



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda
6:30PM Tuesday, June 17th, 2025
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291
(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

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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		

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: xxxx MINUTES

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

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

6. CHAIR REPORTS

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)

8. TREASURER'S REPORT



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9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

MOTION FOR PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON UNHOUSED

PERSONS.RVS AND OVS ON WASHINGTON BETWEEN ABBOT KINNEY AND BEACH

MOTION: The City should forthwith aggressively ticket and tow all vehicles parked on both sides of Washington Blvd. between Abbot Kinney and Beach which are continuously parked over 72 hours in violation of posted signs or do not bear current license tags or which are unsafe. Upon passage and finalization of this Motion, the Secretary of the Venice Neighborhood Council shall forthwith forward it to Councilperson

DESCRIPTION:

WHEREAS

(1) For many months unhoused persons have illegally parked their RVs and OVs on both sides of Washington Blvd between Abbot Kinney and Beach.

(2) Residents and businesses, including The Kinney, Hangers, Marina del Rey Cleaners, the Marina del Rey Liquor Mart, the owners of apartments on the north side of Washington and residents of those apartments state RVs and OVs are parked continuously on both sides of Washington Blvd and are moved only for street sweeping. 2 huge OVs parked in front of the Kinney have been there for 3-4 years. The residents complain the vehicles deprive the residents of parking for themselves and their guests. They complain the vehicles' generators create noise, their occupants dump trash and human waste in the gutters, enter private property for water, paint graffiti on utility poles, have short term visitors who apparently are dealing drugs, are an eyesore and impinge on the residents' sense of privacy.



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(3) The occupants of these vehicles live for free on Washington Blvd without paying taxes for the City services the City provides to the Blvd. By contrast the residents and owners of property on Washington Blvd. do pay taxes for those services either directly or indirectly.

(4) On 4/30/24 on the North side of Washington Blvd between Abbot Kinney and Beach there were 15 oversized vehicles, 7 were dilapidated and 4 had expired tags. On the South side of Washington Blvd there were 7 oversized vehicles, 5 were dilapidated, and 3 had expired tags.

(5) Vehicle Code sec. 22651 G)(k) and 22669(d) authorize the City to remove vehicles parked over 72 hours on in violation parking restriction signs or which don't bear current license tags or are unsafe.

(6) LAMC secs. 11.00(1) and 91.9002 authorize the City to abate and arrest persons committing any nuisance which includes any violation of law and "loitering, excessive littering, illegal parking, excessive loud noises (especially in the late night or early morning hours) "

GEO-FENCING E-VEHICLES (NOEL JOHNSTON)

Whereas the north end of the Venice Boardwalk and the private property and right-of-way adjacent has been inundated with e-scooters and e-bikes, primarily Veo, Spin and Gcoo, the VNC Board of officers asks that CD11 and LA Rec & Parks request of these companies that all such vehicles be geofenced immediately on all of Ocean Front Walk starting at the Marine Apron (located to the immediate north of 101-103 Ocean Front Walk) and extending south to the Washington border and that e-bikes and e-scooters are not left on the Bike Path, Ocean Front Walk, or the Marine Apron, with letters sent to: •

Sean Silva sean.silva@lacity.org •

Traci Park councilmember.park@lacity.org •

Sonya Young-Jimenez sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org

ARBOR COMMITTEE (5-0-0)

A. Motion to Raise Awareness of City Assets at Farmer's Market Parking Lot 701

MOTION: Venice Arbor Committee - Motion to Raise Awareness of City Assets at Farmer's Market Parking Lot 701 Whereas City Council has passed a motion (Case File 15-1138-S42) to study the alternative use of Parking Lot 701 (Farmer's Market Lot) instead of Parking Lot 731 for housing along Venice Boulevard (known as the Venice Dell Community Housing Project); Whereas Parking Lot 701 possesses a large number of city assets, including a large



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number of Native Trees – 55 x 30 year-old Sycamores, 29 Coast Live Oaks - and forward-thinking Low Impact Development swales that carved out concrete from the greater parking lot - comprising 2240 cumulative years of tree growth; Whereas Venice community members worked together with CALTrans and received considerable grant monies to plant the tree assets now growing in Parking Lot 701, approximately 30 years ago, and are part of what comprises what is likely the largest concentration of Native Trees within Venice (the trees along Venice from Lincoln to Pacific); Whereas recent studies from USC show that the trees of Los Angeles are offsetting close to 30% of carbon emissions during the year, 60% during the summer, and any loss of offset poses a loss of important city services; Whereas construction of housing units at Parking Lot 701 would necessarily remove trees growing in the footprint of such designed building and would challenge the health of or kill trees growing in the parkway; Venice Neighborhood Council resolves to urge the city to acknowledge the tree and design assets planted and growing since approximately 30 years ago at Parking Lot 701, the removal of which would represent a massive loss of shade, cooling, carbon offset, property value of neighboring buildings, habitat and beauty. Venice Neighborhood Council resolves to urge that the city institute strict tree protection measures, as per section 4 of the Recreation and Parks Department tree care guidelines, such that parkway trees near Parking Lot 701 next to the construction will be fenced off and watered during construction. Following passage this Resolution shall be forwarded to Mayor Karen Bass, Councilwoman Traci Park, general managers of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation, the commissioners of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation. Sarah Wauters makes motion, Barry Campion seconds it. 5-0-0.

DESCRIPTION: This is a motion to include the consideration of city urban canopy assets in the parking lot that is being researched for housing. Full verbiage of the motion is attached.

OPPOSITION TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING ON BILLBOARDS ON COUNTY LIFEGUARD STATIONS (STAKEHOLDER ROBIN RUDISILL)

MOTION: the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly opposes any commercial advertising and signs/billboards in the beach areas and therefore requests that the City Councilmembers for the beach areas, Councilmember McOske and Councilmember Park, strongly oppose the proposed Coastal permit amendment to expand the number, size and locations of this commercial advertising sign/billboard program.

DESCRIPTION: Whereas, L.A. County is requesting “after-the-fact” approval of an amendment to a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), permit no. 5-02-009-A1, to modify certain aspects of an existing permit related to advertising signage on 111 lifeguard stations, from Will Rogers State Beach to Cabrillo Beach, spanning multiple cities and planning jurisdictions; Whereas, such amendment



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includes a doubling of the number of signs on each lifeguard station from one to two, a doubling of the size of the signs to a width of 5 feet and a height of 4 feet, as well as an increase in the number of permitted locations to now include Cabrillo Beach and other areas that were not included in the 2002 CDP; Whereas, the California Coastal Act affirms the right of the public to enjoy access to the coast and to experience it in its natural state but commercial signage, by its very nature, runs counter to that mission; the beach is not a marketplace, it is not a billboard, but rather it is a public sanctuary that belongs to everyone, not to advertisers; allowing this kind of visual commercial intrusion undermines public trust and sets a dangerous precedent for further commercialization of our shared coastal spaces; Whereas, the County General Plan explicitly says "Prohibit outdoor advertising and billboards along scenic routes, corridors, waterways, and other scenic areas," and the City's General & Specific Plans protect the scenic and open space areas, including beaches, from billboards; Whereas, even though the County has represented that 100% of the advertising revenue will be used for funding existing, expanded, or new recreational and educational beach and ocean youth programs, that isn't an excuse to violate the Coastal Act by degrading our precious open space/beaches as there are any number of worthy programs; and Whereas, the local jurisdictions where these billboards will be located were not notified of this program and the CDP amendment.

LUPC

A. 825 Hampton - CPC-2024-2450-DB-CDP-SPPC-CUB-VHCA-MEL

MOTION: to approve as presented.

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of all existing commercial structures and construction of a new 4-story mixed use 36,716 sq. ft. building comprised of 30 dwelling units (incl. 3 Very-LowIncome Units) and 3416 sq. ft. of ground floor commercial uses. The project includes 50 parking spaces within 3 subterranean parking levels. <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/CPC-2024-2450-DB-CDP-SPPC-CUB-VHCA-MEL>

RULES AND ELECTIONS

A. Reorganization and clean up of current Standing Rules (4-0-0)

MOTION: The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules: 2. Neighborhood Committee 8. Code of Ethics 11. Principles of Representation (1. to stay, from 2. on down) 12. Vacancies 15. Definition of Factual Basis Shareholder... (previously deleted 9.11.17) 17. Dispute Resolution Service 19. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments 25. Board Absences Defined 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"



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DESCRIPTION:

In an effort to clean up the current Standing Rules, many are found to be outdated, redundant and obsolete. This motion was previously heard by the Rules + Elections Committee under a previous chair and passed 4-0-0 in July 2024. Originally, the motion stated: The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules: 2. Neighborhood Committee (dependent upon new Bylaws received) 8. Code of Ethics 11. Principles of Representation (1. to stay, from 2. on down) 12. Vacancies 15. Definition of Factual Basis Shareholder... (previously deleted 9.11.17) 17. Dispute Resolution Service 19. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments 21. Elections, Ratifications, Referendums 25. Board Absences Defined 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings" The motion was amended during the 3/25/25 Rules + Elections Committee (3/1/0) to read as: The Board of Officer hereby removes the following from its Standing Rules: 2. Neighborhood Committee 8. Code of Ethics 11. Principles of Representation (1. to stay, from 2. on down) 12. Vacancies 15. Definition of Factual Basis Shareholder... (previously deleted 9.11.17) 17. Dispute Resolution Service 19. Limitation on Ratification of Bylaws Amendments 25. Board Absences Defined 27. 24 Hour Notice "Special Meetings"

B. Incoming Board First Meeting Requirements (5-0-0)

MOTION: As a Standing Rule, the agenda of the first Board meeting of each administration must include the following AFTER the new Board is sworn into office: 1. Information about open Board seats and how to apply for them, included in the President's Report. 2. Appointment of chairs of the Standing Committees whose chairs are not set by the VNC Bylaws. The Bylaws set chairs for Budget and Finance, Communications, Land Use and Planning, and Outreach. 3. Evaluation of requests to extend termination date for ad hoc committees that requested an extension and appoint chair. 4. Adoption of the June Monthly Expenditure Report. 5. Adoption of the Fiscal Year Administrative Packet. 6. Selection the Community Officers who will be on AdCom. 7. If the President has selected a Parliamentarian, that person is officially appointed now. (The Parliamentarian is placed on the Board email list and is given an email address.)

DESCRIPTION: A lot of actions must occur at the first Board meeting of each administration. To ensure a smooth transition between the outbound board and the incoming Board, a set of clear actions for the first meeting

C. Committee Chair Succession Planning (5-0-0)

MOTION: As a Standing Rule, no VNC committee may have co-chairs. All committees, excluding those whose chairs are elected, may have vice-chairs. Vice chairs shall be awarded that status in the same manner as committee chairs. In event the chair does not continue in that function until the next administration or the termination of the committee, the vice-chair shall become



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the chair and a new vice-chair will be appointed.

DESCRIPTION: Whereas the VNC bylaws do not mention "co-chair", there is no automatic successor if one of the co-chairs ceases in that function. Robert's Rules recommends permitting vice-chairs.

D. Modification to Standing Rule 31. Budget Approval (4-1-0)

MOTION: The VNC approves the following modification of Standing Rule Section 31: Section 31: Motion Budget Approval: "If a proposed motion requires VNC financial expenditure, prior to being placed on a VNC board agenda by the appropriate committee or community member, it shall be reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee solely to (1) confirm funds are available within the VNC budget, whether currently allocated or requiring a transfer from another line item, and where appropriate, (2) ensure total compliance with all Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) and Los Angeles City requirements."

DESCRIPTION: Section 31 of the VNC Standing Rules states: "All financial items must be vetted by the Budget & Finance Committee prior to being placed on a VNC Board agenda." The term "vetted" is defined as making a careful and critical examination, assessing suitability or conducting a structured process of appraisal. According to the VNC Bylaws, the role of the Budget & Finance Committee is "to ensure total compliance with all Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) and Los Angeles City requirements." The Budget & Finance Committee does not have the authority to consider the merits of any proposed agenda item submitted by any other committee. Further, all motions with a financial component should be submitted to the VNC Board by the committee from which it has been generated.

E. Roberts Rules Standing Rule (5-0-0)

MOTION: Effective July 1, 2025, all current Venice Neighborhood Council board members and VNC Committee chairs shall be required to become conversant in Roberts Rules. VNC committee members who are not on the VNC board may, optionally, also complete this training. This required training shall be completed within 45 days of (re) joining the VNC Board or being confirmed as Chair of a committee. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your right to submit, propose, second and/or vote on any motion whether in committee or at a board meeting until the training(s) are completed. Participants shall notify the VNC Secretary via email they have completed the training.

DESCRIPTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws state in Article XII: "The Board shall use Robert's Rules of Order (current version) as the Governing Parliamentary Authority of the VNC." However, continuing conflict among Board members during meetings has become problematic and led to unnecessary delays, conflict and disrespectful interactions often in conflict with Article XIV, Section 1, Code of Civility.



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F. Presentation of Election Audit Findings

The Rules + Elections Committee will be presenting results from their performance audit led by Board Member Steve Bradbury. Supporting documents to be submitted shortly.

OCEAN FRONT WALK

A. MOTION TO INSTALL FENCE BARRIERS ON OCEAN FRONT WALK (8-0-0)

MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City to purchase and install sufficient fence barriers on Ocean Front Walk at the locations identified in Para. 2 to block motorized vehicles from entering Ocean Front Walk.

Upon passage of this resolution, the VNC Council will forward it to the offices of Councilwoman Park, the Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and the Commanders of the LAPD and LAFD stations for Venice.

DESCRIPTION:

WHEREAS

1. Motorized vehicles on Ocean Front Walk are dangerous to pedestrians using the walk.
2. Installing fence barriers, such as the ones shown on the attachment to this Motion, at the north and south ends of Ocean Front Walk and places in between, which afford entrance to Ocean Front Walk such as Windward Avenue, would decrease motorized vehicles on Ocean Front walk and would be inexpensive to purchase and easy to install and to remove in emergencies.

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE

A. Motion: The VNC Board approves the May 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report. (see supporting document)

B. Motion: The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase 4 or 5 VNC Branded 8' Table Drapes for primary use at the monthly Venice Neighborhood Council Board Meetings. These "convertible" style linens have flexible use as they can reshape and adjust to fit smaller sized tables due to the cut not being "fitted". Colors will be the VNC's colors of Orange or Royal Blue Base with Lettering in a reverse color and feature the VNC logo to align with both the newer and original tablecloths. Estimate per cloth including shipping is \$320.00 Total Cost not to exceed \$1,750.00.



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- C. Motion: The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase VNC branded swag items including and not limited to the popular Rainbow Stress Balls. Total costs including tax and delivery not to exceed \$2200.00**

Description: This Motion enables the VNC Outreach Team to continue sharing economical and useful VNC branded swag offered to all at Board and Committee Meetings, Community Event Outreach Tabling Booths, Town Halls and other Outreach opportunities. Our VNC branded Pens and Rainbow Stress Balls have been immensely popular and our supplies are running very low. Budget cuts are upon us, so Outreach would like to invest some of the excess funds left over from this year's budget into building our inventory up for the next term that starts next month.

16. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

A. Opposition to 24/7 Bus Lanes on Lincoln (3-0-0)

MOTION: Whereas Lincoln Blvd. is a home to many local businesses and service providers that rely on street parking for their customers, the VNC opposes Cal Trans plans for 24/7 bus only lanes along Lincoln Blvd. in Venice.

DESCRIPTION: Cal Trans is currently exploring options for dedicated bus lanes along Lincoln Blvd. One option being considered is 24/7 bus only lanes, which could have a devastating impact on local businesses and services.

A. Crosswalks at Riviera and Windward (3-0-0)

MOTION: The VNC supports the installation of crosswalks at Riviera and Windward, for the purpose of increasing public safety around the post office.

DESCRIPTION: Stakeholder request for crosswalks at Riviera and Windward.

B. Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program (3-0-0)

MOTION: The VNC file a CIS in opposition to the IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program, City Council file 22-1154-S1

DESCRIPTION: Refers to City Council file 22-1154-S1 The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the interactive digital kiosk program, because it would: allow installation of hundreds of 8 to 9 foot tall two-sided digital advertising kiosks on sidewalks through the City, which WRAC previously opposed in January 2023 (<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/postpone-caltrans-repaving-project-on-the-405/>), and 2) directly compete with, and undermine, the success of the City's Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and other community benefit programs that the City and its transit riders rely upon to provide much-needed shade, shelter, transit information and public service announcements.



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<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1154-S1>

C. Amend LAMC 56.15-No Riding E-Bicycles on Sidewalks

MOTION:

MOTION: The VNC shall send the following letter, requesting that LAMC 56.15 be amended as follows: The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians. To accomplish this objective, the VNC supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in italics/underlined):

1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.) 2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard. (Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.) 3. No person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle use, any bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.) VNC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above.

DESCRIPTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians. To accomplish this objective, the VNC supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in italics/underlined):

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17. LUPC

A. 657 Sunset - CPC-2024-5346-DB-CU3-CDP-SPPC-MEL-PHP-HCA (6-0-0)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Land Use and Planning Committee recommends that the VNC supports the City's approval of a Coastal Development Permit, for the project at 657-659 Sunset Ave, as proposed.

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of two (2) duplexes (one duplex contains 1 studio and 1 two-bedroom unit and the other contains 1 two-bedroom unit and 1 three-bedroom unit) and the construction of a 4-story, 48'-7.5" high, 18,773 square foot, 25-unit multi-family dwelling, with 11 studio units, 13 one-bedroom units and 1 two-bedroom unit, including 6 Very Low Income (VLI) units (2 studios, 4 one-bedrooms), on a 9,414.5 square foot lot, with 11 auto parking spaces and 25 long term and 6 short term bike parking spaces provided. The proposed project includes a front yard of 12', the required rear yard of 15' from the center of the alley, and two side yards of 5' each. There is no roof deck, roof access structures or elevator (to roof).

18. STAKEHOLDER LISA REDMOND

A. VNC Board meeting location

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to hold its monthly Board of Officers regular meetings at the Multipurpose Center located at the Penmar Recreation Center beginning in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

DESCRIPTION: Ostensibly, the Los Angeles budget crisis has trickled down to Neighborhood Councils and the current annual budget of \$32,000 per council will be



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reduced to \$25,000 for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2025. A loss of \$7,000 is palpable and the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) needs to assemble immediate costs savings to force the reduced budget to stretch. The VNC currently allots \$2,700 for Board meeting facility fees (Westminster Elementary), one of its largest yearly expenses and soon be more than 10% of the yearly budget. Most Neighborhood Councils meet at city-owned facilities at zero cost. Venice does have options. The Multipurpose Center ("little gym") at the Penmar Recreation Center would provide an equitable meeting location to the elementary school in similar size and with a parking lot.

D. Live streaming and recording of VNC meetings

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Councils moves to restart as soon as possible the practice of live streaming Board of Officer meetings for greater access and transparency to their stakeholders on an accessible to all open platform where an account is unnecessary (i.e. YouTube). Additionally, a VNC YouTube account will be reinstated for the posting of all webinar recordings and recordings of live streamed meetings.

DESCRIPTION: Prior to the March 2020 COVID-19 pandemic discontinuance of live meetings, Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officer meetings were live-streamed via Facebook live to allow greater access for stakeholders. Special equipment (iPads, tripods) were purchased to allow for this. Once a return to in-person meetings resumed in April 2023, the practice of live streaming meetings was discontinued. During the period when meetings were only conducted virtually via Zoom, VNC meetings were recorded and posted to the VNC YouTube channel account. Without notice or understanding, the VNC YouTube channel account was removed from the platform in early July 2023. Live streaming technology since 2020 has greatly improved via technology and accessibility.

E. Scheduling of monthly budget items

MOTION: The VNC Administrative Committee will henceforth place/schedule required monthly budget items as regular business items on the Board of Officers meeting agenda before Old and New Business.

DESCRIPTION: Monthly Budget items, such as the Monthly Expense Report (MER), presented to the Board of Officers at their monthly meeting are mandated and timely. Recent practice has put these items under new business, toward the end of the agenda. Hence, they are not heard during the meeting and pushed to Old Business the following month and substandard to the requirements placed upon the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Los Angeles City Clerk.

F. (With Stakeholder Sarah Mahir) Motion to Condemn ICE Operations in Venice and Greater Los Angeles



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MOTION: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council formally condemns ICE operations that violate due process, constitutional protections, and the dignity of individuals residing, working and going to school in, as well as visiting, our community; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council urges our city officials, including CD11 Councilmember Traci Park, Mayor Karen Bass and Police Chief Jim McDonnell, to investigate and oppose any ICE activities that undermine civil liberties, and to provide support and legal resources for affected residents; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council commits to working with local officials to ensure that Venice remains a safe and welcoming neighborhood for all residents, regardless of immigration status.

DESCRIPTION: WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted operations in the Venice neighborhood and throughout Los Angeles that have included warrantless raids, community surveillance, and arrests without proper judicial oversight; WHEREAS, these operations have caused fear and trauma among residents, particularly immigrant and undocumented communities, regardless of citizenship status; WHEREAS, such actions raise serious concerns about violations of constitutional protections, including the Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments guaranteeing due process of law; WHEREAS, the Venice community is home to a diverse population, including immigrants who contribute significantly to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the neighborhood; WHEREAS, the values of the Venice Neighborhood Council include inclusion, equity, and the protection of civil and human rights;

18. RULES AND ELECTIONS

A. Standing Rule for scheduling Committee meetings (4-0-0)

MOTION: The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules: Meetings: All Committees are required to establish a regular periodic meeting date and post on the VNC website calendar. Committee Chairs will coordinate with the Vice President to ensure there is no overlap between Committee meetings. No Committee meeting will conflict with an Administrative Committee or Board meeting. Standing Committee scheduling takes priority over Ad Hoc Committees.

DESCRIPTION: On regular occasion, VNC Committee meetings overlap, leading to confusion and frustration for Stakeholders and Board members who regularly attend Committee meetings. This Standing Rule will keep that from occurring.

B. Standing Rule regarding Code of Conduct requirement as it applies to non-Board Stakeholder Committee members (4-0-0)



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MOTION: The Board of Officers hereby adds the following to its Standing Rules: Code of Conduct: The Rules and Elections Committee will be the centralized tracking and verification to ensure all VNC Stakeholder Committee Members are in compliance of their required training. All Committee Chairs are responsible for ensuring their Committee members' Code of Conduct is current. Committee Chairs will distribute and collect signed Code of Conduct forms, and forward to the Rules and Elections Committee. Rules and Elections will post the Code of Conduct tracking form on their webpage to provide transparency.

DESCRIPTION: DONE now requires non-Board Stakeholder Committee members to sign a Code of Conduct. NCs must collect and verify those Code of Conducts, and submit the information to DONE. This Standing Rule clarifies how that will be managed within the VNC.

19. OUTREACH AND PLANNING

A. 20.VNC Board Member Switch Over Summer Event or Town Hall

MOTION: The VNC Board approves scheduling a VNC Board Member Event or Town Hall to foster effective understanding of our roles and engagement. I will provide the vote count and adjusted motion verbiage after our meeting if applicable.

DESCRIPTION: Exploration of fostering connection and information to support the Venice Neighborhood Council and its Stakeholders as we forge ahead with a new ensemble of Board Members. I will provide adjusted information/details after our meeting if applicable.

20. ADJOURN

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