



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294

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Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: Time 7:00PM

2. BOARD ROLL CALL

Present:

Jim Fitzgerald - Chair

Mike Epstein

Keith Harrison

Jorge Jimenez

Lady Michael McCraine Robinson

3. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: Approved

Vote: (_5_ Yes / _0_ No / _0_ Abstained / __ Recused / __ Ineligible)

4. CHAIR REPORT:

- Only one motion in today's meeting so it should go pretty fast.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

New request for the Health and Public Safety Committee to look into the activities of Run Clubs in Venice.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Motion to approve:



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

Motion to amend to strike from the proposed language "any and all restrictions on hiring" and replace with "any hiring freezes, caps, or restrictions " by Keith Harrison, seconded by Mike Epstein
Passed (5 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

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 resources from outside of Los Angeles will be called in to fill the gap.

Maker: Jim Fitzgerald Seconded:

Vote: (5 Yes / 0 No / 0 Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

2. GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT:

N/A

3. ADJOURNMENT: Time 7:30PM
