

## Venice Neighborhood Council

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Councilman Bill Rosendahl 200 N. Spring Street Rm 415 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Bill,

I wanted to take a moment to express my strong interest in the Venice Neighborhood Council's ("VNC") utilizing potentially available office space at Beyond Baroque. I had the chance to meet with Fred Dewey last week, and our tour of the facility made it clear that Beyond Baroque is ideal for the VNC's needs.

As you know, the VNC is extremely active, and is working hard to be as responsive to the community as possible. However, our budget does not afford us funds for office space. This makes it impossible for the VNC to have a physical base of operations from which to meet with stakeholders, keep files and computers, and hold set stakeholder "office hours." Being able to have such a resource would greatly increase our ability to serve the Venice community.

Moreover, Beyond Baroque has conference rooms which the VNC could also utilize for committee meetings. Currently, the VNC is spending a large part of its disposable budget, over \$1,500, to rent space for specific committee meetings. That money could obviously be better used in our community.

Finally, as you know, Beyond Baroque is the old Venice City Hall. What better place to house the VNC? As always, thank you for your attention, and efforts on our community's behalf.

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse, President

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