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**Land Use and  
Planning  
Committee  
Report to VNC  
Board of Officers  
-January 27th, 2009-**

**FOOD TRUCKS IN VENICE**

**Address of Project:** Venice

**SYNOPSIS OF PROJECT ISSUES FOR VNC BOARD of OFFICERS:** The food truck industry is currently affecting the Venice area. The LUPC board should examine ways to address the following issues:

- Traffic
- Noise
- Parking
- Trash Cleanup
- High Concentration (22 Trucks at the December First Friday)
- Safety
- Bathroom letters
- Food Truck Lots
- Late night operation

The recently created SoCal Mobile Food Vendors Association wants to work with local communities to alleviate some of the problems associated with the food truck industry

**Size of Parcel:** N/A

**Size of Project:** N/A

**Venice Subarea:** N/A

**Zone:** Trucks primarily operate in a C4 zone

**Permit Application Date:**  
**Date of Planning Report:** -  
**Date of End of Appeal Period:**  
**Planning Report Prepared by:** Matthew Geller

**Applicant:** SoCal Mobile Food Vendors Report  
**Representative:** Matt Geller  
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**Date(s) heard by LUPC:** January 27th

**Zoning Administration Date:**

**WLA Area Planning  
Commission Dates:**

**LUPC MOTION:**

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Discussion Topics:**

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The SoCal Mobile Food Vendors Association (SoCal MFVA) would like to work with the Venice community to find an equitable solution to some of the issues pertaining to Mobile Food Vending. Currently, there are very few city regulations governing the operation of food trucks. This has led to some frustration in the Venice Community. The December First Friday had 22 trucks attend the festivities, and this led to decreased parking, trash in the streets and frustrated merchants with large trucks blocking their store fronts.

The SoCal MFVA would like to get input from the Venice community regarding food truck operations.

### **Specifically:**

- How many trucks should be allowed to attend First Friday?
- What should be the trash protocol for trucks in Venice?
- What would be the ideal hours of operation?
- Which part of Abbot Kinney would be ideal for their operation?

- Would the Venice Community be opposed to trucks operating in lots?

The SoCal MFVA hopes to operate as an industry regulating body to enforce “best practices” guidelines amongst their members.

**Summary of Public Comment:**

**Summary of Findings by LUPC:**

**Authors of Report: Matthew Geller**

**Date: 1/25/2010**

**Approximate Hours Spent on this Project by LUPC Staff: 1.5**