



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Business Committee Minutes of July 9, 2015 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were George Francisco (GF), Matt Kline (MK), Evan White (EW) and Greg Horos (GH)
2. The agenda was approved. (GF, MK; 4-0)
3. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Business Committee meeting were approved. (EW, GH; 4-0).
4. There was no Public Comment
5. Motion was passed to create Community Impact Statement (CIS) in opposition to the potential legalization of street vending city-wide. (GF, GH; 4-0).

"The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that the following 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 .  
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.

6. Old Business
  - a. Matt Kline requested information from Rules and Elections Committee regarding the failure to approve the previous request to allow job information in the VNC newsletter.
  - b. Evan White reported that he asked for list of Venice businesses from the city.
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion of potential community benefits of proposed office building at 601 OFW.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.