



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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**Board of Officers ROUGH DRAFT  
6:30-9:30 PM Tuesday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL**

Brian Averill	Erica Moore	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Alley Bean	Fran Solomon	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

**2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES -XXX**

**3. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS**

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**9. COUNCILMEMBER PARK'S REPORT**



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## 10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

## 11. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any Board member or stakeholder can ask a clarifying question instead of, or before, moving items to the end of the general agenda.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

### VENICE COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Review of The Parking and Transportation Utilization Report and a Report of Hold Over Recommendations for the Planning Report

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

## 14. HOMELESSNESS

### PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS (VIA CLARK BROWN)

**MOTION:** A LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS, RVS AND OVS ON: (1) MARR STREET, (2) THE ROSE, 4th, INDIANA AND ELECTRIC NEIGHBORHOOD, (3) WASHINGTON BLVD WEST OF ABBOT KINNEY

**DESCRIPTION:** The City should forthwith: (1) Aggressively ticket and remove all persons camping and all vehicles parked in violation of these provisions of law in Venice. (2) Continually meet and confer with residents and business owners in the affected neighborhoods to develop strategies and plans for doing that. See Supporting Documents.

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## 15. RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

### LAFD COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) PROGRAM

**Whereas:** The Venice Community is vulnerable to multiple natural, technological, national security and other human caused disasters/emergencies.

**Whereas:** The Community Emergency Response Team program provides critical training to empower residents and stakeholders to effectively respond to and recover from disasters/emergencies.

**Whereas:** Funding for this critical, life safety, program are in danger of being severely reduced, thereby drastically restricting the number of classes that can be offered throughout the city.

**Whereas:** The Venice Neighborhood actively supports all efforts to make our community and the City of Los Angeles disaster resilient.

#### Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly supports the successful LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program trains community volunteers in best practices and how to respond in the event of earthquakes and other disasters. CERT trained volunteers are prepared to help themselves, their neighbors and their communities when an emergency happens, thus allowing the LAFD to concentrate their efforts in highest-need areas. CERT volunteers also consistently support the LAFD's responses to their routine activities. This is especially critical during emergencies. Some CERT trained volunteers can and do continue their training in hopes of joining the ranks of the Call Out teams that are especially important during emergencies. During 2024

the CERT unit has conducted the following trainings: 2,357 CERT students; 2,700 Hands-Only CPR students and 961 Fire Extinguisher students. A total of 940 hours of service has been performed by the CERT Call Out volunteers. Considering that we never know when a city-wide emergency might occur and considering that when it does the investment in the CERT program will contribute immeasurably to the resilience and recovery of the city, the Venice Neighborhood Council urges the city leaders to continue funding the LAFD CERT program.

#### Therefore Be It Further Resolved:

That the VNC cause that a Community Impact Statement reflecting this resolution be filed under City Council File 24 1600; that this resolution be forwarded to Los Angeles City Fire Chief Kristen Crowley, City Councilwoman, Traci Park and Mayor Karen Bass; that the

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VNC President and or the Venice Community Resiliency Committee Chair be authorized to speak in support of this resolution.

## 16. BUDGET COMMITTEE

A. The Venice Board approves the December 31, 2024 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). (See supporting documents.)

B. The Venice Board approves a reimbursement of \$160.50 to Outreach Chair Erica Moore for supplies paid by cash for tabling at the Chamber's Holiday Lighting event. (see supporting documents)

Note: Board previously authorized Outreach to spend up to \$200 per tabling event-this motion and additional BAC is needed to authorize a reimbursement because the credit card was not used.

C. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase six (6) VNC Election announcement Banner Patches to be attached on to our three (3) VNC Reusable banners will be placed in various Neighborhoods throughout the Neighborhood Council perimeters. The first set of three (3) Banner Patches will mirror the Board approved Election postcard being sent out to stakeholders. The second set of three (3) Banner Patches will announce the candidate forum and voting and ballot return options with deadlines. Total costs including tax for all six (6) Banner Patches not to exceed \$425.00.

D. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase VNC Election announcement 24" x 18" Lawn Signs with H-Stake stands to be placed in various Neighborhoods throughout the Neighborhood Council perimeters. These reusable signs will mirror the Board approved Election postcard being sent out to stakeholders. Total costs including tax for up to thirty (30) signs not to exceed \$625.00.

E. Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Board approves scheduling a VNC Election Candidate Meet and Greet Movie Event no later than Sunday, March 2nd 2025. Total costs including venue, refreshments and equipment rental not to exceed \$1,500.00.

## 17. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE (VIA FRANK MURPHY)

**MOTION:** Venice Neighborhood Council to form the ad hoc Committee on Housing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with the following mission statement: to address and propose recommendations to the City of Los Angeles to meet its housing obligations under state law and ensure that Venice remains committed to socioeconomic diversity, equity, and inclusion in creation of new housing.

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**DESCRIPTION:** Whereas: The status quo adhered to in planning for land use in the City of LA over the past several decades has isolated and excluded those of color and those of lesser means on whom we rely so heavily in our daily lives. Whereas: The issues of homelessness, gentrification, displacement and economic stratification, have been greatly enhanced by the scarcity pursued by the status quo. Whereas: In each of the past three decades, 1990 – 2020, the City of LA has produced and realized fewer dwelling units than in any decade over the past 140 years. Whereas: The State of California through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers has tasked the City of LA with allowing the production and realization of an additional 456,643 units. Whereas: This effort will go a long way in creating a market equilibrium bringing housing costs more in line with earning potential thus allowing those of color and lesser means the option to live in our community on their own terms and to their own individual and familial benefit.

## 18. ADJOURN

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