



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## AGENDA

### Venice Neighborhood Council Board

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 6:30 PM

Westminster Elementary School

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

(enter from parking lot on Westminster Ave)

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Tima, Secretaria, al electrónico Secretary@Venicecnc.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

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

#### II. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JATAUN VALENTINE (3 minutes)

#### III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (2 minutes)

##### *Motion*

The VNC Board approves the Minutes of its Regular Meeting on February 17, 2026.

##### *Motion*

The VNC Board approves the Minutes of its Special Meeting on February 24, 2026.

#### IV. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND/OR RECUSALS (POST-FILING ONLY) (2 minutes)

#### V. PRESENTATION BY GREAT PARK COALITION (4 minutes)



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## VI. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action on postponed motion 05-26-VNC (20 minutes)

### A. Support for the Great Park Coalition—Arbor Committee

**PURPOSE:** A recent meeting of the East Venice Neighborhood Association has brought forward the increased pressure to derail the planned airport closure with various efforts that directly impact Venice stakeholders. Please consider this effort to support the work of the Great Park Coalition to close the airport and use it as a future park. Whereas Santa Monica voters overwhelmingly passed Measure LC in 2014, a charter amendment requiring the 192-acre Santa Monica airport property be used only for parks or recreational space once closed, Whereas the planned conversion of the Santa Monica Airport to a park will greatly increase open space access for Venice residents, especially the residents of East Venice, Whereas the Great Park Coalition has represented the efforts of the Santa Monica public to convert the park into a “Great Park”; Whereas Venice residents support the increase of open space, urban canopy, and biodiversity inside the urban environment and collaborative work can link the Santa Monica airport property, or the “Great Park”, to Venice in a way that supports these goals, Venice ought to engage and participate in the design and future of this space; Whereas the pollution, noise, and use of public space of Santa Monica Airport does not benefit and specifically harms the public at large and many Venice residents.

#### *Motion 05-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a great park on the soon-to-be-closed Santa Monica Airport and will add their endorsement to the Great Park Coalition’s list of partners. A letter of support will be sent to the City Council District 11 office, the Rec and Park staff, and Streets LA.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS—Part 1

Discussion and possible action on motions 13-26-VNC to 15-26-VNC

### A. Support of Automated Speed Enforcement Street Segments in Venice (15 minutes)

**PURPOSE:** The Committee feels that it is important for the VNC to support the introduction of automated speed enforcement on the two Venice street segments the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) analysis have shown to be most in need of speed restriction.

**BACKGROUND:** The LADOT has released a report on the City’s Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program, authorized under AB 645. As part of this report, two street segments in Venice have been identified for potential installation of speed safety cameras:

- Washington Blvd (Marr St to Thatcher Ave) – eastbound direction only
- Venice Blvd (Pisani Pl to Lincoln Blvd) – both directions

The Federal Highway Administration has documented that speed cameras are one of the most effective tools for reducing the number of crashes along a given road: anywhere from 20-50% per the latest research. Given this, LADOT under AB 645 used Los Angeles City crash history, roadway characteristics, and school proximity to select these two particular camera locations in Venice. A fact sheet leading to a number of reference documents is in Supporting Documents, and the LADOT link to the program is: <https://ladot.lacity.gov/speed-safety-system>.



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## ***Motion 13-26-VNC***

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of speed cameras on Venice Blvd Eastbound and Westbound between Pisani Pl and Lincoln Blvd and on Washington Blvd Eastbound between Marr St and Thatcher Ave as part of the City's Speed Safety Systems Program pilot.

## **B. Treasurer's Report** (10 minutes—5 BC, 5 PC)

### ***Motion 14-26-VNC***

1. Approve February 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report

Supporting Document:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69ac6dcdac986.pdf>

### ***Motion 15-26-VNC***

2. Approve \$600 NPG to *Reducing Animal Stress*

## **C. Consent Calendar** (10 minutes)

### Discussion and Possible Action on motions 16-26-VNC through 29-26-VNC

CONSENT CALENDAR Items are deemed to be routine and non-controversial. Any board member or stakeholder may ask a clarifying question or offer good cause as to why an item on the Consent Calendar should be removed and addressed as a separate agenda item prior to the end of the meeting. Pursuant to VNC Standing Rule 14 “*The Chair shall have sole discretion to determine what constitutes good cause.*”

### **1. Waive Review of 4 Minor Projects, Without Prejudice**

#### ***Motion 16-26-VNC***

The Venice Neighborhood Council waives review of the following projects, without prejudice:

- a. **28 26<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Rear yard, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 159 SF addition & interior remodel  
<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2025-6968-SPPC>
- b. **202 Rennie Ave:** ADU garage conversion  
<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2026-168-MEL>
- c. **672-672 ½ Indiana Ave:** Stand-alone Mello Act Review for conversion of an existing accessory living quarters to an ADU by adding a full kitchen  
<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2026-102-MEL-HCA>
- d. **657 Rose Ave:** Mello Act Review of conversion of garage to ADU  
<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2026-839-MEL>

### **2. Request for Written Explanations from BOE & Planning on 1209 Preston Way SHRA Compliance**

AA-2025-5122-VPM (vesting parcel map)-SH (starter homes)-HCA



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Committee vote: 7-0-0

Project Description: Subdivision into 4 fee simple parcels per Senate Bill 1123

Mark Mack, LUPC Staff

LUPC Staff Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b3b3c2b0b7d.pdf>

## *Motion 17-26-VNC*

Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests written explanations from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and City Planning for certain issues and questions on the Starter Home Revitalization Act (SHRA) Letter of Compliance (LOC), and requests that such disclosures are included in all SHRA LOC or similar LOC in future:

### 1. Bureau of Engineering (BOE) – Conditions 4 and 5 (LOC page 2)

Condition 4 requires a 2-foot dedication along Preston Way under “Limited Local Street” standards and Condition 5 requires a 2.5-foot wide strip of land be dedicated to complete a 10-foot wide half alley dedication. VNC requests that BOE provide a written explanation regarding:

- a. Confirm the official Mobility Plan classification for Preston Way.
- b. Explain the basis for applying “Limited Local Street” standards rather than “Standard Local Street” standards.
- c. Clarify why greater dedications were not required.
- d. Explain how SB 684 / SHRA affects the City’s ability to require street dedications.

### 2. City Planning – Conditions 21.m. and 21.n. (LOC pages 9-10, 21)

Conditions 21.m and 21.n. reference deviations necessary to accommodate “other conditions of approval as required by other City agencies.” VNC requests that City Planning provide a written explanation regarding:

- a. Which specific conditions required deviation?
- b. Which agencies imposed them?
- c. Why did those conditions necessitate the approved deviations?

Condition 21.n permits deviation from R1V2 front yard and encroachment plane requirements. The Objective Development Standards section (LOC page 21) discusses the same issue. VNC requests that City Planning provide a written explanation regarding:

- a. What is the statutory authority supporting these deviations under SHRA?
- b. What is the analytical basis for determining that application of the front yard setback requirement and the encroachment plane requirement would “physically preclude the development of the proposed density of four single-family residences on four lots and as such these provisions are removed”?

### 3. City Planning--Eligibility Criteria & Objective Standards (LOC pages 20-21)

Box (a)(11), LOC page 20, and Box (d), LOC page 21, indicate compliance with objective zoning standards. The VNC requests that City Planning provide a written explanation regarding:

- a. Why are Box (a)(11) on LOC page 20 and Box (d) on LOC page 21 answered “Complies” when deviations were allowed (that is not compliance)?
- b. Which objective standards were evaluated?
- c. Which objective standards, if any, were determined to be inconsistent with the SHRA?
- d. How was “physical preclusion” evaluated in the Objective Development Standards section?



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### 3. Request Non-Discretionary Density Bonus and Coastal Exemption Projects Appear on Certified Neighborhood Council (CNC) Reports

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

**PURPOSE:** There is currently no process for Neighborhood Councils to be informed of non-discretionary projects that have significant “de facto variances” from existing objective development standards or applications for appealable City Coastal Exemptions (CEX).

#### *Motion 18-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that:

1. despite the fact that non-discretionary projects are considered ministerial, they be required to be included on the CNC reports when they are Density Bonus projects or other affordable housing-related projects being processed under City regulations that allow “de facto variances” from the basic zoning requirements for height, FAR and density, and
2. projects being processed with City Coastal Exemptions (CEX) should be included on the CNC reports as they are appealable and therefore must be included along with the projects requiring Coastal Development Permits as appealability necessarily requires transparency.

### 4. Recommend Approval of 3 Single-Family Dwellings at 1166 Garfield Ave, 1165 Van Buren Ave & 1161 Van Buren Ave

Committee vote: 7-0-0

#### 1166 Garfield Ave

DIR-2025-2758-CDP-MEL-HCA

Project Description: Construction of SFD with 2 parking spaces

Mehrnoosh Mojallali, LUPC Staff

#### 1165 Van Buren Ave

DIR-2025-2733-CDP-MEL-HCA

Project Description: Construction of SFD with 2 parking spaces

Mehrnoosh Mojallali, LUPC Staff

#### 1161 Van Buren Ave

DIR-2025-2757-CDP-MEL-HCA

Project Description: Construction of SFD with 2 parking spaces

Mehrnoosh Mojallali, LUPC Staff

LUPC Staff Report:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b3b3afb12ec.pdf>

#### *Motion 19-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the three single-family dwellings at 1166 Garfield, 1165 Van Buren Ave, and 1161 Van Buren Ave, as proposed, conditioned on:

1. The replacement of non-native plants and trees in the landscaping with native trees and plants that provide shade and native habitat.
2. Using different colors and materials between the three homes and making street-facing façade changes, to vary the architectural design.



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## 5. Oppose Assembly Bill 1740 Unless Amended to Exclude Alcohol-Serving Non-Restaurant Establishments

**PURPOSE:** AB 1740, which would eliminate the need to seek Al Fresco Dining permits in the Coastal Zone, is seeking support from CD-11. Given the City's complete lack of Al Fresco Ordinance enforcement, allowing essentially permit-less outdoor expansion, especially by places that are essentially bars rather than restaurants, will diminish parking, increase noise and public disturbances, and impose on those living nearby. While we support outdoor dining, there need to be limits on what kind of establishment can have the permitting process waived.

**BACKGROUND:** All around Venice, Al Fresco Dining has taken over parking lots, sidewalks and streets. This has had a dramatic impact on our community and the quality of life of many of our neighbors and residents.

While Al Fresco Dining is beloved and most operators are respectful of their neighbors and the rules, there are a number of establishments around Venice which make their neighbors pay for their profit in terms of noise, public disorder, increased crime and public urination. Most of these establishments are actually bars not restaurants and have type 42 or type 48 liquor licenses rather than the type 47 which is typical of an actual restaurant. By waiving permitting requirements, AB 1740 would end the ability of the neighborhood and the city to seek to impose even reasonable conditions. Ensuring that the bad actors are not given a free ride is of paramount concern to our community.

### *Motion 20-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests both CD-11 and the City to oppose AB 1740 in the City's 2026-2027 Legislative Program, unless amended to provide that only establishments that do not serve alcohol or are in possession of a valid type 47 ABC license may utilize this program.

## 6. ADU Acknowledgement for Applicants

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

Supporting Document: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69a87585ec599.pdf>

### *Motion 21-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests City Planning to require completion of the ADU Acknowledgement form when applying for an ADU.

## 7. Request City Develop Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk Cultural Preservation and Restoration Plan (OFW-Fran Solomon Chair)

**PURPOSE:** To establish a comprehensive framework to preserve, restore and protect the historic, cultural, and artistic character of Venice Beach's Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk

**BACKGROUND:** Ocean Front Walk is the historic base for why and how Venice has become and remains the cultural and creative center of Los Angeles; the most visited tourist destination in Los Angeles City and second most visited in Southern California. It is a vibrant and dynamic touchstone to creativity, accessibility and much more, including the home of the world renowned Muscle Beach for all Angelenos and visitors for greater than a century.



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This Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk Cultural Preservation and Restoration Plan addresses its restoration and long term protection and historic infrastructure, the recognition and support of street performance and independent artistic expression, community engagement and context sensitive public space improvements, and proactive preparation for increased global visitation associated with upcoming international events. The plan seeks to balance public safety accessibility, cleanliness and enforcement with the preservation of Venice's unique cultural identity and historic legacy.

## *Motion 22-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council hereby recommends that:

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), in coordination with RAP, LAPD, CD-11 and relevant enforcement agencies, develop an Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk Cultural and Restoration Plan, which shall include:

1. Recognition of street performers and independent artists as cultural assets,
2. A transparent and equitable permitting and use framework consistent with Council File 11-0923 (regarding fine art murals).
3. Clear enforcement guidelines designed to avoid unnecessary confiscation or destruction of artistic property, and
4. Community input from Venice stakeholders and cultural practitioners

The Mayor's office, in coordination with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding opportunities, including capital funds, grants or event-related allocations to support restorations and Boardwalk cultural infrastructure.

The City meaningfully engage Venice residents, the Venice Neighborhood Council, local businesses and cultural advocates in the planning and implementation of Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk improvements to ensure alignment with Venice's historic and cultural identity.

Supporting Document: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b45dbd5c7a0.pdf>

## **8. Recommend Denial of Carwash at 2499 Lincoln Blvd**

ZA-2025-2673-CDP-CU2-CLQ-CDO-SPPC-WDI, ADM-2025-2675-VSO, ENV-2025-2674-EAF  
Committee vote: 7-0-0

Project Description: Demo of existing retail, auto repair, & auto sales & repair garage within 3 structures for the construction of a 4,860 SF automated express, full service carwash (120' carwash bay/tunnel)

Mark Mack, LUPC Staff

LUPC Staff Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b3b3dea2623.pdf>

## *Motion 23-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends *denial* of the proposed Bellagio Carwash because:

1. It harms the City and Venice's ability to implement the developments proposed in the draft update of the Venice Community Plan and the Venice Land Use Plan, especially as the Lincoln corridor is designated to absorb very much needed housing projects, and
2. It introduces substantial negative impacts to its surrounding area, and it will increase traffic and problematic turning movements.



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## 9. Create Ad Hoc Youth Civic and Cultural Engagement Committee (Stakeholder Motion)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Ad Hoc Youth Civic and Cultural Engagement Committee is to increase civic awareness, cultural participation, and intergenerational engagement among youth and young adults in Venice through structured dialogue, public forums, and community participation opportunities aligned with upcoming citywide and global events.

**BACKGROUND:** Venice is entering a period of increased international visibility through the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympic Games. Ensuring youth and young adult civic engagement strengthens long-term community continuity and fosters inclusive cultural participation across generations. Creating a temporary, mission-focused Ad Hoc Committee provides a structured and compliant forum for youth engagement while allowing the Board to evaluate outcomes prior to any permanent structural change.

### *Motion 24-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council shall create a temporary, mission-focused Ad Hoc Youth Civic and Cultural Engagement Committee focused on providing a structured and compliant forum for youth engagement while allowing the Board to evaluate outcomes prior to any permanent structural change. The committee shall:

- Provide a public forum for youth and young adult stakeholders to engage with the VNC in a structured and constructive manner,
- Explore opportunities to increase youth participation in Venice civic life, community events, cultural programming, and public spaces,
- Identify ways to connect younger stakeholders with Venice cultural identity, recreational spaces, and community traditions,
- Develop non-binding recommendations to the VNC Board regarding youth civic engagement strategies, and
- Prepare a written summary report prior to sunset outlining participation outcomes and recommended next steps.

The Committee shall not exercise policy-making authority, budget authority, or oversight authority over any City department, school district, or external entity. The Committee shall not duplicate the functions of the Arts Committee, Outreach Committee, or any standing committee, but may coordinate with them where appropriate.

This is an Ad Hoc Committee and shall automatically “sunset” on January 31, 2027, unless dissolved earlier by the Board. Our hope is that the VNC will recognize the importance of our next generation and commit to making this a Standing Committee.

## 10. Recommend Approval of Condo Conversion & ADU for Duplex at 20 17<sup>th</sup> Ave

DIR-2025-6797-CDP-MEL-HCA

Committee vote: 4-1-2

Project Description: Conversion of an existing 2,488 SF duplex that includes 2 guest rooms to 2 new condominium dwelling units, an ADU & a single guest room.

Robin Rudisill, LUPC Staff

LUPC Staff Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b3b3f1d5a6e.pdf>



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### *Motion 25-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighbor Council recommends approval of the project at 20 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, as proposed.

#### **11. Recommend Denial of Roof Deck at 27 Ketch St**

APCW-2025-4650-CDP-SPPC-SPPE; ENV-2025-4651-CE

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

Project Description: Addition of a roof deck to an existing condominium unit

Nicole Meyer and Gabriel Ruspini, LUPC Staff

LUPC Staff Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b3b41c1f6a9.pdf>

### *Motion 26-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends *denial* of the project at 27 Ketch St #4, and requests code enforcement for the unpermitted portion of the roof structure.

#### **12. Recommend Approval of Addition at 2429 Eastern Canal**

DIR-2025-7175-CDP, ADM-2025-7176-VSO, ENV-2025-7177-CE

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

Project Description: 710 SF addition to existing SFD including a renovated kitchen, dining, living room, & addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bedroom suite

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

LUPC Staff Report: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b3b406d6340.pdf>

### *Motion 27-26-VNC*

The Venice Neighbor Council recommends approval of the project at 2429 Eastern Canal, as proposed.

#### **13. SB 79—CIS for Council File 25-1083**

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

City Planning 2.20.26 slide presentation on SB 79 Citywide Potential Eligibility:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/480791d9b665485ea798986dcad61e86>

City Planning 2.18.26 Report to PLUM re impacts and local implementation of SB 79:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69a20ffacae48.pdf>

### *Motion 28 26-VNC*

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Citywide SB 79 Implementation Option C1, which is the more equitable path forward for all L.A. communities. Option C1 would delay implementation of SB 79 in low-resource areas, high fire severity zones, HPOZs (Historic Preservation Overlay Zones), and low sea level areas until 2030. Option C1 also proactively “incentivizes” all qualifying single-family and low-density neighborhoods to allow 3-story apartment buildings with 4-16 units, rather than the 7-story apartment buildings mandated under SB 79 and includes these incentives for neighborhoods near any rail stops that are not exempted.

Our support for SB 79 Implementation Option C1 is conditioned on the following:

1. The proposed density changes must be clearly defined as an “incentive” program, not a permanent rezoning or upzoning of these neighborhoods, allowing the incentives to be withdrawn if SB 79 is amended or repealed.
2. All existing setback requirements of the underlying zoning must be maintained.



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3. All affected property owners and residents must receive mailed notification of the proposed changes to ensure robust outreach beyond online notifications.

14. **L.A. Coastal Area Special Resource Study by National Park Service (NPS)—Request NPS Extend Comment Period, Request Community Engagement Before Final Recommendations, Request City Council Conditionally Support Study**

Committee vote: 7-0-0

NPS Study website (comment period closes April 6<sup>th</sup>):

[parkplanning.nps.gov/LosAngelesCoastal](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/LosAngelesCoastal)

Articles:

<https://www.sfgate.com/la/article/la-beaches-national-park-21338316.php>

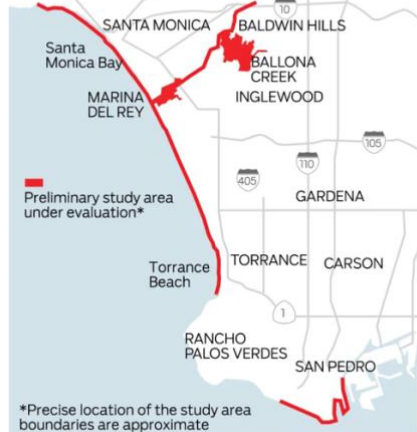
<https://www.dailybreeze.com/2026/02/13/the-la-coastline-as-a-national-park-a-new-study-asks-the-public-to-consider-the-idea/>

Recording of first NPS public hearing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaw1KdsQ7sY>

### NATIONAL PARK POSSIBILITIES FOR L.A.

The National Park Service announced last week it is studying whether a large swath of the L.A. coastline should become a national park.



**PURPOSE:** 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 meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Park System, potentially as a National Recreation Area or other unit of the National Park Service.

#### ***Motion 29 26-VNC***

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 NPS provide a public presentation to the Venice community addressing the Venice area *prior* to any final study recommendations being submitted to Congress.



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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.)

## **VIII. CONDITIONAL ITEM: APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC YOUTH CIVIC AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR AND BOARD RATIFICATION OF SELECTION (3 minutes)**

## **IX. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS (EXTERNAL)**

**A. Congressman Ted Lieu's Office—Janet Turner (2 minutes)**

**B. Councilmember Traci Park's Office—Sean Silva (5 minutes)**

**C. LAPD (3 minutes)**

**D. Board Questions for City Officials (10 minutes)**

**E. Introduction and Presentation by LA28 (5 minutes)**

## **X. NEW BUSINESS—Part 2**

Discussion and Possible Action on motions 30-26-VNC through 33-26-VNC

**A. Initial Discussion of Bylaw Amendments Proposed by Both Rules and Elections Committee and Stakeholder Petitioners (80 minutes)**

**Process:** *(10 Minute Presentation by Rules Elections) (10 Minute Presentation by Stakeholder Petitioners) (15 Minute Public Comment on ALL proposals) (25 Minute Board Discussion on All Proposals) (10 Minutes for Board Proposals for Non-Controversial Items) (10 Minutes Vote on Non-Controversial Items)*

**Current Bylaws:** <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting69b54c612241c.pdf>



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**1. Presentation re. Proposed Changes--Rules and Elections Committee (10 minutes)**

Click on link for Supporting Documents:

[Proposed Bylaw Changes Explanation](#)

[Proposed Bylaw Changes Redline](#)

[Proposed Final Bylaws if Adopted without Redline](#)

***Motion 30-26-VNC***

The VNC hereby moves to adopt the amendments to the Bylaws as proposed by the Rules & Elections Committee, and to submit them for approval to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The proposed changes are detailed in the supporting document Proposed Bylaw Changes Redline 3.17.26 PDF and are represented in full in Proposed Final Bylaws if Adopted without Redline 3.17.26 PDF.

**2. Presentation re. Proposed Changes--Stakeholder Petitioners (10 minutes)**

Click on link for Supporting Documents:

[Stakeholder Petitioners' Petition for Bylaws Changes](#)

[ARTICLE III BOUNDARIES](#)

[ARTICLE V GOVERNING BOARD](#)

[ARTICLE X Section 2](#)

[Attachment A map](#)

[Attachment B](#)

***Motion 31-26-VNC***

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE III: BOUNDARIES Section 2: Internal Boundaries of the previously adopted (10/31/25) VNC Bylaws.

***Motion 32-26-VNC***

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD Section 1: Composition of the previously adopted (10/31/25) VNC Bylaws.

***Motion 33-26-VNC***

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting of the previously adopted (10/31/25) VNC Bylaws.

**XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS (INTERNAL)**

**A. Report Back of the Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee**

**B. Other Committee Reports**

**C. Board Comments**

**D. President's Report**

**XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 minutes total, 1 minute each)**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**



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## 2026 Mar. VNC Notes

- 6:39 Start
- Notes from the President:
  - Item 9E will be re-calendared
  - Vincent moving on, Erica will be replacing him as our new DONE Representative
  - 30 day extension to bylaw determinations
  - Public Speakers - Total of 3 minutes in 1 minute blocks
  - Board Speakers – 1.5 minutes (ideally)
- Prior Minutes – Motion Carries
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Prior Minutes – *Motion Carries*
- Joseph Garcia arrived 6:49
- Motion to be amend item VI.A 05-26 to remove “and will add their endorsement to the great park coalitions list of partners” David, Jim *Motion Carries*
- VI.A 05-26 Amended – David, Tima – *Motion Carries*
- VII
  - A. Motion 13-26– David, Tima - *Motion Carries*
  - B.1 Motion 14-26 - Feb. MER Gary, Erica – *Motion Carries*
  - B.2 Motion 15-26 - \$600 NPG Erica, Tima - *Motion Carries*
  - C- General Consent
    - Lisa requests to remove Item 22-26 – President determines there is no good cause to remove
    - Lisa requests to remove Item 24-26 - President determines there is no good cause to remove
    - Lisa requests to remove Item 28-26 - President determines there is no good cause to remove
    - Lisa requests to remove Item 29-26 – approved, to be addressed as the next item in the agenda
- Item 29-26 – To be Amended to include a city council member – Soraya, Erica – *Motion Carries*
  - Motion to table Lisa, Gary – *Motion Failed*
- IX - Reports and Presentations – Items B-E are cancelled
- VIII – Ad Hoc Committee Chair Appointment –
  - Gary Pearl & Kenya Lee to be co-chairs
- Recess
- X (14 votes required) - Items A.1 & A.2 will be moved to a Special Meeting time TBD
- Adjourn 10:03PM

	Roll Call	Prior Minutes	Prior Minutes Feb 24th 2026	Item VI. A Amendment	Item VI.A	VII A	VII B.1	VII B.2	Consent Calendar	Motion to Table Item 29-26	Item 29-26 Amended	AD-HOC Committee Chair Appointment Co Chairs Gary/Kenya
David Fiege	x	abstain		abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain
Gary Pearl	x	y		n	abstain	n	y	n	y	n	y	y
Tima Bell	x	y		y	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	y
Helen Fallon	x	n		y	y	n	y	y	n	n	y	n
Mark Mack	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Soraya Moss	x	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Erica Moore	x	abstain		y	y	n	y	y	n	n	y	n
Alley Bean	x	y		y	n	y	y	n	y	n	y	absent
Brennan Lawson	x	y		abstain	n	y	y	n	n	n	y	y
Clark Brown	x	y		y	y	y	y	n	abstain	n	y	y
Jason Sugars	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Jim Fitzgerald	x	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Joseph Garcia	Absent	Absent	Absent	y	absent	y	n	y	n	absent	y	absent
Kenya Lee	x	y		abstain	abstain	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Lisa Redmond	x	n		abstain	n	n	y	n	n	y	y	n
Nico Ruderman	x	abstain		abstain	n	n	y	y	y	n	y	y
Richard Stanger	x	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Sarah Mahir	x	abstain		y	n	n	y	y	n	n	abstain	n
Ted Henderson	x	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Yolanda Gonzalez	x	y		y	abstain	y	n	y	y	n	y	y
Fran Solomon	x	y		y	abstain	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18-3</b>	<b>12-2-4-3</b>	<b>18-0-0-3</b>	<b>13-1-5-2</b>	<b>8-5-5-3</b>	<b>11-7-0-3</b>	<b>16-2-0-3</b>	<b>12-6-1-2</b>	<b>11-6-2-2</b>	<b>1-16-1-3</b>	<b>16-2-2-1</b>	<b>12-4-1-4</b>