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Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

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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.
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1. CALL TO ORDER: Time____

2. BOARD ROLL CALL

/ **Jim Fitzgerald - Chair**		
/ **Mike Epstein**	**/ Keith Harrison**	
/ **Jorge Jimenez**	/ **Lady Michael McCraine Robinson**	

3. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES
Prior Meeting Minutes Available for Reference:

https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting6af8c629c0888.pdf

4. CHAIR REPORT:

* El Nino Seminar moved to Wednesday December 16th based upon panel availability.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on **non-agenda items** within the Public Health and Safety's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes unless adjusted by the presiding Chair of the Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Motion in Support of Unarmed Responders

The Venice community is in favor of using unarmed response teams when appropriate to calls for assistance. Specifically, these are calls for assistance that do not include acute medical issues, or active / violent crime.

Motion:
The Venice neighborhood council approves the ongoing work of the Circle Team unarmed responders and request Los Angeles Mayor-Elect Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles City Council expand the presence in our neighborhood to a total of **three Response Units** (24/7 incident coverage), and **six Support Units** (includes case workers M-F 9am-5pm).

In addition to growing our Circle team, we urge the following goals be considered to help our neighborhood:

1. Allow an option for residents to directly request an unarmed response action through an option / question on the non-emergence response line, as well as integration into the MyLA 3-1-1 app.

2. Improve the integration between the 911, 311, and Circle team dispatch systems so that calls do not require duplicate effort.

3. Consider a public awareness campaign to let Los Angeles residents know about unarmed response programs and how they can be requested. Increase awareness that the Circle team is a Los Angeles City program and available to help all Angelenos.

4. LAPD has experienced a reduction in size. Consider utilizing unused LAPD office space and facilities to accommodate additional Circle Team responders.

5. Provide Circle teams with exempt vehicle plates to increase efficiency of service calls out in the Neighborhood.

Motion Background:
The Circle Team has been operating in Venice for about five years. They provide two types of services. The first is an incident response unit that can respond to calls 24/7. The second is a support unit that provides follow up services during normal business hours. This can include things like following up on housing applications and assisting applicants. We currently have one of each of these units operating in Venice. While the work they perform is very helpful on a per-incident basis, the capacity is not enough to meet the local demand.

City-wide, LAPD has reduced their numbers. Unarmed responders have not been added at a similar pace:

LAPD employees decreased from about 10,000 to approximately 8,600
Circle Team - approximately **100** employees total city-wide

It's time to match the services with the demand of our neighborhood.

8. Cert Training Event Ideas

- Should we try to get something planned for December or January?

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENT: **Non-agenda items** within our subject matter jurisdiction.
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9. ADJOURNMENT: Time____

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