

**PETITION TO REQUIRE THAT PRESENTATION AND MOTION BE PLACED ON THE
AGENDA OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

BACKGROUND

Background Local architect, Mehrnoosh Mojallali, proposes renovation and expansion of pier on Rose Ave. Ms. Mojallali gathered hundreds of signatures in support of her concept and requests that the VNC Board support this concept and ask that the local council office determine the feasibility, including environmental impact, costs of project, required entitlements/approvals, and other details to refine concept into a proposed project. The proposed concept for Pier is intended to have a unique urbanistic energy. It stands apart from other surrounding buildings and is completely integrated into nature and to serve the community. In concept it is intended to create a cultural and social place inherent in Venice and enhancing functions as it improves public life and bring the community together. The site elements have organic shapes, the building encompasses an exterior space with wide top rails and glass closure to facing the surrounding areas including the ocean and the sky – a continuous veranda. Visitors can look out; those outside can look in. All roof elements will include solar tiles to generate electrical energy and provide shading. Also use ocean waves convert energy into mechanical or electrical energy. The site draws the cool Pacific Ocean breeze. More info here: <http://www.mehrnoosh.com/pier-at-rose-avenue-venice-beach/>

On October 5, 2023, Mehrnoosh Mojallali submitted an agenda request to the Administrative Committee (AdComm) for it to place the presentation and motion on the VNC Board Agenda. AdComm rejected the item at its October 12 meeting. The item was re-submitted to AdComm's November 9 meeting and was again removed from the VNC Board agenda at that time. This item was submitted with over 800 signatures in support of the concept being presented yet has not been heard at the VNC. The petition below asks that the VNC Board place this item on its next agenda.

Motion

WHEREAS, Policy III.A.1.b. of the Venice Land Use Plan (LUP) states:

General. New recreational opportunities should be provided, and existing recreational areas, shown on Exhibits 19a through 21b, shall be protected, maintained and enhanced for a variety of recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors, including passive recreational and educational activities, as well as active recreational uses.

a. Recreation and visitor-serving facilities shall be encouraged, provided they retain the existing character and housing opportunities of the area, and provided there is sufficient infrastructure capacity to service such facilities.

b. Acquisition, expansion and improvement of parks and facilities throughout the Venice Coastal Zone shall be encouraged and accelerated, subject to the availability of funds.

c. Where feasible and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, recreational uses shall be located in conjunction with other new public facilities, such as public parking lots.

d. Recreation facilities shall be refurbished and constructed to maximize recreational opportunities.

e. Beach Hours: Public access and recreational opportunities on the sandy beach shall be protected and encouraged. Any limitations to public access, including changes to the hours of operation, shall be subject to a coastal development permit.

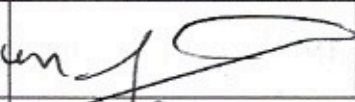
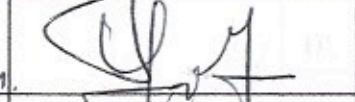

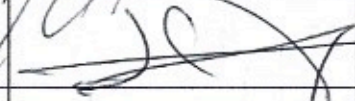
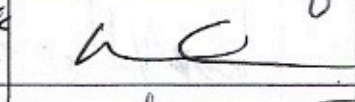
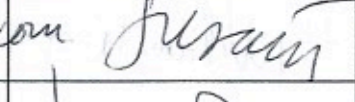
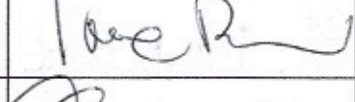
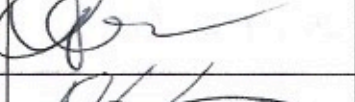
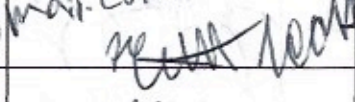
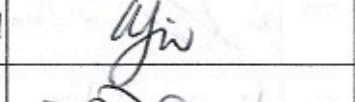

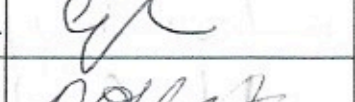
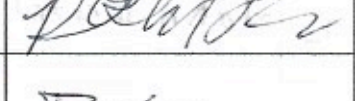
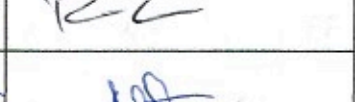
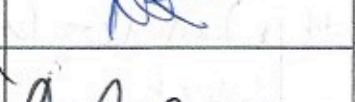
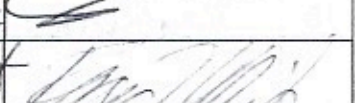
WHEREAS, the Rose Ave pier concept presents an opportunity to create new visitor-serving facilities for Venice.

NOW, THEREFORE, the VNC supports further study of a pier concept on Rose Ave and requests that the Council District 11 Office utilize its resources to determine feasibility of concept, including environmental impact, costs of project, required entitlements/approvals, and other details to refine concept into a proposed project.

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