

DRAFT Motion:

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) acknowledges the initiation of the Los Angeles Coastal Area Special Resource Study by the National Park Service (NPS), evaluating whether coastal areas from Will Rogers State Beach to San Pedro. The criteria for inclusion in the National Park System, potentially as a National Recreation Area or other unit of the National Park Service;

Resolved, the VNC requests that the comment period be extended for at least 3 months from April 6, 2026 to no earlier than July 6, 2026.

Further Resolved, the VNC requests that the National Park Service provide a public presentation to the Venice community addressing the Venice area *prior* to any final study recommendations being submitted to Congress.

Further Resolved, the VNC requests the following locations of possible interest be included in the study by the NPS:

- Venice Beach (including the Boardwalk/Ocean Front Walk)
- Muscle Beach Venice
- Murals of Abbot Kinney, Charlie Chaplin, etc.
- Venice Skatepark
- Venice Beach Recreation Center
- Venice Fishing Pier
- Venice Beach CA Least Tern (endangered) Preserve
- The Venice Beach House
- Venice Canals Historic District
- The Lost Venice Canals Historic District
- Grand Canal
- Carroll Canal
- Linnie Canal
- Howland Canal
- Venice Canals Bridges
- Shortline Bridge
- Venice City Hall
- Lighthouse Street Bridge
- Eastwind Community Gardens
- Crown Arms (Catamaran St.)
- Bay Cities Laundry Sidewalk Café (1915)
- Waldorf Hotel (1913)
- St. Charles Hotel (1905) - (St. Marks Annex).
- Abbot Kinney Boulevard between Venice Boulevard and Brooks Avenue
- Old Venice Jail Breakwater (1905)
- Brick Street - 18th Street
- 64-72 Market Street (1913-14)
- Old Venice Library
- Old Venice Post Office and mural
- The Windward area, including the Windward Colonnades, Windward Apartments (1906), 52 Windward Avenue and 80 Windward Avenue (constructed in 1905 and housed the Venice First National Bank).
- Walk streets (as shown in the LUP on Exhibit 19, Pedestrian Access and Bicycle Trails).
- Venice Sign (Windward Avenue)
- Oakwood Recreation Park

Penmar Golf Course  
Penmar Park  
Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve  
Ballona Wetlands Grand Canal  
Ballona Creek (Venice segment and bike path)  
Marina Peninsula Beach  
Venice Branch Library  
Venice Heritage Museum  
Venice High School (historic campus)  
St. Mark's Square  
Pacific Resident Theatre  
Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center

See also attached list from Venice Community Plan

Further Resolved, the VNC requests the City Council to support continued study and community engagement in this process, conditioned upon the following:

1. Written confirmation that designation would not diminish or preempt authority under the California Coastal Act or Local Coastal Programs.
2. Written confirmation that the Venice Boardwalk and other businesses and properties that contribute to a significant ecotourism and beachside business community will not be restricted, rezoned, or recharacterized in a manner that undermines Venice coastal tourism.
3. Clarification that any proposed model would prioritize cooperative management rather than centralized federal land-use control with the possible exception of the Ballona Wetlands.
4. Written disclosure regarding whether property acquisition or eminent domain authority would be contemplated.
5. Clear identification of anticipated federal funding commitments and long-term fiscal responsibilities.
6. Assurance that existing municipal zoning authority remains intact.
7. A detailed explanation of how extractive uses such as oil drilling would be treated within any National Park unit boundary. (Coastal residents and elected officials in this area are vehemently opposed to oil drilling off our coast due to historical damage from these extractive uses.)

## VENICE

### APPENDIX A LANDMARKS PER HISTORIC SITES SURVEY REPORT

| LANDMARKS PER VENICE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY REPORT OF 1990  |          |                        |                           |
|--|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| NAME   | YR BUILT | ADDRESS                | CURRENT USE               |
| US Island (each house was named after a state)   | 1913     | 501-519 Altair Place   | apartments                |
| Kenney House (located on an original canal)  | x        | 736 Amoroso Place      | SF residence              |
| The Castle (built by Francis X. Bushman, silent screen star. Castle was frequently visited by Rudolph Valentino.)            | 1932     | 11 Anchorage Street    | SF residence              |
| The Breeze Hotel (important architectural contributor to Ocean Front area)   | 1930     | 2 Breeze Avenue        | apartments                |
| (Craftsman) (important architectural contributor in Venice)  | 1909     | 20 Brooks Avenue       | apt-/hotel (youth hotel)  |
| Islam-Byzantine House (oldest house in Venice, built by Kinney)  | 1906     | 1223 Cabrillo Avenue   | SF residence              |
| (Craftsman bungalow) (built by Mr. Ingalls, pres. of a bank in Venice. Lived by Mr. Hearn of the Southern Pacific Railroad.) | 1911     | 599 California Avenue  | SF residence              |
| Venice Branch Library (added by annexation in July 1926)   | 1930     | 610 California Avenue  | Youth/Family Comm. Center |
| (Craftsman Bungalow)   | 1912     | 633 California Avenue  | SF residence              |
| Duron Plumbing (built by Duron in the new modern style as a studio)  | 1924     | 1336 Electric Avenue   | SF residence              |
| The Southern Apartments (rented to long-term residents)  | 1912     | 31-33 Horizon Street   | apartments                |
| (Craftsman) (one of the oldest apartments in Venice)   | x        | 302 Market Street      | apartments                |
| (Craftsman) (important architectural contributor in Venice)  | 1912     | 221 Market Street      | SF residence              |
| Cucoloris (destrian under-roof arcade, part of an arcaded business street)   | 1913     | 64-72 Market Street    | restaurant/office         |
| Flea Market Building (Parkhurst Bldg., Mr. Parkhurst was attorney/mayor of Venice)   | 1922     | 73-85 Market Street    | gallery/office            |
| Venice Vanguard Building (home of The Venice Vanguard, a publication, 1930-1955)   | 1930     | 120 Mildred Avenue     | restaurant                |
| (Industrial Style) (where the canal gondolas were stored & repaired)   | 1913     | 200 Mildred Avenue     | design studio             |
| La Faz (an example of craftsman architecture)  | 1914     | 207-209 N Venice Blvd. | MF residence              |

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|--|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Beyond Baroque (Ocean Park City Hall or Town Hall where city government had all their meeting)   | 1907            | 681 N Venice Blvd.       | arts center        |
| Old Venice Police Station (Venice Police & Fire Station. It is the only art deco police station in the City of LA, was the first public building built in Venice after its annexation to LA in 1925)   | 1930            | 685 N Venice Blvd.       | arts center        |
| Lands End Restaurant (an important contributor to Ocean Front Walk)  | 1925            | 321-325 Ocean Front Walk | restaurant         |
| Cadillac Hotel (an important contributor to Ocean Front Walk)  | 1914            | 401 Ocean Front Walk     | hotel              |
| Biltmore by the Sea (an important contributor to Ocean Front Walk)   | 1921            | 417 Ocean Front Walk     | apartments         |
| Figtree Café (Knickerbocker Hotel was a seaside resort thru the 1930's)  | 1911            | 431 Ocean Front Walk     | hotel, café        |
| Phoenix House Tuum Est (important contributor to Ocean Front Walk)   | 1913            | 503 Ocean Front Walk     | rehab. housing     |
| Pacific Jewish Center (Bay Cities Synagogue was built as a power station)  | 1925            | 505 Ocean Front Walk     | Jewish Center      |
| Chaplin Center (Sea Spray Apartments)  | 1922            | 517 Ocean Front Walk     | retail             |
| Sidewalk Café (Conron Building was the last "Venice style" building built by the Kinney Co. & once housed one of Harrah's original Bingo parlor)   | 1915            | 1401 Ocean Front Walk    | café               |
| Ocean View Apts. (Ocean View Hotel. Originally called King George Hotel, one of Venice's luxury hotels)  | 1912            | 5 Rose Avenue            | apartments         |
| The Haley Hotel  | 1906            | 1512-516 Pacific Avenue  | retail             |
| Lucerne Apartments (upper story was used by the American Legion and the Boy Scouts, bottom story, shops)   | 1920            | 1800-1802 Pacific Avenue | apartments         |
| The Ellison (housed more permanent guests than most of the Venice apartment-hotels)  | 1913            | 15 Paloma                | apartments         |
| (Provincial Cottage) (belonged to Abbot Kinney. May be one of the oldest in Venice)  | 1906            | 16 Park                  | SF residence       |
| University of the Arts (one of Abbot Kinney's original buildings intended as part of his cultural institute)   | 1904            | 1304 Riviera             |                    |
| Kinney House (originally stood on an acre of parcel in the canal district. It was lived in by the family in 1908 to 1920. On his death, Kinney willed the house to Irwin Tabor, his black driver. The house was moved to its present location because blacks were forbidden to live in certain districts.) | 1915            | 1310 Sixth Avenue        | SF residence       |

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| Thornton Towers (Isadora Duncan Bldg.)   | 1913            | 16 Thornton Avenue      | apartments         |
| (Craftsman Bungalow) (built & owned by Phil Davis, prominent Venice real estate salesman)          | 1910            | 1507 W Washington Blvd. | SF residence       |
| (Craftsman Bungalow) (original Venice cottage)   | 1910            | 1605 W Washington Blvd. | SF residence       |
| (Transitional) (architectural contributor to Abbot Kinney Blvd. & large enough for adaptive reuse) | 1906            | 1611 W Washington Blvd. | duplex             |
| Zephyr Antique Store (an excellent example of a craftsman bungalow)                                | 1921            | 1617 W Washington Blvd. | commercial         |
| Masonic Lodge FOE 924 Bldg. (Fellowship of Elks)   | 1925            | 1621 W Washington Blvd. | commercial         |
| Friends of West Washington Blvd.   | 1925            | 1636 W Washington Blvd. | commercial         |