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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 (7:00 PM) In memory of Arnold Springer**

PRESENT: Ira Koslow, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole,Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Jaime Paige, Brian Averill,

ABSENT: Mark Ryavec, Tom McComas, Starla Caldwell, Bruno Hernandez,

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of the Agenda (PM – 1 minute)**

GF, JM amended (16, 0, 1)

11B, 11C & 11D removed

Unanimous

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole,Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Jaime Paige, Brian Averill,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

4 **Election Report (Ivan Spiegel, Election Administrator)
Announcement of Unofficial Results**

5. **Approval of Board Minutes (PM – 1 minute)**

GF, AG with addition of Jaime absent last month

6 **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (PM -- 1 minute)
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.**

7. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**

7A **Previous Month's Minutes have been emailed (7:15PM -1 minute)**



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Ensure the prior months' minutes have been sent to ALL emails outlined by each motion writer from the previous month's motions.

- 7B **Previous Months Letters (7:16PM -1 minute)**
Ensure all letters have been sent for each item from the previous month and if NOT announce what letters are still outstanding and what information is needed in order to have them sent out.
- 7C **Spanish Translation Available (Esteban Pulido, pulido.esteban@gmail.com)**
Spanish Interpretation services and agendas are available with advance notice.
- 7D **Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (10 minutes):**
- 7E **Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend or required to speak. The following written reports are for public dissemination and are also posted online (LINK))**
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin Field Deputy, Nisa Kove nisa.kove@lacity.org
 - Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 (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
 - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
 - Empower LA Neighborhood Council Advocate, Freddy Cupen-Ames, 213-978-1551 (freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)

Tom Mc Comas arrives 7:30pm

Bruno Hernandez and Starla Caldwell 7:38pm arrived

- 7F **VNC President's Report & Announcements - Ira Koslow (President@VeniceNC.org)**
Please follow VNC Standing Rule 5: *Board Members & Committees must use the Online Agenda Request Form*
8. **Treasurer's Report (10 minutes) (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]
- 8A. **Approve Expenditure Reports**
MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the expenditure reports for April 2021.



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Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 6/1/2021

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Monthly Expenditure Report

HH, GF

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OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

ABSENT: Bruno Hernandez,

8B. Approve 2021-2022 Administrative Budget Packet

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the the 2021-2022 Administrative Budget Packet.

Recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee 3-0-0 on 6/1/2021

Budget Packet

HH, GF

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, James Murez, ,Alex Neiman, CJ Cole,Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Jaime Paige, Brian Averill, Mark Ryavec,Tom McComas, Starla Caldwell, Sima Kostovetsky,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

ABSENT: Bruno Hernandez,

9. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (PM - 15 minutes)

[Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 15 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted]

10. General Consent Calendar (PM -- 5 minutes)

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]



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11. **LUPC (PM – minutes) (Alix Gucovsky on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)**
<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/81>

11A. 1410 -1422 Main Street

Case: APCW-2021-2020-CDP-MEL-SPE-SPP-WDI City. Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Three on the Tree LLC

LUPC Staff: Barry Cassily

Representative: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com City Staff Bindu Kannan

Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org Mike Bonin mike.bonin@lacity.org, Jason Douglas,

Jason.Douglas@lacity.org,

Case Description: • Demolition of the (2) existing single family dwellings and the construction of a new 3-story mixed use building (commercial + 9 new dwelling units) and a 2-story basement garage on (3) lots.

Motion to approve the project with the following conditions 1. Remove the underground mechanical room 2. Make the entrance/exit to the project on Main Street, and the loading zone on Main Street. City to stripe the pavement accordingly. 3. Deliveries not prior to 8am and not after 8pm 4. Applicant to clarify whether the solar structures as proposed are compliant with city code and/or mandated by State law.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. Remove the underground mechanical room
2. Make the entrance/exit to the project on Main Street, and the loading zone on Main Street.
City to stripe the pavement accordingly.
3. Deliveries not prior to 8am and not after 8pm
4. Applicant to clarify whether the solar structures as proposed are compliant with city code and/or mandated by State law.

Recommended by LUPC 5-2-0 on 5/20/21

[Addendums](#)

AG, MD (12, 5, 1)

FAVOR: Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, Jon Reed, CC Carter, Jaime Paige, Mark Ryavec, Tom McComas, Starla Caldwell, Sima Kostovetsky, 12

OPPOSED: Alex Neiman, CJ Cole, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Brian Averill, 5

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, 1

Recusal GF, JM

11B. 522 Venice Boulevard



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Case: CPC-2020-5839-DB-CU-CDP-MEL-SPP-HCA City Hearing: TBD

Applicant: Mandy Judaken 522 Venice llc, kalnei.nissan@gmail.com

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen and Shep Stern

Representative: Brian Silveira silveira.brian@gmail.com

City Staff Ira Brown ira.brown@lacity.org Mike Bonin mike.bonin@lacity.org, Jason Douglas, Jason.Douglas@lacity.org,

Case Description: • Demolition of residential triplex currently used as a podshare, co-living to be replaced by 26 unit apartment building with 7 very low income units. • The project seeks a conditional use permit pursuant to LAMC 12.24 (u) (26) to permit the following density bonuses 1. Permit a 20% reduction in required westerly side yard to allow a 4'10' side yard setback in lieu of the required 6' side yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09 1 B2 (a) 2. Permit a 60% reduction in required front yard setback in lieu of the required 15' front yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.B1 and 3. Permit the project to provide 19 standard parking stalls and 12 compact parking stalls in lieu of the 1 standard parking space per dwelling unit minimum 26 standard stalls required pursuant to AMC 12.21.a • A conditional use permit pursuant to LAMC 12.24 U 26 to permit a density bonus for a project for which the density increase is greater than the maximum 35% permitted in LAMC 12.22.A 25. In conjunction with the construction, use and maintenance of 26 for rent dwelling units in lieu of the 11 dwelling units otherwise permitted by LAMC 12.22.a.25 with 7 units reserved for very low income households utilizing parking option 1 in LAMC 12.22.a 25 and pursuant to LAMC 12.24 f • Allow a 20% reduction in required westerly side yard to allow a 4'10' side yard setback in lieu of the required 6' side yard setback pursuant to LAMC 12.09.1.b2 • A coastal development permit pursuant to LAMC 12.20.2 to allow the demolition of an existing residential triplex and the construction of a new 26 unit apartment building having 19 market rate and 7 very low income units, 13,905 sq feet of residential floor area, 31 subterranean parking spaces and max height of 30 feet.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 5/20/21

11C. Winston House 23 East Windward

Case: City Hearing:

Applicant: Jake Matthews LUPC

Staff: Michael Jensen

Representative: Brian Silveira Silveira.brian@gmail.com

City Staff: Not Yet Assigned

Case Description: • Clarify condition 11 to reflect that a cover charge and or entrance fee may be charged only to enter the premises during live entertainment events and that no cover charge and or entrance fee shall be charged for dining. • Clarify condition 9 e to reflect service floor area allowed for restaurant/nightclub/entertainment venue use based on parking provided vczsp e. modified- A minimum of 58 parking spaces shall be provided by lease or covenant for use by patrons and employees of the restaurant. A copy of the lease or covenant shall be submitted to office of zoning administration Such parking shall be made available during the restaurant hours of operation. If parking is dispersed among 2 or



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more lots, not all of the parking spaces need to be available at the 11am opening hour of the restaurant operation but all the required parking spaces shall be available no later than 630pm at all times that the restaurant is open for business. Parking as required by the state coastal permis no 5-87-728 shall be provided in accordance with said permit and the required 22 parking spaces of said parking permit may be part of the 56 spaces required. • An updated written parking plan shall be submitted to the satisfaction of zoning administrator which includes but is not limited to the following components and requirements 1. A site plan of available parking lots and spaces, 2, a valet parking pick up and route plan, 3 the presence of parking attendants at all times, 4 a valet parking fee for patrons which does not exceed \$5, 5 a valet drop off, and pick up, 6 reference to valet parking in advertising, 7, advice to patrons who self park to use lots not streets. • A request to clarify and or modify the conditions of the existing cub/cux permit no DIR -2000-3597 (RV) (PA3) LADB and the fire department to recalculate total occupancy based on occupancy type. The maximum number of patrons shall not exceed 150 persona at any one time. • Remove condition 10 and replace with condition 24: Amplified music inside dining area shall be kept at a low volume such that any music playing shall not be audible beyond the premises including to the tenants in the building.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 5/20/21

11D. 419 Grand Boulevard

Case: DIR-2020-7248-CPD-MEL City Hearing:

Address: 419 Grand Boulevard

Applicant: Simon Watts and Grace Lee

LUPC Staff: Shep Stern Representative: Rafael Martinez

City Staff Brendan Lau. brendan.lau@lacity.org

Case Description: • CDP SECOND STORY ADDITION TO EXISTING 1- STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND ADU SF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented as the applicant has refused to attend VNC/LUPC meetings 4 times.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 5/20/21

11B-11D Removed when agenda was approved

11E. Council File 21-0350 to build tiny houses, provide safe camping, and provide safe parking at various locations in CD11, Culver City, and Los Angeles County parking lots.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0350>

In reference to council file 21-0350, the Venice Neighborhood council opposed a feasibility study to explore the possibility of using beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks for safe parking, camping, and/or tiny homes. Open space and parking for the beach are extremely limited and the city should not be looking to take away these much needed amenities in the communities throughout CD 11. Furthermore, as the humanitarian crisis on



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our streets escalates at an exponential rate, it is fiscally irresponsible to engage in feasibility studies. The council should immediately review the list of underutilized properties from the controller's office.

MOTION: The VNC supports the Westside Regional Association of Council's WRAC motion to strongly advise members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposed using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks for housing of the unhoused. Neighborhood or Community Councils where these sites are listed in the Council motion shall work in good faith to identify alternative sites within their boundaries. The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and Neighborhood Council in the area of the parks, including the Venice Beach Recreation area, a city park.

Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0 on 5/20/21

AG, GF (17, 0, 2)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison

Absent: Tom McComas

11F 560 Rose Avenue

Case: City Council File 21-420-S45

Hearing: To be heard in PLUM by July 2, 2021

Applicant: Cannabis Vision Partners

LUPC Staff: Daffodil Tyminski

City Staff: none

Case Description: Application for a cannabis retail license based on Public convenience or necessity.

MOTION: Whereas Cannabis Vision Partners CVP previously operated a cannabis business in Venice,

Whereas CVP focuses on serving women and the minority communities who have been historically

Disadvantaged in obtaining retail cannabis licensing in Los Angeles,

Whereas the VNC would like to support a women and minority run cannabis business,

Whereas CVP serves a public convenience or necessity,

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the CVPs PCN application to the city council finding that granting CVP a retail cannabis license would serve a public convenience or necessity.



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Recusal Jaime Paige, Jon Reed

AG, Jim Robb

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AGAINST: CJ Cole (1)

ABSTAIN: Sima Kostovetsky, (1)

Absent: Tom McComas

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

12A **Responsible Reallocation of Prop. HHH Funds (Soledad Ursua,**
soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Request: With Prop. HHH, passed by voters in 2016, city officials were authorized to issue \$1.2 billion in general obligation bonds to subsidize the development of up to 10,000 supportive housing units for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. An audit by LA Controller Ron Galperin showed that the average cost of such projects was \$531,000 per unit, not including the cost of land, and that the units took between 3 and 5 years to build; 30-60 percent of funds went towards “soft” costs such as fees, consultants and financing and; only 489 units are completed and most of those under construction will not be ready until 2024; and less than \$400 million of the \$1.2 billion in HHH-generated bond money has been earmarked or spent. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that: HHH funds should be redirected towards fiscally responsible, shovel-ready projects, and a cap on the cost per unit should be imposed; HHH funded projects that exceed the city’s own Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy estimate of \$350,000 per unit (including all municipal, state, and federal funding) should be audited and/or stripped of funding; and HHH funding can only be used to fund hard costs. Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to Councilman Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Mayor Eric Garcetti (Eric.Garcetti@lacity.org), City Controller Ron Galperin (controller.galperin@lacity.org), LA City Attorney Mike Feuer (mike.n.feuer@lacity.org)

Recommended by Public Safety Committee 6-0-0 on 5-10-21



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12B Motion to Repurpose all HHH Funds That Have Not Executed Their Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) (Soledad Ursua, soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Currently, the city of Los Angeles has over 41,200 homeless people living on the street with one homeless person losing their life every five hours, according to recent data from the L.A. County Coroner-Medical Examiner's office with a 23 percent increase in deaths in the first seven months of 2020 when compared to the same period in 2019. This is a serious public health and safety issue, and; The Covid-19 Pandemic-driven financial crisis at Los Angeles City Hall has deepened significantly over the past three months, with budget analysts warning the city's shortfall could reach \$400 million to \$600 million by the end of the fiscal year that represent 6% of the 2020-21 budget, and the grim forecast poses some tough choices for city leaders, with a local economy battered by coronavirus shutdowns that have sent unemployment soaring, caused many small businesses to close and threaten major cuts in municipal services (from the LA Times), and; Many of the developers for Permanent Supportive and Affordable Housing are under Exclusive Negotiating Agreements with the city and county for Prop HHH funds, Measure H and Prop 2 but the cost to build from the ground up by these developers it is a failed model offering very few units of housing at exorbitant cost per unit for a city in a financial crisis and to taxpayers who can little afford higher taxes, and; The average cost to build permanent supportive and affordable housing in the city of Los Angeles under the current ENA is a failed model that costing taxpayers \$550 thousand - \$900 thousand a unit for 450 sq. ft., and is taking an average of four years+ to build the housing development while the homeless are languishing and dying on the street, and; An ENA is only a negotiation and not a signed or approved contract to move forward with a development, and; There are many alternative and lower costs models for housing the homeless and low income persons such as Tiny Homes, Shared Housing, SRO, Adaptive Reuse, Pods, Modular Housing, Stackable Housing Shelters, and; Covid-19 is an "Act of God" with Force Majeure due to policies to protect the public from the Pandemic, and; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council asks that the City Council remove itself from and cancel all Prop HHH Exclusive Negotiating Agreements (ENA) with housing developers and asks that the City Council also ask the County to cancel all Prop H and Prop 2 exclusive negotiating agreements (ENA) with housing developers due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Act of God Force Majeure and to appropriate those funds towards alternate and more immediate housing for the homeless in order to alleviate the devastation of deaths of one homeless person losing their life every five hours according to recent data from the L.A. County Coroner-Medical Examiner's office (a 23 percent increase in deaths in the first seven months of 2020) when compared to the same period in 2019. This is a serious public health and safety issue and the city must act to help by repurposing Prop HHH funds for faster forms of housing for the homeless, such as Tiny Homes, Shared Housing, SRO, Adaptive Reuse, Pods, Modular Housing, Stackable Housing Shelters and all alternative low cost models for rapid rehousing of the homeless. Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to Councilman Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Mayor Eric Garcetti (Eric.Garcetti@lacity.org), City Controller Ron Galperin (controller.galperin@lacity.org), LA City Attorney Mike Feuer (mike.n.feuer@lacity.org)

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12 A and B SU, MD (18, 0, 1)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

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

13A **Rodent Proof Trash Cans** (Soledad Ursua, soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Venice Beach is a major tourist destination, hosting over 10 million visitors annually, which brings in significant revenue for the City of Los Angeles. Residents and businesses have raised public safety and health concerns regarding the proliferation of rodents, trash, and filth. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the replacement of current sidewalk trash cans, with Rodent Proof Trash cans similar in style and price to those provided/and or installed by Los Angeles County, on streets within two blocks of the Beach, the Boardwalk, commercial sections of Main Street, Venice Boulevard, Rose Avenue, commercial sections of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and commercial sections of Washington Boulevard. Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to: Mayor Eric Garcetti (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org); Councilmember Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Bridge Center Community Outreach Contact (dexter.oconnell@lacity.org); LA Sanitation and Environment Pamela Perez (pamela.perez@lacity.org); Enrique Zaldivar (enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org), Ruben Hernandez (ruben.hernandez@lacity.org)

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SU, SK (18, 0, 1)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13B **Restoration of LAMC 56.11** (Soledad Ursua, soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: In March, 2020, in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID19, the Los Angeles City Council voted for a partial suspension of city law L.A.M.C 56.11 which requires tents to be broken down during the daytime. COVID19 restrictions are being lifted across the City, and Governor Newsom has issued an order regarding COVID19 guidelines effective June



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15, 2021, removing all capacity limits and physical distancing requirements imposed because of COVID19, regardless of setting. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the full restoration and enforcement of LAMC 56.11 Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to: Mayor Eric Garcetti (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org); Councilmember Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Bridge Center Community Outreach Contact (dexter.oconnell@lacity.org); Office of LA City Attorney (claudia.martin@lacity.org); LAPD Pacific Division Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online), Brian Cook (36258@lapd.online), Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online); LA Sanitation and Environment Pamela Perez (pamela.perez@lacity.org), Enrique Zaldivar (enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org), Ruben Hernandez (ruben.hernandez@lacity.org); Director of Homelessness Policies & Strategies, Gita O'Neil (gita.oneill@lacity.org); Michael Shull, General Manager, City Parks and Recreation (michael.a.shull@lacity.org) Jimmy Kim (jimmy.kim@lacity.org), City Parks and Recreation Commission, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

20-0147 and file as CIS in support of
SU, JM Amendment

(18, 0, 1)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13C Restoration of LAMC 85.02 (Soledad Ursua, soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: In March, 2020, in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID19, the Los Angeles City Council voted for a partial suspension of city law L.A.M.C 85.02 which prohibits Use of Vehicles for Dwelling purposes within a one block radius of any edge of a lot containing a park or a licensed school, pre-school or daycare facility. COVID19 restrictions are being lifted across the City, and Governor Newsom has issued an order regarding COVID19 guidelines effective June 15, 2021, removing all capacity limits and physical distancing



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requirements imposed because of COVID19, regardless of setting. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the full restoration and enforcement of LAMC 85.02 Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to: Mayor Eric Garcetti (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org); Councilmember Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Bridge Center Community Outreach Contact (dexter.oconnell@lacity.org); Office of LA City Attorney (claudia.martin@lacity.org); LAPD Pacific Division Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online), Brian Cook (36258@lapd.online), Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online); LA Sanitation and Environment Pamela Perez (pamela.perez@lacity.org), Enrique Zaldivar (enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org), Ruben Hernandez (ruben.hernandez@lacity.org); Director of Homelessness Policies & Strategies, Gita O'Neil (gita.oneill@lacity.org); Michael Shull, General Manager, City Parks and Recreation (michael.a.shull@lacity.org) Jimmy Kim (jimmy.kim@lacity.org), City Parks and Recreation Commission, rap.commissioners@lacity.org
Recommended by Public Safety Committee 6-0-0 on 6-2-21

SU, MD (18, 0, 1)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13D Resumption of Venice Special Enforcement Cleaning Zone (SECZ) (Soledad Ursua, soledad.ursua@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Request: In October of 2018, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin appeared before Venice Stakeholders to discuss A Bridge Home (ABH) Venice, and promised that with its opening, a Special Enforcement Cleaning Zone (SECZ) would be created, in addition to a 24/7 SECZ designated LAPD patrol car. Although ABH opened in February, 2020, enforcement of the SECZ was delayed due to COVID19 protocols, and the SECZ Patrol Car was taken away during defund the police cuts. Comprehensive clean ups resumed at all other ABH locations last July, except for ABH Venice. COVID19 restrictions are being lifted across the City, and Governor Newsom has issued an order regarding COVID19 guidelines effective June 15, 2021, removing all capacity limits and physical distancing requirements imposed because of COVID19, regardless of setting. The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the resumption of the Special Enforcement Cleaning Zone (SECZ), begin effective immediately, and return the designated LAPD patrol car as originally promised. Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to: Mayor Eric Garcetti (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org); Councilmember Mike Bonin (Mike.Bonin@lacity.org), Bridge Center Community Outreach Contact (dexter.oconnell@lacity.org); Office of LA City Attorney (claudia.martin@lacity.org); LAPD Pacific Division Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online), Brian Cook (36258@lapd.online), Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online); LA Sanitation and Environment Pamela Perez (pamela.perez@lacity.org), Enrique Zaldivar (enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org), Ruben Hernandez (ruben.hernandez@lacity.org); Director of Homelessness Policies & Strategies, Gita O'Neil (gita.oneill@lacity.org); Michael Shull,



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Kim (jimmy.kim@lacity.org), City Parks and Recreation

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Recommended by Public Safety Committee 6-0-0 on 6-2-21

SU, JM (18, 0, 1)

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ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13E Permanent Housing Needs (Frank Murphy, frank.murphy@venicenc.org)

MOTION: - The 5/10/21 Administrative Committee referred this Discussion Forum Committee motion to the Homeless Committee (see AdCom agenda here): Request that our elected LA representatives inform us regarding how it will provide the permanent housing needed to deal with systemic homelessness. Whereas, per information in www.latimes.com/com/opinion/story/2021-04-14/putting-jomeless-people-in-shelters-still-leaves-them-homeless:

Be it therefore resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board is requested to adopt the following motion to include the above Whereas clause: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that our Los Angeles elected representatives provide clarity to Venice and all of Los Angeles City as to how it proposes to provide the supply of the permanent housing necessary to meet the demand in order to deal with the housing shortage which has and will, unless resolved, maintain the systemic cycle of homelessness affecting our Los Angeles communities.

Recommended by the Homeless Committee 5-2-0 on 06/01/2021

VH, MD

GF, JReed Send back to Homeless Committee (18, 0, 1)

FAVOR:, Melissa Diner, Robert Thibodeau, Vicki Halliday, Soledad Ursua, CC Carter, Mark Ryavec,, Starla Caldwell, Alex Neiman, Alix Gucovsky, Jim Robb, Brian Averill, Jim Murez, George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Jaime Paige, Jon Reed, Sima Kostovetsky, CJ Cole

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

13F STAKEHOLDER PETITION Require the City of Los Angeles to Offer Shelter to the Unhoused Encamped Along Ocean Front Walk and Resume Enforcement of L.A.M.C. Section 63.44 by July 1, 2021 (Daffodil Tyminski, dtyminski@mac.com)



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MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Council District 11 City Representative Mike Bonin, Mayor Garcetti and City Attorney Mike Feuer, require that the City of Los Angeles offer shelter to the unhoused in the encampment along Ocean Front Walk in Venice, schedule a cleanup of the park no later than July 1, 2021 (similar to the Echo Park clean conducted in May 2021), and thereafter, direct LAPD to begin enforcing L.A.M.C. 63.44 and other laws or regulations aimed at a maintained safe environment at City parks.

[Extended Motion and Petition](#)

MD, VH (13, 3, 1)

JRobb Removed second

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AGAINST: Hugh Harrison, Alex Neiman, Jim Robb,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

ABSENT: Mark Ryavec, Brian Averill,

13G WRAC Motion to Facilitate Greater Use of 5150 Holds and Conservatorships (Mark Ryavec, mark.ryavec@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Severely mentally ill persons in Los Angeles, who are unable to avail themselves of current public services, are dying on our streets. We demand the City of Los Angeles collaborate with the County of Los Angeles to fully utilize the Lanterman-Petrus-Short Act, including section 5150, and to fast-track conservatorships of these individuals, to enable life-saving care. Further, we ask that the city add to its legislative program a demand that the State Legislature provide funds to the county to create as many fully-staffed psychiatric beds as necessary to properly house and treat these individuals. Report: The Lanterman–Petris–Short (LPS) Act (Cal. Welf & Inst. Code, sec. 5000 et seq.) regulates involuntary civil commitment to a mental health institution in the state of California. The act set the precedent for modern mental health commitment procedures in the United States. The bipartisan bill was co-authored by California State Assemblyman Frank D. Lanterman (R) and California State Senators Nicholas C. Petris (D) and Alan Short (D), and signed into law in 1967 by Governor Ronald Reagan.[1] The Act went into full effect on July 1, 1972. It cited seven articles of intent: • To end the inappropriate, indefinite, and involuntary commitment of mentally disordered persons, people with developmental disabilities, and persons impaired by chronic alcoholism, and to eliminate legal disabilities; • To provide prompt evaluation and treatment of persons with serious mental disorders or impaired by chronic alcoholism; • To guarantee and protect public safety; • To safeguard individual rights through judicial review; • To provide individualized treatment, supervision, and placement services by a conservatorship program for gravely disabled persons; • To encourage the full



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use of all existing agencies, professional personnel and public funds to accomplish these objectives and to prevent duplication of services and unnecessary expenditures; • To protect mentally disordered persons and developmentally disabled persons from criminal acts. As administered today in Los Angeles County, it does not adequately address the thousands of mentally ill homeless individuals languishing on public property throughout our communities. The three-day psychiatric holds that are permitted are employed only in the most extreme circumstances and are relatively useless in gaining the long-term psychiatric care that is often needed to improve patients' mental and physical conditions. The longer conservatorships allowed under the Act are even more rare due to the severe lack of psychiatric beds. Los Angeles County only has 22.7 out of the recommended 50-per-100,000 mental health beds.

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/131546.pdf>,

<https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/storage/>

documents/backgrounders/bed-supply-need-per-capita.pdf) Dr. Jonathan Sherin, of the County Department of Mental Health, in response to a motion in the LA Alliance case, identified the many deficiencies in the county's mental health system, and recommended the county add an additional 500 beds. Of those 500 beds, the county has only added a little over 100. <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/132696.pdf>. LA Alliance attorney Elizabeth Mitchell recently wrote: "If you talk to folks who run the county psych facilities, they will tell you horror stories about people sitting in emergency wards for months waiting for interim and long-term mental health beds, which means they have nowhere to put new patients in crisis, and literally have to turn away people being brought in on 5150 holds. Courts won't conserve even desperate mental health patients because there's nowhere to put them." Motion authored by Dr. Renee Sabshin and Mark Ryavec
Unanimously approved by WRAC on May 17, 2021

MD, GF (16, 0, 1)

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AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow,

14A **VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)**

[Committees may, but are not required, to provide a written report included below and available online. LINK]

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils-

Ira Koslow, VNC Representative (president@venicenc.org),

- **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)**
- **Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer**
- **Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky**



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14B Board Member Announcements on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction- One (1) minute per Board member (5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx. 11:00 PM)

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<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
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	Public Health & Safety - Soledad Ursua
Arts - Bruno Hernandez	
Ocean Front Walk - Jim Robb	

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