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Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda

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California State law (54953) allows zoom type meetings with the following requirements, majority of board members must be within the NC boundaries, the stakeholders are advised how to attend and that any vote be by roll call.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Present: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, C J. Cole, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday

Absent: Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Christian Werde, Clarence Carter, Tom McComas, John Reed.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Approved 14-0-1 (Francisco/Harrison)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, C J. Cole, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Clarence Carter joined the meeting

4. **Approval of Board Minutes [October 20,2020](#)**

Approved 14-0-2 (Francisco/Harrison)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter



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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, C J. Cole

5 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

6A Previous Month's Minutes have been emailed

6B Previous Months Letters

Letters have been typed and will be mailed this week.

6C Live Stream of Meetings

6D Spanish Translation Available

6E Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report: Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD

Report: Senior Lead Officers Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online), SLO Adrian Acosta

(37285@lapd.online) SLO Javier Ramirez (39174@lapd.online), SLO Karwon Villery
(38717@lapd.online) Venice Beach Task Force - SGT Theresa Skinner

(31142@lapd.online).

SLO Acosta, Captain Morrison, SLO Contreras and Sgt. Cook spoke on a variety of issues and answered questions regarding the Town Hall, residential burglaries, hot prowls (burglaries with residents home), theft of catalytic converters and bikes, reallocation of police resources, encampments, community meetings regarding OFW.

6F Government Reports (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin
Field Deputy, Nisa Kove (nisa.kove@lacity.org) Spoke
Bridge Housing Deputy Dexter O'Connor (dexter.oconnor@lacity.org) Spoke
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 Spoke
(janet.turner@mail.house.gov)
 - State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Liliana Pond (liliana.pond@sen.ca.gov)
 - State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, (brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov)
 - LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy Zac Gaidzik (310)231-1170, (zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov) Spoke



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- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Kevin Taylor kevin.taylor@lacity.org
- Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 (freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org) **Spoke**

6G VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)

- President -Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)
Committees must pick a specific day in the month for meetings
Committee chairs must practice Zoom techniques especially **screen sharing**
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-
Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org) **No report**
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer **Monthly Advocate report on web site**
- Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky **No report**
- Election Report - Ivan Spiegel **Gave up-date**

6H Report by Councilman Joe Buscaino on Motion to Resume CARE and Clean-Ups (councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org)

City Council motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0147-S21_mot_10-14-2020.pdf Sanitation report: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0147-S21_rpt_BOS_10-13-2020.pdf Council File 20-0147-S21:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0147-S21>

Report provided by councilman's aide Dennis Gleason

6I Board Member ANNOUNCEMENTS on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

Sima Kostovetsky spoke to Freddy Cupen-Ames

7. **Treasurer's Report** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org)
See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>
[Discussion and possible action]

7A Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports

MOTION: The VNC approves the monthly expenditure reports for September 2020.
Uploaded Documents: [Download 01604601796.pdf](#), [Download 11604601796.pdf](#)
Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on 2020-11-05

Approved 15-0-1 (Harrison/Francisco)



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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

7B Approval of NPG for Venice Arts

MOTION: The VNC approves a NPG for \$1000 for Venice Arts

Uploaded Documents: [Download 01604602039.pdf](#) [Download 11604602039.pdf](#)

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 2020-11-05

Approved 10-1-1-3 (Harrison/Averill)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Sima Kostovetsky, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, C J. Cole

OPPOSED: Alex Neiman

ABSTAIN: Jim Robb

RECUSED: George Francisco, James Murez, Ira Koslow

8. **Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
9. **General Consent Calendar**
Per request of stakeholder, entire regular consent calendar moved to New Business.
10. **LUPC Consent Calendar**
Per request of stakeholder, entire regular consent calendar moved to general LUPC calendar.
11. **LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)



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10A CIS in support and amendment of CFs 20-0047 and 19-0400 providing for protection for tenants in protected units.

MOTION: The VNC shall submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CFs 20-0047, 19-0400 (passed at 9/30/20 City Council Meeting on Consent) WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles is in a dire shortage of AFFORDABLE housing, including low income and moderate income units; and WHEREAS SB 330 was passed by the State Legislature and chaptered on January 1, 2020 and provides enhanced protections for those tenants in “protected units,” defined under to include rental units subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) which in the City of Los Angeles are better described as Rent Stabilized Units (RSO). The protections include: require replacement of housing units must be in the same number as those demolished; require replacement of “protected units” when there is no housing construction to be replaced on a 1:1 basis; prohibit removal of Protected Units without replacement provides that tenants may remain in their housing unit until 6 months prior to commencement of construction; does not differentiate between ministerial or non-ministerial construction of housing developments when applying these enhanced protections; provides that tenants in “protected units” have the First Right of Return in any replacement housing constructed as a result of demolition; provides for legal recourse for any interested party, including a

tenant, against the City of Los Angeles if the protections are complied with and enforced. that an affected city or an affected county shall not approve a housing development project that will require the demolition of occupied or vacant protected units, unless:

1. The project will replace all existing or demolished protected units;
2. The housing development project will include at least as many residential dwelling units as the greatest number of residential dwelling units that existed on the project site within the last five years;
3. Any existing residents will be allowed to occupy their units until six months before the start of construction activities with proper notice; and
4. The developer agrees to provide: (i) Relocation benefits (as already permitted by LAMC) to the occupants of those affordable residential rental units; and (ii) A right of first refusal for a comparable unit available in the new housing development affordable to the household at an affordable rent. WHEREAS, SB 330 provided for permit streamlining to expedite approval of Housing Development Projects RESOLVED WHEREAS, that SB 330 provides for the rights and protections above, and that the City of Los Angeles Department of Planning, Department of Building and Safety, and HCIDLA have not yet demonstrated the City of Los Angeles’ compliance have not been complying with SB 330 and have not been enforcing those protections listed in the bill.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council insists that the City of Los Angeles comply with the provision of SB 330 immediately to minimize the effects of displacement in the



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face of rising development contributed to by the non-compliance with these provisions.

To do so, And further, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that:

1. Department of Planning, Department of Building and Safety, and HCIDLA create clear processes to implement SB 330 provisions to administrative and ministerial (also known as by right) projects in the City, as well as, discretionary projects;
2. Department of Planning, Department of Building and Safety, and HCIDLA requirements for one-to-one ratio replacement-units include that replacement units are:
 - a. "Comparable" (i.e., same number of bedrooms); and
 - b. Separate, distinct, and in addition to affordable housing units required by any existing incentive programs, such as Density Bonus.
3. The City create a monitoring process for tenants' right to return to units and include a discussion as to income guidelines, inclusive of those who are moderate-income.
4. City Attorney create legal mechanism for tenant actions against a landlord that violates eviction procedures and first right of refusal under SB 330, a. including an award of attorney fees for a prevailing tenant; "including an award of attorney fees for a prevailing tenant to be capped at \$500."
5. City Attorney to clarify whether implementation of SB 330 supersedes provisions of the Mello Act, which provide for alternatives to replacement of affordable units (i.e., feasibility studies).
6. The City create a monitoring program to track the effect of streamlining provisions of SB 330 on project permitting from submission to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
7. The City Attorney complete a legal analysis of whether an exemption to SB 330 exists for "mom and pop" landlords who owner occupy a unit within multi-unit properties of 4 units or less. [Whereas paragraphs for 10A](#)
Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0

Approved 13-0-2 (Murez/Francisco)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, C J. Cole

ABSTAIN: Mark Ryavec, Ira Koslow

11. **LUPC (PM – minutes)** (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)



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11A 814 Angelus Place

Case: DIR 2020-4456-CDP-MEL ENV 2020-4457
City Hearing: TBD
Applicant: Daniel Griffith
LUPC Staff: Chris Zonnas
Representative: Colby Mayes colby@mayeroffice.com
City Planners: Kevin Fulton kevin.fulton@lacity.org, Jason Douglas
Jason.douglas@lacity.org

City Staff: Nisa Cove nisa.cove@lac
Case Description: Demolition of an existing home for a new 2 story single family home with a roof deck, detached garage and adu,

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented with the following conditions:

- 1- The roof access tower including overhang is no more than 100 sq ft.
- 2- Windows shall not overlook the neighbors, frosting is not an option for privacy.

Recommended by LUPC 6-1-1

Defeated 3-9-2 (Murez/Francisco)

FAVOR: George Francisco, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, C J. Cole, Vicki Halliday, Mark Ryavec

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Clarence Carter

Motion to Oppose the Project as Presented

Passed 9-3-2 (Neiman/Robb)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, C J. Cole, Vicki Halliday, Mark Ryavec

OPPOSED: George Francisco, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Clarence Carter

Applicant arrived and request an opportunity to speak

Motion for Reconsideration passed 10-4-1 (Kostovetsky, Ryavec)



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FAVOR: George Francisco, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Hugh Harrison, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Clarence Carter, Mark Ryavec, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua

OPPOSED: Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jim Robb, C J. Cole

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Motion to Amend Original Motion to Remove Reference to ADU

Passed 13-3-0 (Page/Francisco)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Vicki Halliday, Mark Ryavec, George Francisco, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Ursua, Robert Thibodeau, George Francisco

OPPOSED: Jim Robb, C J. Cole, Ira Koslow

Original Motion as Amended

Passed 9-6-1 (Kostovetsky, Ryavec)

FAVOR: George Francisco, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, Robert Thibodeau, Soledad Ursua

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Ira Koslow, C J. Cole, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Mark Ryavec

11B 610 Mildred

Case: DIR 2020-CDP-MEL ENV 2020-3522 CE
City Hearing: TBD
Applicant: Greg Goldstein
LUPC Staff: Barry Cassilly
Representative: Bill Tsui bil2e@yu2e.c
City Planner: Bob Babajian bob.babjian@lacity.org Jason Douglas Jason.P.Douglas@lacity.org
City Staff: Nisa Covev nisa.covev@lacity.org
Case Description: Demolition of an existing one story single family house with detached garage and construction of a new 2 story single family house with detached garage.

Recommended by LUPC 6-2-0



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Passed 7-4-2-1 (Francisco/Murez)

FAVOR: George Francisco, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Jamie Paige, Vicki Halliday, Mark Ryavec, Soledad Ursua

OPPOSED: Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Bruno Hernandez, Clarence Carter

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison

RECUSED: C J. Cole

11C CIS in support and amendment of CF 20-1213 calling for a report on Very High Fire Safety Zones

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 20-1213 upon addition of the following amendments to include floods, tsunami evacuation zones, sea level rise, and groundwater rise throughout the motion. (In *italics* below):

“...Linking the update of the Safety Element to the update of the Housing Element of the General Plan will allow our City to balance its housing needs in a way that protects communities in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones *and flood zones and tsunami evacuation zones*, while bolstering our resilience to wildfires and other natural disasters. It will also encourage the regular maintenance of the City’s Safety Element to prepare Los Angeles for potentially more intense and frequent wildfires *flooding, sea level rise, and groundwater rise* as a result of climate change...”

“I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, with assistance from the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD), Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and relevant departments, to report back on the capacity, safety, and viability of existing and potential evacuation routes in VeryHigh Fire Hazard Severity Zones,*and flood zones* and identify the policies and development standards, including land use and building restrictions, necessary to support these evacuation routes. I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, with assistance from the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD), the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and relevant departments, to amend the General Plan by incorporating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Office of Planning and Research’s “Fire Hazard Planning” *and flood, groundwater and sea level rise planning* provisions into the Safety Element concurrent with the ongoing update of the Housing Element. I FURTHER MOVE that after reviewing the update to the Safety Element of the General Plan, the City Planning Commission submit its report and recommendations to the City Council.”

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1213>

Recommended by LUPC 3-2-1



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Approved 14-0-2 (Francisco/Ryavec)

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ABSTAIN: Robert Thibodeau, Ira Koslow

12. **Old Business (PM - 0 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

13. **New Business (PM – minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

13A Streetscape, Landscape, and Sidewalks (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to the LA Department of Public Works requesting that they provide the VNC with a list of landscape materials that are allowed to be installed within the public right-of-way.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 4-2-0 on 2020-11-02

Approved 15-0-1 (Murez/Francisco)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

13B Over Height Vehicles (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: Whereas Over Height Vehicle (OHV) regulations that currently exist in Venice cover some residential streets, but not others, The VNC requests from LADOT, the Council Offices, the Mayor's Office, and BOE that all of Venice, west of Lincoln Blvd., be made into a no parking zone for overheight vehicles from 2AM to 6AM.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02

Motion to Amend by Striking the words: ,west of Lincoln Blvd,



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Passed 10-6-0 (Ryavec/Thibodeau)

FAVOR: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Sima Kostovetsky, Jamie Paige, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau, Clarence Carter, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, James Murez

Motion as Amended Defeated 6-9-1 (Murez/Francisco)

FAVOR: George Francisco, James Murez, Jamie Paige, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau

OPPOSED: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Clarence Carter, Vicki Halliday

ABSTAIN: Soledad Ursua

- 13C Small Dog Park Expansion** (Jamie Paige on behalf of the Dog Park Committee)
MOTION: The VNC moves to support Rec and Parks for the permanent expansion of the area for small dogs at Westminster Dog Park. The current square footage is 1,320 sq. ft. The new square footage would be 4,700 sq feet.

Approved 15-0-1 (Paige/Murez)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

- 13D Partnership with Los Angeles Parks Foundation for Dog Park Fundraising** (Jamie Paige on behalf of the Dog Park Committee)

MOTION: The VNC Dog Park Committee will partner with Los Angeles Parks Foundation to help in efforts of raising money for dog parks in Venice for items needed such as park benches and a new water fountain.



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Motion to Amend by striking, VNC Dog Park Committee and inserting in its place Venice Neighborhood Council

Approved 15-0-1 (Murez/Ursua)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Motion as Amended Approved 15-0-1 (Paige/Murez)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Jim Robb, Soledad Ursua, Vicki Halliday, Clarence Carter, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Robert Thibodeau

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Robert Thibodeau and Jim Robb left the meeting

13E VNC Holiday Recess (George Francisco, vice-president)

MOTION: In recognition of the holiday season, the VNC hereby suspends all activities for the month of December 2020 except for email blasts, website and social media updates and elections planning.

Motion Defeated 2-10-2 (Francisco/Murez)

FAVOR: George Francisco, James Murez

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Brian Averill, Bruno Hernandez, Vicki Halliday, Jamie Paige, C J. Cole, Mark Ryavec, Soledad Ursua

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Clarence Carter

C.J Cole left the meeting

13F Resolution in Support of CF20-1376 (Vicki Halliday)



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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement in support of CF20-1376 calling upon the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor to keep the area around the Venice Bridge Housing site free of camping, encampments, personal property, and blocked sidewalks. We also request that the City adopt and implement CF 20-1376, with an urgency clause, to fulfill their promises to residents.

Uploaded Documents: [Download 01604002327.docx](#)

Motion Approved 10-0-3 (Halliday/Murez)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Soledad Ursua, Clarence Carter, Mark Ryavec

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday

- 13G Universal Wearing of Face Masks in the Venice Community** (Nicholas Antonicello)
- WHEREAS, 68% of all new COVID-19 cases are between the ages of 12-50, and WHEREAS, there are now some 300,000 cases of COVID-19 infections in the the County of Los Angeles and some 7,000 fatalities due to the virus, and WHEREAS, the highest number of new cases are between the ages of 18-49, and WHEREAS, there has been a sharp increase in hospitalizations between the ages of 18-29, and WHEREAS, this particular age group represents many of those who visit Venice for night life as well as the other amenities Venice offers as a tourist destination to visitors both locally and abroad, and WHEREAS, the usage of face masks is a sound deterrent to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and WHEREAS, reports have suggested that the use of these face masks can avoid the further spread of the infection which will lead to a flattening of new cases and decrease in further fatalities, and WHEREAS, Venice is a densely populated neighborhood with an additional high-risk community of homeless individuals that are encamped in large numbers across the community.
- MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council strongly encourages the usage of face masks by locals and tourists alike while outdoors and requests that the City of Los Angeles develop a public service campaign strongly urging the wearing of masks with the Department of Health and LAPD so that individuals who live, work and visit Venice understand that the wearing of face masks in this current pandemic be strongly encouraged and that masks themselves be distributed at the various points of interests where individuals populate to combat further infection and spread of this deadly disease that is having a disastrous impact on our local economy and that things cannot return to normal for Venetians until a definitive decrease in COVID-19 cases commences and that a copy of this motion be sent to United States Representative Ted Lieu, California



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Senator Ben Allen, California Assembly member Autumn Burke, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Office of LA City Council member Mike Bonin.

Motion to substitute motion as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council go on the record and strongly encourage the carrying of face masks at all times, and the mandatory use of face masks in dense locations such as the commercial stretches of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Ocean Front Walk, the walk streets (both near the beach and the eastern walk streets), sidewalks along the Canals, and in all other situations where six (6) foot distance cannot be easily and consistently maintained, by residents and tourists alike, and that the City of Los Angeles develop a public service campaign strongly urging the wearing of masks with the Department of Health and LAPD so that individuals who live, work and visit Venice understand that the wearing

of face masks in this current pandemic is strongly encouraged and that masks themselves be distributed at the various points of interests where individuals visit, to combat further infection and spread of this deadly disease that is having a disastrous impact on our local economy and that things cannot return to normal for Venetians until a definitive decrease in COVID-19 cases commences, and that a copy of this motion be sent to United States Representative Ted Lieu, California Senator Ben Allen, California Assembly member Autumn Burke, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Office of LA City Council member Mike Bonin.

Motion to substitute motion approved 12-0-1 (Ryavec/ Kostovetsky)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Soledad Ursua, Clarence Carter, Mark Ryavec, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Substitute Motion Approved 12-0-1 (Harrison/ Francisco)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Soledad Ursua, Clarence Carter, Mark Ryavec, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

13H Support for Centennial Park Carousel

MOTION: Whereas the Venice Flying Carousel (VFC) is a not-for-profit community project initiated by Robin Murez in partnership with the Venice Chamber



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Community Foundation (501c3) and funded by community donations and pro-bono services, and with proceeds exclusively dedicated to benefit the community; and Whereas the VFC is an off-the-grid, bicycle propelled, Venice themed, merry-go round “playground equipment” engineered for adults and children to enjoy, permanently, under a “big top” securely enclosed tent in Centennial Park:

Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board supports the Venice Flying Carousel initiative as detailed in the VNC Carousel Motion Attachment Summary & shall send a letter of support to the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Council District 11; and that Los Angeles City

Council District 11 expedite its installation by providing substantial funding and cooperating as appropriate with other departments.

Uploaded Documents: [Attachments](#) [Drawing](#)

Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 4-0-0; Discussion Forum Committee 5-0-0

Approved 11-0-1-1 (Harrison/Paige)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Soledad Ursua, Clarence Carter, Mark Ryavec, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

RECUSED: George Francisco

9A Public Safety Venice-Specific Town Hall with Councilman Bonin’s Office and LAPD’s Chief Moore (Sima Kostovetsky on behalf of Outreach Committee)

MOTION: Whereas Neighborhood Councils were instituted in LA to provide direct communication of constituent concerns to City decision-makers and our other elected officials.

Therefore, on behalf of almost 2000 Venice stakeholders, the VNC formally requests that Councilman Bonin hold a Venice-specific Public Safety Town Hall, to address critical safety concerns for Venice stakeholders, with the Councilman and LAPD’s Chief Moore, to be held before Christmas, 2020. (The assumption is that the Town Hall would be held via webinar/ zoom.) In addition, we urge the Councilman’s office, to work on the Town Hall in collaboration with the VNC Outreach Committee, specifically with our participation and discussion on: (1) choice of moderators, (2) an opportunity for the VNC to see the questions as they come in from the stakeholders so that concerns are documented, (3) at least 45 minutes allotted for live questions/comments and answers from the stakeholders during the Town Hall.

Recommended by Outreach Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-10-28



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Approved 12-0-1 (Kostovetsky/Harrison)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, James Murez, Sima Kostovetsky, Alex Neiman, Jamie Paige, Bruno Hernandez, Soledad Ursua, Clarence Carter, Mark Ryavec, Brian Averill, Vicki Halliday

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

Items 9B-9D trailed until December meeting

9B Community Plan Update (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to LA City Planning in reference to the Venice Draft Community Plan update (VDCP) recommending that the following items be amended to the draft Community Plan: Mobility considerations that affect transportation have a direct effect on noise, illumination and air quality which in turn impact the quality of life for residents, business operators and visitors and therefore mitigation measures that aim to improve the negative impacts on the community must be studied before alterations are approved.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02

9C Bus Stop and Layover Locations (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council urges the California Coastal Commission to require the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for its proposal to remove 5 to 15 parking spaces to install an extensive bus layover zone for the Santa Monica Blue Bus firm on Grand Boulevard from Riviera Avenue west to the Windward Traffic Circle, due to the resulting loss of parking for visitors and residents in an area marked by a severe parking shortage.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02



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9D Metro Sound Study (James Murez on behalf of Parking & Transportation Committee)

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to the Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) requesting: Produce a sound study that reports noise of traffic at various intersections along bus routes throughout Venice. Primary points of interest include, on inclines up and down after and before intersections respectively, in mid blocks where pedestrian crossings interfere with bus mobility and within 100 feet of any public area including schools, parks and business districts.

Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee 6-0-0 on 2020-11-02

Motion trailed from October meeting which was to be placed on November agenda but was not to be trailed to December meeting:

9L Resolution Supporting East Grand Blvd. Community Median Garden (Pietro Martini, EMAILPIETROMARTINI@GMAIL.COM)**MOTION:** Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is hard pressed to maintain the many street medians and parkway areas in Venice, and Whereas, the resident group Neighbors of Grand has landscaped the southern median at the intersection of East Grand Blvd. and North Venice Blvd. at considerable time and expense, and It's YOUR Venice - get involved Whereas, this community garden significantly enhances the neighborhood and this entrance to Venice, and Whereas, Neighbors of Grand is committed to continuing to water, prune and maintain the garden free from trash, Whereas, it is problematic to stretch a water hose across East Grand Blvd. each time the garden needs to be watered (one hose has already been ruined by the tires of a large truck), now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council recognizes and applauds the creation of the East Grand Blvd. community median garden, calls upon the Bureau of Street Services to coordinate any and all of its activities regarding the garden with the Neighbors of Grand, and asks the Bureau of Street Services to provide water to the site, from the median of Venice Blvd., in a locked box from which a drip irrigation system may be installed and administered by Neighbors of Grand to allow for the healthy growth of this garden. Upon approval this Resolution shall be forwarded to Bureau of Street Services General Manager AdelHagekhalil



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at adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org and Councilmember Mike Bonin Recommended by ADCOM 6-0-0 on 10/12/20

13. **Adjourn at 1:30 a.m.**

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Administrative - Ira Koslow	Parking & Transportation - James Murez
Neighborhood - George Francisco	Resiliency - Keith Harrison
Outreach - Sima Kostovetsky	Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy
Land Use and Planning - Alix Gucovsky	Venice Dog Park - Jamie Paige, James Murez
Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison	Homeless - Frank Murphy
Rules & Selections - John Reed	
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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