



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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Homeless Committee

## Agenda

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020**  
**Meeting Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Meeting Location: Zoom meeting – link will be sent**  
**Contact: Frank.Murphy@venicenc.org**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.  
When: Aug 4, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: VNC Homeless Committee Webinar, Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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### 1. 7:00 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)			
Charles Rails (Co-Chair)			
Brian Ulf			
Mike Rapkin			
CJ Cole			
Liz Wright			
Vicki Halliday		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. 7:00 pm - Approve Agenda as presented or amended
3. 7:05 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended
4. 7:05 pm - ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. 7:10 pm - PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only
6. 7:25 pm – Charles Rails – comments concerning Venice Bridge Housing
7. 7:35 pm – Nisa Kove from Mike Bonin’s office comment on Venice Bridge Housing
8. 7:45 pm - Items for Discussion and Possible Action – Motion



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- a. READ Text of Motion 1
- b. MAKE MOTION
- c. SECOND MOTION
- d. PUBLIC COMMENT
- e. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
- f. VOTE

## MOTION 1:

Sponsored by Eva Greene

Americans with Disabilities just celebrated their 30 th anniversary, a landmark victory for their civil rights through the American with Disabilities Act passed in1990.

Because many homeless encampments overtake entire sidewalks throughout the city, the tent encampments are making it impossible for the disabled to have equal access to public sidewalks.

In the county of Los Angeles, as of 2015, there are 967,562 disabled people (240,00 of which are under 65 in LA city) and an estimated 701,225 elderly, 60 years of age +. The minimum width for an ADA-compliant sidewalk is 36 inches (3 feet), though sidewalks can be constructed wider than this.

Thirty years after a hard earned ADA victory, the city of Los Angeles is disregarding the Americans with Disabilities Act by allowing tent encampments to proliferate and block entire sidewalks throughout the city and thereby forcing the wheelchair bound disabled into the streets, who must risk life an limb on a daily basis because of the lack of enforcement of the ADA sidewalk laws that apply throughout the entire country.

The city, by not enforcing the ADA sidewalk laws, is sacrificing the wheelchair bound, and thereby reversing the very rights the disabled fought for to have equal access to sidewalks nationwide.

The city is risking possible high demand lawsuits against it for its consistent disregard for ADA laws.

I therefore move that the city begin immediate enforcement and asking the sanitation department with police oversight to remove all tent encampments that violate the three-foot (3') clearance of all sidewalks in the city of Los Angeles to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



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Following approval of this motion it shall be sent to:

- Mayor Garcetti – [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org)
- Kevin Taylor, Mayor’s Westside Representative – [Kevin.taylor@lacity.org](mailto:Kevin.taylor@lacity.org)
- Mike Bonin – [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org)  
[mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)
- Nisa Kove – [Nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:Nisa.kove@lacity.org)
- LAPD Chief Michel Moore - [michel.moore@lapd.online](mailto:michel.moore@lapd.online)
- Captain Steven Embrich - [30993@lapd.online](mailto:30993@lapd.online)
- Adel Hagekhalil, Gen Mgr. Bureau of Street Services -  
[adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org)

- a. READ Text of Motion 2
- b. MAKE MOTION
- c. SECOND MOTION
- d. PUBLIC COMMENT
- e. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
- f. VOTE

## MOTION 2:

Rename The Homeless Committee (Lisa Redmond, [lisedmond@gmail.com](mailto:lisedmond@gmail.com))

Whereas, the word “homeless” comes with an armful of derogatory connotations, negative stereotypes, assumptions, and accusations, and Whereas, homelessness is a complicated subject and labeling someone as “homeless” can hurt more than it helps the situation, and Whereas, the use of the term “Unhoused” instead has a profound personal impact upon those in insecure housing situations, and implies that there is a moral and social assumption that everyone should be housed in the first place, and Whereas, as a society we no longer label someone as “crippled” or “blind,” but instead use terms such as “person with a disability” and “person who is visually impaired,” so it applies that Unhoused individuals are not homeless but “people experiencing homelessness,” and Whereas, by describing someone as “experiencing homelessness” rather than simply “homeless,” you are describing something a person is going through rather than defining them by it, and Whereas, the Unhoused are a protected class of people, and Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council would never have a supported committee for other protected classes such as Black Committee” or “Mexican Committee,” and Whereas, the words we use to describe people powerfully affect our attitudes and assumptions about them, and Whereas, the social issue is homelessness and not the individual at fault, now, Therefore, be it



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resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council immediately changes the name of its “Homeless Committee” to the “Homelessness Committee.”

9. 8:20 pm – Old Business
10. 8:20 pm – New Business
11. 8:20 pm – COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Homeless Committee but not on the Agenda
12. 8:30 pm - ADJOURN

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