



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Virtual Meeting Agenda Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7pm**

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All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

## 1 Call to Order and Roll Call (6:00 PM)

### ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Sima Kostovetsky, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars

ABSENT: Alley Bean, Mike Bravo, Stan Muhamed, Chie Lunn,

James Murez, President

## 2 Approval of Board Minutes (1 minute)

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the September, 2021 Board meeting.

AB, VH

Chie Lunn 7:11PM

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the October, 2021 Board meeting.

AG, VH

FAVOR: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn

Absent: Sima Kostovetsky,

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the minutes of the October 2021, Special Board meeting.

AG, RT

FAVOR: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn

Absent: Sima Kostovetsky,

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/84>

### 3 VNC President's Report & Announcements

James Murez

- TOY DRIVE LAPD Boosters
- Senator Ben Allen will join us at our December meeting. Please submit your questions for possible answers from the Senator via form we will post to the website

### 4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (1 minute)

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

RT recusal 9C and 9F

Recusal NR JGusta

### 5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

#### 5A Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report (20 minutes)

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

[37285@lapd.online](mailto:37285@lapd.online)

#### 5B Government Reports & VNC Announcements and Reports (15 minutes)

Representatives having information to share with the community are requested to submit their written material to [Outreach@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Outreach@VeniceNC.org)

The Chair at His / Her discretion may choose to provide time for one or more presentations by representative or have the Outreach Chair provide a summary report based on written materials presented.

City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Trsten Marler [tristen.marler@lacity.gov](mailto:tristen.marler@lacity.gov)

Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov  
 State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov  
 State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov  
 LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov  
 Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy TBD  
 Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org\_213-978-1551  
 Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez, VNC Representative  
 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel  
 Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer  
 Outreach Announcements - Sima Kostovetsky  
 Arbor Committee -Isabelle Duvvier  
 Public Safety Health Committee -  
 LUPC -Alix Gucofsky  
 Ocean Front Walk -James Robb  
 Community Resiliency  
 Parking and Transportation- Robert Thibedou  
 Arts Committee Bruno Hernandez

**6 Budget & Finance Committee Report (10 minutes)**

Andrea Boccaletti, Treasurer  
 See attached addendums at  
<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/85>

**Items for or discussion and possible action**

**6A MER Monthly Expenditure Report report (treasurer@venicenc.org)**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighbrood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for September 2021.

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25668>

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on November 4,2021*

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ABoccaletti, DT (18, 0, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday,Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

**6B Outreach Committee Requests Funding**

**MOTION:** The Outreach Committee requests the following funds for the Venice Holiday Sign Lighting on December 4,2021: 1. \$1,500 for photography services and photo booth services by Venice Paparazzi with VNC branded photos. 2. Santa North Pole Sign - \$65 - Platinum Prop Rentals 3. Santa Chair rental - \$100 - Blueprint Studios Approved by Outreach Committee on November 3,2021 (5/0/0)

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on November 4,2021*

ABoccaletti, NR (17, 0, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

**ABSENT:** Melissa Diner,

### **6C Outreach Committee Requested Funding**

**MOTION:** The Outreach Committee requests and the Budget & Finance Committee recommends to the board approval of the following items to come out of the budget for general outreach for a total of \$2,760.00. 1. VNC branded wrap around bike lights promos, quantity 275 - \$1000 - AnyPromo.com 2. VNC round promo stickers - quantity 1000 - \$120 - Print Runner. - Order from 2019 has lasted us 2 years. 3. Retrofit stickers announcing meetings for the already existing VNC meeting lawn signs - \$150 4. Advertising for general Outreach - Argonaut, Venice Living, Yo Venice & Westside Current: \$500 (digital advertising costs between \$172/ad - 200/ad depending on size and frequency of ads running) 5. Promo items for holiday outreach - quantity 200–250: light-up necklaces/rings, candy canes, cookies - \$825 - Past orders for up to 200 items for the above, have totaled \$650 in 2019. - Adjusting for inflation and larger quantity request, new total amt. requested.

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 5-0-0 on November 4,2021*

ABoccaletti, AG (18,0, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

### **7 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (20 minutes)**

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration.

### **8 General Consent Calendar (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.

## 9 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar (5 minutes)

All agenda items on the LUPC 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.

### 9A 2330 South Cloy Avenue

Case: DIR-2020—6145-CDP-MEL ENV-2020-6146-CE

City Hearing: TBD

Address: 2330 South Cloy Avenue

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Applicant: Benjamin Ballentine. [ben@ballentinearchitects.com](mailto:ben@ballentinearchitects.com)

Representative: Danielle Shafner. [Danielle@ballentinearchitects.com](mailto:Danielle@ballentinearchitects.com)

City Staff Bindu Kannan [bindu.kannan@lacity.org](mailto:bindu.kannan@lacity.org) ; Mike Bonin [Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org),  
[Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

Case Description: • Demolition of an existing single family dwelling and construction of a new, 2,149 sq. ft. house with an attached 2 car garage

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25585>

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25586>

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

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 11/08/21*

### 9B Title: Stakeholder Motion from Steve Williams and EVNA Co-Living Businesses in Residential Neighborhoods

**MOTION:** Whereas there is a City Council Motion (CF 21-0665), approved on September 15, 2021, instructing the Planning Department, in consultation with the Department of Building and Safety, and the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance that defines "co-living" residential facilities as an enumerated use with corresponding zones of the City where they can locate:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0665>.

Whereas the fact that "co-living" businesses are currently under review by the City with respect to where they can locate does not allow for those operators to violate other effective codes, ordinances or permit requirements. Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that, while the proposed ordinance is pending, the City order "co-living" business operators to comply with existing applicable laws and codes.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 11/08/21*

### 9C 600-604 Venice Boulevard

Case: ZA-2021-6548-CUB ENV-2021-6549-CE

City Hearing: TBD

Address: 600-604 Venice Boulevard

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Applicant: Bill Chait Tres Tigers Venice LLC

Representative: Shaw Youngblood [shaw@rawlingspm.com](mailto:shaw@rawlingspm.com) Steve Rawlings presented  
 City Staff Sienna Kuo [sienna.kuo@lacity.org](mailto:sienna.kuo@lacity.org) ; [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

Case Description: • A cup for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol for on site consumption and off site privileges in conjunction with an existing restaurant

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25406>

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25407>

**MOTION:** : To approve the project as presented with the conditions outlined and granted under the Prior CUB except the permission for full line of alcohol and off sale. Before presentation To the board, the plans should reflect additional bike parking that will be compliant Parking for 594 sq feet and that the applicant bring the corrected plans showing parking Compliance.

*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 11/08/21*

### **9D Parking Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in the Venice Coastal Zone.**

**MOTION:** A. Parking Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in the Venice Coastal Zone. Motion Submitted by Tim Bonefeld The Venice Neighborhood Council requested that The City of Los Angeles and the California Coastal Commission follow Assembly Bill 68 and the City of Los Angeles 2020 ADU Memo relating to required parking. Whereas the Venice Coastal Zone should contribute to the needed increase in density. Whereas the Venice Coastal Zone already has stricter commercial and residential parking requirements than the rest of the City of Los Angeles. Whereas the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan requires that all new vehicular access to Venice Coastal Development Projects shall be provided from alleys, when available. Whereas the Venice Coastal Zone lots are mostly Substandard Lots, therefore, creates a hardship to provide the additional one (1) onsite parking stall currently requested by The City of Los Angeles and the California Coastal Commission. Therefore the Venice Neighborhood supports the use of public transportation as described in AB 68: (d) Notwithstanding any other law, a local agency, whether or not it has adopted an ordinance governing accessory dwelling units in accordance with subdivision (a), shall not impose parking standards for an accessory dwelling unit in any of the following instances: (1) The accessory dwelling unit is located within one-half mile of public transit. (2) The accessory dwelling unit is located within an architecturally and historically significant historic district. (3) The accessory dwelling unit is part of the proposed or existing primary residence or an accessory structure. (4) When on-street parking permits are required but not offered to the occupant of the accessory dwelling unit. (5) When there is a car share vehicle located within one block of the accessory dwelling unit. <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25408> Public Comment & possible action/motion Michael Jensen motion to discuss/Andrew Mika Seconds

*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 11/08/21*

Notices go to Mike Bonin Jason Douglas Coastal Commission City Planning

### **9E Expedited process for accessory dwelling units in the venice coastal zone**

**MOTION:** Expedited Process for Accessory Dwelling Units in the Venice Coastal Zone Motion Submitted by Tim Bonefeld The Venice Neighborhood Council requested that The City of Los Angeles Planning Department and the California Coastal Commission follow Assembly Bill 68 relating to the project process time. Whereas the Venice Coastal Zone should contribute to the needed increase in density. Whereas the current CDP application time is more than 12 months. Whereas the current CDP application fee is more than \$15,000. Whereas the CEX application time would be less than 2 months. Whereas the CEX application fee is \$1,700. Whereas a CEX would still be appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Therefore the Venice Neighborhood urges The City of Los Angeles and the California

Coastal Commission to process applications for Accessory Dwelling Units as a CEX (Coastal Exemption) instead of and CDP (Coastal Development Permit)

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25408>

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 11/08/21

Notices sent to Mike Bonin Jason Douglas Coastal Commission City Planning

**9F 600 East Venice (Correct agenda)**

Case: ZA-2021-6548-CUB ENV-2021-6549-CE

City Hearing: TBD

Address: 600-604 Venice Boulevard

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen

Applicant: Bill Chait Tres Tigers Venice LLC

Representative: Shaw Youngblood [shaw@rawlingspm.com](mailto:shaw@rawlingspm.com) Steve Rawlings presented

City Staff Sienna Kuo [sienna.kuo@lacity.org](mailto:sienna.kuo@lacity.org) ; [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

Case Description: • A cup for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol for on site consumption and off site privileges in conjunction with an existing restaurant

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25406>

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[mitteeFile/25545](https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25545)

**MOTION:** Approve project as presented with conditions granted under ZA-2010- 0206-CDP-CUB-CU-SPP, except conditions that do not permit full line of alcohol off-sale alcohol; and applicant present plans to VNC that demonstrate parking compliance for 594 SF service area.

Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0 on 10/08/21

**UNANIMOUS**

(18, 0, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

**10 Land Use and Planning Committee**

<https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/81>

**10A Title- Placeholder for 671 Rose Avenue**

Case: ZA-2021-632-CDP-CUB-SPP

City Hearing: October 27

Address: 671 Rose Avenue (Groundworks)

LUPC Staff: Barry Cassily

Applicant: Carol Gleicher

Representative: Andrew Yapp Southern California Land Use

City Staff Juliet Oh [Juliet.Oh@lacity.org](mailto:Juliet.Oh@lacity.org), Sienna Kuo [Sienna.Kuo@lacity.org](mailto:Sienna.Kuo@lacity.org) Mike Bonin

[Mike.Bonin@lacity.org](mailto:Mike.Bonin@lacity.org) Jason Douglas [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

Case Description: • A change of use to convert 920 sq feet of retail catering to service floor within a 3300 sq ft retail

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25587>

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented with the Following condition :

1. Hours of loading and unloading to be limited per LAMC ordinance No. 166,514. See below.
2. Hours of operation of the restaurant to match the most typical hours of operation of the other restaurants along Rose Corridor.

**SEC. 114.03. VEHICLES – LOADING AND UNLOADING.**

(Amended by Ord. No. 166,514, Eff. 1/24/91.)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day, to load or unload any vehicle, or operate any dollies, carts, forklifts, or other wheeled equipment, which causes any impulsive sound, raucous or unnecessary noise within 200 feet of any residential building.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-1 on 11/11/21*

**AG, MD**  
(18,0, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

**DT, CB to send back LUPC**

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Vicki Halliday, James Robb, Clark Brown,, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Jason Sugars, 9

, Melissa Diner, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, Nico Ruderman, Robert Thibodeau, Oliver Fries, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky, (8)

Alix Gucovsky, (1)

**10B Gjusta ENV-2021-7535-CE-ZA-2021-7532-CUB 320 Sunset Ave.**

Case: ENV-2021-7535-CE-ZA-2021-7532-CUB

City Hearing: TBD

Address: 320 Sunset Ave. Gjusta

LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen and Lauren Siegel

Applicant: Fran Camaj Representative: Laurette Healy [laurette@citylanduse.com](mailto:laurette@citylanduse.com)

City Staff Mike Bonin [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org) ; [Jason.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.douglas@lacity.org)

Case Description: • A CUP for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol for onsite consumption with an existing bakery/retail/restaurant motion.

**MOTION-** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented.  
Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0 on 11/11/21

AG, VH (14, 2, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti,, Oliver Fries, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

**OPPOSED:** CJ Cole, Jason Sugars

**ABSENT:** Alix Gucovsky,

Recusal Nico Ruderman

**11 Old Business (0 minutes)**  
**Discussion and possible action**

**12 New Business** (PM – minutes)  
Discussion and possible action

**12A Title: Resumption of Parking Enforcement**

**MOTION:** Whereas Venice community has seen substantial loss of use of sidewalks and roadways and increase in crime due to cessation of parking enforcement, whereas the Covid 19 emergency is now matured and procedures are in place to control it within the greater Los Angeles area, and whereas parking enforcement should be restored, Resolved that VNC requests that existing parking, street camping and sidewalk clearing laws be enforced in Venice.

*Recommended by the Parking and Transportation Committee 3-0-0 on 11/08/21*

To be sent to the offices of the Mayor, the city Council, DOT, LAPD and the LA County Sheriff

RT, CL (17, 1, 0)

**FAVOR:** James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

**OPPOSED** Jason Sugars,

**12B Request for Liaison re: FEMA Map Change**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently redrawn its flood zone map to include much of Venice, thereby likely requiring that Venice property owners will be required to obtain costly flood insurance, and WHEREAS, various attempts by Venice residents to address the issue through the CD11 Council

office or through the office of our U.S. Representative Ted Liu have been unproductive. NOW THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that CD11 appoint a liaison for residents to communicate with FEMA and Rep. Liu's office to investigate the basis for FEMA's map change and to assist Venice residents in mitigating any financial impact on them by sending a letter to request a flood zone determination change.

*Recommended by the Neigobhrood Committee 5-0-1 on 11/09/2021*

DT, NR (17, 0, 1)

FAVOR: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

ABSTAIN: Soledad Ursua,

### 12C Request for Guidelines for RVs on Venice Streets

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, certain Venice neighborhoods have been greatly impacted by clusters of RV encampments encroaching on sidewalks, discharging refuse, and otherwise creating a nuisance for neighbors, and WHEREAS, as a public safety matter, the City and LAPD has been either unwilling or unable to address the problem. NOW THEREFORE, the VNC moves that CD11 work with the impacted neighbors, the Public Safety Committee, and other organizations already doing outreach to develop guidelines for RVs occupying certain neighborhood streets to minimize the impact of those RVs on the adjacent residents.

*Recommended by the Neigobhrood Committee 5-0-1 on 11/09/2021*

DT, CB (16, 0, 1)

FAVOR: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, CJ Cole, Oliver Fries,, Chie Lunn,

OPPOSED: Jason Sugars

ABSENT: Sima Kostovetsky

### 12D Neighborhood Committee Applications/Nominations

#### MOVE TIL NEXT MONTH

#### 12E Submit Community Impact Statement, Council File: 20-1536 "STAP PROGRAM"

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council, while recognizing and strongly supporting the need for an expanded transit shelter program, believes that given the scope of the proposed project and the many potential impacts of digital signage on public safety, that it is inappropriate to seek clearance of the program through a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Rather, we urge Streets LA and the City to

do a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the program. This is necessary to identify possible negative impacts on public safety and the environment and to determine if mitigations can address these impacts or whether a project alternative is the best course of action. It is also hoped that through the EIR process, a program alternative that can deliver more than the planned 3,000 shelters will be identified to provide greater shelter for LA's transit riders who must often wait in extreme heat for their transit connections. We note that 3,000 shelters do not cover half of the City's transit stops.

BACKGROUND: The 20-year contract for the current citywide street furniture program is due to expire at the end of 2021. The StreetsLA/Public Works staff have been working to identify a replacement program that would increase transit shelter coverage and raise revenues for the City. It envisioned a partnership with a private company and did outreach to potential vendors. It issued a program RFP last November and as a result of the screening of those vendors who replied, there are now two finalists vying to "win" the contract. (Unlike in the current program, the Council passed a motion that allows for the possibility that more than one vendor could be selected to participate in the program.) There are a number of important program details that have not been released to the public to assist in our being able to evaluate the program. The City has not indicated whether it plans to own the shelters outright (and how they would pay for them), whether they seek to own a percentage of the shelters or whether the vendor(s) will retain ownership. While a display of sample shelters was moved to various locations around the City, those viewing the sample shelters were unaware that the City instructed the vendors to display their most sophisticated and expensive model of the 6 models that they submitted to the City. What is the intention of the City in terms of the types of shelters to be selected? Can the City get better coverage of more transit stops with less sophisticated and costly shelters? There remain significant concerns about the targeting of communities for digital shelters where revenues to be earned will be greatest. It is understood that those locations where revenues would be low will receive recycled/refurbished shelters from the current program with NO digital screens and NO advertisements at all. The projected 3,000 new bus shelters will each feature what many consider to be dangerous and distracting digital ad screens. Instead of conducting an environmental impact study on the digital screen installation effort as promised, City officials have moved forward with a "mitigated negative declaration" (MND), and in doing so conclude that the environmental impacts of this program with its digital signage were negligible and did not warrant further study. There are many problems with this conclusion:

- It underestimates the impact of driver distraction. The MND relies on outdated research, ignoring better and more recent studies showing conclusively that digital billboards contribute to traffic accidents. Pedestrian accident data shows that fatalities are higher near bus shelters that have static advertising.
- The MND underestimates the visual impacts of digital ad screens and public attitudes towards them. Public opinion on digital ad screens is far more negative than the report states.
- It relies on false assumptions to underestimate power usage. The report is built on the false assumption that the signs will only operate 12 hours per day, even though plans call for them to operate 24 hours per day. Even at the lower rate, the energy usage for this project is equivalent to that of 1,370 LA homes.

The Notice of Availability and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) can be found at: <https://eng2.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/stap/Notice%20of%20Availability-Notice%20of%20Intent.pdf>

The IS/Draft MND can be viewed on the Bureau of Engineering website at:  
<https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/stap>  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1536>

**AG, RT (16, 1, 0)**

FAVOR: James Murez, Daffodil Tyminski, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Soledad Ursua, James Robb, Nico Ruderman, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti, Oliver Fries, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Sima Kostovetsky,

Clark Brown,

Absent: CJ Cole,

**Jim Murez to file CIS**

**SU, CJ to postpone**

**YES** James Robb, CJ Cole, Jason Sugars, Chie Lunn, Soledad Ursua, (4)

**NO:** James Murez, Melissa Diner, Alix Gucovsky, Vicki Halliday, Elizabeth Clay, Nico Ruderman, Clark Brown, Robert Thibodeau, Bruno Hernandez, Andrea Boccaletti,, Oliver Fries,, Sima Kostovetsky, (12)

**ABSTAIN:** Daffodil Tyminski, (1)

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

**14 Adjourn (on or before 11pm)**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**

<u>Standing Committees</u>		<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
<p><b>Administrative: James Murez</b>  <b>Neighborhood: Daffodil Tyminski</b>  <b>Outreach: Sima Kostovetsky</b>  <b>Land Use and Planning: Alix Gucovsky</b>  <b>Budget &amp; Finance: Andrea Boccaletti</b>  <b>Rules &amp; Selections: Oliver Fries</b>  <b>Arts: Bruno Hernandez</b>  <b>Ocean Front Walk: James Robb</b></p>		

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