



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Regular Meeting Minutes**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

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### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM – 1 minute)**

**PRESENT:** George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Brads Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meeops, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau, (15)

**NOT PRESENT:** Ira Koslow, Evan White, Sunny Bak, Ilana Marosi, Colleen Saro, (5)

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



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**3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute) Ira Koslow**

Arrives

<http://www.venicenc.org/docs/34484264-7058.pdf>

MK, MM (15, 0, 0)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Brads Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED

ABSTAIN:

**4. Approval of the Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**

9H pulled, read letter in lieu of voting on 9H

11C requested to be pulled by the applicant

HS, JM (15, 0, 0)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Brads Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Hollie Stenson, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN:

**5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 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 Westminster 11D

**6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05 PM -- 55 minutes)**

**6A Live Stream of Meetings (7:05PM -- 3 minutes)**

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**6B Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:08PM -- 10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing**



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(25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), acting SLO Joe Roberts - 41448@lapd.online SLO Adrian Acosta - 39174@lapd.online SLO Javier Ramirez - 39174@lapd.online, Beach Patrol - LT Michael Soliman - 32906@lapd.online Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**6C Government Reports (7:18PM -- 15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Taylor Bazley, 310-568-8772 ([taylor.bazley@lacity.org](mailto:taylor.bazley@lacity.org))
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner, 310-496-9896 ([janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov))
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Olin Wibroe ([Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Olin.wibroe@sen.ca.gov))
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, **West Los Angeles Field Representative, Brandon Stansell, (310) 412-6400, ([brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.stansell@asm.ca.gov))**
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Westside Field Deputy FYI, Stephanie Cohen (310)231-1170 ([scohen@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:scohen@bos.lacounty.gov))
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org))

**6D VNC Announcements and Reports (7:33PM -- 10 minutes)**

- President -Ira Koslow ([President@VeniceNC.org](mailto:President@VeniceNC.org))  
We have no qualified candidates for the vacant Community Interest Officer seat. Nominations will now be reopened. **Closed at Adcom 2nd Monday of November 13**  
Colleen Saro has resigned from Adcom. The new seat will be filled under New Business. 2 Nominations have been received.  
Matt Kline has resigned from the Board. Nominations for Outreach Chair are now open and the seat will be filled at our November meeting.
- Vice President - George Francisco ([VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org))
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- ,Ira Koslow, VNC Representative ([Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org)),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel ([Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org))
- VNC Representative to DWP: Yolanda Gonzales
- Budget Advocates - Hugh Harrison, Treasurer
- Outreach - Holly Stenton for the Outreach Committee
  - A. There will not be a Family Holiday Festival this winter.
  - B. There will be a charity softball game on Sat., 10/21 at noon featuring the Venice Chamber of Commerce vs. the VNC.
  - C. We are launching a competition to create the new VNC logo in the next few weeks, so please keep an eye out on our website and social media for details.



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- 6E Presentation from the Venice Heritage Museum. (7:43PM -- 5 minutes)**  
Grant Francis, [granttfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:granttfrancis@gmail.com), 310.216.9365

**NOT PRESENT**

- 6F Presentation on Venice Auxiliary Pumping Station in the Marina (7:48PM -- 10 minutes)**

<http://eng.lacity.org/divisions/wastewater-conveyance-construction/venice-dual-force-main-sewer>

Additional attachments in exhibits folder

- 6G Venice Forward Report (7:58PM --2 minutes)** (Will Hawkins)

- 7. Treasurer's Report (8:00PM -- 5 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee) ([Treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Treasurer@VeniceNC.org))

See attached addendums at <http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

*[Discussion and possible action]*

- 7A Appointment of New Second Signer**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council appoints George Francisco as the new second signer for budget documents.

*Recommended by Budget & Finance Committee 10-3-2017 5-0-0*

HH, JM (15, 0,1)

**FAVOR:** Ira Koslow, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Holly Stenson , Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw , Robert Thibodeau,

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** George Francisco,

- 8. Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:05PM - 10 minutes)**

*[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

- 9. General Consent Calendar (8:15PM -- 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.]*

- 9A Support for LA Clean Streets Challenge/Street Clean-Up Partnership** (George Francisco, [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org), )

**MOTION:** The VNC agrees to support the Eagle Rock Yacht Club (ERYC) participation in



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the LA Clean Streets Challenge by signing as a partner organization for their proposed mural creation and clean-up at the Oakwood Recreation Center

[Link to addendum](#)

[Download 1506549897.pdf](#)

- 9B Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org) 310 399-1490)  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send a letter to LADWP, Marvin Moon and CD11 proposing locations within Venice where public electric vehicle charging stations could be installed.  
*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee on 10-04-2017 4-0-0*  
*See exhibits for recommended sites*  
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8lM2U0uPEPPQ2tuZlotMHJ0Q0E>
- 9C Free Parking for Charging Electric Vehicles** (James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org) 310 399-1490)  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board requests that LADOT provide free off-street parking to electric vehicles during their charging cycle.  
*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee on 10-04-2017 4-0-0*
- 9D Funding for Homeless Encampment Vaccinations** (Sunny Bak, [sunny.bak@venicenc.org](mailto:sunny.bak@venicenc.org) 646 226-5997)  
**MOTION:** Whereas the City's homeless population is drawing near to be a city state of emergency and  
Whereas multiple cases of Hepatitis A have been reported among the homeless population creating a public health crisis  
Therefore be it resolved that the VNC requests that the Los Angeles County Health Department provide funding for local health providers to perform outreach service for medical care and vaccinations on a weekly basis near existing homeless encampments until the crisis has been served.
- 9E Emergency and First Responder Community Training** (Melissa Diner [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org), )  
**MOTION:** The VNC recommends an emergency and first responder training in order to prepare our community for any major disaster. This could serve as a Town Hall or VNC sponsored event or series of events.
- 9F Holiday Sign Lighting event** (Holly Stenton on behalf of the Outreach Committee)  
**MOTION:** The VNC board agrees to co-sponsor the Holiday Sign Lighting event this year on December 2nd, 2017.  
*Recommended by Outreach Committee on 10/12/17 4-0-0*
- 9G AB-411 Service-Dog Fraud** (Sheila Simmons [shesimm@gmail.com](mailto:shesimm@gmail.com),)  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports a bill to amend and enforce an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provision by implementing a certification process, creating a national service-animal database and prosecuting criminals who defraud the



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system. The VNC shall send a letter to the Los Angeles City Council, ccing Assembly member Richard Bloom at [assemblymember.Bloom@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.Bloom@assembly.ca.gov), Assemblymember Autumn Burke at [assemblymember.burke@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.burke@assembly.ca.gov) and Senator Ben Allen at [senator.Allen@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.Allen@senate.ca.gov) stipulating the ban on service-dog fraud.

*Please find full motion in exhibits/attachments online*

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8IM2U0uPEPPWHhIbmhyU2ZTSIF1bmFHTUFETnFjbFVYRUJN>

**9H Senator Kevin De León ANTI Neighborhood Council Comments** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC, [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org) 310 821-9556) **(15 minutes)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send the following letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti & the entire Los Angeles City Council, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 cc: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

cc:Senate President pro Tempore Kevin De León

Re: Adhere to Section 9 of the Los Angeles City Charter and respect the voices of the NC system.

The Venice Neighborhood Council which represents over 35,000 Venice stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood calls on each and every member of the City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to immediately affirm in words and in writing their belief in the City's Neighborhood Council system, to the right of the people to weigh in on local issues and to their commitment to respecting those voices and acting in support of the people's choices.

Furthermore, we request that the foregoing expressly repudiate Senate President pro Tempore Kevin De León's recent on-air remarks that LA City Council members told him that "we have been strangled, we have been handcuffed by the NIMBYism and the threats from Neighborhood Councils within our own communities".

The flagship Neighborhood Council system created by a vote of its citizens in the City Charter of Los Angeles has been its pride and joy, a showcase for participatory democracy that has been promoted to cities around the world. It does not deserve to be crushed because the people oppose how the City wants to implement a much-needed program. This is a call to the City and State to move forward prioritizing the people's wishes, not expediency for bureaucrats.

The Venice Neighborhood Council stands with the 96 other Neighborhood Councils across the City in calling for the exposure of all communication that led to the Senator's statement, as well as our City Council's reaffirmation of the Neighborhood Council system and the commitment of the City to a support citizen self-governance.

**9H pulled, 9A-G**

**NO OBJECTION ALL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10 Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (8:20PM -- 5 minutes)**

*[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any Board member or Stakeholder.]*



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*Removed items will go to the end of agenda item 11 and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment]*

## 10A 705 Broadway, LLC

Case: DIR 2017-1973-CDP-MEL

Address: 705 Broadway St

Applicant: 705 Broadway, LLC

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Gaines & Stacey LLP

Description: 2 New Single Family Residences

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 8-0-0*

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## 10B 1147 Harrison Ave

Case: DIR-2017-407-CDP-MEL

Address: 1147 Harrison Ave

Applicant: Kim Caldwell

LUPC Staff: Tim Bonefeld

Representative: Andrea Schoening

Description: New Single Family Residence

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0*

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## 10C 2329 Beach Ave

Case: DIR-2017-3249-VSO

Address: 2329 Beach Ave

Applicant: Alan Saunders

LUPC Staff: Merhnoosh Mojallali

Representative: Rafael Martinez

Description: New Single Family Residence

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-0-0*

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## 10D 640 Milwood Ave

Case: DIR-2017-2944-CDP-MEL

Address: 640 Milwood Ave

Applicant: Ben Crawford

LUPC Staff: Joe Clark

Representative: Ben Crawford

Description: New Single Family Home

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 6-0-0*

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All approved, no objection pass unanimously

- 11. **LUPC (8:25PM – 110 minutes)** (Matthew Royce on behalf of LUPC, [Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org))  
(see project files for more detailed info at <http://www.venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>)

**11A 1305 Abbot Kinney Blvd (the MTN) (8:25PM -- 30 minutes)**

Case: ZA-2017-2927-CUB  
 Address: 1305 Abbot Kinney Blvd (the MTN)  
 Applicant: Fran Camaj  
 LUPC Staff: Michael Jensen  
 Representative: City Land Use  
 Description: Application to serve full line alcohol at existing restaurant and bar  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.  
*Recommended by LUPC 5-1-0*  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B\\_uy1rkbwtDzSjhoeUFhNIFVTjA](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_uy1rkbwtDzSjhoeUFhNIFVTjA)

MR, GF 13, 2, 1

FAVOR: George Francisco, Melissa Diner, Matthew Royce, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Robert Thibodeau,

OPPOSED: Hugh Harrison, Matt Kline,

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

**11B 2329 & 2331 Abbot Kinney Blvd (8:55PM -- 20 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-2660-CDP-SPP-MEL  
 Address: 2329 & 2331 Abbot Kinney Blvd  
 Applicant: PG108, LLC  
 LUPC Staff: Joe Clark  
 Representative: Electric Bowery  
 Description: 2 New Single Family Residences  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval with the condition that each building have 1 roof access structure setback from the street and railings of the roof deck to be held back 5 feet  
*Recommended by LUPC 4-2-0*  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B\\_uy1rkbwtDzVIZzMFhDY0JoT0E](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_uy1rkbwtDzVIZzMFhDY0JoT0E)

CL, RT, MR recused

MS, GF MOTION AS AMENDED (11, 0, 1)

JM, MM strike through AMENDMENT (10, 0, 2)

**11C — 3011 Ocean Front Walk (9:15PM 30 minutes)**

Case: ~~DIR-2016-4749 CDP-MEL~~

Address: 3011 Ocean Front Walk

Applicant: Mike Targon

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: Ron Howell and Rudy Alegre

Description: New Single Family Home

**MOTION:** The VNC Board declines to make a recommendation on this project.

**NOTE:** ~~LUPC declined make a recommendation on this project by a vote of 6-0-0.~~

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Pulled by applicant

**11D 685 Westminster Ave (9:45PM 30 minutes)**

Case: DIR-2017-1895-CDP-MEL, DIR-2017-2506-VSO

Applicant: Jay Penske

LUPC Staff: Matthew Royce

Representative: DU Architects

Description: Remodel and Change of Use from a Church to a Single Family

**MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends approval of the project as presented.

*Recommended by LUPC 7-2-0*

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RT, Recused

MR, BA (14, 0, 1)

FAVOR: George Francisco, Hugh Harrison, Melissa Diner, Matt Kline, Matthew Royce, Brad Aarons, William Hawkins, Cayley Lambur, Stephen Livigni, Michelle Meepos, James Murez, John Reed, Matt Shaw, Hollie Stenson

OPPOSED:

ABSTAIN: Ira Koslow

**12. Old Business (10:15PM - 0 minutes) See attached addendums at**

<http://www.venicenc.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**13. New Business (10:15PM – 65 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action] See attached addendums at*

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**13A Selection of new member of the Administrative Committee (10:15PM -- 5 minutes)**

(John Reed [john.reed@venicenc.org](mailto:john.reed@venicenc.org))



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**MOTION:** The VNC Board's Community Officers shall select a Community Officer to fill the vacant seat on the Administrative Committee.

**Only community officers vote, Matt Shaw won**

**13B For Discussion Only: Designation of Walk Street Alleys as Primary Streets (10:20PM -- 20 minutes)**

(James Murez on behalf of the Parking and Transportation Committee)([james.murez@venicenc.org](mailto:james.murez@venicenc.org) 310 399-1490)

**MOTION:** Whereas streets defined as "walk streets" only have pedestrian sidewalk transportation and

Whereas the City does not maintain sidewalks and

Whereas property owners on walk streets are taxed for street maintenance and

Whereas the primary access to walk street properties is from the alley

Therefore be it resolved that the VNC Board send a letter to CD11 and the director of LADOT requesting that all Walk Streets as defined in LUP have their alley designations changed from alley to primary street for purposes of routine street maintenance.

*Recommended by Parking & Transportation Committee on 9-5-2017 4-0-0*

*NOTE: This motion is for discussion only and will include public comments. The vote on the motion will be taken at the November VNC Board meeting.*

**IK, MK (4, 11, 0) FAILED**

**Send back to P & T meeting to promote to people on the walk street**

**MOTION TO COME BACK NEXT MONTH**

**Requested by President to clarify**

**13D Street Tree Protection (George Francisco on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee [vp@venicenc.org](mailto:vp@venicenc.org), ) (10:40PM -- 20 minutes)**

**MOTION:** Whereas the City of Los Angeles has reached a settlement in the case of Willits v. City of Los Angeles under which more than \$1 billion in investment is being made in city sidewalk repairs and other pedestrian improvements to ensure better access for persons with mobility disabilities; and

Whereas the settlement poses a number of implications for Los Angeles' natural ecosystem, primarily for the City's street trees, which are an important component of the City's urban forest and a great asset to its residents, but which are sadly dwindling due to a number of factors; it is imperative that the City of Los Angeles implement measures to preserve, sustain, and grow its urban forest.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City Council adopt the following suggestions of the Community Forestry Advisory Committee letter of September 7, 2017 to Shilpa Gupta, Environmental Supervisor for the Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group in regards to their Initial Study for the Environmental Impact Report for the Sidewalk Repair Program

- (1) Increase Funding for the Urban Forestry Division (UFD)
- (2) Create a Tree Inventory Database for the City of Los Angeles
- (3) No Healthy Trees Should Be Removed Until Completion of the EIR, Nor Without



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- Appropriate Mitigation Measures.
- (4) Increase tree replacement ratio to 4:1.
  - (5) Implementation of Best Management Practices.
  - (6) Improving and Increasing Transparency.
  - (7) Devise and Implement an Outreach and Educational Program.
  - (8) Address Effects on Wildlife and their Habitat.
  - (9) Perform Periodic Assessment of the Environmental Impacts of the Program following completion of EIR.
  - (10) Implement a Mechanism to Monitor and Ensure Survival of the Program's Replacement Trees.

*Recommended by the Neighborhood Committee: 10-0-1 on September 27, 2017*

**Addendum:**

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*For complete language and suggestions, please see Attachments*

GF, BA (15, 0,1)

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**OPPOSED:**

**ABSTAIN:** Ira Koslow

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Change item (4) it needs to be a sum of zero based on CO2 emissions. (see attachment)

JM, GF (15, 0,1)

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**13E Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles** (Leah Garland of Food and Water Watch) (11:00PM -- 20 minutes)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 17-0447 calling on the Los Angeles City Council to establish a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers,



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hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc. A separate letter shall be sent to Councilman Mike Bonin in support of this position.

*Recommended by LUPC 3-0-4*

*See attached addendum/exhibit for complete motion*

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GF, RT (15, 0,1)

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14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:20PM - 5 minutes)**

15. **Adjourn (approx. 11:25PM)**

**Meeting adourn 9:44PM**

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