



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00pm

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID – 19, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY TO JOIN THE MEETING PLEASE USE THIS LINK

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When: May 11, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VNC May Adcom 5/11/2020, 7:00 p.m,

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: IK, JM, MR, CJ, HH

ABSENT: GF, CR,

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

JM, MR

Unanimous

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

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

5. Old Administrative Committee Business



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- 5A Applications for the Vacant board seat are closed.
- 6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
- 6B **Consideration and approval of May Draft Board Agenda**
- 7. **Adjourn**



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Draft Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda

~~Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM~~

Insert zoom information and meeting outline

Raise your hand if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to the item.

After you speak, please lower your hand.

All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until administrator, Ira, Melissa or George unmute you for comment.

Panelists cannot raise their hands, so when we get to board comment we will go through 1 by 1.

Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.

Public comment will be limited to one comment for 1 minute per item.

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE YOUR HAND MORE THEN ONCE PER ITEM.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 2020 VNC Board meeting.**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (PM -- 1 minute)**
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.
7. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**
- 7A **Live Stream of Meetings (PM -- 3 minutes)**
Due to COVID-19 all virtual meetings will be recorded via Zoom.
Instructions on how to join live meeting or view recorded meeting are above.
- 7B **Spanish Translation Available**
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 7C **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):** Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), SLO Jennifer Muther 36051@lapdonline SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner - 31142@lapd.online. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

1-7C MD, MR
Unanimous



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Changes to template Police and

- 7D Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
Bridge Housing Deputy, Allison Wilhite allison.wilhite@lacity.org
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896
(janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Colby Harriman (colby.harriman@sen.ca.gov)
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Ami Fields-Meyer, 323 552-6730 (ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org)
 - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551 (jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

MD, CJ
Unanimous

- 7E VNC Announcements and Reports (5 minutes)**
- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
The President will provide a verbal report to the Board on COVID19 Emergency Funding expenditures.
Names and email addresses of all recipients must be included in motions submitted to the Board.
 - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, president@venicenc.org
 - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
 - VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
 - Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
 - Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsk
- 7F Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)**
- 7G LAUSD Updates Nick Melvoin (10 minutes)**
LAUSD School Board Member Nick Melvoin will discuss updates regarding Venice and Mar Vista LAUSD schools.
- 7H Presentation on the progress of the Youth Internship Program (Joe Murphy) (5 minutes)**

MD, CJ



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8. Selection to fill 2 Board vacancies

MOTION: The VNC Board shall select two stakeholders to fill vacant Board seats.

CJ, MR

Add name of applicants and link to applications

9. **Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]*

9A Approve Monthly Expenditure Expenditure Reports

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2020.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 3/3/2020

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9B Approve Expenditure to Date Report

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Expenditure to Date Report for January 2020.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 3/3/2020

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~~9C Approve Funding for Welcome Neighbor Program~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves \$500 to participate in the Welcome Neighbor Program.~~

~~*Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 3/3/2020*~~

9D Approve Emergency Covid-19 Expenditures

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the following emergency Covid-19 expenditures authorized by the President of the VNC and the City of Los Angeles: i. Community Foundation - \$1,700; ii. Meals on Wheels - \$900 iii. Home at Last - \$800 iv. LAPD Foundation - \$800 v. Frontline Foods - \$800

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 5/5/2020

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[Ratify instead of approves/ authorizing](#)

9E Approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for March 2020

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report and the Expenditure to Date Reports for March 2020.

Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee 6-0-0 on 5/5/2020

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9F Expenditure Reports for February 2020

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report and the Expenditure to Date Reports for February 2020.

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8G Expenditure Reports for January 2020

~~**MOTION:** The Venice NC approves the Monthly Expenditure Report and the Expenditure to Date Reports for January 2020.~~

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HH, JM

Unanimous

10. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 10 minutes)

[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

11. General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)

[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.]

MD, CJ

Unanimous

12. LUPC (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

12A 2567-2471 South Lincoln Boulevard

Case: CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDO-SPP-MEL-WDI

City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Venice Community Housing Corporation

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski and Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Becky Dennison bdennison@vchccorp.com

City Planner: Juliet Oh Juliet.oh@lacity.org

Case Description:

· Conditional Use (CU) pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 U.26 – Request is a Conditional Use approval for a 100% Density Bonus, exceeding that of which is permitted by LAMC



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Section 12.22 A.25.

· Density Bonus (DB) pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22 A.25 – Request is for approval of a Density Bonus case with the following incentives:

a. Floor Area Ratio increase to 3:1 for a site fronting a Major Highway Class I and is located within 1/2 mile of a Major Transit Stop (on-menu).

b. Height increase of 22-feet for a proposed flat-roofed building, as defined by the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (off-menu).

c. Waiver of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan step-back provisions for buildings greater than 25-feet in height (off-menu).

d. Waiver of the commercial loading space requirement of the LAMC (off-menu).

e. Waiver of the residential automobile parking requirement.

· Coastal Development Permit (CDP) pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2 – Request is for approval of a Coastal Development Permit for the proposed project. The subject site is located in the Coastal Zone.

· Project Permit Compliance (SPP) pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 – Request is for a Project Permit Compliance approval for a proposal located within the Oakwood – Milwood

– Southeast Venice Subarea of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

· Design Overlay Plan Approval (CDO) pursuant to LAMC Section 13.08 E.2 – Request is for a Design Overlay Plan Approval. The subject site is located within the Lincoln Boulevard Community Design Overlay and the proposal is defined as a “project” by the Overlay.

· Waiver of Dedication and Improvement (WDI) pursuant to LAMC Section 12.37 I.3 – Request is for a modified right-of-way dedication of 10-feet, in lieu of the otherwise required 18-foot dedication, and waiver of widening the half roadway width.

· Mello Act Determination (MEL) pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2 – Request is for a determination to certify the proposed project as compliant with the Mello Act.

· Categorical Exemption (CE) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15300 – Request is for approval of a Class 32 “Urban Infill” Categorical Exemption to satisfy the proposed project’s CEQA determination.



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MOTION PLACEHOLDER

MD, JM
JM, HH, IK, MR, MD,
CJ Recusal

12B 2499 S Lincoln Boulevard

Case: DIR-2018-5770-CDP-CDO-SPP & ZA-2018-5771-CUB-CU & ENV-2018-5772CE
City Hearing: TBD
Applicant: Timan Khoubian [Lincoln Venice Owner, LLC]
LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski
Representative: Brian Silveira silveira.brian@gmail.com
City Staff: Bindu Kanan bindu.kanan@lacity.org, Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org

Case Description:

- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to allow a change of use of an existing commercial shopping center from retail, auto repair shop, and auto sales to retail, office, fitness and restaurant. No change in floor area.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 13.08, Community Design Overlay (CDO) approval to show compliance with the Lincoln CDO district guidelines.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7, a Project Permit Compliance permit (SPP) to determine that the project is in conformance with the regulations of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W1, a Conditional Use Alcoholic Beverage permit (CUB) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption at one new restaurant located in the C2-1 zone. The proposed restaurant will have 2,245 sq ft of service floor area as expressed on sheet A-121 of the Exhibit A plans.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W27, a Conditional Use permit (CU) to allow deviations from commercial corner standards including (1) to allow tandem parking with an attendant at 1165 E Van Buren Avenue, (2) to allow no bicycle parking in lieu of the required bicycle parking as bicycle parking will be provided in the public right-of-way on Van Buren, and (3) to allow no landscape buffer for the portion of the parking lot which abuts 1166 East Garfield.
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.W37, a Conditional Use permit (CU) to allow public parking in the R2 zone in conjunction with a commercial corner shopping center located in the C2 and R2 zones. The proposed parking in the R zone is for 20 tandem parking spaces with an attendant.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.



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Recommended by LUPC 9-0-0 on 4/30/20

12C **25 Rose Avenue**
Case: AA-2019-3169-PMLA-SL, CA, DIR 2019-3172-cdp-mel,
City Hearing: TBD
Applicant: Andy Chase ALC realty andy.chase@ms.com EPCO Consultants epco911@yahoo.com
LUPC Staff: Carlos Zubieta
Representative: Brian Silveira silveira.brian@gmail.com
City Staff: Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org, Jason Douglas Jason.douglas@lacity.org

Case Description: A parcel map pursuant to ALMC 17.50 to merge two existing lots and create two new record lots with the front lot maintaining the existing multi family building and the rear lot having a new residential duplex for a property located in the R3-1 Zone.

· A coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC 12.20 to allow the conversion of an existing residential triplex to a residential duplex, and to allow the construction of a new residential duplex on a property zoned r3-1 in the single jurisdiction of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented, but the applicant must bring Mello Determination to the board meeting.

Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 4/30/20

JM, MD to consent:

IR, CJ, HH, JM, MR, MD

Unanimous

13. Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

14. New Business (PM – minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

~~14A~~ Emergency Coronavirus Condition (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas Venice is known for exercise gyms; whereas gyms induce sweat and have many devices that come in contact with wet hands; whereas Coronavirus is spread through physical touch such as gym equipment; whereas Coronavirus cases have now been reported in Los Angeles; therefore, be it resolved the VNC send a letter to LA City officials and LA County Health Dept requesting that all places of exercise, both public and private be required to provide hand sterilizing solutions free of charge to individuals using said facility.

14B Give Blood American Red Cross Blood Drive

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council will support and promote the American Red Cross Blood Drive, June 3, 2020, 8am-2pm located at 6 Rose Ave, Venice, CA 90291.



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[Attachment](#)

CJ, MD to consent

Unanimous

14C Rose Ave Street Vacation (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION VNC to send a letter to City and departments requesting DPW Street Vacation of unimproved sidewalk area on the northern side of Rose Ave. between Frederick St. and Glenavon Ave. and furthermore, request LA City Rec and Parks use vacated land to create public running exercise Parcourse.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 3/2/20

Uploaded Documents: [Download 01583273066.docx](#)

MR, JM

Unanimous

14D Rails on Main St. (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Request VNC send letter to City and Departments requesting temporary "K" rails be installed along west side of Main St between Sunset Ave and Thornton Av.

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 3/2/20

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MD, MR

MR, IK, HH, MD

CJ Abstain

JM Recused

14E Over height Parking Restrictions on Main St / Rose Ave. (james.murez@venicenc.org)

MOTION: VNC to send Letter to City and departments requesting Overheight Vehicles prohibited along the east side of 300 block of Main St. and along the northern side of the 700 block of Rose Av. (RT, NA 4,0,0 :: JM proximity recuse)

Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 4-0-0 on 3/2/20

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JM, MD

Unanimous

14F Good Governance (vp@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC General Board recommend to the LA City Council, City Attorney Mike Feuer and Mayor Eric Garcetti to amend the Los Angeles City Charter Article 1, Sec III to include the following "Good Governance" clause: "Whereas good governance, the rule of law, transparency, and accountability embody partnerships between state and citizenry - partnerships sustained



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not by good intentions alone but by lasting, converging incentives; therefore the City of Los Angeles shall undertake the following guidelines for all endeavors: 1. clarify and publicize responsibilities for policy implementation and results; 2. provide time-specific, positive incentives for accomplishment as well as negative ones for failure or misconduct; 3. establish, and publish, specific policy targets and results; 4. regularly publish government performance indicators, and solicit public feedback; and 5. establish a high-profile, responsive and results-driven ombudsman system. (Upon passage, motion shall also be sent to WRAC and LANC for further support)

Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee 8-0-1 on 2/26/20

MR, MD
Unanimous

14H Planning Dept. to cease all discretionary approvals until Neighborhood Councils are back meeting (president@venicenc.org) WRAC LUPC

MOTION: Whereas, prior to the Covid19 Emergency, Neighborhood and Community Councils served as the only notice to the general community of planning projects and due to the current Covid19 Public Health Emergency, NCs and CCs have not been able to establish credited virtual meetings where the outcomes of discussion and Community Impact Statements are affirmatively recognized by the City and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice NC requests that the L.A. Dept of City Planning, City Planning Commission and Area Planning Commissions cease all discretionary approvals until such a time as all Neighborhood Councils, Community Councils, The City Planning Commission, Area Planning Commissions and the Dept of City Planning Itself have established adequate measures to ensure full public participation and access to Hearings and Documents.

JM, MD MOTION FAILS

IK, CJ, HH,

JM, MD, MR

14I Emergency Allocation of remaining Fiscal Year NC Funds (sec@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Discussion and possible action for the Venice Neighborhood Council to use remaining budget to purchase supplies for our community to combat COVID-19. Supplies to include but are not limited to masks and sanitary cleaning supplies. Supplies would be distributed to the community via pick locations at location organizations or businesses. **Following a presentation by the Treasurer for all projected costs next year.**



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MD, JM FAILS

YES MD, HH, JM,

NO IK, CJ, MR

Reconsider motion

YES HH, JM, MR, MD

NO IK, CJ

MD, JM

YES HH, JM, MR, MD

NO IK, CJ

15 Adjourn

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Verdant Venice - Isabell, Noel
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	



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Request Title: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low-Cost Shelter Models

Committee: Administrative Committee

Agenda Motion Request: Substitute Motion: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low-Cost Shelter Models Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian homeless crisis on the level of the conditions following a massive earthquake or hurricane, and Whereas, the process and cost of building traditional “tax credit” model housing units, with 40% soft costs (consultant and development fees, architecture, and financing) and multi-year preparation time, has resulted as of January 2020 in the construction of only 46 units, and Whereas, Proposition HHH is now expected to net – instead of the promised 10,000 units - only 5,873 supportive units and 1,767 affordable units at a cost of \$531,000 to \$700,000 per bed, leaving at the completion of construction in four years roughly 20,000 unsheltered homeless still on the street, and Whereas, according to the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, in Los Angeles County, currently 133 homeless people are housed each day while 150 people fall into homelessness each day, resulting in the increase in the number homeless by 17 people per day, or 6,205 additional people per year, suggesting that the projection above of 20,000 unsheltered people four years from now is unrealistically low, if the housing programs now in place are not dramatically altered, and Whereas Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has no performance targets and LAHSA’s placement process for individual housing is cumbersome and time consuming, and Whereas, crucial wrap-around services that help the most chronic and struggling homeless persons succeed in individual housing are most efficiently and cost-effectively provided in group situations and that group/shared housing provide crucial peer support, and Whereas, other jurisdictions have proven the cost-effectiveness, suitability and quick availability of several other housing models, now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent “Kits” capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: \$500 to \$700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual’s SSI, General Relief and other benefits; \$8,000 cost per annum per person for management, counseling and other social services). And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing residential communities. When adopted, this Motion shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement and attached to Council File 17-0090-S14.

Kamp Grizzly 5K run for adidas in Venice on the evening of May 30th

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Kamp Grizzly is interested in producing a 5K run for adidas in Venice on the evening of May 30th (6-8pm- Street closures). I know you had There is a community giveback component as well and the race is to raise awareness about ocean preservation.

Send to Homeless Committee

13J Opposing Restrooms on Rose (Tore Knos, venicetore@gmail.com, 770-316-6900)

MOTION: Whereas, press reports and city workers have told residents in the Fourth and Rose area that the City intends to install a restroom(s) in the area of Rose Avenue between Fourth and Third; and Whereas, this expenditure of City funds has not been submitted to the Venice Neighborhood Council for its information and for its guidance, as required by the Los Angeles City Charter, which requires that neighborhood councils must be informed and allowed to comment on all city budget items before expenditures are made; and

Whereas, in the past, installed restrooms were removed due to being used for drug use, drug dealing and prostitution, and due to constant unsanitary condition ; and

Whereas, this area is part of the enhanced enforcement zone where the homeless are encouraged to go to the Bridge Housing for transition to permanent housing the installation of the restroom is not compatible with the transition of this area.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council demands that Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin cease and desist in plans to install restroom facilities in the vicinity of Rose Avenue, between fourth and third.