



April 26, 2016

To the Venice Neighborhood Council,

Cornerstone Theater Company, founded in 1986, is a professional theater company that creates new plays with and about communities. In partnership with Oakwood Recreation Center, Cornerstone has spent the last 15 months working toward the creation of a new play based on the stories, experiences, and history of Venice. Cornerstone's unique practice brings community voices into the process at every stage of development. We begin by hosting story circles and interviews with community members, which become the basis for the playwright's process. Community readings create a forum for stakeholders to offer feedback and share insight as the play is in development. Auditions are open to the entire community with the goal to have the community represented onstage, backstage, and in the audience.

Cornerstone's production in Venice will include a month long residency at Oakwood Recreation Center. From July 7 – August 7, Cornerstone will hold auditions and rehearse at Oakwood Rec Center and will present three outdoor performances in the park on August 4, 5, and 6. Admission is free.

We are seeking the support of the Venice Neighborhood Council as we work toward producing a new play this summer. We believe that this project offers a unique opportunity for the diverse residence of Venice to come together in an artistic process. We hope the council will support these efforts by assisting in the ongoing outreach efforts – posting notice of events, auditions and production activities on their website and social media outlets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sage Alia Clemenco".

Sage Alia Clemenco
Manager of Community Partnerships