

Exhibit A

To Whom It May Concern:

On November 6, 2013 I sent to the VNC President, VNC Vice-President, VNC Board, Tricia Keane, among others a report regarding a number of Land Use and Planning Committee procedural failures and rule violations under the Subject line "Potential Grievances against VNC Land Use & Planning Committee."

Since that time, quite a number of new experiences and communications and/or lack thereof have generated deeper concern about LUPC's performance on behalf of the community. Because I have to make a living (as do most VNC Board and LUPC members), I lack the time today to list the train of events that lead to a continuing, and frankly, growing concern about LUPC's conduct.

Additional and continuing potential grievances include but are not limited to: inadequate time allotted for public comment, last minute notices to the public regarding Agenda changes and/or changes of meeting location, a LUPC member's breach of the Ethics Code, etc.

For the moment, suffice it to say that these experiences and communications lead me to believe that the VNC Board should review this committee's record with attention to whether it has been fulfilling its obligations to provide the community with a just review process.

Exhibit B.

To Empower LA and the Venice Neighborhood Council:

On Monday February 10th 2014 two representatives, Jamie Garcia and Hamid Khan, from the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition attended the Administrative Committee meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

We attended this particular meeting to advocate for a resolution to be heard at the upcoming Venice Neighborhood Council Meeting. During the meeting a volunteer parliamentarian identified as "Ivan Spiegel" was extremely disruptive, unprofessional, and ill-behaved. As a community organization- recently visiting many Neighborhood Councils- we are aware that Parliamentarians are required to remind council members of the orderly and democratic way of proceeding with meetings. It is in our opinion, however, that Mr. Spiegel went beyond his role and duty exercising unauthorized power and authority throughout the entire VNC Administrative Board meeting. The following is a list of behaviors that Mr. Khan and myself recount as examples of Mr. Spiegel's unnecessary and disgraceful behavior during that night:

Mr. Spiegel's often cut individuals off while they were talking. For example, Mr. Khan attempted to ask a question regarding our resolution during public comment at the beginning of the Administration Meeting and was disrupted by Mr. Spiegel. Mr. Khan's comment was under 1 minute and the presiding chair was not even given the time to address Mr. Khan's public comment before Mr. Spiegel also interrupted her attempt to address the issue.

Mr. Spiegel used sexist language toward the Chair of the meeting- referring to her as "sweetheart". Though Mr. Spiegel attempted to claim the comment was not toward the chair and redirected the comment toward another male in the room, as a woman sitting in the audience I found his behavior to be out of line and offensive. The Chair reminded Mr. Spiegel that sexist behavior would not be tolerated.

Mr. Spiegel is inappropriately argumentative and disruptive. He was continually directed by the chair to stop arguing with committee members and at one point one committee member directly confronted him stating his behavior to be intolerable.

Mr. Spiegel is biased when using his parliamentary authority. Mr. Spiegel began to instruct the Chair to stop Mr. Khan from advocating for the proposed resolution since Mr. Spiegel claimed that Mr. Khan was discussing the "merits" of the resolution. This claim is questionable because prior to this resolution being discussed by the committee several other

agenda items were discussed thoroughly

including research done and discussion recounted by other individuals and groups advocating for their specific agenda items. Why was our resolution and our discussion being silenced?

At this point in the meeting- Mr. Khan and myself could not allow his behavior to be continued without mention. Mr. Khan inquired who Mr. Spiegel was and under what authority or title did he sit at the table. Mr. Khan publicly described Mr. Spiegel's behavior as disgraceful and racist. Seeing that Mr. Khan and myself were the only people of color in the room it became extremely questionable as to why Mr. Spiegel was attempting to silence our advocacy. Prior to our short description of the resolution, three other groups gave testimony about their items. Mr. Spiegel gave an excuse for being disruptive claiming his attempt to redirect the chair and remind her to stop any testimony about the merits of the resolution. This attempt to stop the discussion of merits, however, did not derail any other discussion that occurred by other advocates who were advocating for other items agendized for the next VNC meeting.

Mr. Spiegel fails as a parliamentarian who is required to remind and redirect the actions of the council. He is not elected and therefore should not be attempting to exercise power. It is my understanding that other complaints have been filed regarding Mr. Spiegel. I hope this complaint does not fall upon deaf ears.

Recommendation:

1. Require Mr. Spiegel to attend professionalism courses over the next several month highlighting sexual harassment, cultural sensitivity, conflict resolution and mediation, and ethics training.

2. Forbid Mr. Spiegel from any further volunteering as a parliamentarian or board member at any other Neighborhood Councils until the above classes have been completed.

3. Require Mr. Spiegel to address all complaints leveled against him and resolve each conflict in a respectable and understanding manner.

Thank you in advance for your response,

Jamie Garcia
Stop LAPD Spying Coalition

Exhibit C.

Part 1.

To VNC Board Members,

Please find attached two (2) letters of complaint: 1) LUPC and 2) 320 Sunset Ave; in addition to the following:

Jim Murez posted his first Staff Report re: 320 Sunset Ave on November 17, 2014 **in which he made no mention of the proposed off-site beer & wine sales** included in the Master Land Use Permit application (see attached).

The **Master Land Use Permit application** was notarized on Oct 17, 2013 and posted on Cityhood.org on November 13, 2014, so Mr. Murez should have been fully aware of the content of the application.

Neither did Mr. Murez mention the off-site beer & wine sales in his second Staff Report posted on March 1, 2014.

Nor did Mr. Murez or applicant, Fran Camaj, mention it at two (2) community outreach meetings on January 24 & 25, 2014.

Nor did Mr. Murez or any of the LUPC members mention it at the LUPC review meeting on March 5, 2014.

It was not until a member of the public brought up the issue of off-site beer & wine sales, during public comment at the **March 5, 2014 LUPC meeting**, that it was finally acknowledged by LUPC members that it was being proposed by applicant, Fran Camaj.

At the above meeting, Jim Murez denied all knowledge of the off-site beer & wine sales request in the application, stating that it must have been added later. Which, he was told by other LUPC members, was not the case.

Either this is gross incompetence or deliberate obfuscation.

Whichever it is, LUPC members are responsible for accurately representing development projects to the VNC and Venice community. And, I am not the only person who observed this and other discrepancies in LUPC process at that meeting.

I hope you will make time to read the attached letters, print and place in your files for LUPC and 320 Sunset Avenue.

Your feedback is welcome.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Peck

Part 2.

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RE: ZA-2013-3376-CDP-CUB-SPP, DIR-2013-1314-VSO, ZA-2013-1317-CEX,

ENV-2013-3377-EAF

On March 5, 2014, VNC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) reviewed, discussed and approved the 320 Sunset Ave., Venice project (ZA-2013-3376-CDP-CUB-SPP, DIR-2013-1314-VSO, ZA-2013-1317-CEX, ENV-2013-3377-EAF) which requests on-site full alcohol sales + take out beer & wine sales.

I am filing a complaint, as follows, regarding the above meeting. Please print and file in your records and wherever else appropriate, for Venice Neighborhood Council and LUPC:

1) During the applicant's presentation and LUPC committee preliminary discussion, the "off-site beer & wine sales" was not mentioned:

(a) Nor was it mentioned in the community outreach presentations on Jan 24 & 25, 2014;

(b) Neither was it mentioned in the Staff Report by Jim Murez, posted on March 1, 2014;

(c) However, it does appear in the City Planning notice.

2) LUPC committee member Jim Murez, who made the staff report on this project, stated that off-site beer & wine sales was NOT in the original application and must have been added later - he claimed to know NOTHING about it - even though he made two (2) Staff Reports on this project.

3) LUPC Chair Jake Kaufman cautioned the applicant, Fran Camaj (owner of Gjelina <http://losangeles.grubstreet.com/2013/01/gjelina-owner-fran-camaj-new-restaurant.html> on Abbot Kinney Blvd.), that at least four (4) VNC board members would vote "NO" for the project as Venice community categorically does not want any more takeout alcohol in Venice. (Is this why the off-site beer & wine sales portion of the presentation was omitted?)

- Mr. Camaj's response was that he will take the challenge. Which means he will try to get it passed.

4) LUPC Chair Jake Kaufman created a "draft motion" which was made and voted on, but NOT shared with the public attending the meeting.

- the LUPC committee voted to RECOMMEND the (incomplete) draft motion, which is still not available to the public.

Please respond to this complaint with reference to the legality of the above actions.

March 6, 2014