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<u>Joint VNC Board & Administrative Committee Virtual Meeting Agenda</u>

<u>Monday, February 8, 2021, 7pm via Zoom</u>

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S 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

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 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda
 - 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes
 - 4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
 - 5. Old Administrative Committee Business
 - 6. New Administrative Committee Business
 - 6A Close nominations for vacant Community Officer seat
 - 6B Consideration and approval of February 16, 2021 Draft Board Agenda
 - 7. Adjourn

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.





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- 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 Board Minutes
- 5 <u>Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest</u> (PM -- 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
- **Previous Months Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**Ensure the prior months minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.
- Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -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.
- **Spanish Translation Available** (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com) Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with **advance notice**.
- **Public Safety LAPD & LAFD Report** (10 minutes): This report will now be given in writing by the Public Safety Committee.
- **Government Reports** (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend or required to speak. The following written reports are for public dissemination and are also posted online (LINK))
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond (liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)





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- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 (<u>freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org</u>)
- **VNC President's Report & Announcements** Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)

 Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: Board Members & Committees must use the

 Online Agenda Request Form
- **6G Election Report** Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator (elections@venicenc.org)
- 7. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> (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]
- 7A Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports

MOTION: The Venice NC approves the monthly expenditures reports for December 2020. Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 2021-02-02 **Uploaded Documents:** Download 01612315778.pdf Download 11612315778.pdf

8. <u>Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda</u> (PM - 15 minutes)

[Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 15 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted]

9. 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.]

- **10. LUPC (PM minutes) (**Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
- 11. <u>Old Business</u> (PM 0 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]
- 12. <u>New Business (PM minutes)</u>
 [Discussion and possible action]
- 12A Appointment of Data Liaisons (Ira Koslow, president)

MOTION: The VNC appoints Soledad Ursua and Allan Parsons as Data Liaisons and reaffirms Jim Murez.





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- Immediate vaccination eligibility for LA restaurant workers (brian.averill@venicenc.org)
 MOTION: Whereas our city and state have recently made the difficult decision to reopen
 restaurant dining and whereas we remain in a deadly pandemic therefore, the Venice
 Neighborhood Council strongly recommends that LA restaurant workers become
 immediately eligible for covid-19 vaccinations with letters sent to Mayor Eric Garcetti
 (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org), Brad Fingard (brad.fingard@lacity.org), Councilmember
 Mike Bonin (councilmember.bonin@lacity.org), and Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer
 (barbara.ferrer@ph.lacounty.gov)
- 12C Reconstruction of the Sunset Ave public right-of-way between Main St and Hampton Ave (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)
 (James.Murez@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: The VNC recommends that LA Dept of Public Works reconstruct the Sunset Ave public right-of-way between Main St and Hampton Ave including rebuilding subgrade, roadway base, new roadway surface, roadway appurtenances including parkways and sidewalks. This would should include removal of abandoned railroad tracks and the installation of new street trees.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 5-0-0 on 2021-02-01

12D Support for the Venice Heritage Museum (brian.averill@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Venice Heritage Museum represents a wonderful opportunity for both locals and tourists alike to experience over a century\'s worth of art, stories, collections, and archives from one of this nation's most culturally rich communities and whereas this project will create a museum that preserves, showcases, and nurtures Venice's historical legacy, while also enriching the lives of current and future generations of both Venetians and our visitors.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council enthusiastically supports and endorses the creation of the Venice Heritage Museum, with letters of support sent to Cid Macaraeg (cid.macaraeg@lacity.org) and Felice Chen (felice.chen@lacity.org) **Uploaded Documents:** Download 01612125036.pdf

Support of Kevin DeLeon's 'A Way Home Plan" (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee)

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has no comprehensive and streamlined plan to provide housing in a timely manner and the population of unhoused people is worsening, a road map for the future is necessary and Whereas City Councilman Kevin DeLeon of CD14 has provided one and Whereas it is succinct, well-thought out and on target to actually get things done and it streamlines protocols in place and makes good suggestions for new ones.

Therefore, The Venice Neighborhood Council endorses the plan known as A Way Home, which will be appearing before the City Council for consideration and approval. Recommended by Homeless Committee 6-0-1

See Kevin DeLeon's "A Way Home Plan" in supporting documents





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12F Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

(Soledad Ursua on behalf of the Public Health & Safety Committee)

Whereas, Venice has witnessed numerous fires over recent years in homeless encampments, in recreational vehicles, and free-standing fires in public; and

Whereas, these random and ongoing fires pose a tremendous threat of serious lifelong injuries or potential death to our Unsheltered population; and

Whereas, the recent fire at 723 Ocean Front Walk (OFW) destroyed the office building at that location and threatened nearby apartment buildings and single-family residences; and

Whereas, the Los Angeles Fire Department has announced that the fire at 723 OFW spread from the large homeless encampment on Park Avenue adjacent to the building; and

Whereas, fires on Rose Avenue next to Penmar Golf Course have threatened the golf course's expansive tree canopy and resulted in the city removing all encampments on Rose Avenue east of Lincoln Boulevard, setting a positive precedence for addressing fire danger in Venice; and

Whereas, Venice has an unusually high percentage of wooden and historic structures that are especially vulnerable to fire; and

Whereas, such a buffer zone would significantly advance the objective of protecting residences and other structures from fire; and

Whereas, there is precedence in the City of Los Angeles banning camping in other fire-vulnerable areas, such as the bluffs along Pacific Coast Highway in the Pacific Palisades; now

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use.

The Venice Neighborhood Council further calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.





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Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent as a Community Impact Statement to Councilman Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Mayor Eric Garcetti (Eric . .garcetti@lacity.org), the Los Angeles City Council's Public Safety Committee (Committee Legislative Assistants: Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org, Rita.Moreno@lacity.org and Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org, and Deputy Fire Chief Armando Hogan (armando.hogan@lacity.org) and to the Los Angeles City Clerk to be attached to Council File: 20-0010-S16.

12Gi Encourage construction of less expensive Tiny Homes (Joseph Murphy on behalf of the Discussion Forum Committee)(joedmur@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, per information in

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/los-angeles-tiny-homes-homeles s?_amp=true: • Under pressure from a federal lawsuit to get homeless people off the streets, the City of Los Angeles is implementing ~64-square-foot Tiny Homes projects scheduled to open in April, 2021 at an average cost of ~\$82,000 per home while similar projects in Riverside, California and other state jurisdictions (Seattle, Washington in particular) with similar shared facilities (bathrooms, showers) have been built at an average cost of less than \$12,000 per home - projects which encourage a sense of community often resulting in self-governance of what's felt to be a small albeit temporary 'village' with residents performing chores; and • The sense of ownership and security provided by Tiny Homes contributes to the mental stability homeless people need to move forward and therefore appeals to and attracts homeless people who feel otherwise alienated by other programs (such as shelters lined with beds in large areas shared with unfamiliar people) while waiting for the construction of the permanent housing upon which such temporary housing projects (including Bridge Housing) are legally long-term dependent;

Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board supports the concept of Tiny Homes projects and, shall send a letter to Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Council District 11, with copies to other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, requesting that he:
• Research and take whatever steps are necessary to enable the City of Los Angeles to emulate the Riverside, California and Seattle, Washington examples in providing Tiny Homes to homeless people - including Seattle's citizen-driven model (non-profit enterprises with citizen participation) - to the benefit of the Los Angeles Venice Neighborhood Council area as well as to the benefit of all other Neighborhood Council areas in the City of Los Angeles; and • Explore the impact of the implementation of such a program on the current federal decisions which permit homeless people to sleep with their belongings on neighborhood sidewalks and streets, whether or not in vehicles or tents or their equivalents.

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Recommended by the Discussion Forum Committee 7-0-0 on 2021-02-01





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12Gii Motion to encourage construction of less expensive Tiny Homes (Frank Murphy on behalf of the Homeless Committee)

Whereas, per information

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/los-angeles-tiny-homes-homeless-g-amp=true:

- Under pressure from a federal lawsuit to get homeless people off the streets, the City of Los Angeles is implementing ~64-square-foot <u>Tiny Homes</u> projects scheduled to open in April, 2021 at an average cost of ~\$82,000 per home while similar projects in Riverside, California and other state jurisdictions (Seattle, Washington in particular) with similar shared facilities (bathrooms, showers) have been built at an average cost of less than \$12,000 per home projects which encourage a sense of community often resulting in self-governance of what's felt to be a small albeit temporary 'village' with residents performing chores; and
- The sense of ownership and security provided by <u>Tiny Homes</u> contributes to the mental stability homeless people need to move forward and therefore appeals to and attracts homeless people who feel otherwise alienated by other programs (such as shelters lined with beds in large areas shared with unfamiliar people) while waiting for the construction of the permanent housing upon which such temporary housing projects (including <u>Bridge Housing</u>) are legally long-term dependent;

Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board is requested to adopt the following motion to include the above <u>Whereas</u> clause:

The VNC Board supports the concept of <u>Tiny Homes</u> projects and, in a letter to Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Council District 11, with copies to other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, requests that he:

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Recommended by Homeless Committee 7-0-0

Selection of stakeholder to fill vacant Community Officer seat (Ira Koslow, president) **MOTION:** The VNC Board shall select a stakeholder to fill a vacant Community Officer seat from previously submitted applicants.

13A <u>VNC Announcements and Reports</u> (15 minutes)

[Committees may, but are not required, to provide a written report included below and available online. LINK]

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-

Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org),

- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (<u>Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org</u>)
- Budget Advocates Hugh Harrison, Treasurer





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- Outreach Announcements Sima Kostovetsky
- 13B <u>Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction</u>-One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)
- 14. <u>Adjourn</u> (approx. 11:00 PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs - Volunteers Welcome

Standing Committees

Administrative - Ira Koslow
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
Homeless - Frank Murphy
Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua

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