



Education Committee Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2011;

Time: 2:00 to 5 pm (arrive on time)

Subject: Prop. 39 & Charter Schools;

Co-Location/Set-Aside Impact locally

**Location: Extra Space Storage,
Presidents Row Conference Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291**



Lite Refreshments/Drinks will also be provided. The March 12th meeting will focus on the impact of Prop. 39 & pending co-location / charter school set-asides on the Venice community. The Ed Com meeting will start with a general introduction & meet/greet followed by an open and collaborative discussion on Prop. 39's local impact.

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VNC EdCom Committee Mission Statement:

VNC Education Committee has general responsibility for addressing issues, concerns, programs and services related to education of children, youth, and adults and developing specific strategies and policies for influencing and achieving constructive outcomes within schools, classrooms, and other education/learning centers that serve the Venice Community.

The VNC Education & Outreach Committee focuses attention and resources on several areas:

- Venice/Mar Vista & Marina Del Rey Education System Improvement, K-12 and college (particularly transition services, support services, and Special Education);
- Child Development Services, emphasizing early intervention and inclusion;
- Adult Training, Skills Development & advancing Latino youth self-advocacy skills (Sponsored Programs);
- Minority Parent / Venice Community Outreach and Marketing – furthering goals & interests of local public schools.

Sat., March. 12th, 2011 - AGENDA

2:00 pm - #1. Call to Order & Roll-Call/Sign In.

2:05 pm - #2. Welcome from Committee Chair / Personal Introductions of Attendees.

2:15 pm - 4:30 pm

#3. COMMUNITY FORUM DISCUSSION RE

PROP 39'S LOCAL IMPACT: The March 12th meeting's primary focus will be to solicit community feedback & perspectives on area colocation & set-aside developments, particularly for parents of school children enrolled at Westminster Elementary and Walgrove Elementary. We will discuss the range of complex factors involved in this Prop. 39 derived change in our local schools (i.e., LAUSD's funding crisis, declining enrollment headcount & class underutilization #s, etc.).

#4. Discussion as time permits re: (A). Steve Zimmer will present to the VNC on March 15th 2011 (location: Westminster Elementary School Auditorium near Abbot Kinney; 7 pm); (B). Michelle Rhee / Ex-Mayor Riordan / UTLA } Fall Town Hall on Charter Schools; (C). Mark Twain "World Language Magnet" & Broadway/City Terrace dual language immersion programs (Mandarin/Spanish); (D) Nutritional programs / DOLE partnership; (E). LAUSD's new corporatization 'budget subsidy' initiatives.

4:30 pm - #5. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the above Agenda (15 min, no more than 1 to 2 minutes per person)

4:55 pm - #6. Adjourn. Set Next Meeting Date.

2011 – VNC ED COM GOALS:

- Solicit opinions and feedback from Venice families and others who are stakeholders in the Venice family of local public schools (Venice, Mar Vista and Marina Del Rey).
- Initiate & oversee school grant projects and sponsored programs to carry out Board priorities.
- Fall 2011 Public School Town Hall (Topics: LAUSD Budget Issues; Prop. 39 & LA County Westside Charter School Developments)



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