



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda**

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**When: Jul 21, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

**Topic: VNC General Board Webinar Meeting, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

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**president@venicenc.org TO HAVE THEM SHARED WITH THE MEETING. KEEP A COPY OF THEM ON YOUR DESKTOP AS A BACKUP.**

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

**PRESENT:** Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige , Alex Neiman, CJ Cole , Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday , Alix Gucovsky, Soledad Urusa , Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,  
**ABSENT:** Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Charles Rials, Christian Wrede,

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

3. **Approval of the Agenda ( 7:02PM – 1 minute)**

**GF, JM**

**12C delete  
MR, GF**

**10B, C to consent  
GF, JM**

**Pull Farmers Market  
MD, GF**

**AG, JM  
Unanimous**

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 2020 VNC Board meeting.**

**GF, AG  
Unanimous**

5 **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest ( 7:03PM -- 1 minute)**

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

**JP-9A resuscal  
SU--9B recusal**



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MR--spoke to someone opposed to Venice Blvd project  
JM resucal - AK project

Bruno Hernandez arrives at 7:04PM

## 6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

### 6A **Previous Months Draft Minutes have been emailed (7:04PM -1 minute)**

Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.

### 6B **Previous Months Letters (7:05PM -1 minute)**

Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.

### 6C **Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 0 minutes)**

**All VNC Board meetings are streamed live online.** Please log onto facebook and share the live stream on the VNC homepage to promote community participation. Click here to share!

<https://www.facebook.com/VeniceNC/>

### 6D **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, [pulido.esteban@gmail.com](mailto:pulido.esteban@gmail.com))

Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.

### 6E **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (7:05PM --10 minutes)**: Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras ([38228@lapd.online](mailto:38228@lapd.online)), SLO Adrian Acosta - ([39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online)) SLO Javier Ramirez ([39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online)), SLO Karwon Villery ([38717@lapd.online](mailto:38717@lapd.online)) Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner ([31142@lapd.online](mailto:31142@lapd.online)). *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

### 6F **Government Reports (7:15PM -- 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](mailto:nisa.kove@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 Liliana Pond ([liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy



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- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Jasmine Elbarbary, 213-978-1551  
([jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org))

## **6G VNC Announcements and Reports (7:30PM --5 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
Open nominations for vacant Communications Officer seat. Applications available on VNC website homepage. Must be submitted no later than August 10th Adcom meeting  
Bylaws approved by DONE and now in effect
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Ira Koslow, VNC Representative  
([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),  
WRAC dues request \$250.00 /year for expenses will go to budget committee for approval.
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel  
([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP/Gas Company: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky  
**Sima Kostovetsky arrives 7:45PM**

## **6H Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (7:35PM -- 5 minutes)**

## **6I Multi-Layer Bus Route Map (7:40PM ---10 minutes)**

Presentation of current and proposed Venice bus routes as interactive map. (Map to be publicly available to continue open discussion and possible revisions at August PTC meeting before final presentation to Board in August). (5-0-0)

7. **Treasurer's Report (7:50PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))  
*See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>  
[Discussion and possible action]*

## **7A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure and Expenditure to Date Reports for May 2020**

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

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee on 7-7-20 4-0-0*

**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01594158830.pdf](#)

[HH, GF](#)

**FAVOR:** **Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Alix Gucovsky, Soledad Urusa, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky,**



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[OPPOSED 0](#)  
[ABSTAIN: 0](#)

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:00PM - 10 minutes)**  
*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
9. **General Consent Calendar (8:10PM -- 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.]*
- 9A **Regulation of Electric Transportation Devices (ETDs) on OFW ([jim.robbs@venicenc.org](mailto:jim.robbs@venicenc.org))**  
**MOTION:** Whereas there has been a huge surge in private non-geofenced ETD rentals on OFW and Whereas LADOT has still not installed signage communicating the illegality of these devices on OFW and Whereas the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance, The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends timely installation of the aforementioned signage, including the \$197.00 fine amount, along OFW with notifications sent to both CD11 and LADOT.  
*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on 6-24-2020 8-0-0*  
**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01594148997.pdf](#)

*Unanimous*

10. **LUPC (8:15PM – 60 minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

## 10A 1600-1614 East Venice Boulevard

Case: DIR-2019-4920-TOC, ENV-2019-4921-CE, PAR 2019-3781 TOC  
City Hearing: May 5  
Address: 1600-1614 East Venice Boulevard  
Applicant: Venice Wave LP, 1600 Venice LLC  
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld Carlos Zubieta  
Representative: Don Toletino and Michael Cohanazad [mikecohanzad@gmail.com](mailto:mikecohanzad@gmail.com)  
City Staff: Jeffrey Khao [Jeff.Khau@lacity.org](mailto:Jeff.Khau@lacity.org) Jason Douglas [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)  
Juliet Oh [Juliet.Oh@lacity.org](mailto:Juliet.Oh@lacity.org); len Nguyen [len.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:len.nguyen@lacity.org) Sierra Riego [sierra.riego@lacity.org](mailto:sierra.riego@lacity.org); Mike Bonin [Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org) Vince Bertoni [Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org](mailto:Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org)



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## Case Description:

- TOC TIER 2 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 77 UNIT APT. BUILDING REQUESTING 2 ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR AN INCREASE IN HEIGHT AND A FRONT YARD SETBACK REDUCTION.
- PROPOSED TOC TIER 2 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 77 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING REQUESTING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR AN 11-FOOT INCREASE IN HEIGHT AND A FRONT YARD SETBACK REDUCTION TO ALLOW 5 FEET IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 15 FEET.

## **Motion**

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 5-3-0 on 6/25/20*

## AG, GF Amend

The VNC recommends denial the project as presented unless the developer incorporates the following changes

1. No variance on front yard setback. It must be maintained at 15 ft.
2. Parking units must be increased at a 1:1 stall per unit
3. No roof deck and the developer must work to provide alternate green space.
4. Increase the number of affordable units and provide full replacement of the 9 demolished units and replacement of affordable bedrooms at a 1:1 ratio
5. Require a covenant prohibiting short term rentals in the building.

## AG, GF Amend 14, 0, 0

*FAVOR: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Melissa Diner, James Murez, CJ Cole, Vicki Halliday, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Urusa, Mark Ryavec, Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jim Robb,*

## OPPOSED

## ABSTAIN



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## 10B 920 Abbot Kinney Boulevard

Case: APCW-2017-3329-ZC-CDP ENV 2017-3330-ce  
City Hearing July 6, 2020  
Address: 920 Abbot Kinney Boulevard  
Applicant: Colin Wellman-920 Abbot Kinney Llc  
LUPC Staff: Matt Royce  
Representative: Brian Silveira [silveira.brian@gmail.com](mailto:brian@gmail.com)  
City Planner: Sienna Kuo [sienna.kuo@lacity.org](mailto:sienna.kuo@lacity.org) [Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org)  
[mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

### Case Description:

- Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15302 (Class 2) an Exemption from CEQA and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
- Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.32, a Zone Change from R1-1 to C2-1;
- Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.2, a Coastal Development Permit to convert two (2) dwelling units into two (2) Joint Living and Work Quarters, within the Single Permit Jurisdiction of the California Coastal Zone.

### **Motion:**

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 6/18/20*

*Consent*

## 10C 425 Washington Way

Case: ZA-2014-2337-CUB-PA1.  
City Hearing TBD  
Address: 425 Washington Way  
Applicant: Charcoal Restaurant  
LUPC Staff: Michael Jenssen  
Representative: Dafne Gocken [dafne@fedesignandconsulting.com](mailto:dafne@fedesignandconsulting.com)  
City Planner: More Sung [more.sung@lacity.org](mailto:more.sung@lacity.org) [Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org)  
[mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)



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## Case Description:

- Renewal of an existing CUB with a request to open at 10am. Current permitting is for 11:00am

### **Motion**

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 6/18/20*

*Consent*

**10D**

## **25 Union Jack**

Case: DIR-2019-4385-CDP-SPP-MEL  
City Hearing TBD  
Address: 25 Union Jack  
Applicant: Joe Ryan  
LUPC Staff: Barry Cassily  
Representative: Bill Tsui [bil2e@yu2e.com](mailto:bill2e@yu2e.com)>  
City Planner: Ira Brown [Ira.Brown@lacity.org](mailto:Ira.Brown@lacity.org) [Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org)  
[mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org) Kevin Fulton [kevin.fulton@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.fulton@lacity.org)

## Case Description:

- DEMOLITION OF AN (E) TWO-STORY SFD, AND THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF A (N) THREE-STORY, 3,923 SF SFD WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE.

### **Motion**

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-1 on 6/18/20*

*AG, GF 11-3-3*

*FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, John Reed, Jaime Paige, CJ Cole, Vicki Halliday, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Soledad Urusa, Mark Ryavec,*

*OPPOSED: Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jim Robb*

*ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, James Murez,*

**10E**

## **628 Santa Clara Avenue**

Case: DIR-2019-5257-CDP-MEL ADM 2019-5259-VSO ENV 2019 5258-CE  
City Hearing TBD





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Address: 628 Santa Clara Avenue  
Applicant: La Riverstone Grey LLC  
LUPC Staff: Michael Jenssen  
Representative: Larry Mondragon Craig Fry and Associates  
[dragon@craigfryandassociates.com](mailto:dragon@craigfryandassociates.com)  
City Planner: [Ira Brown](mailto:Ira.Brown@lacity.org) [Ira.Brown@lacity.org](mailto:Ira.Brown@lacity.org) [Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org)  
[mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

## Case Description:

- DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING DETACHED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES (1112 SQ FT AND 602 SQ FT RESPECTIVELY) AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 2-STORY 3758 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH AN ATTACHED 181 SQ FT ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

## **Motion**

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 5-0-2 on 6/18/20*

*GF, MR (11, 6, 1)*

*FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Urusa, Mark Ryavec,*

*OPPOSED: Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb*

*ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,*

**10F**

## **815 Angelus Place**

Case: DIR-2019-5903-CDP-MEL

City Hearing: June 15, 2020  
Address: 815 Angelus Place  
Applicant: Allison Fister  
LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld  
Representative: Laura Donovan Architecture [ld@lauradonovanarch.com](mailto:ld@lauradonovanarch.com)  
City Planner: [kevin.fulton@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.fulton@lacity.org)  
[Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org) [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)

## Case Description:



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- Demolition of a 1 story house and the construction of a new 3506 sq foot 2 story house with a roof deck and a garage.

## **Motion**

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 7-2-0 on 7/9/20*

*AG, MR The VNC recommends send back to LUPC pending more community outreach from applicant and JM SK to request the hearing officer to leave the hearing open for 5 weeks from today's meeting.*

*Both of the above 16, 1, 1*

*FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Urusa, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec,*

*OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison*

*ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow*

*MR, JM The VNC the project as presented is out of character, mass and scale with 80 percent of residents on the street and asked the applicant to return to LUPC after more community outreach. And that the VNC formally ask the hearing officer to leave the hearing open for 5 weeks from today's meeting.*

*MR withdraws motion*

## **10G 202 South Main Street**

Case: DIR-2020-1241-CDP, ZA-2020-1242-ZV-CUB

City Hearing:

Address: 202 South Main Street

Applicant: Venice Wave LP, 1600 Venice LLC

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Brian Silveira

City Staff: Sienna Kuo [sienna.kuo@lacity.org](mailto:sienna.kuo@lacity.org) Jason Douglas [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)  
Ien Nguyen [ien.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:ien.nguyen@lacity.org); Mike Bonin [Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org) Vince Bertoni [Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org](mailto:Vince.Bertoni@lacity.org)

### Case Description:

Change of use from mortuary/church/office/residence to 3 restaurant tenant spaces at ground floor with office/residence above. 2 of the 3 restaurants are seeking ABC licenses to serve alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with a bona-fide restaurant. No change to existing floor area or building envelope.



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- A coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC 12.20.2 to allow a change of use from mortuary/church/office and residence to three (3) restaurant tenant spaces, office, and residence. No change in floor area is proposed. The proposed restaurants will have service floor areas of 864.02 sf (Unit A), 490.46 sf (Unit B), and 659.84 sf (Unit C).
- A conditional use permit pursuant to LAMC 12.24 W 1 to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at two new restaurants located in the M1-1 zone. The proposed establishments will have square footage of 1,361.96 sf (Unit A) and 1,157.76 sf (Unit C).
- A Variance to allow 13 parking spaces to be provided off-site via lease in lieu of covenant.

## Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented because it is adaptive re-use of an existing building which will provide a direct benefit to the neighborhood with minimal impact on parking.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 7/9/20*

*AG, MR Original Motion*

*AG, MR to postpone 16, 1, 1*

*FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, John Reed, Jaime Paige, Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday, Alix Gucovsky, Bruno Hernandez, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Urusa, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Hugh Harrison*

*OPPOSED:*

*ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow*

## 11. Old Business (9:15PM - 0 minutes)

*[Discussion and possible action]*

## 12. New Business (9:15PM – 60 minutes)

*[Discussion and possible action]*

### ~~12A Creation of a Farmers Market on Windward Ave/Windward Plaza (Melissa Diner [see@venicenc.org](mailto:see@venicenc.org))~~

~~**MOTION:**The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a farmers market on Windward Ave. or Windward Plaza.~~

~~*Recommended by Ocean Front Walk Committee on 6-24-2020 7-0-1*~~

~~**Uploaded Documents:** [Download 01594149240.pdf](#)~~

### 12B **Community Impact Statement in opposition to Reduced Funding of the Los Angeles Police Department** (Mark Ryavec ([mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org)))



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**MOTION:** Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the Motion by LA City Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Curren Price and Monica Rodriguez that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Mayor, to work to identify at least \$100 million to \$150 million of cuts from Los Angeles Police Department's budget, that the Mayor and City Council hold funding for the Los Angeles Police Department at current levels for fiscal year 2021, and that the Mayor and City Council quickly establish a citywide commission of law enforcement officials, criminal justice experts, prosecutors, mental health and medical experts, domestic violence counselors, homelessness experts, and representatives of at least one-third of the city's neighborhood councils and community councils, to investigate and report to the Mayor and City Council on tasks now undertaken by the LAPD which may appropriately be outsourced or given to civilian city employees, said recommendations to be available for consideration by the City Administrative Officer before submission of the Mayor's 2021 budget.

Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org), Councilman Mike Bonin at [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org), and the Los Angeles City Clerk at [CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org) as a Community Impact Statement in opposition to the Motion on Council File 20-0692.

[To see the entire resolution please click here](#)

MR, SU (16, 1, 1)

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## **12C ~~Creation of Citywide Commission to Report on Current LAPD Tasks~~**

**MOTION:** ~~The Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Mayor and City Council to quickly establish a citywide commission of law enforcement officials, criminal justice experts, prosecutors, mental health and medical experts, domestic violence counselors, homelessness experts, and representatives of at least one third of the city's Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils, to investigate and report to the Mayor and City Council on tasks now undertaken by the LAPD which may appropriately be outsourced or given to civilian city employees, said recommendations to be available for consideration by the City Administrative Officer before submission of the Mayor's 2021 budget. Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org), Councilman Mike Bonin at [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org), and the Los Angeles City Clerk at [CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)~~

See approval of agenda

## **12D Resolution of No Confidence in the Los Angeles City Planning Commission**

(Mark Ryavec ([mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org)))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council declares it has no confidence in the LACPC's ability to execute its planning and land-use responsibilities in a fair and unbiased manner. Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles City Planning Commission at [cpc@lacity.org](mailto:cpc@lacity.org), Mayor Eric Garcetti at [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org), Councilman Mike Bonin at [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org), Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson at [Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org), and [leyla.campos@lacity.org](mailto:leyla.campos@lacity.org) and it shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles City Clerk as a Community Impact Statement to be attached to CPC-2019-6069-CU-DB-CDP-CDOSPP-MEL-WDI (and any successor council file) at [CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org).

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## **12E Redirect Homeless Funds**

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



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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 75% of any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing, exclusive of services, 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

*Recommended by the Homeless Committee 4- 1-1 on 6/11/20*

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## **12F Rename The Homeless Committee** (Lisa Redmond, [lisaredmond@gmail.com](mailto:lisaredmond@gmail.com))

**MOTION:** Whereas, the word “homeless” comes with an armful of derogatory connotations, negative stereotypes, assumptions, and accusations, and Whereas, homelessness is a complicated subject and labeling someone as “homeless” can hurt more than it helps the situation, and Whereas, the use of the term “Unhoused” instead has a profound personal impact upon those in insecure housing situations, and implies that there is a moral and social assumption that everyone should be housed in the first place, and Whereas, as a society we no longer label someone as “crippled” or “blind,” but instead use terms such as “person with a disability” and “person who is visually impaired,” so it applies that Unhoused individuals are not homeless but “people experiencing homelessness,” and Whereas, by describing someone as “experiencing homelessness” rather than simply “homeless,” you are describing something a person is going through rather than defining them by it, and Whereas, the Unhoused are a protected class of people, and Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council would never have a supported committee for other protected classes such as Black Committee” or “Mexican Committee,”and Whereas, the words we use to describe people powerfully affect our attitudes and assumptions about them, and Whereas, the social issue is homelessness and not the individual at fault, now,  
Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council immediately changes the name of its “Homeless Committee” to the “Homelessness Committee.”

**Send to homeless committee**

## **13. Adjourn (approx. 10:15PM)**

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



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Neighborhood - George Francisco  
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky  
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky  
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison  
Rules & Selections - John Reed  
Arts - Bruno Hernandez  
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb

## **Ad Hoc Committees**

Parking & Transportation - James Murez  
Resiliency - Keith Harrison  
Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy  
Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez  
Verdant Venice - Isabell Duvivier, Noel Johnson  
Homeless - Charles Rials, Frank Murphy

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