

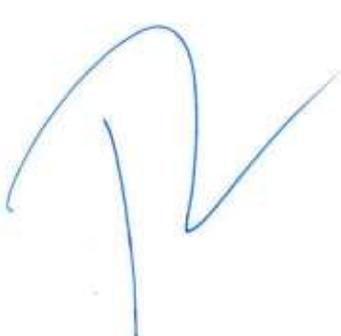
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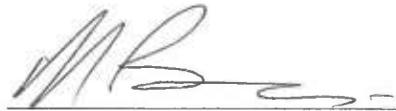
Kiss the Ground, located in Venice, is a non-profit organization with a mission to inspire global participation in the restoration of our precious soils. The organization aims to: (1) educate individuals about the rebuilding of soil and its impact on human health and reversing climate change; and (2) demonstrate the ability that local gardens and citywide composting initiatives can have on improving health and sequestering carbon.

Kiss the Ground has been awarded a grant from the Venice Neighborhood Council to create demonstration gardens throughout the City. As part of the project, Kiss the Ground planned to use the open space in front of the Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center located at 681 Venice Boulevard (Property). Beyond Baroque has a long-term lease for the Property which is owned by the City. This occupation of space would require Kiss the Ground to have a license agreement with the City. Although the grant originally expired on October 21, 2014, the grant has been extended by the Venice Neighborhood Council for two months through December 21, 2014 to give the organization time to obtain the necessary approvals to occupy space on the Property.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services be authorized to negotiate and execute a no-cost license agreement with Kiss the Ground, subject to approval of the City Attorney, for the purpose of occupying the open space with a demonstration garden in front of the Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center at 681 Venice Boulevard.



PRESENTED BY:



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