



Venice Neighborhood Council



PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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Schools & Parks Committee

MOTION

Security And Ordinance Enforcement Needed At Penmar Recreation Center

WHEREAS, Security and enforcement of public park rules and regulations and of city ordinances such as no camping, no overnight sleeping, no overnight parking in the parking lot, no storage of personal possessions and bulky items, no defecation/urination, no off leash dogs and all other related ordinances at Penmar Recreation Center (a designated drug free zone LAMC 63.46) is non-existent and,

WHEREAS, The safety of children, senior citizens, stakeholders and visitors is compromised on a daily basis and,

WHEREAS, Penmar Recreation Center continues to be occupied by unhoused living in cars and vans, that occupy the Penmar Park parking lot on Lake St. and surrounding streets of Penmar Ave. and Rose Ave. and,

WHEREAS, the Park Rangers from the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks division have consistently dismissed and not acted on our requests for enforcement of ordinances in the park, like LAMC 63.44, prohibiting overnight camping in the park and storage of bulky items, and their own posted park rules and regulations, and,

WHEREAS, Penmar Recreation Center continues to be illegally used as an off-leash dog park at all hours and the dogs dig holes and relieve themselves in the sports fields, jeopardizing our youth and,

WHEREAS, residents and visitors to the park, most importantly seniors and children, feel threatened by the existence of homeless encampments in the park and off leash dogs in the park, many of them large breed and,

WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents of dog fighting in the park, (between both dogs and their owners) and,



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WHEREAS, there have been multiple incidents of the unhoused occupying the park for long periods of time, refusing to leave without police intervention, some which have large dogs tied to the city fence within the park,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schools & Parks Committee recommend to the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) that a request be sent to the Department of Recreation and Parks, LAPD, Los Angeles Animal Services and the Councilwoman Traci Park's office, asking for consistent, genuine enforcement of city ordinances, specifically LAMC 63.44, related to camping, overnight sleeping, storing of personal possession, storing of bulky items, defecation, urination, overnight parking, off-leash dogs and all related ordinance of Penmar Recreation Center and that a fenced, designated off leash dog area be considered.

Maker _____ Seconded _____

Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)