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Re: Venice Stakeholders Affirmation of Residents' Right to Establish Overnight Parking
Districts (OPDs) Pursuant to LAMC Code 80.54 and CA Vehicle Code Section
22507.5

Dear Sirs and Madams,

On February 21, 2009, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) held an election on two competing initiatives brought by stakeholders pursuant to Article V (A) of the VNC's By-Laws. These Initiatives were labeled "A" and "B", and concerned whether the VNC should rescind or reaffirm its previous support for overnight parking districts (OPDs) in Venice. The language of the initiatives read as follows:

INITIATIVE "A" Rescind OPDs in Venice

To Fairly Represent Venice, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Must Rescind any VNC Board Approval of Overnight Parking Districts in Venice and Transmit a Letter Stating Such to the Los Angeles City Council Office, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Transportation, and the California Coastal Commission.



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INITIATIVE "B" Affirm Venice Stakeholders Right To Form Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs)

Venice Stakeholders re-affirm that Venice residents have the same democratic right as other L.A. residents to establish, by 2/3rds petition signatures, OPDs for their blocks to preserve parking for residents and for night-time security, and call upon the VNC to communicate affirmation of this right to pertinent governmental bodies.

The election generated the largest turnout in the history of the Council, with over 1,500 stakeholders voting, many waiting over an hour to cast their ballots.

Initiative "A" did not pass by a vote of 634 in favor and 868 against, with 9 abstentions. Initiative "B" did pass by a vote of 891 in favor and 608 against, with 13 abstentions. As such, the vote supports the VNC's position in favor of Venice residents' right to form OPDs.

As directed by the initiative, I am communicating passage of Initiative "B" to the pertinent governmental bodies.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mike Newhouse
President
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