

MOTIONS
TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON
AT THE 05/14/26 VNC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, and that This Agenda Meeting is advisory in nature. Any decisions made at this meeting are not considered to be Governing Board actions and shall go forward as recommendations to the Governing Board for a final vote.

POSSIBLE MOTIONS:

STANDARD NON-MOTION ITEMS

(Voted on as a group)

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (April 16 2026)

**DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST AND/OR RECUSALS (POST-FILING ONLY)**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MICHAEL MENJIVAR, LA28 INTRODUCTION (2 MIN)

OLD BUSINESS

48-26 VNC: St. Joseph's Reporting Requirements

Board Ratification & Nominations

PUBLIC & BOARD COMMENT

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____

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APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____

49-26-VNC Arbor Committee (5-0-0): CIS to Support Charter Reform that Increases Parks and Rec Dept Funding

PURPOSE: Parks in Venice are in dire need of increase in funding, both for maintenance and for refurbishment. The funding of the Parks and Recreation Department needs a more permanent solution than the yearly budget process. A recent motion passed by the City Council Committee on Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations (Council File 26-0489-2S) advocates for charter reform regarding the mandated budget levels for the Department of Rec and Parks. This motion supports a Charter reform measure that will double the amount of money required to be budgeted for the department.

BACKGROUND: This measure would amend Charter Section 593 to ensure that the financial support of the Department of Recreation and Parks be increased from an appropriation of an annual sum of not less than 0.0325% of assessed value of all property as assessed for City taxes up to 0.0650% of said taxes, following a four-year phased increase. In 2025, Los Angeles dropped from 49th to 90th in the Trust for Public Land's national ParkScore ranking. The City-commissioned Parks Needs Assessment (PNA) - approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission in December 2025 and developed with input from over 100,000 Angelenos - illustrates how and why: Between 2009 and 2023, RAP's budget grew only 35% while the City's overall budget grew 68%. As a result, today Los Angeles invests just \$92 per capita on parks compared to peer cities' average of \$283. RAP has lost 28% of its full-time staff since 2008 and has never fully recovered from Great Recession cuts, even as park acreage increased.

THE MOTION: The VNC Board approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement to support and urge the City Council to incorporate the Charter reform as recommended in the motion passed by the City Council Committee on Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations (Council File 26 0489-2S) regarding the mandated budget levels for the Department of Rec and Parks. This CIS should be sent to council file 26-0489 and Council Member Traci Park. The Community Impact Statement is as recited here: "Parks in Venice are in dire need of increase in funding, both for maintenance and for refurbishment. The funding of the Parks and Recreation Department needs a more permanent solution than the yearly budget process. This motion supports a Charter reform measure that will double the amount of money required to be budgeted for the department. The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the recommended charter reform (File number 26 0489-2S) passed by the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. This measure would amend Charter Section 593 to ensure that the financial support of the Department of Recreation and Parks be increased from an appropriation of an annual sum of not less than 0.0325% of assessed value of all property for City taxes up to 0.0650% of said taxes, following a four-year phased increase." This CIS should be sent to council file 26-0489 and the office of Traci Park.

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____

50-26 VNC-Budget and Finance Committee:

- 1. The VNC Board approves the April 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). (see supporting documents)**
- 2. The VNC Board approves an Outreach expenditure of \$100 to purchase a canva software license from DONE.**
- 3. The VNC Board approves a reimbursement of \$233.89 to VNC President David Feige for refreshments for the 5/2/26 Board Retreat. (see supporting documents)**
- 4. The VNC Board approves an Outreach expenditure not to exceed \$1,300 to purchase VNC-branded pens. (see supporting documents)**
- 5. The VNC Board approves an NPG in the amount of \$5000 to the Venice Canals Association to repaint/rehab 5 canal footbridges and 4 vehicular Dell Ave. bridges. (see supporting documents)**

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____

51-26-VNC Committee: Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee (PTIC) (5-1-0)

TITLE: Motion to Concur with the Proposed Reconfiguration of Windward Avenue to Pedestrian Plazas.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this motion is for the VNC to concur with the proposed transformation of Windward Avenue between Speedway and Windward Circle into pedestrian plazas.

BACKGROUND:

For at least three decades there has been interest in enhancing the pedestrian experience of Windward Avenue near the beach. It is also a policy objective of the *2001 Venice Land Use Plan*. For these reasons, the PTIC proposed transforming Windward Avenue between Speedway and Windward Circle into pedestrian plazas. To gauge public interest a survey was conducted, and 515 survey responses were submitted. These have been analyzed and a report prepared. The results indicate strong support for the concepts provided

This culminates the first phase of a multi-phase effort to reconfigure the two western Windward Avenue blocks to pedestrian plaza/parks. The next phase will be to initiate work with CD11, City agencies, and the Coastal Commission to move the project along toward eventual implementation.

THE MOTION:

Motion: The Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee asks the Venice Neighborhood Council to approve the conceptual reconfiguration of Windward Avenue between Speedway and Windward Circle into pedestrian plazas.

VNC concurrence will initiate discussions with appropriate City agencies and the Coastal Commission toward the goal of implementing the concepts. The Committee acknowledges that the initial survey shown to the Committee was subsequently modified but in a way that did not materially affect the purpose of the survey.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Windward Avenue Enhanced Pedestrian Area, Phase 1 Report
Windward Avenue Survey Results - PowerPoint

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____

52-26VNC: Committee: Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee (PTIC) (5-1-0)

TITLE: Motion to Adopt the Proposed April 2026 Venice Bikeway Network

PURPOSE:

The City's *Mobility Plan 2035* shows a minimal and inadequate bikeway network for Venice. The PTIC felt that Venice should develop its own bikeway network. It has done so and now asks the VNC to adopt the Venice Bikeway Network dated April 2026.

BACKGROUND:

To augment the *Mobility Plan 2035* Venice bikeway network, members of the PTIC proposed a more extensive draft bikeway network for Venice, then conducted a survey both to gauge reaction to it and to solicit comments and suggested changes. The survey was available for six weeks and over 749 responses were submitted. They were evaluated and summarized. Recommended changes to the initially proposed Venice Bikeway Network were made. This effort culminates the first phase of a multi-phase effort to, over time, lead to a more complete and safer bikeway network within Venice. The next phase will be to initiate work with CD 11 and City agencies, especially on the most important segments of the network.

THE MOTION:

The Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee asks the Venice Neighborhood Council to adopt the proposed Venice Bikeway Network, dated April 2026, as the working bikeway network it requests City agencies to develop over time. The network must be developed so that bicycle safety and bikeway connectivity are priorities. It is understood that this network is an objective that might reasonably be amended as the development of the Network progresses.

The VNC's action will be transmitted to CD 11 and appropriate City agencies

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Venice Bikeway Network, April 2026 - Map

Venice Bikeway Network, Phase I Report

Venice Bikeway Network Survey Results - PowerPoint

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____

53-26 VNC: Committee: parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee (5-1-0)

TITLE: Noise and Air Pollution Impacts on East Venice from Santa Monica Airport Operations

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this motion is for the VNC to support East Venice and Councilwomen Traci Park in asking for a re-assessment of recent additions to Santa Monica Airports flight operations that disproportionately and negatively impacts the East Venice neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past 18 months aircraft operations at the Santa Monica Airport have increased by over 40%. Last September there were over 8,000 take off and landings at the airport. Almost all of the increase has been caused by flight training takeoffs and landings (“touch-and-goes“) by flight schools from Van Nuys and Torrance Airports – a dozen or more per student. To do this the aircraft takes off to the west over East Venice, circles back to the south over East Venice, and then circles again to touch down - then immediately takes off to repeat the process. The noise impacts on East Venice are substantial. Prop planes use leaded aviation fuel as well, which increases air pollution. Santa Monica Airport operations appear to be deliberately directing these touch-and-go exercises over East Venice instead of over Sunset Park within the City of Santa Monica. This is at a minimum unfair.

Councilmember Traci Park has sent a letter to the Santa Monica City Council in support of East Venice. The VNC should add to its support to their efforts.

THE MOTION:

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports a re-assessment of the Santa Monica Airport’s operational impact on the East Venice community. We consider the present training flight pattern, in particular, disproportionately and unfairly affects East Venice while shielding the Santa Monica community to the north from the inherent noise, air pollution, and potential safety aspects of those operations.

Letters with this motion should be sent to Councilmember Traci Park, the Santa Monica City Council, and the Santa Monica Airport Commission.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Supporting Document – Traci Park Letter to Santa Monica City Council – 1-29-2026

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____



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53-26 VNC: LUPC COMMITTEE

1) Motion to Waive VNC Recommendation, Without Prejudice

Motion

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

3120 Yale Ave (nearest cross street Berkeley Dr)

DIR-2026-1735-MEL-HCA, Mello Act determination for conversion of existing permitted recreation room to ADU above garage.

678 Marr St (at Olive St)

DIR-2026-2023-MEL-HCA, Conversion of existing garage to JADU.

2) 40-46 Windward Ave (between Pacific Ave & Speedway Alley)

APCW-2024-4822-CDP-CUB-SPPC-SPPE, ENV-2024-4823-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 5-0-3

Project Description: Demo of existing 1-story commercial building & construction of a new 2-story, 5,435 SF restaurant & bar with roof deck, and 3 separate Al Fresco Dining areas-- one in the public right-of-way on the street (Windward Ave, 735 SF, 48 seats), one in the public right-of-way perched above the sidewalk area on the covered arcade, which will span the sidewalk (700 SF with an unspecified number of seats), and one on an open-air roof deck (1,500 SF with approximately 86 seats), for a total Al Fresco Dining area of 2,935 SF and a capacity of approximately 174 people – with a full line of alcoholic beverage service, with 8 parking spaces (assumes none required based on AB 2097), and requesting planning exceptions (SPPE) for:

- 1) FAR--requesting 1.33:1 vs. the required 0.5:1 for a restaurant, an exception of 3,379 SF, in addition to the 2,935 SF Al Fresco Dining square footage being requested,
- 2) Parking,
- 3) Size of Roof Access Structure (RAS) of 205 SF, 105 SF greater than the 100 SF limit, to accommodate an elevator, and
- 4) Height (2 feet over height limit).

Supporting document: LUPC Staff Report

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Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project at 40-46 Windward Ave.

3) **305 Rose Ave** (at Hampton Dr)

APCW-2025-2220-SPPE-CU2-SPPC-CDP, ENV-2025-2222-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 7-0-0

Project Description: The adaptive re-use and interior renovation to convert a 5,759 SF 1905 Historical Place Church (appears in Historic Places LA) with lapsed use rights, to a neighborhood private social club and co-working space, with no parking provided. All outside areas are removed from use, including roof deck and patio. Hours of operation are limited to Sunday – Wednesday 7 am to 10 pm, Thursday 7 am to 11 pm, and Friday - Saturday 7 am to 12:30 am. The CUB request was withdrawn.

Supporting Document: LUPC Staff Report

Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project at 305 Rose Ave with following conditions, which are based on recent similar applications for similar uses in the Coastal Zone:

- 1) The stated authorized use shall be conducted at all times with due regard for the character of the surrounding district. The required conditions are necessary for the protection of persons in the neighborhood or occupants of adjacent property. All outside areas are removed from use, including roof deck and patio. Hours of operation are limited to Sunday – Wednesday 7 am -- 10 pm, and Thursday from 7 am to 11 pm, and Friday - Saturday 7 am to 12:30 am.
- 2) The applicant agrees to sound containment and abatement measures on the interior and exterior of the project. As the project is envisioned as a club the likelihood of noise leaking out to the immediate neighbors to the east and north of the project site at some level is guaranteed. Thus, precise sound abatement measures and covenants shall be in place as part of the permitted use. The applicant will implement the following sound abatement procedures:
 - a) Adding a double sound wall to all interior walls that face the abutting neighbors and alley
 - b) Closing, boarding up openings with a sound abating wall on the interior windows that abut to immediate neighbors on the historic and annex part of the building
 - c) Upgrading all other windows to a triple pane window system
- 3) Lighting shall be installed in all areas within and surrounding the business in conformance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The exterior lighting shall be such that it renders all objects and persons clearly yet is not a nuisance to immediate neighbors.
- 4) Trash bins shall be located to the rear of the building and shall be enclosed and screened from view. Trash collection shall be scheduled to prevent trash from overflowing.
- 5) No smoking shall be permitted anywhere on the premises. No smoking signs shall be posted on the premises, including the roof deck.

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- 6) All unauthorized graffiti on the site shall be removed or painted over to match the color of the surface to which it is applied within 48 hours of its occurrence.
- 7) Arrangements shall be made with surrounding paid and publicly accessible parking lots for parking of vehicles when member events are taking place, and a safe pick up and drop off space adjacent to the project shall be designated.
- 8) Green Space additions and Urban beautification: This project lacks green and permeable space, therefore the continuation of urban trees on the parkway on Rose Ave and Hampton Dr and the landscaping in the paved open area should be part of this project. A landscape plan with these changes shall be part of the permitted project.
- 8) Complaint Log: A phone number and an email address shall be provided for complaints or concerns from the community regarding the operation. The phone number and email address shall be posted at the following locations: Entry, visible to pedestrians, and at the Customer service desk, front desk or near registration desks. The applicant shall maintain a log of all calls and emails, detailing: (1) date complaint received; (2) nature of complaint, and (3) the manner in which the complaint was resolved. This log shall be made available upon request and presented as part of the application if and when a new application to continue the operation is submitted. Complaints shall be responded to within 48 hours.
- 9) No dancing, live music, amplified sound, or sublease as an event space shall be allowed.

4) 748-752 Flower Ave (between 7th Ave & Lincoln Blvd)

DIR-2025-2956-CDP-SPPC-MEL, EAR-2025-2958-DB-HCA, ENV-2025-2957-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 8-0-0

City Hearing date: June 1, 2026

Project Description: Construction of a 16-unit Density Bonus project including 2 units (15%) for Very Low Income (VLI) households, with 25,081 SF of floor area, FAR of 2.53:1, height of 36 feet, and 19 parking spaces, on 2 lots totaling 13,039 SF.

Supporting Document: LUPC Staff Report

Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project at 748-752 Flower Ave, conditioned on the following changes, to which the applicant has agreed:

- 1) Enhance aesthetic quality and character by referencing neighborhood and community architectural details, including by changing the colors and siding to echo the greens and steel blue of other buildings on the block.
- 2) Install native plantings and trees that support birds and pollinators and allow residents and neighbors more access to nature both on the property and in the parkway, including the planting of 5 oak trees and up to 3 other trees in the parkway.
- 3) Change the landscape plans to remove concrete from the front yard, retaining a minimum path required for fire code.

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- 4) Incorporate water capture infrastructure from the roof into storage of some kind to mitigate the lack of stormwater absorption resulting from reduced open soil.

5) **635 California Ave** (between 6th Ave & Shell Ave)

DIR-2025-5042-CDP-ADJ-MEL-HCA, ENV-2025-5043-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 9-0-0

City Hearing Date: May 18, 2026, 10 am

Project Description: Demo of existing SFD & construction of new SFD, with adjustment (ADJ) to reduce side yard setbacks by 20% to 3'-2.375".

Supporting Document: LUPC Staff Report

Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project at 635 California Ave, including requested reduction in required 4'-0" side yard setbacks on both sides to 3'-2.375", conditioned on the following:

- 1) Los Angeles Fire Department approves this reduced access,
- 2) Façade glazing at dining room near west property line meets LADBS fire-rating and fire protection requirements,
- 3) Project's double swing doors opening over west property line be changed to sliding doors,
- 4) Landscape plans are changed to incorporate as many native trees and plants as possible, landscape the parkway, and remove as much concrete as possible from the side yard, next to the garage, and
- 5) Water capture infrastructure from the roof into storage of some kind is incorporated to mitigate the lack of stormwater absorption resulting from reduced open soil.

6) **1139-1141 Harrison Ave** (between Van Buren Ave & Lincoln Blvd)

DIR-2025-5824-CDP-MEL-HCA, ENV-2025-5825-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 4-2-2

City Hearing date: May 18, 2026, 9:30 am

Project Description: Remodel & addition of 945 SF to existing 1,760 SF duplex (each unit 880 SF) resulting in a duplex with a 247 SF studio unit and a 2,458 SF 4-bedroom unit (total of 2,705 SF), and a conversion of a garage into an 849 SF ADU, with 2 uncovered parking spaces, on a 4,198 SF lot.

Supporting document: LUPC Staff Report

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Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project at 1139-1141 Harrison Ave.

7) **433 Howland Canal** (between Dell Ave & Eastern Canal)

DIR-2025-6305-SPPC-CDP-MEL-HCA, ENV-2025-6306-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 6-0-2 (1 recused)

Project Description: Demo of existing SFD & construction of new 2,759 SF 2-story SFD with roof deck.

Supporting Document: LUPC Staff Report

Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project at 433 Howland Canal, provided drought-tolerant native landscaping is planted for as much of the on-grade exposed lot as possible.

8) **1231 Abbot Kinney Blvd** (between San Juan Ave & Santa Clara Ave)

DIR-2025-6810-CDP-SPPC-ADJ-MEL, ENV-2025-6811-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 8-0-0

Project Description: Demo of existing 1,350 SF SFD (built in 1910) (on ZIMAS as Residential - Single Family Residence) & detached garage & construction of a 2-story mixed-use building with 2,830 SF of ground floor retail & a 1,496 SF live/work unit on the 2nd floor with a rooftop deck, with no parking provided. Adjustment (ADJ) requested for a 0' side yard relief to permit a new 2nd floor residential access stair in the east side yard setback.

Supporting Document: LUPC Staff Report

Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project at 1231 Abbot Kinney Blvd.

9) **630 Westminster Ave** (between 6th Ave & 7th Ave)

DIR-2026-630-CDP, ENV-2026-632-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 8-0-0

Project Description: Demo & addition to SFD.

Supporting document: LUPC Staff Report

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Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project at 680 Westminster Ave.

10) **1209 Abbot Kinney Blvd** (between San Juan Ave & Santa Clara Ave)

DIR-2026-903-CDP-ADJ-MEL-SPPC, ENV-2026-904-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 8-0-0

Project Description: Demo of existing 1,092 SF SFD (built in 1913) (on ZIMAS as Residential – Single Family Residence) & construction of a 2-story mixed-use building with 2,762 SF of ground floor retail & a 1,612 SF live/work unit on the 2nd floor with a rooftop deck, with no parking provided. Adjustment (ADJ) requested for relief from LAMC 12.11.C.2 to permit a new 2nd floor residential access stair in the east side yard setback & an elevator in the west side yard setback.

Supporting Document: LUPC Staff Report

Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project at 1209 Abbot Kinney Blvd.

11) **3802 Ocean Front Walk** (at Galleon St)

DIR-2026-1067-CDP-SPPC-ADJ-MEL-HCA, ENV-2026-1068-CE

LUPC Committee vote: 5-0-3

Project Description: Demo of existing duplex with two guestrooms to construct a new 3-story duplex with 1 guest room (may convert one or both guest rooms to ADU or JADU, pending Coastal Commission determination for state CDP), roof deck, pool & attached garage, with 6 parking spaces – 4 on site plus 2 via existing Revocable Permit on Galleon, with adjustment (ADJ) for 4’ side yards.

Supporting document: LUPC Staff Report

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53-26 VNC OUTREACH (3-0-0_ VNC Branded Swag for Outreach Purposes

Motion / Request / Description:

To provide VNC branded swag that is economical and useful keeping the Venice Neighborhood Council’s website address front and center, literally at Stakeholder’s fingertips. VNC branded Pens are immensely popular and our supply is almost gone. Swag is a tool that engages Stakeholders at Board and Committee Meetings, at Community Event Outreach Tabling Booths, Town Halls, at Election events and other Outreach engagement opportunities. The Outreach Committee has approved funding for expenses that have been tabled until the next funding period. It would be prudent to invest those monies in replenishing needed outreach materials.

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase a minimum of 1,000 VNC branded swag pens. Total costs including tax and delivery not to exceed \$1,300.00.

AD COM ACTION:

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA: _____(YEA) _____(NO) _____(ABSTAIN)_____