



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Joint Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

**Monday, April 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**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/150309AdComMinutes.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
  - A **Discussion of sensible motion writing.** (Marc Saltzberg)
  - B **Discussion of reports from representatives to other organizations.** (Ivan Spiegel)
  - C **Approval of Mission Statement for 2015-2016 AdHoc Election Committee** (Ivan Spiegel)

**MOTION:** The 2015-2016 AdHoc VNC Election Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the 2015-2016 VNC Elections including, but not limited to: development of local election rules; setting the timetable for and programing election events and deadlines; recruitment and orientation of candidates; election outreach; coordination with Independent Election Administrator, DONE, and the City Clerk; supervision of polling place and tabulation of ballots; and providing orientation for the newly elected Board. The Committee shall expire one year from the date of creation.
  - D **Consideration and approval of April 21st, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**



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## **DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, April 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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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS:** Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

**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)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150317BoardMinutes1.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 – 73 minutes)**
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [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. Intro of Captain Nicole Alberca



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- B Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, [Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org) (310-568-8772)
  - 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 Sam Liu 310-318-6994, [samuelliu@sen.ca.gov](mailto:samuelliu@sen.ca.gov)
  - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400  
[odysseysbostick@asm.ca.gov](mailto:odysseysbostick@asm.ca.gov)
  - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)) 213-978-0836
- 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))
  - 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 VCC ([Catherine@notmaurice.com](mailto:Catherine@notmaurice.com))
- D California Common Cause (10 minutes)** (Kurston Cook [kurston.cook@gmail.com](mailto:kurston.cook@gmail.com))
- Presentation by policy fellow with California Common Cause to discuss recommended reforms to the LA City matching funds program. Includes a short presentation, with a 6 minute video, and the opportunity for Q&A.
- 7. General Consent Calendar (8:18PM -- 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 (8:19 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 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.]*
- A Improve Approval Controls for, Transparency of, Staff Training for & Availability of City & State Coastal Exemptions**, Robin Rudisill, LUPC Chair



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## **MOTION:**

The VNC Board requests that controls over approvals, transparency of the process and Staff training for both City and State Coastal Exemptions be significantly improved and that copies of both City and State Coastal Exemptions be made immediately available to, or be immediately provided to, the VNC.

Approved by LUPC 3/3/15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/MK)

## **B** Neighborhood Councils “Shall Monitor City Services,” Robin Rudisill, LUPC Chair

### **MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends that as per the City Charter Neighborhood Councils (NC's) shall monitor all City services, including land use and planning services, and that land use and planning-related NC recommendations shall not be treated as optional but rather shall be treated as a mandate as per the original intent of the City Charter change that created the NC's; and such NC land use and planning-related recommendations shall be disclosed in all City determinations in a "standing" section of City Staff Reports and City Determinations called "Neighborhood Council Recommendation," with an explanation to be provided by the City decision maker if the NC recommendation is NOT factored in or followed in their Determination.

Approved by LUPC 3/3/15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/GR)

## **9.** Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:20PM -- 10 minutes) *[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

## **10.** Old Business *[Discussion and possible action]*

## **A** Neighborhood Councils “shall monitor City services” (Robin Rudisill)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends that Neighborhood Councils shall monitor City services, as per the City Charter, and Neighborhood Council recommendations shall not be optional but rather shall be treated according to the original intent of the City Charter, and be considered in all determinations, in a “standing” section of all City Staff Reports and Determinations called “Neighborhood Council Recommendation,” with an explanation provided if the recommendation is not being followed.

Approved by LUPC 3/3/15 by a vote of 6-0-0 (RR/GR)

## **B** Change to Coastal Exemption Review/Approval Process/Procedure (Robin Rudisill)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board requests that controls over approvals, transparency of the process and Staff training for both City and State Coastal Exemptions be strongly improved and that copies of the Coastal Exemptions be made immediately available to, or be immediately provided to, the VNC.

Approved by LUPC 3/3/15 by a vote of (RR/MK)



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## **C** Endorse Concept of Providing Spontaneous Art Opportunities To Young Children

Joe Murphy ([joe.murphy@venicenc.org](mailto:joe.murphy@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** See Exhibit

## **11.** **LUPC (8:30PM – 25 minutes)** (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)) [*Discussion and possible action*]

## **A** Venice Coastal Zone Rental Housing Affordability & Availability Ordinance, Robin Rudisill, LUPC Chair

**MOTION:**

1. Whereas the well-documented Los Angeles housing crisis is having an extremely negative impact on the affordability and availability of rental housing in the Venice Coastal Zone;
2. Whereas this shortage of rental housing is being exacerbated by a high and growing concentration of commercially operated Short-Term Rentals (STRs) and de facto hotels;
3. Whereas the recent report from Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), "AirBnB, Rising Rent and the Housing Crisis in Los Angeles," has finally quantified the presence and identified impacts of the largest of the STR platforms;
4. Whereas the City of Los Angeles has historically protected and preserved affordable housing mainly through the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO);
5. Whereas owners of RSO properties are converting residential units, including entire apartment buildings, into STRs and de facto hotels at an alarming and accelerating rate, bringing them rental rates markedly in excess of not only RSO-protected rent levels, but also higher than non RSO-protected market rental rates;
6. Whereas large numbers of vulnerable tenants have disappeared from RSO units in such buildings;
7. Whereas owners of such properties are now requesting new zoning entitlements to circumvent future RSO and Mello obligations;
8. Whereas affordable housing in the Venice Coastal Zone is supposed to be protected by the "Mello Act," California State law;
9. Whereas the City of Los Angeles has failed to inform tenants of their rights under the Mello Act;
10. Whereas the City of Los Angeles has failed to adequately or correctly implement the Mello Act, and as the City's Interim Administrative Procedures, adopted to settle a lawsuit in 2000 over its inadequate administration/implementation of the Mello Act, have proven ineffectual in accomplishing the purpose of the Mello Act to protect affordable housing in the Venice Coastal Zone;
11. Whereas the Mello Act does not allow the conversion of existing residential uses for purposes of non-Coastal-Dependent, non-residential uses;
12. Whereas Councilmember Bonin's motion of February 3, 2015 to create a permanent Mello Act implementation Ordinance is still pending, and once adopted will likely take several months or longer to be implemented;
13. Whereas the City Council passed motion 14-1635 on December 2, 2014 to convene a Work Group to  
"examine and make recommendations for a policy and accompanying ordinance that:



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- a. Protects residential neighborhoods from large numbers of, or a concentration of, Short-Term Rentals in any particular neighborhood at a given time;
- b. Provides for collection of the Transit Occupancy Tax;
- c. Prohibits the removal of large numbers of units from the City's stock of rental or affordable housing;"

14. Whereas the result of all of the foregoing is that Venice and other impacted neighborhoods are at this moment suffering a disastrous loss of affordable housing and displacement of long-term community members;

15. Whereas the rate of STR conversions, and of acquisitions for the purpose of conversions, is rapidly accelerating in anticipation of new City regulations regarding STRs;

16. Whereas the Venice Coastal Zone provides existing coastal housing for low- and moderate-income persons, and thus, as per the "Coastal Act," California State law, it is a Sensitive Coastal Resource Area, an area within the Coastal Zone of vital interest and sensitivity that must be protected and preserved; and

17. Whereas the dire urgency of the situation, as evidenced by the severe and permanent loss of affordable housing throughout the Venice Coastal Zone, is causing and will continue to cause serious consequences for Venice's future as a tourist destination and a valuable asset of Los Angeles with respect to its social, ethnic and economic diversity;

Now therefore the VNC Board strongly urges the City to act immediately to curtail the loss of affordable housing, by the following actions:

1. Councilmember Bonin directing that adequate resources and direction be immediately provided to City departments, including especially (but not limited to) City Planning, Building & Safety, and Housing, in order that they:
  - a. Carefully follow the current interim procedures, including but not limited to those related to handling of Mello checklists and applications, Mello Determinations, Mello Determination Appeals, and restrictions on changes of use/occupancy (aka conversions), including careful review of any currently pending changes of use and deferral of approval of any change of use requests until relevant enforcement procedures are clarified and confirmed feasible,
  - b. Clarify and more clearly define the definition of "feasible" as pertains to the Mello Act,
  - c. Improve the HCID standard of review procedures and documentation related to the determination of replacement affordable units to a "generally accepted" standard and implement procedural controls in order to stop current abuse of the Mello Act via loopholes and workarounds, including a final Building Permit clearance for Owners using the "Owner Occupied SFD" exemption.
  - d. Prepare and widely disseminate a "Tenant's Bill of Rights" that covers both the RSO and the Mello Act as well as other applicable laws, in order to control and to stop the further erosion of Venice Coastal Zone housing, especially affordable housing, and resulting permanent damage to our neighborhoods;
2. The City immediately and fully enforcing existing Federal, State and City regulations--including orders to comply for properties in violation--governing land use and housing in Venice with respect to change of use/conversion of housing, especially affordable housing, into Short-Term Rentals and de facto hotels.

Approved by LUPC 4/7/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RR/MK)

**B** 2709 Ocean Front Walk (new SFD), North Venice Subarea, RD1.5-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential--Low Medium II, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka



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“Appealable Area” post LCP)

Applicable Cases: ZA-2014-3072-CDP-ZAA and ENV-2013-2051-CE and formerly approved DIR-2013-2050-SPP-SPPA-MEL and DIR-2012-1476-VSO-MEL (6-5-12)

CITY HEARING NOT YET SCHEDULED

REVISED Project Description: Construction of a new 3-story, 5,400 sq ft SFD, including 500 sq ft roof deck with roof access structure not to exceed 43.95’ in height, on a vacant 2,502 sq ft, 28’ wide lot (demo of formerly existing 1-story, 1,218 sq ft, 1912 structure was approved by Coastal Commission De Minimis Waiver on May 29, 2012, and Mello letter issued by HCID on May 31, 2012), with 3 parking spaces, and Specific Plan Project Permit Adjustment to allow a roof height of 32.95’ in lieu of required 30’. ZA Adjustment request for 3’4” side yards in lieu of 4’ required.

Applicant: Dan Brunn & Henry Ramirez

LUPC Staff: Gabriel Ruspini

## **MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends approval of the CDP for 2709 Ocean Front Walk for a new Single Family Dwelling, as REVISED by the recently added Zoning Administrator Adjustment entitlement request for reduced side yards.

<http://www.venicenc.org/2709-ocean-front-walk/>

Approved by LUPC 4/7/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RR/GR)

## **C 425 Rose Ave (change of use from existing restaurant and market/deli, “Fiesta Brava”, to a restaurant with new outdoor covered patio dining area; and change from off-site beer & wine to on-site full alcohol), Oakwood Subarea, C4-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Community Commercial**

Applicable Cases: ZA-2014-1877-CDP-CUB-SPP and ENV-2014-1878-MND

CITY HEARING THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2015, 9 A.M., West L.A. Municipal Bldg, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hearing Room, 1645 Corinth Ave

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 a new 410 sq ft outdoor covered patio dining area, with increase in seating from 38 interior seats to 59 interior seats & 34 outdoor patio seats, on a 6,294 sq ft lot, with 18 on-site parking spaces, comprised of 11 spaces existing, 4 spaces grandfathered, & 4 spaces met by adding 16 bicycle stalls; and CUB for change from off-site beer & wine sales (market/deli) to on-site sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a new restaurant providing a total of 93 seats, with hours of operation of 8 am to 12 am daily.

Applicant: Bruce Horowitz

LUPC Staff: Maury Ruano

## **MOTION:**

(to follow at AdCom)

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

Approved by LUPC 4/7/15 by a vote of 4-2-1 (RR/KR)





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**D** 1217-1219 Cabrillo Ave (demo/duplex/2 condos), North Venice Subarea, RD1.5-1-0 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential--Low Medium II

Applicable Cases: proposed ZA-2015-????-CDP-SPP-MEL and pending AA-2013-3873-PMLA and ENV-2013-3872-CE

CITY HEARING WITH ADVISORY AGENCY (NOT ZA) TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2015, 10:40 A.M., CITY HALL

Project Description: Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.50, request for a Preliminary Parcel Map for a 1-lot Subdivision for 2 condominiums built over 2 lots, with 2 covered parking spaces and 1 uncovered parking space per condo, for a total of 6 parking spaces, on a 4,950 net sq ft site

Applicant: John Staff

LUPC Staff: Robin Rudisill

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends that a City CDP, which includes a parcel map for 2 condos and a Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan compliance review (SPP), be obtained prior to moving ahead to complete the project, based on which the VNC Board will make a further recommendation.

<http://www.venicenc.org/1217-1219-cabrillo-ave/>

Approved by LUPC 4/7/15 by a vote of 7-0-0 (RR/RD)

**12. New Business (8:30PM – 30 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A** Topless Sunbathing on Sand Venice Beach (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW Committee)

[melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** Whereas Venice Beach was founded and designed around the European culture of Venice, Italy,

Where topless bathing is commonplace throughout Europe, much of the rest of the world and many places within the US,

Whereas Venice Beach has been a safe haven for liberal views and free expression,

Whereas historically Venice Beach allowed nude bathing,

Therefore be it resolved that The Venice Neighborhood Council supports women being afforded the same rights as men to sunbathe topless on the sand of Venice Beach.

Thomas Elliot motion, Carl Lambert Second.

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 7-0-1/ 3/24/2015

**B** 811-815 Ocean Front Walk Restaurant Motion Melissa Diner ([melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas Ocean Front Walk Committee clearly understands and works to maintain the integrity of free speech, art, diversity, merchandise mix and place making specifically Ocean Front Walk,

Whereas the proposed location has been an area of blight and non activated space for years,

Whereas there are very limited quality options of sit down restaurants on Ocean Front Walk with a



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view of the ocean, (tourists, Los Angelenos and locals alike come to the beach to see the ocean, dine, shop and see the sites)

Therefore be it resolved,

The Venice Neighborhood Council Supports the proposed development at 811-815 Ocean Front Walk. (The Ocean Front Walk Committee Understands the land use committee will speak to the compliance of the Venice coastal specific plan)

811-815 Ocean Front Walk (mixed use-2 residential units & 110- seat restaurant w/CUB), North Venice sub Area C1-1 zone, Land Use Designation Community Commercial, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka "Appealable Area" post LCP)

ZA-2014-3007-CDP-CUB-ZV-SPP-MEL and ENV-2014-3008-EAF

<http://www.venicenc.org/811-815-ocean-front-walk/>

CASE NOT SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

Projection Description: demo of 9 res units and constr of 8,456 sq. ft mixed-use project consisting of 2 residential units over 100 seat ground floor restaurant (2,691 sq. ft) with new CUB for full alcohol & hours of Sun-Thurs 8am-12 midnight, & Fri & Sat.9am to 1am; request for parking variance to allow mechanical lifts & tandem parking with parking attendant.

MOTION Carl Lambert, second Ron Kramer

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 6-3-0 3/24/2015

## **C** Commercial Notification Motion Melissa Diner ([melissa.diner@venicenc.org](mailto:melissa.diner@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that OFW committee must be notified of any projects that are presented to LUPC in regards to commercial projects on OFW.

Thomas Elliot motion, second Therese Dietlin

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 3/24/2015 8-1-0

## **D** Revisions to DBS Appeals Process Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC ([vicepresident@vencinc.org](mailto:vicepresident@vencinc.org))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles revise the appeals process for Building Permits. Appeals of Dept. of Building and Safety determinations should use the same simple process as appeals of Planning Dept. and Planning Commission determinations and with similar fees. DBS "appeals" should not be treated as a new case with public notification and CEQA requirements.

Justification: The current 2-step process is long, onerous and expensive for regular citizens. The first DBS administrative review takes 6 weeks and costs \$470. An appeal of that DBS determination requires public notification (\$20 for adjacent addresses from Assessor, \$165 for labels and sign postings) and a new case submittal (\$700). The total fee for a regular citizen to appeal DBS permits comes to \$1,400. (Planning appeals cost \$200, which is \$1,200 less).

An appeal is not a new proposed development project; it is an appeal of an already filed development project and should be treated as such. New and time consuming requirements such as CEQA filings are unnecessary as the appeal rests on the originally filed case.



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**E** **Support for Council File 15-0135 – Conditional Use Permit Pre-Application Fees and Hiring of Resources to Implement Inspections** Marc Saltzberg ([vicepresident@venicenc.org](mailto:vicepresident@venicenc.org)) [EXHIBIT]

**MOTION:** Whereas, In February 2013, the Mayor and Council authorized establishment of the Condition Compliance Unit (CCU) in the Department of City Planning (DCP) to track and monitor conditional use approvals, and  
Whereas, Council File 15-0135 includes an ordinance drafted by the City Attorney to effectuate the pre-application fees recommended for the pro-active Condition Compliance Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Program (MViP) and  
Whereas, The MViP is a program to ensure compliance with the conditions placed on approved entitlements to preserve and safeguard the quality of life in our communities and  
Whereas, part of the Council File is a request for approval of additional DCP staffing (seven positions) needed to implement the MViP.  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the goals of the CCU, the use of application fees to support the CCU and enforcement operations, and the hiring of additional staff (paid for by those fees) needed to implement the MViP. A community impact statement in support of Council File 15-0135 shall be submitted.  
(<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0135>)

**F** **SafetyFest Support** George Francisco ([george.francisco@venicenc.org](mailto:george.francisco@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the LAPD/CD11 SafetyFest proposed for May 2015.  
APPROVED by Public Safety Committee 3-0 on 4/5/2015 – motion by G Francisco; second by C Carter

**G** **Funding for Window Clings** George Francisco ([george.francisco@venicenc.org](mailto:george.francisco@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** VNC recommends funding of window clings that indicate "This Home Locks Its Doors" and to be distributed to residents. (Motion passed by Public Safety Committee on 4/5/2015; motion made by G Francisco, 2d by C Carter/3-0

**H** **Creation of a 2015-2016 AdHoc VNC Election Committee** (Ivan Spiegel, parliamentarian)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall create an AdHoc Election Committee to administer the VNC Elections during the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: The 2015-2016 AdHoc VNC Election Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the 2014-2015 VNC Elections including, but not limited to: development of local election rules; setting the timetable for and programming election events and deadlines; recruitment and orientation of candidates; election outreach; coordination with Independent Election Administrator, DONE, and the City Clerk; supervision of polling place and tabulation of ballots; and providing orientation for the newly elected Board. The Committee shall expire two months following the seating of the new Board.



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**I Approval of the Election Stipulation Worksheet** (Ira Koslow for REC [ira.koslow@venicenc.com](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.com))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall approve the completed Election Stipulation Worksheet as submitted by the Rules and Elections Committee.

**J Appointment of an individual to serve on the Westside regional grievance panel** Ira Koslow for REC ([ira.koslow@venicenc.com](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.com)) **[EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION:** As relates to the Stipulation Worksheet 3. Article XI. – Grievance Process: The Board shall appoint an individual to serve on a pool of panelists for the Westside regional grievance panel. The appointee may be a Board member or stakeholder.

**K Approval of revised VNC Bylaws** Ira Koslow for REC ([ira.koslow@venicenc.com](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.com))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhoods Council approves the revised Bylaws as submitted by the Rules and Elections Committee.

**13. Treasurers Report (9:35PM - 3 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, [Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)) [Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

**A MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for March 2015.  
APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee

**14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:38PM - 5 minutes)**

**15. Adjourn (approx. 9:43)**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow		
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Barbara Lonsdale		

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