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**Board of Officers  
 General Meeting  
 Tuesday December 21, 2021  
 Start Time: 06:00 PM**

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 Topic: Board of Officers

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**Attendance: 0**

**Quorum: 11**

## 2.1 Committee Chair Reports

### Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance
- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk
- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

### Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee

President Report

## 2.3 Government Reports

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Tristen Marler [tristen.marler@lacity.gov](mailto:tristen.marler@lacity.gov)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, [Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov)
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, [Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov)
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Representative [Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov)
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy TBD
- Empower LA, Advocate, [Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org](mailto:Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org) 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-James Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates – Andrea Boccaletti

## 3.5 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

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..

## 4.5 General Consent Calendar

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.

## 4.6 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar

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.

## 4.6 Neighborhood Committee Nominations

**Description:** Discussion and possible action, select individuals to serve on the Neighborhood Committee.

**MOTION:**

**4.7 Amendments to LAMC 85.02**

**Description:** The City of Los Angeles is proposing an amendment to LAMC 85.02, which addresses oversized vehicle parking.

**Committee:**Administrative Committee **On:**2021-12-20 **Vote:** 4-0-0

**MOTION:** Submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council file 14-1057-S9. Where-as regulations regarding RV camping on our city streets are long over due, and the lack of regulation has created public safety issues. Considering the disastrous impact of RVs on Jefferson Boulevard, the conditions in the Westchester parking lot, and at Venice Boulevard at Electric Ave., the Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement supporting the amendments to LAMC 85.02.

**5 Repainting of the beach restrooms**

**Description:** WHEREAS the patchy gray paint on our beach restrooms is dreary and uninviting and does not at all reflect Venice's creative history,

**Committee:**Venice Neighborhood Council General Board **On:**2021-11-29 **Vote:** 8/0/0

**MOTION:** THEREFORE the VNC requests that a more colorful, aesthetically pleasing repainting project be undertaken with letters sent to Michael Shull, Sonya Young-Jimenez, and Councilmember Bonin.

**6 ZA-2021-632-CDP-CUB-SPP 671 Rose Avenue**

**Description:** Case: ZA-2021-632-CDP-CUB-SPP City Hearing: October 27 Address: 671 Rose Avenue (Groundworks) LUPC Staff: Barry Cassily/ Corinne Baginski Applicant: Carol Gleicher Representative: Andrew Yapp Southern California Land Use City Staff Juliet Oh Juliet.Oh@lacity.org, Sienna Kuo Sienna.Kuo@lacity.org Mike Bonin Mike.Bonin@lacity.org Jason Douglas 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/26047> <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/26048> <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/26124> Public Comment & possible action/motion Michael motion/Andrew seconds 5-1-0

**Committee:**Administrative Committee **On:**2021-12-13 **Vote:** 5-1-0

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

**6 Repainting of the OFW easement lines and vendor spaces**

**Description:** WHEREAS there are currently white easement lines to the west of the businesses along Ocean Front Walk and WHEREAS these lines are being ignored by many businesses and vendors along OFW who now encroach on the right of way,

**Committee:**Venice Neighborhood Council General Board **On:**2021-11-29 **Vote:** 8/0/0

**MOTION:** THEREFORE the VNC recommends that Rec & Parks, in co-ordination with the

Venice Beach BID, repaint and enforce the limits of these easements with a letter sent to Sonya Young-Jimenez (sonia.young-jimenez@lacity.org) at RAP.

## 7 Street Drainage/Rose Ave storm drain

**Description:** WHEREAS our last 2 significant rainfalls have resulted in a clear failure of our drainage system along with overwhelming noxious fumes across North Venice, the

**Committee:**Venice Neighborhood Council General Board **On:**2021-11-29 **Vote:** 8/0/0

**MOTION:** VNC requests that the source of these problems be identified and genuinely rectified with letters sent to Barbara Romero at LASAN (barbara.romero@lacity.org) Keith Mozee (keith.mozee@lacity.org) at Street Services and Councilmember Bonin.

## 8 Address valet violations and parking along speedway

**Description:** WHEREAS the valet companies along Speedway (most notably at Venice Blvd) regularly drive and/or direct visitors the wrong way on Speedway and also routinely park cars in private spaces owned by other OFW businesses,

**Committee:**Venice Neighborhood Council General Board **On:**2021-11-29 **Vote:** 8/0/0

**MOTION:** the VNC requests that this issue is rectified, with letters sent to Brian Hale (brian.hale@lacity.org) at LADOT, Eric Bruins (eric.bruins@lacity.org) at CD11, and SLO Contreras.

## 9 Design and install an arch at the entrance of the Venice pier

**Description:** WHEREAS the newly remodeled pier deserves an iconic arch/sign at its entrance befitting of Venice's unique cultural and creative history,

**Committee:**Venice Neighborhood Council General Board **On:**2021-11-29 **Vote:** 8/0/0

**MOTION:** the VNC requests that a project to design and fund this effort be initiated, with letters sent to Councilmember Bonin, Michael Shull (michael.shull@lacity.org) and Sonya Young-Jimenez at RAP

## 10 Regulate the unpermitted food/drink vendors on OFW

**Description:** WHEREAS there has been a recent increase in the number of unpermitted food & drink vendors on OFW, some of them now offering alcoholic beverages,

**Stakeholder:**Jim Robb **Dated:**2021-11-29

**MOTION:** the VNC requests a focused effort to regulate these individuals with letters sent to Captain Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online) and SLO Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online)

## 11 OFW as CD11's initial sensitive use area

**Description:** WHEREAS the beach is a very unique public resource within CD11 enjoyed by millions of Angelenos and our visitors, and WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles spent several months and over 5 million dollars on its successful OFW

Encampment to Home Program and WHEREAS humane, compassionate outreach & services AND the fair and reasonable regulation of shared public space are not mutually exclusive endeavors,

**Committee:**Venice Neighborhood Council General Board **On:**2021-11-29 **Vote:** 7/0/1

**MOTION:** THEREFORE the Venice Neighborhood Council formally requests that the beach, Recreation Center and OFW be designated a sensitive use area in Council District 11 under the recently amended LAMC 41.18, with letters sent to Councilmember Bonin and Mayor Garcetti

## 12 Expansion of the size of Committees, but limiting membership to two.

**Description:** Whereas, the Venice community is a vibrant and diverse neighborhood of some 40,000 residents, and Whereas, it should be the goal of the Venice Neighborhood Council to expand, enhance and promote participation on our various and numerous standing and ad hoc committees to a cross section of stakeholders, and Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council's Chairperson's should actively recruit new and different residents and be open to such change and diversity, and Whereas, stakeholders should be allowed and accepted to join committees to booster participation from a wide array of individuals so that the influence of the Venice Neighborhood Council and it's committee play a more impactful and positive role in this neighborhood by allowing membership, and Whereas, the pool of talent in this Venice community is wide, broad and in many cases untapped, THEREFORE

**Stakeholder:**Nicholas Antonicello **Dated:**2021-12-07

**MOTION:** BE IT RESOLVED, that Venice stakeholders can audit committees and request membership of any standing or ad hoc committee, but limit the stakeholder's membership to just two (2) committees, including VNC board members and that all board members should participate in the committee process beyond their attendance at the general monthly meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this directive be added to the STANDING RULES of the Venice Neighborhood effective immediately upon approval or passage.

## 13 Homeless Encampments

**Description:** Motion to request use of current municipal codes to clean up encampments.

**Committee:**Homelessness Committee **On:**2021-11-30 **Vote:** 7-0-

**MOTION:** The Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council ("the Committee") has read, received public comment, discussed and approved the Memo entitled: "Remove Homeless Encampments per City Ordinances and Relocate Occupants to Transition and Temporary Housing" The Homelessness Committee requests the VNC Board of Officers approve and send following Memo and Supporting Documents to the distribution list below. Councilman Bonin Jose "Che" Ramirez, Deputy Mayor for Homeless Initiatives, Becca Doten, Deputy Executive Director, Public & Government Affairs, Los Angeles World Airports Councilman Kevin DeLeon, Homeless and Property Committee

## 14 memo to councilman bonin re remove homeless encampments etc, w, supporting exhibits and moti

**Description:** This item is the following attached documents: ( 1. ) Memo to Councilman Bonin and others entitled Remove Homeless Encampments per City Ordinances and Relocate Occupants to Transition and Temporary Housing ( 2. ) Exhibits 1-8; (3. )Motion of the AdHoc Homelessness Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council to Request the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council to Approve

and Send Memo re Homeless Encampments and Supporting Exhibits to Councilman Bonin and Others; (4) Motion Authorizing President of the Venice Neighborhood Council to Send Memo re Homeless Encampments and Supporting Exhibits to Councilman Bonin and Others.

**Committee:** Administrative Committee **On:** 2021-12-13 **Vote:** 7-0 (unanimous to

**MOTION:** See attached Motion (4)

## 15 MOTION TO ADDRESS COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR AND SPOT ZONING REALIGNMENT

**Description:** This is a motion requesting support to undo spot zoning in 1989 that negatively impacted property owners on Rose Ave and Ocean Front Walk by downzoning properties from commercial to residential, which was done with minimal notice to property holders. On May 9, 2015, the VNC's Land Use and Planning Committee previously voted in support of Item 9, entitled "Commercial Corridor and Spot Zoning Realignment," which is substantively the same as the motion in the instant petition (hereinafter, the "Motion"). On May 21, 2019, the VNC Board continued the Motion, and, on August 20, 2019, removed it from the agenda, with instructions that the Motion be returned to the Land Use and Planning Committee. Since then, the Land Use and Planning Committee has not reheard the Motion.

**Stakeholder:** Jason Tong **Dated:** 2021-12-21

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, commercial corridors in Venice have over many decades been subject to "spot zoning" and/or otherwise have been rezoned without adequate notice and outreach to the property owners and stakeholders. WHEREAS, the Venice Land Use Plan Policy I. B. 2. states: "The design of mixed-use development is intended to help mitigate the impact of the traffic generated by the development on coastal access roads and reduce parking demand by reducing the need for automobile use by residents and encouraging pedestrian activity." WHEREAS, the City Planning Department and Coastal Commission are in the process of updating the LCP and Venice Community Plan. THEREFORE, the VNC shall recommend to the City Planning Department and the California Coastal Commission that Properties per the list below along commercial corridors in Venice be rezoned to Commercial Use as part of the LCP and Community Plan update in order to: 1) create consistency with the adjacent and neighboring properties; 2) to remedy the past spot zoning of certain commercial corridors of Venice; and 3) that the rezoned properties be in compliance with all land use requirements set forth in the applicable Los Angeles zoning code, including, but not limited to, any uses which may require a conditional use permit. Properties to be included in the rezoning back to commercial use: i) 100 Venice Way ii) 401-507, 1901-2015 Ocean Front Walk iii) 305-373 Rose Ave

## 16 REQUEST TO CITY OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZERS RE VENICE ROLE IN 2028 OLYMPICS

**Description:** WHEREAS, the 2028 Summer Olympics will be hosted by the City of Los Angeles, and WHEREAS, this 17-day, \$7 billion dollar mega event will bring throngs of international visitation to Los Angeles and specifically Venice, and WHEREAS, Venice Beach should be considered as a venue for several events such as volley ball and other relevant and meaningful opportunities, and WHEREAS, the direct benefit of hosting a summer Olympiad is the residual long-term benefit of infrastructure and capital improvements that will serve the community long after the Olympics are complete, and WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is already negotiating agreements with Olympic organizers regarding security, homelessness, transportation, housing and other important hosting conditions, and WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is already committed to \$270 million in the first set of cost overruns and the state would cover the next \$270 million with LA then committed for all additional overruns, and WHEREAS, the cost of hosting an Olympiad historically is riddled with cost

overruns and city officials will need to offer organizers a timeline and blue print for these summer games and the specific usage of Venice Beach ,

**Stakeholder:**Nicholas Antonicello **Dated:**2021-12-04

**MOTION:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council aggressively seek out funding sources and plans for Venice from a infrastructure and capital improvement standpoint sooner than later and that representatives from the City of Los Angeles and LA28 be invited to a future board meeting to make a presentation on the role of Venice Beach in these 2028 Summer Olympics. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Venice Neighborhood Council appoint an AD HOC Committee that would monitor and follow the progress of the formation of these 2028 Olympic games and that this committee be responsible for the due diligence of reporting back to the full board as to overall participation of Venice as part of these summer games in 2028.

#### 17 CF 14-1507-S9 (Buscaino motion to regulate vehicle dwelling (WRAC))

**Description:** A motion to support CF 14-1507-S9 (Buscaino motion to regulate vehicle dwelling). Here is the CF: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1057-S9> Here is PPCC's position letter (we passed a motion on Nov. 18): *This isn't yet a pending WRAC motion, but I am asking Matt W. to agendize this at the next WRAC board meeting (motion to support the CF). I'm hopeful that VNC and other member councils will take this up asap (regardless of whether it's a WRAC motion) and agree that this is a reasonable proposal to regulate the epidemic of vehicle dwelling.*

**Stakeholder:**james murez **Dated:**2021-12-04

**MOTION:** <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PPCC-Letter-Support-CF14-1057-S9.pdf>

#### 18 DIR-2021-6788-CDP-MEL-ENV-2021-6789-CE

**Description:** Case: DIR-2021-6788-CDP-MEL-ENV-2021-6789-CE City Hearing: Address: 2433 Bryan LUPC Staff: Chris Plourde Applicant: Nasim Yazdani Representative: John Hamilton City Staff 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.p.douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.douglas@lacity.org) Case Description: • Coastal Development Permit for the interior remodel and 746 sq ft two (2) story addition to an existing one (1) story 1,271 sq. ft single family dwelling totaling 2,017 sq ft  
<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25761>  
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<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25771> Public Comment & possible action/motion Chris Plourde motion/Andrew Mika seconds Motion :

**Stakeholder:**Alix Gucovsky **Dated:**2021-12-13

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented as a de minimus project. 7-0-0

#### 19 ENV-2021-7230-CE ZA-2021-7229-ZAA 644-650 Sunset

**Description:** Case: ENV-2021-7230-CE ZA-2021-7229-ZAA City Hearing: Address: 644-650 Sunset LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali Applicant: Michael J Ullman Trustee of the Worley Revocable Living Trust Representative: Tony Russo [tony@crestrealestate.com](mailto:tony@crestrealestate.com) City Staff 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.p.Douglas@lacity.org](mailto:Jason.p.Douglas@lacity.org) Case Description: • Relief for over in height fence, including 8'-0" fence and 8'-0" gate

in the required 15 foot front yard setback and 16'-0" landscaping in the SY setback in lieu of the 3'6" FY setback and 8' in SY  
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<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25752> Public Comment & possible action/motion Lauren motion/Barry seconds The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented. 8-0-0

**Stakeholder:**Alix Gucovsky **Dated:**2021-12-13

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

## 20 Time Limits for Board Meetings

**Description:** In an effort to better accommodate the stakeholders of the VNC and the members of the VNC Board, the Board meetings should be ended at 11:00 pm. Previously, this was required due to the closing of the meeting location. If there is no way to shorten the meetings, the need to have two meetings a month.

**Stakeholder:**CJ Cole **Dated:**2021-12-07

**MOTION:**

## 21 comment

**Description:** beach bathrooms are public property and not restricted to a limited curfew because there is no such thing as a curfew for the bathroom which is a penalty of illegal ruling.

**Stakeholder:**mary jane **Dated:**2021-11-16

**MOTION:**

## 22 VNC calls for the resignation of Mike Bonin from the LA City Council

**Description:** WHEREAS, the Recall Bonin 2021 Committee has gathered nearly 40,000 signatures calling for a special recall election of Councilman Mike Bonin as the representative of CD-11, and WHEREAS, the reasons for Councilman Bonin's recall are numerous including the proliferation of homeless encampments in Venice, rising crime attributed to this spike in the unhoused population and the deterioration of the quality of life of all Venice residents, and WHEREAS, the policies promoted by Councilman Bonin such as bridge housing, road diets and the defunding of the LAPD have proven to be abject failures that fly in the face of what Venice seeks and supports, and WHEREAS, the homeless population has actually increased some 125% since Mr. Bonin assumed office some eight and half years ago, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council previously voted in the affirmative for a vote of "no confidence" on the tenure and record of Councilman Bonin, and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council conducted a community survey of more than 800 Venetians finding Councilman Bonin with a 75% unfavorable of all participating respondents, and WHEREAS, there is overwhelming sentiment that Councilman Bonin has lost any sense of support or cooperation with Venice and many other neighborhoods here in the 11th Council District,

**Stakeholder:**Nicholas Antonicello **Dated:**2021-11-14

**MOTION:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council call for



the resignation of Councilman Mike Bonin to avoid further division within our community and a protracted recall effort that will stifle useful governance moving forward and that this neighborhood council reflect the sentiment and wishes of the residents of the Venice neighborhood community.

### 23 ENV-2021-7230-CE ZA-2021-7229-ZAA 644-650 Sunset

**Description:** Case: ENV-2021-7230-CE ZA-2021-7229-ZAA City Hearing: Address: 644-650 Sunset LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali Applicant: Michael J Ullman Trustee of the Worley Revocable Living Trust Representative: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com City Staff Sienna Kuo sienna.kuo@lacity.org Mike Bonin mike.bonin@lacity.org Jason Douglas Jason.p.Douglas@lacity.org Case Description: • Relief for over in height fence, including 8'-0" fence and 8'-0" gate in the required 15 foot front yard setback and 16'-0" landscaping in the SY setback in lieu of the 3'6" FY setback and 8' in SY  
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**Stakeholder:**Alix Gucovsky **Dated:**2021-12-13

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

### 24 DIR-2021-7983-CDP-MEL-ENV-2021-7984-CE 846 Milwood

**Description:** Case: DIR-2021-7983-CDP-MEL-ENV-2021-7984-CE City Hearing: Address: 846 Milwood LUPC Staff: Corinne Baginski Applicant: Nicole Kyleen Neuburger Representative: Tony Russo tony@crestrealestate.com City Staff Bindu Kannan Bindu.Kannan@lacity.org Mike Bonin mike.bonin@lacity.org ; Jason.douglas@lacity.org Case Description: • A major remodel and addition to an existing single family dwelling and the construction of a new attached ADU  
<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25750>  
<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25751>  
<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25774> Public Comment & possible action/motion Chris Plourde motion/Corinne Baginski seconds 8-0-0

**Stakeholder:**Alix Gucovsky **Dated:**2021-12-06

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

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

**Description:** 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>

**Stakeholder:**james murez **Dated:**2021-11-10

**MOTION:**

## 26 Repairing of lights on the Venice Fishing Pier

**Description:**

**Stakeholder:**Nicholas Antonicello **Dated:**2021-11-09

**MOTION:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council contact Los Angeles County Harbor as well as the City of Los Angeles and have the five (5) light posts that are currently inoperative and need either replacement bulbs or an

entire new light post to maximize evening sight and operation and that a letter be sent to the CD-11 Council District Office.

## 26.! Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

### 27 Adjournment specify if desired, hard end time here

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