



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, September 3rd 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library

Jon David Waldron Meeting Room (On the Right after Entering the Library)
501 South Venice Boulevard – Venice, California 90291

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Time_____

2. BOARD ROLL CALL

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| / Jim Fitzgerald - Chair | | |
| / Mike Epstein | / Keith Harrison | / Jorge Jimenez |
| / Lady Michael McCraine Robinson | / | / |
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3. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:

Prior Meeting Minutes Available for Reference

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting689cebd86f9a6.pdf>

4. CHAIR REPORT:

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on **non-agenda items** within the Public Health and Safety's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes unless adjusted by the presiding Chair of the Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Motion to approve:

Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass exempt LAPD from any and all restrictions on hiring until they reach 10,270 officers.



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Description:

LAPD staffing has fallen to historically low levels. This has a direct impact on the safety and quality of life on everyone in our neighborhood. Current recruiting efforts are not keeping up with attrition which means we have less officers this year than last. We are not replacing those that are retiring or leaving LAPD for other reasons. The force is shrinking when we need it to be growing. Any restrictions, delays, or caps on hiring pose an additional challenge to this urgent need.

- Staffing levels are already impacting our neighborhoods.
- Overtime costs are ballooning.
- Recruiting and training takes time.
- If we are not fully staffed by the start of the 2028 Olympics, it is likely that outside resources will be called in to fill the gap.

Maker: Jim Fitzgerald

Seconded:

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

2. GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT: Non-agenda items within our subject matter jurisdiction. Each member will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding Chair of the Meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT: Time _____

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