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Preserving Public Places VNC Ad Hoc Committee

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WESTCHMINSTER PARK CLUBHOUSE
VENICE HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER

Whereas Venice has a fabulous, colorful, multicultural history that needs to be preserved for all to know; and

Whereas a physical location does not yet exist for the public to access historic archives of Venice, which are consequently scattered about, at risk of being lost or destroyed (as some were in a storage space fire a few years ago); and

Whereas without a physical location to house historic archives of Venice, these materials cannot be documented, retained, scanned and presented for all posterity to learn and enjoy; and

Whereas the existing lease on the Westminster Club House will expire and the site will become available on or about January 2023;

Whereas the Venice Historical Society, 501c3 is requesting that the old "Club House" aka Senior Center at Westminster Park which was promised to them by Councilperson Rosendahl several years ago but did not become available until after the end of his term and his death and the promise has not yet followed through to the Venice Historical Society and the Venice community; and

Whereas Venice has at least two not for profit organizations - Venice Historical Society and Venice Heritage Association - and numerous private collectors including the renown historian Jeffrey Stanton and the collection of deceased historian Arnold Springer, all looking to donate materials to a Venice's history resource center, and

NOW THEREFORE The Venice Neighborhood Council request that the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles City Council District 11 designate and lease the "Westminster Park Club House" for the sole and ongoing use as a Venice History Resource Center as of January 2023.

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