



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
City Hall, Room 415
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Bill,

As the City Council is scheduled to deliberate on the issue of financial disclosure by Neighborhood Councils and conflict of interest training on January 6, 2009, I am writing on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council to let you know that our deliberations on these issues resulted in the following resolutions:

- 1) The Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council does not support a requirement that Neighborhood Council board members sign an annual financial disclosure statement at this time.
- 2) The VNC Board supports The Board of Neighborhood Commissioner's recommendation to implement a system-wide, mandatory conflict of interest/ethics training course for all Neighborhood Council members.

Thank you for conscientiously weighing the important issues affecting the need for transparency, versus the cost of doing business, as it relates to the burgeoning Neighborhood Council system that is so important to our great city.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike R. Newhouse".

Mike Newhouse
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (email)