered, and 16 bicycle stalls (equivalent to 4 car parking spaces as per Bicycle ordinance); and CUB for sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new, 72-seat restaurant operating according to the Operating Procedures dated July 6, 2015 (found at link above). Hours of operation are 10 am to 11 pm Sunday through Thursday, and 10 am to 12 am Friday & Saturday. Patio service will stop no later than 10 pm on weeknights and 11 pm Friday & Saturday.

Applicant: Bruce Horowitz / LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the proposed restaurant, as per the modified Project Description (above), and Applicant will provide a written Parking and Traffic document once the project is implemented, in order to work with the Neighborhood to assess the parking and traffic.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 7/7/15 by a vote of 4-3-0

**D** 731 Oxford Ave (lot line adjustment & new SFD), (15 minutes) Oxford Triangle Subarea, R1-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Single-Family Dwelling – Low Density  
ZA-2014-3176-CDP and ENV-2014-3177-CE  
(ALSO AA-2014-3172-PMEX and DIR-2015-2264-MEL and DIR-2015-2451-VSO)

<http://www.venicenc.org/731-oxford-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON JULY 2, 2015

Project Description: proposed construction of a new 3-story, 30' tall, 2,950 sq ft SFD, with an attached 338 sq ft garage, located on a 3,033 sq ft vacant lot

Applicant's Representative: Howard Robinson / LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends that the project be denied, as it is not compatible with the existing surrounding neighborhood with respect to Mass, Scale and Character; as the garage is on Howard Street and not the alley; and as the front door is on Howard Street but should face Oxford Ave as that is the street address.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/30/15 by a vote of 4-3-0

**E** 733 Oxford Ave (lot line adjustment & new SFD), (15 minutes) Oxford Triangle Subarea, R1-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Single-Family Dwelling – Low Density  
ZA-2014-3174-CDP and ENV-2014-3175-CE  
(ALSO AA-2014-3172-PMEX and DIR-2015-2266-MEL and DIR-2015-2452-VSO)

<http://www.venicenc.org/733-oxford-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON JULY 2, 2015

Project Description: proposed construction of a new 3-story, 30' tall, 2,950 sq ft SFD, with an attached 381 sq ft garage, located on a 2,996 sq ft vacant lot

Applicant's Representative: Howard Robinson / LUPC Staff: Mark Kleiman

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends that the project be approved as presented.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on 6/30/15 by a vote of 4-2-1



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### 13. **New Business (9:40PM – 15 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

#### **A Opposition To AB 744** (Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of WRAC) ([vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:vicepresident@venicenc.org))

**[EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City Of Los Angeles oppose AB 744 which Limits Local Govt. Auth. Over Parking for SB 1818 Density Bonus Projects and requests Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz to introduce a resolution to that effect.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST for AB 744, as amended, Chau. Planning and zoning: density bonuses.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires, when a developer of housing proposes a housing development within the jurisdiction of the local government, that the city, county, or city and county provide the developer with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions for the production of lower income housing units or the donation of land within the development if the developer, among other things, agrees to construct a specified percentage of units for very low, low-, or moderate-income households or qualifying residents. Existing law requires continued affordability for 55 years or longer, as specified, of all very low and low-income units that qualified an applicant for a density bonus. Existing law prohibits a city, county, or city and county from requiring a vehicular parking ratio for a housing development that meets these criteria in excess of specified ratios. This prohibition applies only at the request of the developer and specifies that the developer may request additional parking incentives or concessions.

This bill would, notwithstanding the above-described provisions, additionally prohibit, at the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county from imposing a vehicular parking ratio in excess of 0.5 spaces per bedroom on a development that includes the maximum percentage of low- and very low income units, as specified, and is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, as defined, and there is unobstructed access to the transit stop from the development. The bill would also prohibit, at the request of the developer, a city, county, or city and county from imposing a vehicular parking ratio in excess of specified amounts per unit on a development that consists solely of units with an affordable housing cost to lower income households, as specified, if the development is within one-half mile of a major transit stop and there is unobstructed access to the transit stop from the development, is a for-rent housing development for individuals that are 62 years of age or older, or is a special needs housing development, as those terms are defined. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard, including that this constitutes a matter of statewide concern and is not a municipal affair.

**ACTION: Placed on consent calendar. Re-add links.**

#### **B Oppose AB 1373 Outdoor Advertising: the City of Los Angeles** (Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of WRAC) ([vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:vicepresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles oppose AB 1373 (Outdoor Advertising, the City of Los Angeles, Exempting 40 Square Blocks of Downtown LA From the CA Outdoor Advertising Act) and requests that Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz introduce a resolution to that effect.



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The Outdoor Advertising Sign Act provides for the regulation by the Department of Transportation of advertising displays, as defined, within the view of public highways. The act exempts from certain of its provisions advertising displays that advertise the business conducted or services rendered or goods produced or sold in the property upon which the display is placed as specified. This bill would exempt from those provisions of the act advertising displays located in a specific geographic area in the City of Los Angeles if those displays meet specified conditions and requirements, including the adoption of, and compliance with, an ordinance by the City of Los Angeles. The bill would impose certain conditions if the advertising display authorized by this bill is a message center display... The bill would make the City of Los Angeles primarily responsible for ensuring that display remains in compliance with the city ordinance and the bills requirements, and would require the city to indemnify and hold the department harmless if the city fails to do so. This bill would also make findings and declarations as to the need for a special statutes relating to the City of Los Angeles.

<http://banbillboardblight.org/coming-soon-more-freeway-advertising-signs-in-downtown-l-a/>

**ACTION: Placed on consent calendar**

**C** **'No Confidence' in Mobility Plan 2035** (Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of WRAC)  
([vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:vicepresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends a vote of 'no confidence' in the City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035 [Case Number: ENV 2013-0911-EIR and CPC-2013-0910-GPA-SP-CA-MS; State Clearinghouse No.2013041012] because of its failure to resolve and mitigate critical issues per the Statement of Overriding Considerations, including but not limited to emergency response time, insufficient infrastructure, and broader significant negative impacts on public health, safety and welfare.

From page 137 of the Recommendation Report accompanying the Mobility Plan, see:  
<https://losangeles2b.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/cpc-2013-0910.pdf>.

**SECTION 2: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOUND TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE** The Final EIR identified the following project-specific and cumulative impacts that cannot be mitigated to less-than-significant levels: circulation, neighborhood intrusion, congestion management plan (CMP) (freeways), emergency access, excessive noise and permanent noise increase (from buses), and special status species and habitat...

2.1 Transportation, Parking & Safety (Chapter 4.1, Impacts 4.1-2, 4.1-3, 4.1-4, 4.1-5) Circulation, Neighborhood Intrusion, CMP (Freeways), Emergency Access Significant and Adverse Impact The Final EIR found that the proposed project would have a significant impact to the circulation system, neighborhood intrusion, CMP (Freeways) and emergency access, as it would exceed the applicable thresholds established by the City.

The MP 2035 would have a significant impact to the circulation system, neighborhood intrusion, Congestion Management Plan (freeways), and emergency vehicle access. (See EIR Chapters, 4.1,



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Impact discussions in 4.1-2, 4.1-3, 4.1-4 and 4.1-5). These impacts were found significant because the traffic analysis from the EIR found that the Project resulted in traffic conditions that exceeded established thresholds for neighborhood intrusion as a result of cut-through traffic, increases congestion/delay on the circulation system (arterials and freeways), results in inadequate emergency access (such that emergency vehicles are delayed), or increases the volume to capacity ratio on some freeway segments by greater than 2 percent. The inclusion of Mitigation Measures T1 through T5 in the MMP will help mitigate significant impacts on the circulation system, neighborhood intrusion, CMP (Freeways) and emergency access where feasible; however, these impacts, due to the aforementioned conditions, will remain significant and unavoidable.

**ACTION: Referred to Parking and Transportation Committee (IK/HH 4-1-1).**

**FOR: IK, EM, KV, HH**

**AGAINST: MD**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**D** **CIS in Support of CF14-0268-S5, Ellis Act Controls** (Marc Saltzberg)([vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:vicepresident@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby files the following Community Impact Statement in support of [CF14-0268-S5](#) which calls for:

... the City Council [to] instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), in conjunction with the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), and the Planning Department develop a process to require a clearance from HCID for building permits for major construction, alteration, and addition to, or demolition of properties subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance... [and] that the HCID, in conjunction with the LADBS and Planning Department, be instructed to report on the inventory of RSO units removed through the Ellis process, and additional recommendations to strengthen enforcement, maximize preservation of the rent-stabilized housing stock, and eliminate any other "loopholes" that result in the loss of rent-stabilized units or denial of tenant protections under the Ellis provisions of the RSO.

According to a [2014 UCLA study](#) According to a UCLA The VNC Board is aware of numerous news stories reporting that the City of Los Angeles "Los Angeles is now the least affordable rental market in the country, based on the portion of a renters' income that goes to pay rent.". More recently, stories about the use (and abuse) of the [Ellis Act to evict tenants from RSO units](#) have emerged.

The problem and short term response comes into greater focus with this motion from Cedillo (seconded by Bonin) and [endorsed by Mayor Garcetti](#). The VNC believes it is imperative that Los Angeles not lose additional rental housing stock thru overly-aggressive and sometimes illegal exercise of the Ellis Act and therefore support CF14-0268-S5

**ACTION: Placed on consent calendar**



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- E** Revise paragraph a. of Standing Rule 9 (5 minutes) (Ira Koslow on behalf of REC) ([ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC shall amend paragraph a. of SR 9 to read:

“a. Collectively and individually, the members of the Board of Officers, the Parliamentarian, Ad-hoc committee chairs, and all members of Standing and Ad hoc committees of the Venice Neighborhood Council agree to abide by the following Code of Civility to ensure that our Venice Neighborhood Council’s business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for the Venice Neighborhood Council.”

RECOMMENDED BY REC 2-0

- F** Reject motion by Business Committee (Ira Koslow for REC) ([ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board rejects the following change to the VNC Standing Rules:

Whereas the Business Committee seeks to promote employment opportunities in Venice, the VNC Board approves that the committee may provide the Communications Committee with information about local employment opportunities for inclusion in VNC newsletters

RECOMMENDED BY REC defeated 0-2.

**ACTION: Motion not placed on agenda (IK/MD 0-5-1).**

**FOR: None**

**AGAINST: MD, IK, EM, KV, HH**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

- G** Single Bollard Install (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW) ([melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the Ocean Front Walk is a pedestrian only street where cars are prohibited and for the safety of humanity as a whole,

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installment of a bollard of the south end of the Rose Ave Parking lot and the entrance of the bike path which in its present condition allows for cars to enter the bike path.

RECOMMENDED BY OFW COMMITTEE 7-0 -1

**ACTION: Placed on consent calendar**

- H** No Vending Motion (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW) ([melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports LAMC 42.15 NO VENDING and strongly suggests the City and LAPD regulate and enforce 42.15.

RECOMMENDED BY OFW 8-0-0

**ACTION: Combine with item L, new language to come.**



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**I Noise and Sound Motion** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW) ([melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin’s office and the LAPD strongly urging them enforce all city noise and sound ordinances on Ocean Front Walk. RECOMMENDED BY OFW 7-0-1

**ACTION: Added to Consent Calendar**

**J Legalize Safe and Habitable Bootleg Units** Sylvia Aroth ([chair.outreach@venicenc.org](mailto:chair.outreach@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas the City of Los Angeles has estimated that there are between 40,000 and 60,000 bootleg units in Los Angeles, and  
Whereas the City of Los Angeles’ Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) requires inspection of every rental unit once every three years, and inspectors regularly uncover violations and order owners to remove bootleg units of every type, and  
Whereas typically, though not exclusively, these units are occupied by low-income tenants, and  
Whereas many of these units do not comply with specific plans, zoning codes, and/or parking requirements and  
Whereas the Planning Department has taken the position that the requisite findings can not be made for a Specific Plan exception to legalize these units, and  
Whereas in the midst of our current housing crisis, 44,000 people are without any housing and hundreds of thousands more are doubling and tripling up to maintain a roof over their heads  
Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that safe and habitable bootleg units should be legalized by granting exceptions to specific plans, zoning codes, and/or parking requirements, on a case-by-case basis, on condition that the units are rented to low-income tenants at low or very low affordable rent levels and that this condition be recorded on title to the property and monitored by the City or a designated agent. The process should include an amnesty to encourage property owners with a bootleg unit to file an application to legalize their bootleg unit, with a waiver of fines for prior non-compliance if the application is granted.  
RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on June 2, 2015

**ACTION: Postponed to next month and have submitted by LUPC chair with vote (IK/MD 5-0-1).**

**FOR: MD, IK, EM, KV, HH**

**AGAINST: None**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

**K Challenging Bigotry** Joe Murphy ([joedmur@gmail.com](mailto:joedmur@gmail.com))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board expresses the following challenge to bigotry:  
We recently experienced the brutal killing of blacks in a black church in a southern state by a white racist.  
It was clearly a racist action. Yet a number of candidates for President of the United States, in their twisted wisdom, characterized it not as 'racist' but as 'anti-christian'.  
We condemn this attempted twisting of history.



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We hope and urge that Republican and Democratic voters will openly condemn it as a denial of reality and will seek and support candidates who demonstrate the courage to speak truth to bigotry.

**ACTION: Motion defeated (EM/MD 2-3-1).**

**FOR: EM, MD**

**AGAINST: HH, IK, HH**

**ABSTAIN: MS**

- L** **“No support” for Council file 13-1493: Street Vending, (10 minutes)** (George Francisco on behalf of the Business Committee) ([george.francisco@venicenc.org](mailto:george.francisco@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Community Impact Statement of “no support” be attached to Council file 13-1493: *Street Vending*.

The Venice Neighborhood Council does not support CF 13-1493: Street Vending for the following adverse impacts it will have upon the Venice community:

1. The City of Los Angeles is not adequately policing these activities currently.
2. There is a public safety hazard with Street Vendors blocking sidewalks and parkways.
3. There are documented public safety problems with current Street Vendor food preparation and storage throughout Los Angeles.
4. There are inadequate public toilet facilities in Venice to satisfy customers of Street Vendors selling food.
5. Venice Brick and Mortar Businesses have to pay for services for their customers; Street Vendors pay nothing.
6. Sales Taxes are not necessarily collected from Street Vendors.

The VNC further requests that all neighborhoods be allowed to opt in to any proposed sidewalk vending ordinance as in the precedent set by the murals ordinance.

RECOMMENDED BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE on 7/9/15 4-0.

### **Motion to change Housing Committee to the Homeless Committee Abigail Myers**

**Mission statement:**

**Assist the residents, businesses, visitors, and unhoused people with issues surrounding homelessness.**

**Vote 3-0-0**

**ACTION: Added to the agenda**

- 14. Treasurers Report (9:55PM - 3 minutes)** Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)) [Discussion and possible action]

**[EXHIBIT]**



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**A MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for June 2015.

RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 7-6-15 3-0-0

**15. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:58PM - 5 minutes)**

**16. Adjourn (approx. 10:03)**

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