



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

6:30PM Tuesday, Feb. 17th, 2026

Westminster Elementary School

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice, CA 90291 (enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **[MEETING PHONE NUMBER]** and enter **[WEBINAR ID]** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless, adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5), A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A).**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

	Erica Moore	Jason Sugars	Richard Stanger
Gary Pearl	Alley Bean	Jim Fitzgerald	Yolanda Gonzalez
Helen Fallon	Brennan Lawson	Joseph Garcia	Sarah Mahir
Tima Bell	Ted Henderson	Kenya Lee	Soraya Moss
Mark Mack	Clark Brown	Lisa Redmond	
	Fran Solomon	Nico Ruderman	

2. DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES for DEC, 2025 AND JAN 2026: See prior meeting minutes

a. Public Comment:

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

4. CHAIR REPORT (1 MIN. EACH) and WELCOME:

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS (2min each)

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 Min)

8. TREASURER'S REPORT (2 min)

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: 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.



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10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SUBMISSIONS AND EXPLANATION OF PROCESS

OLD BUSINESS:

6. LUPC

1. The Venice Neighborhood Council waives review of the following project, without prejudice:

3000 Beach Ave DIR-2025-5967-MEL, ADM-2025-4901-CEX; Remodel existing SFD, convert existing attached garage to junior ADU per GCS 66323(a)(1) & 66333

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe/DIR-2025-5967-MEL>

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

2. The Venice Neighborhood Council waives review of the following project, without prejudice:

19 Sunset Ave DIR-2025-5972-SPPC, ENV-2025-5973-CE; Remodel existing apartment to demo 2 balconies, replace 2 sliding doors with new windows, replace guardrail on 1 balcony

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe/DIR-2025-5972-SPPC>

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

3. The Venice Neighborhood Council waives review of the following project, without prejudice:

2413 Abbot Kinney Blvd DIR-2025-6361-MEL-HCA; Mello Act review to convert existing attached garage to ADU [Does not require CDP]

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe/DIR-2025-6361-MEL-HCA>

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

4. 3116 Stanford Ave - 7-0-0 (1 absent, 1 open seat)

DIR-2025-5335-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2025-5336-VSO-ADU; ENV-2025-5337-CE
Case on hold

Planner: Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org

City Hearing Date: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Conversion of existing garage to ADU & storage addition
David Turnbull, LUPC Staff



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<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-5335-CDP-MEL-HCA>

Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the application for 3116 Stanford Ave for the improvement of an existing garage conversion to an ADU and the removal of unpermitted earlier modifications and supports the efforts made by the owner and their architect to legitimize the use of the former garage and make sensitive adjustments to the window placement and doors.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

5. 325 Brooks Ave - 7-0-0 (1 absent, 1 open seat)

DIR-2025-5126-CDP-MEL-HCA; ADM-2025-5127-VSO-ADU; ENV-2025-5128-CE

Case on hold

Planner: Michelle.Gallarza@lacity.org

City Hearing Date: not yet scheduled

Project Description: Conversion of detached garage into ADU with 2nd story addition

David Turnbull, LUPC Staff

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-5126-CDP-MEL-HCA>

Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project at 325 Brooks Ave, for the conversion of an existing detached garage into a two story ADU + garage, facing Indiana Court, establishing a street face, contributing to the character of the alley, and a gentle density up-lift consistent with long term goals set out in the Venice Community Plan and certified Venice Land Use Plan, conditioned on the applicant conforming with the relevant Home Sharing Ordinance and not offering this unit as a short-term rental

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

7. HOMELESSNESS

A. FAMILY REUNIFICATION

MOTION: VNC board requests CD 11 in conjunction with relevant VNC committees expand awareness and publicity regarding the existence of a family reunification program aimed at reuniting local unhoused stakeholders with housing in their home region funded by CD 11; staffed daily on the boardwalk, by West coast Cares, by bringing awareness to all community members, especially service providers such as St Josephs, Bible Tabernacle, BID , Circle, and the Venice Family Clinic. We also request a report back detailing how sad publicity has been implemented

8. OUTREACH

A. Pet Resource Fair

Motion: The VNC Board approves an in person Pet Resource Fair hosted at a local park. The non-profit "Reducing Animal Stress" will coordinate and bring in local services. Sponsored by Council District 11, VNC Costs will not exceed \$1,500.00 that could include a picnic/bbq component and other



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costs for promotion and swag.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker: **Seconded:** **Vote:** (☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Abstained / ☐ Recused / ☐ Ineligible)

B. Outreach Materials for Events

Motion: The VNC Board approves the purchase of Banner Patches announcing the preapproved Tsunami Town Hall Event, Door Hangers w/the VNC Logo Style Design and Corresponding Flyers utilized for LUPC notifications not to exceed \$550.00

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

Maker: **Seconded:** **Vote:** (☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Abstained / ☐ Recused / ☐ Ineligible)

9. STAKEHOLDER LISA REDMOND

A. MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER REFORM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles City Charter Reform for the purpose of engaging Venice Stakeholders in shaping recommendations for the City of Los Angeles Charter Reform process.

This Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) members, including at least one (1) Board member, and may include community Stakeholders with interest or relevant experience. The Committee will automatically sunset on October 31, 2026, unless extended by Board action.

The Committee will be advisory only, will not speak on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council without prior Board approval, and will comply with all Brown Act requirements if determined to be a standing committee.

Mission Statement of the Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles City Charter Reform

“The mission of the Venice Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles City Charter Reform is to gather, document, and elevate the needs, concerns, and aspirations of Venice Stakeholders regarding the future structure and governance of the City of Los Angeles. The Committee will actively solicit community input, identify Venice-specific priorities, and develop clear, community-driven recommendations and Community Impact Statements for submission to the Charter Reform Commission and for consideration by the VNC Board.”

Committee Tasks and Scope

The Ad Hoc Committee shall be authorized to:

1. Engage Venice Stakeholders—including residents, renters, homeowners, unhoused neighbors, businesses, artists, civic groups, and youth, among others—to gather feedback on their priorities for Charter reform.
2. Develop outreach methods, such as surveys, listening sessions, workshops, or online feedback tools, to ensure inclusive community participation.



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3. Identify Venice-specific needs and concerns related to governance, representation, public safety, land use, city services, ethics, accountability, neighborhood council authority, and other areas that may be affected by Charter reform.
4. Synthesize Stakeholder input into clear written recommendations that reflect the community's expressed priorities.
5. Draft Community Impact Statements, position letters, and reports to recommend to the VNC Board for approval and subsequent submission to the Charter Reform Commission and other relevant bodies.
6. Analyze possible impacts of proposed reforms on neighborhood representation, budget authority, governance structure, land-use process, ethics rules, and other areas relevant to Venice Stakeholders, and communicate to the Board and Venice Stakeholders important information that will impact the community.
7. Provide updates to the VNC Board, including summaries of community feedback and draft recommendations for Board consideration.

DESCRIPTION: The City of Los Angeles is undertaking one of the most significant governance conversations in a generation: the reform and potential rewriting of the Los Angeles City Charter. This process will determine how power is distributed, how communities are represented, how city services are delivered, and how Neighborhood Councils function in the decades ahead. For a community as diverse, complex, and uniquely impacted by citywide policy as Venice, meaningful participation in this process is essential.

Venice faces distinct challenges and opportunities—ranging from land-use pressures to coastal regulations, from tourism impacts to infrastructure needs, from public safety concerns to the ongoing evolution of local representation. The Charter Reform process presents a rare opportunity for the Venice community to articulate what governance structures, accountability mechanisms, and city systems would best support its future.

A dedicated VNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee is necessary to ensure that:

1. Venice stakeholders have a structured, transparent forum to voice their priorities, concerns, and aspirations for the future of Los Angeles governance.
2. Community input is proactively gathered, not merely received, through outreach, listening sessions, surveys, and engagement across all segments of the Venice population.
3. Venice's unique needs are translated into clear recommendations and Community Impact Statements that can be formally submitted to the City's Charter Reform Commission and the Los Angeles City Council.
4. The VNC Board receives well-researched, community-driven guidance to inform its positions on Charter reform matters.
5. Venice retains a strong voice in shaping how Neighborhood Councils—and the broader City government—will function in the future.

Without this committee, Venice risks being underrepresented in a once-in-a-generation civic process that will shape the City's political, structural, and democratic landscape. Establishing a Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee ensures that Venice's experiences, values, and priorities are not only heard but elevated and incorporated into the reform dialogue.

In short: the committee is essential to protect Venice's interests, empower its stakeholders, and ensure that the neighborhood plays an active role in defining the future governance of Los Angeles.



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Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

10. BUDGET AND FINANCE:

A. The VNC Board approves the January 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). see supporting documents.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

B. The VNC Board approves a budget not to exceed \$1,000 for the In Person "RVs in Venice Town Hall" previously approved as a Zoom event. Funds may be used for reasonable and necessary event related expenses, including location or room costs, equipment rentals such as tables and chairs, security support, decorum signage, location staffing, and very light refreshments such as water and protein bars. VNC approves budget adjustment if needed. (see supporting documents)

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

C. Placeholder for motions submitted by Gary Pearl

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

11. Motion – Investigative / Fact-Finding – Stakeholder Gary Pearl

Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board agendaize a review and discussion item to clarify Community Impact Statement (CIS) coordination and agenda confirmation procedures, in light of recent written clarification from the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (RAP), DONE, and the City Attorney.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to:

- 1. Receive and place into the administrative record any written confirmation from RAP regarding agenda placement or notification for the February 5, 2026 meeting;**
- 2. Review the respective roles and responsibilities of CIS filers, Board officers, and the Council in confirming City agenda placement and presentation procedures;**



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3. **Identify any procedural gaps or misunderstandings so they can be corrected going forward; and**
4. **Determine whether follow-up actions or policy adjustments are warranted at a future meeting.**
5. **This item is informational and procedural only. No findings of fault or disciplinary action shall considered at this time.**

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

12. Relaunch Schools and Parks committee

Discussion Item: School and Parks Committee Status. The School and Parks Committee has not met for several months. This item is intended to review the committee's status and discuss possible next steps for furthering community engagement around the much needed topic of our schools and parks in Venice.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

13. STAKEHOLDER YOLANDA GONZALEZ

A. MOTION: To remove Lisa Redmond from the Administrative Committee

Description: According to article VII section 1 Part A of the VNC, Lisa Redmond is to be removed from the Administrative Committee (AdCom) effective immediately due to disruptive behavior and obstruction of the VNC AdCom members.

NOTE: Bylaws state that a community member of the AdCom Committee may be removed by the majority vote of the community officers of the council.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

14. STAKEHOLDER GARY PEARL

A. Placeholder for Committee Guidance for RV Townhall

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion/Vote:

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

15.

A. **GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT: Non-agenda items** within our subject matter jurisdiction. Each member will be allowed one (2) minute(s) unless adjusted by the chair of the meeting.



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16. **ADJOURNMENT** *(Minutes will include ending time)*



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