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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**: The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board.

**DISABILITY POLICY:** The Venice Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Venice Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request.

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Approval of outstanding minutes November 16, 2010 Draft Board Meeting Minutes <u>http://venicenc.org/files/101116VNCBoardMinutesRev-JDM.pdf</u> (Draft)
- Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
  [10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person no board member announcements permitted]
- 5. Treasurers Report; Hugh Harrison (15 minutes) [Discussion and approval of financial statements]
  - A Attached is the expenditure report for the period October 22 through November 21, 2010, together with the purchase card billing statement for that period of time. See Exhibit A
  - B Revision of 2010-2011 Budget Hugh Harrison for the Budget Committee

MOTION: To reallocate the 2010-2011 budget to reflect current realities. See Exhibit B



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#### 6. Consent Calendar – (1 minute)

[Items may be removed from consent calendar at request of Board member or public]

A <u>Revise completion date for Community Improvement Projects</u> – Hugh Harrison for the Budget Committee.

MOTION: To Change the required completion date for non-Board generated Community Improvement Projects from June 30 to May 15 starting with the 2011-2012 projects.

B <u>13.1 Marathon Los Angeles;</u> Carolyn Rios on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7898,<u>Vice President@Venicenc.org</u>)

**MOTION**: The Venice Neighborhood Council welcomes the second annual 13.1 Marathon – Los Angeles to Venice on January 16, 2011. As this Half-Marathon will utilize streets in and around Venice, the VNC will notify stakeholders on its email list of possible inconveniences. Approved unanimously by the Neighborhood Committee.

C <u>Creation of a Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee;</u> Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)

MOTION: To create a Visitor Impact Ad Hoc committee with the following mission statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

**MISSION STATEMENT**: This committee will review the comments from the Visitor Impact Town Hall and explore and create VNC Board agenda items dealing with the impact of visitors on the Venice community. This committee will also research and report on monies generated from Venice tourist and permitted activities including the agencies and officials that allocate these funds. The committee will expire upon completion of its mission and no later than one year from its date of creation.

D <u>Support for Neighborhood Clean-up Projects;</u> Carolyn Rios on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7922, <u>VicePresident@Venicenc.org</u>)

**MOTION**: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the joint efforts of the VNC Neighborhood Committee and the Venice Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring several neighborhood clean-up projects this year.



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#### 7. LUPC Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

## A**211 S PACIFIC AVE 90291 (10 Minutes)**; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC<br/>(310-463-0299; Chair LUPC@VeniceNC.org)See Exhibit C

Case Number(s): ZA-2010-1942-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL, ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC1 Address: 211 S PACIFIC AVE 90291 LUPC Case Manager: Sarah Dennison

WHEREAS, no variance is required and the project meets VCZSP, WHEREAS, the applicant meets all parking requirements,

LUPC recommends that VNC Board approve the following motion:

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the project at 211 S.Pacific Avenue as presented with a 28 foot height limit.

LUPC Vote: 7-0; APPROVED 11/10/10

#### 8. Scheduled Announcements [no more than 1 minute per report unless otherwise stated]

- A VNC Announcements (5 min)
  - President: Linda Lucks (310-505-4220; president@venicenc.org)
  - Appointment of Amanda Seward to Chair Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee
  - Appointment of Jim Murez and Nancy McCullogh as Co-chairs of Ad Hoc Cell Tower Task Force Appointment of Jed Pauker as the VNC Rep on City of LA Food Truck Task Force
  - Vice President: Carolyn Rios (310-821-7922; <u>VP@venicenc.org</u>) [Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]

Beginning January 1, 2011 all Committee Chairs should forward committee agendas to the VNC Board and the VNC Neighborhood Committee for possible posting in front of their residences or on bulletin boards in their area

Community Improvement Projects: Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

**LAPD Toy Drive is Underway**; Mariana Aguilar (310-926-03572, <u>mla5@cornell.edu</u>) The VNC will be collecting unwrapped, non-violent toys for LAPD's annual toy drive at the December 21 meeting. Please bring a new or unused toy to donate.

- B Governmental Reports (15 min)
  - State Assemblyperson Ted Lieu; Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Representative (310-615-3515; Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov)
  - **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Jennifer Badger, West Area Representatives (310-479-3823; jennifer.badger@lacity.org)
  - **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772; cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Arturo Pina, District Director (



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- LAPD: Officer Peggy Thusing, Senior Lead Officer (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: Mike Newhouse (310-795-3768; mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com); Alternate, Carolyn Rios;
- PlancheckLA: VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (310-822-1729; Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net)
- LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding: VNC Rep DeDe Audet (310-251-1054; daudet@ca.rr.com)
- LAPD Police Advisory Board- Nic Hippisley-Coxe, hippisley@earthlink.net
- LAANC Representative: Ivan Spiegel, Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org
- Neighborhood Council Budget Representative: Cindy Chambers, cindy.chambers@venicenc.org

### 9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than **1 minutes per person** – no board member announcements permitted]

#### 10. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A <u>New Official VNC Posting Places</u>: Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Outreach Committee (310-892-9660, <u>outreach@venicenc.org</u>) – (5 minutes)

**1 - MOTION**: WHEREAS the Outreach Committee was asked to explore and recommend posting sites in order to comply with the new Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners / Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment directive that each NC have at least 5 official posting places in addition to their website and email notifications

The Administrative Committee recommends that the VNC Board select the following six (6) official posting places from the nine (9) proposed sites: **See Exhibit D for criteria** 

- 1. Penmar Park
- 2. Beyond Baroque 681 Venice Blvd (24 Hour Availability)
- 3. The Venice Ale House (425 Ocean Front Walk
- 4. \*\*Groundwork Coffee on Rose (
- 5. \*\*Oakwood Recreation Center
- 6. \*\*Venice Library
- \*\*existing posting site

The final list of public posting sites shall be noted on the VNC website and in our literature

B <u>Amend City Ordinance (LAMC 42.15) that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk (15 minutes)</u>; Melya Kaplan on behalf of the Voice For The Animals Foundation (310.581.1585, melya@earthlink.net See Exhibit E

**MOTION**: We, the members of Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergeant Reina, head of LAPD beach detail, are hereby requesting that the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl and ask that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk be amended as follows:



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The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays from Memorial Day until November 1 and from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. from November 2 to the day before Memorial Day on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays and, no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days. These restrictions shall apply all year round.

#### 11. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A <u>Motion to allocate VA space for overnight parking for VETS (10 Minutes)</u>; Linda Lucks and Jay Handal, President WLA Neighborhood Council (President@Venicenc.org, President@WLANC.org <u>See Exhibit F & F1</u>

**MOTION**: The VNC Board requests the President to send a letter to the offices of Councilman Rosendahl, Mayor Villaraigosa, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Congress members Harman and Waxman supporting the efforts of the West LA NC to allocate space on the VA compound to allow overnight parking by homeless veterans.

#### B Motion to urge immediate implementation of Streets to Homes Program (30 Minutes); Karen Wolfe & Carolyn Rios (310-460-9644, wolfepack@verizon.net) See Exhibit G (Letter), G1 (History of VNC actions), G2 (LAMC 85.02), & G3 (VNC letter to Rosendahl 10/20/09); G4 (6/24/10 Letter)

**MOTION**: Whereas: The VNC supports Councilman Rosendahl's multi-pronged approach to the problems attendant with homelessness seeking relief for Venice residents, business owners and visitors and to assist those truly in need;

Whereas: Implementation of the Streets to Homes Pilot Program is dependent upon amendment of Los Angeles Municipal Code 85.02;

Whereas: The Oversized Vehicle Ordinance has been approved by City Council and will be implemented soon;

Therefore: The VNC urges the Councilmember to act with all due haste to send the amended ordinance to the full City council and seek support for full implementation of his multi-pronged approach.



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CMotion to Request Additional Police Deployment in Venice (30 Minutes); Mariana<br/>Aguilar (310)926-3572, mla5@cornell.edu)See Exhibit H

**MOTION**: WHEREAS, 21 additional officers were deployed to Venice in May of this year; and

WHEREAS, there is some consideration by the LAPD to transfer these officers out of the community starting in January, 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the VNC send a letter to government officials including the Mayor, Councilman Rosendahl, Chief Beck, and Captain Peters, requesting that the 21 additional officers remain assigned to the Venice area on a permanent basis.

- **12.** Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction. [10 min, no more than 1 minutes per person]
- 13. Adjourn (approx 9:30PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs Neighborhood; Carolyn Rios Outreach; Marc Saltzberg Ocean Front Walk; Ivonne Guzman, Ira Koslow Arts; Clark McCutcheon, Daffodil Tyminski Education; Peter Thottam Environment; Kristopher Valentine, Joel Shapiro, Barbara Lonsdale Public Safety; Nick Hippisley-Coxe Santa Monica Airport; Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward Land Use and Planning Committee - Jake Kaufman Rules & Elections - Ira Koslow



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## **Exhibit A – Treasurers Report**

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget - October 22 - November 21, 2010							
	DONE Category	Current Yr % of Budget by Acct Bdgt		Amt spent Current Month	Amt Spent Current Fiscal Year	Amt Available to Spend	% Budget Remain
Annual Allocation		\$45,000.00					
Rollover		\$5,000.00					
Sub Unallocated Budget		\$50,000.00					
Neighborhood Comm. Projects 10-1	1			20,000.00			
Total		70,000.00					
Budget							
100 Operations							
Office Supplies	OFF	\$750.00		\$20.84	\$20.84	\$729.16	97%
Copies	OFF	\$500.00		\$47.83	\$103.28	\$396.72	79%
Office Equipment	OFF	\$750.00		\$105.33	\$105.33	\$644.67	86%
Staffing/Apple One	TAC	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100%
Telephone Expense	MIS	\$250.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100%
Storage	FAC	\$2,000.00		\$162.00	\$648.00	\$1,352.00	68%
Board Retreat	EDU	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$270.27	\$229.73	46%
General Operations	MIS	\$1,000.00		\$176.00	\$196.84	\$803.16	80%
sub Total Operations		\$6,250.00	9%	\$512.00	\$1,344.56	\$4,905.44	78%
200 Outreach					-		
Copies / Printing	POS	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100%
Facilities For Public	FAC	\$3,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	100%
Refreshments	EVE	\$400.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	100%
Web Site & e-mail	WEB	\$1,500.00		\$149.40	\$250.35	\$1,249.65	83%
Advertising & Promotions	ADV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Newsletter Prodution	NEW	\$1,200.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	100%
Newsletter Printing	NEW	\$5,700.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,700.00	100%
Newsletter Delivery	NEW	\$4,200.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	100%
Elections	ELE	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100%
General Outreach	EVE	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$521.79	\$228.21	30%
sub Total Outreach		\$17,750.00	25%	\$149.40	\$772.14	\$16,977.86	96%
300 Community Improvement							
Venice Community BBQ	CIP	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$3,545.36	\$1,454.64	29%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010- 11	CIP	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$5,589.00	\$14,411.00	72%
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$572.44	\$4,427.56	89%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011- 12	CIP	\$16,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	100%
sub Total Comm Improvement		\$46,000.00	66%	\$0.00	\$9,706.80	\$36,293.20	79%
Total		\$70,000.00		\$661.40	\$11,823.50	\$58,176.50	\$0.83



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#### **Community Improvement Projects**

Con	nmunity Impro	oveme	nt Projects			
	Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of Bdgt	Amt spent Current Month	Amt Spent in Current Fiscal Year	Amt Available to Spend	% Budget Remain
Neighborhood Comm Projects			2009-2010			
Coeur d'Alene Reading Courtyard	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,085.00	-\$85.00	-4%
Master in the Chapel-Concerts	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100%
Westminster School-Printers	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100%
Boys and Girls Club-Sewing Project	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100%
Ballona Institute-Lagoon Restoration	\$1,026.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,026.00	100%
Westside Leadership Magnet- Garden	\$1,996.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,996.00	100%
Mark Twain-Garden	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100%
Venice Music Festival	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Carnevale	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100%
826 LA-"The Venice Wave"	\$1,470.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00	100%
Vintage Motorcycle Rally	\$1,508.00		\$0.00	\$1,504.00	\$4.00	0%
Total	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$5,589.00	\$14,411.00	72%
General Comm Improvement	2009-2010					
Total Available	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	
Santa Monica Airport	\$850.00		\$0.00	\$72.44	\$777.56	91%
Metal at the Beach	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50%
Vera Davis-Turkeys	\$300.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	100%
LAPD-Toys for Tots	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100%
Photography Project	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100%
Total Allocated	\$4,150.00					
Total To be Allocated	\$850.00					
Total Spent			\$0.00	\$572.44	\$4,427.56	89%
Expenditures Previous Reported Charged						
Westminster Benches	\$1,922.38	2/10				



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10-25	10-24	EIG*IPOWER 866-5392854 MA PUR ID: 20972260 TAX: 0.00	24351780297205817243529	5968	119.40	WEB
10-26	10-25	USPS 05810603031807506 VENICE CA PUR ID: 020 TAX: 0.00	24164070298418215030206	9402	176.00	PO Box - M
10-28	10-25	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120101025 TAX: 0.58	24445740300494573011711	5943	6.48	Copies - OF
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	ACCOU	NT NUMBER	ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL	XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949		PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$.00	
800-344-5696	STATEMENT DATE 11-22-10	DISPUTED AMOUNT \$ .00	PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES	\$640.5	
SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO:	AMOUNT DUE \$ 0.00		CASH ADVANCES	\$.00	
C/O U.S. BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, INC			CASH ADVANCE FEE	\$.00	
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## EXHIBIT B – NARRATIVE OF PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF VNC 2010-2011 BUDGET

- 1. Office supplies reduced by \$200 to reflect anticipated spending.
- 2. Copies reduced by \$100 to reflect anticipated spending.
- 3. Telephone expense eliminated as we are using free internet service.
- 4. Board retreat reduced by \$200 as we came in under budget.
- 5. Election expense eliminated as no Board election this year.
- 6. Web site increase by \$3600 to pay for WEB developer as we have been unable to do this in-house with volunteers.
- 7. Advertising increased by \$650 to provide opportunity for more outreach and funded from decrease in number of newsletters.
- 8. Newsletter production, printing and distribution reduced by a total of \$3700 as third newsletter will not be published this fiscal year.
- 9. Venice Community BBQ reduced by \$1400 as it came in under budget.
- 10. General Community Projects [Board generated] increased by \$909.35. All extra funds not allocated above put into this category. Also, this category was over budgeted as DONE audit reduced estimated roll-over by \$741.65.



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	Yearly Allocation			45,000.00
	Rollover			24,259.35
	Total			69,259.35
Budgot			Reallocation	Existing Budget
Budget	Category		Annual Tota	1
Codes	outogoly		Annuariou	•
00000	100 Operations	%	Total	Total
AUD	Audio and Video Services		0.00	0.00
FAC	Facilities Related and Space Rental		5,000.00	5,000.00
POS	Postage		0.00	0.00
OFF	Office Equipment and Supplies		1,700.00	2,000.00
MIS	General Operations/Miscellaneous		1,000.00	1,250.00
EDU	Board Retreat/Training		300.00	500.00
ТАС	Staffing and Temporary Help		500.00	500.00
TRL	Translation/Transcription		0.00	0.00
	sub Total Operations	12%	\$8,500.00	\$9,250.00
	200 Outreach			
ADV	Advertising		650.00	0.00
ELE	Election Outreach and related costs		0.00	500.00
EVE	Outreach events		1,200.00	750.00
POS	Postage and mailings		500.00	500.00
EVE	Food and refreshments for events and meetings		400.00	400.00
NEW	Newsletters		7,400.00	11,100.00
WEB	Website maintenance/enhancement/creation		5,100.00	1,500.00
	sub Total Outreach	22%	\$15,250.00	\$14,750.00
	300 Community Improvement			
CIP	Community Improvement Projects	65%	45,509.35	45,258.35
	sub Total Community Improvement		\$45,509.35	\$45,258.35
	Total Expenditures	100%	\$69,259.35	\$69,258.35

Narrative: Funding for community Improvement Projects includes \$16,000.00 to be designated in 2010-2011 for community improvement projects to be completed in 2011-2012.



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#### Draft 2010-11 Budget - Reallocation

Available to Budget	Reallocation	Current Budget	Change	Expenses To Date
Annual Allocation	45,000.00	45,000.00		
Rollover	4,259.35	5,000.00	-740.65	
Total	49,259.35	50,000.00		
Budget DONE Category				
100 Operations				
Office Supplies - OFF	550.00	750.00	-200.00	\$20.84
Copies - OFF	400.00	500.00	-100.00	\$103.28
Office Equipment - OFF	750.00	750.00		\$105.33
Staffing/Apple One - TAC	500.00	500.00		\$0.00
Telephone Expense - MIS	0.00	250.00	-250.00	\$0.0
Storage- FAC	2,000.00	2,000.00		\$648.0
Bank Charges - MIS	0.00	0.00		\$0.0
Board Retreat - EDU	300.00	500.00	-200.00	\$270.2
General Operations - MIS	1,000.00	1,000.00		196.84
sub Total Operations	5,500.00	6,250.00	-750.00	1,344.5
200 Outreach				
Elections - ELE	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0
Copies / Printing - POS	500.00	500.00		0.0
Facilities For Public - FAC	3,000.00	3,000.00		0.0
Refreshments - EVE	400.00	400.00		0.0
Web Site & e-mail - WEB	5,100.00	1,500.00	3,600.00	250.3
Advertising & Promotions - ADV	650.00	0.00	650.00	0.0
Newsletter Production - NEW	800.00	1,200.00	-400.00	0.0
Newsletter Printing - NEW	3,800.00	5,700.00	-1,900.00	0.0
Newsletter Delivery - NEW	2,800.00	4,200.00	-1,400.00	0.0
Outreach Events - EVE	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.0
General Outreach - EVE	750.00	750.00		521.7
sub Total Outreach	18,250.00	17,750.00	500.00	772.1
300 Community Improvement				
Venice Community BBQ - CIP	3,600.00	5,000.00	-1,400.00	3,545.6
Neighborhood Community Projects - CIP	16,000.00	16,000.00		5,589.0
General Community Projects - CIP	5,909.35	5,000.00	909.35	572.4
sub Total Community Improvement	25,509.35	26,000.00	-490.65	9,707.03
Total Expenditures	49,259.35	50,000.00		11,823.78

Funds allocated for community **Projects From Previous Year** 

20,000.00 20,000.00



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## EXHIBIT C - 211 S. Pacific Avenue LUPC Staff Report

Case Numbers:	ZA-2010-1942-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC AA02006-3047-PMLA-CN	
Address of Project:	211 S. Pacific Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90291	
Property Owners: Owner's Representative:	Vishnudut Ramyead Sam Aslanian, Architect	DRAFT

LUPC MOTION: Motion to recommend ------ of the project as presented with the following conditions. CONDITIONS:

Made by ------ Seconded by -----Approved (0-0-0) Date of Motion: November 10, 2010

#### PROJECT SUMMARY TO VNC

As submitted in January 2010, a project redesigned from original application of 2006 now requesting a Coastal Development Permit, a Specific Plan 10% Height Adjustment above the 28' walk street limit, a Mello Act exemption, and a Specific Plan Compliance Permit to construct a 3-story duplex condominium with entrances on the Walk Street, Ozone Avenue, and vehicular access from the alley, Ozone Court. The redesigned project was submitted for ENV 2006 reconsideration and was determined not to be a "substantial revision" requiring MND recirculation. Since submitting the ZA-2010 application, the owner has agreed to revise the design in order to conform to the 28' height limit.

## Staff Report Follows: LUPC STAFF REPORT

**SYNOPSIS:** This is an application for a CDP, SPPA, a Mello Act Exemption and SPP for a fully redesigned 3-story duplex condominium project fronting on Ozone Avenue, a beach-adjacent Walk Street. The applicant received approval with conditions in a determination letter from the Advisory Agency dated October 21, 2009 for a Parcel Map (AA-2006-3047-PMLA-CN). A hearing to finalize the process and allow public comment has yet to be scheduled. An APCW application (APCW-2006-2524-SPE-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL) previously filed by the applicant in 2006 was later withdrawn and subsequently dismissed by the West LA APC in a 4/05/07 letter. In a letter dated June 23, 2009, the applicant requested a reconsideration of the original MND (ENV-2006-2525-MND) for the filing of a DIR-2008-152-SPP-SPPA to:

- 1. Relocate vehicular access to the site from Pacific Avenue to the alley
- 2. Omit the Specific Plan Adjustment request to permit a 30"-10" height for one unit in lieu of the 28' allowed

3. Omit the Specific Plan Exception request to allow one condominium to <u>not</u> have the entrance along the Walk Street In an addendum letter of July 20, 2009, (ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC1) the LA Planning Director determined that the redesigned project was in compliance with the environmental requirements and with all applicable regulations, findings, standards and provisions of the specific plan, and compliance with the Coastal Plan. A Mello Act determination made in July 2005 by the LAHD found the property



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vacant for one year and therefore exempt from the requirement to provide affordable replacement units. The project was resubmitted as ZA-2010-1942-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL in January 2010 with a request for a 10% Height Increase Adjustment..

Size of Parcel: the alley)	4752 sq. ft. before, 4494 sq. ft. (after 2'-0" dedications along Pacific and
Size of Project: Assessed Land Value: Last Owner Change: Project Description:	8171 sq. ft. \$1,555,000 5/26/05 Construction of a 3-story duplex (2 unit) condominium on a vacant lot on a walk street in the
Height Adjustment request:	beach coastal zone Specific Plan Adjustment for a maximum 10% height increase (2.75 feet) based upon the Walk Street height limit of 28' as measured from grade level at the centerline of the public right-of-way on Ozone Avenue.
Venice Sub-Area:	Venice Coastal Zone – North Venice
Zone: Date of Planning Report:	RD1.5-1 TBA
Date of Fianning Report: Date of End of Appeal Period: City Planning Report	TBA
Prepared by:	TBA
LUPC Staff Report Done By:	Sarah Dennison
<b>Owner/Applicant:</b>	Vishnudut Ramyead
<b>Owner's Representative:</b>	Sam Aslanian
	Aslanian Architects
	19951 Turnberry Drive
	Tarzana, CA 90241
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Office: (818) 383-3237
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Date(s) heard by LUPC:	November 10, 2010
Advisory Agency Hearing Date:	TBA
Applicant's Neighborhood Mtg:	
(500' radius)	Extra Space Storage
	Community Room
	658 S. Venice Blvd.
	Venice, CA 90291

#### **ARGUMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT:**

<u>Mello Act:</u> The applicant has received an LAHD exemption based upon property being vacant for more than one year dated July 26, 2005

<u>Mitigated Negative Declaration</u>: Reconsideration determined redesigned project in environmental compliance dated July 20, 2009 <u>Parcel Map Determination</u>: Parcel Map approved with conditions as of October 21, 2009; hearing is required

<u>Design</u>: The project has been completely redesigned, to address the following Planning and Zoning concerns that led the applicant to withdraw the project from consideration in 2007.

1. Vehicular Access: Tandem garage parking for required 4 cars (VCZSP section 13.D, and section 10.F for a lot width less than 35' at alley) now entered from Ozone Court (alley) in lieu of from Pacific Avenue.

Height Limit: Although the reconsideration of environmental review findings (ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC1) found the 2.75
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foot height adjustment requested fell within the 10% limits of the VCZSP height adjustment provision, the applicant has agreed to respect the Walk Street height limit of 28' in order to match the mass, scale and character of the neighborhood per the VCZSP. 3. **Walk Street Entrances**: Design has been revised to provide entrances to two separate units from Ozone Avenue

Other Factors



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- Applicant worked with adjacent neighbor regarding their appeal of survey conflicts and inconsistencies resulting in neighbor's ability to maintain location of existing fence
- Per VCZSP section 9.2, the project has been redesigned with visual breaks and architectural features including balconies, inset front entrance to one unit at ground level, ground level entrances and habitable space, windows and changes in material on building elevations fronting walk street, alley and Pacific Avenue, as well as landscaping along walk street and Pacific Avenue.

#### **ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS PROJECT:**

<u>DWP Power Pole Guy Line</u>: Parking access from alley currently obstructed by DWP power pole diagonal guy line protruding into vehicular entrance width.

<u>Neighborhood Comments</u>: At an October 24, 2010 neighborhood meeting, neighbors expressed concern for the requested height increase of 2.75' (total height 30.75') at the Walk Street, but voiced unanimous support for the project should the 28' height limit be met. Since that date the applicant has revised the design to meet that limit.

#### SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comments at the 11-10-10 LUPC meeting were ------ of the project. Discussion by the board brought up ------- future use ------

LUPC Report compiled by:Estimated number of hours of staff time:28

Sarah Dennison



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## **EXHIBIT D - Criteria for selecting posting sites**

The criteria used to select posting places were:

- Site must be within the VNC boundaries (eg. can't post on county land on south side of Washington);
- We have to have physical access to the site so that we can post;
- As many sites as possible (at least 1) should be available for viewing 24/7 (none currently are);
- The sites should be geographically diverse across the VNC's territory;
- there should be a reasonable level of foot traffic;
- the posting place must have a bulletin board large enough to hold meeting notices from at least 3 committees simultaneously;
- posting at the site must not present an undue burden on person doing the posting.



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# Exhibit E – Amend City Ordinance (LAMC 42.15) that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

To Councilman Rosendahl and CityCouncil of Los Angeles:

The Venice Neighborhood Council, the Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergent Reina, head of LAPD beach detail, recommend that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk (LAMC 42.15) be amended. The current law and revised law are posted below:

CURRENT LAW

The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall

not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through October 31, and no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days.

#### **REVISED LAW**

The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays from Memorial Day until November 1 and from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. from November 2 to the day before Memorial Day on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays and, no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days. These restrictions shall apply all year round.

We feel strongly that this is an issue of public safety. The following reasons have been cited in favor of the ordinance:

- 1. Dog bites occur on the boardwalk
- 2. The boardwalk is too crowded to guarantee the safety of dogs and people
- 3. Dog fights break out on the boardwalk
- 4. People bring their dogs on the boardwalk with the intention of intimidating other dogs & people

5. Dogs get off their leashes and attack other animals and/or people allow dogs to roam free, claiming "their dogs don't bite"

6. People illegally sell dogs on the boardwalk

7. No dogs are allowed on the sand, which becomes confusing to owners as they walk the line of boardwalk/sand

8. The boardwalk hosts many food vendors and with dogs urinating and defecating in close proximity to said vendors, an unhealthy environment is created

By amending the current city ordinance and simplifying the language surrounding the restriction, we believe that the ordinance will be more easily enforceable, thus increasing public safety.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Lucks, President

Melya Kaplan, Voice For The Animals Foundation

Sergeant \_\_\_\_ Reina, LAPD Beach Detail



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# Exibit F - Draft Letter re: Overnight Parking for Homeless Veterans at VA in WLA

December 22., 2010

Congresswoman Jane Harman, Congressman Henry Waxman Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Mayor Antonio Villaraigsa Councilman Bill Rosendahl

#### **RE: Overnight Parking on VA Property in WLA for Homeless Veterans**

Dear Elected Officials:

On December 21, 2010, the Venice Neighborhood Council, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ passed a motion in support of the efforts of the WLA Neighborhood Council to allocate space on the VA compound to allow overnight parking by homeless veterans. Early this year the St. Joseph Center assessed a sample population of individuals housed in 48 vehicles in Venice and found that 24% were Veterans and shockingly only 2 percent of those were actually receiving services from the Veterans Administration.

It is time that our country takes care of its Veterans in need, and allowing those still functional enough to have a roof of some sort over their head, to receive services due them for their sacrifice with will lead to permanent housing. We urge the VA to implement a Safe Overnight Parking program in Los Angeles to serve as a national model addressing a long overdue need. It is an inexpensive and immediate way to address a growing and worrisome trend. Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President



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## Exhibit G – Draft letter re: Vehicles To Homes Program

Dear Councilmember Rosendahl,

The following motion to urge immediate implementation of the Vehicles to Homes Program was passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council on Tuesday, December 16, 2010.

Whereas: Venice residents and businesses have long suffered more than their share of the City's problems associated with homelessness;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's multi-pronged approach to the problems attendant with homelessness that seeks simultaneously to provide relief to Venice residents, business owners and visitors as well as to assist those truly in need;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's amendment to strengthen the City's Oversize Vehicle Ordinance to support law enforcement as one part of that simultaneous approach; Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's Streets to Homes Pilot Program to provide services to needy, law abiding homeless people as the second half of that simultaneous approach;

Whereas: The Streets to Homes Pilot Program has been funded, the RFP issued and a service provider selected;

Whereas: Numerous City parking lots exist in CD11 that could immediately provide limited spaces for such a program;

Whereas: The Oversized Vehicle Ordinance has been approved by City Council and will be implemented soon;

Whereas: Implementation of the Streets to Homes Pilot Program is dependent upon amendment of Los Angeles Municipal Code 85.02 in order for any of those spaces to be used and the amendments to LAMC 85.02 are sitting in the Transportation Committee that Councilman Rosendahl chairs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the VNC urges the Councilmember to act with all due haste to send the amended draft ordinance to the full City Council and seek support from his colleagues for the full implementation of his multi-pronged approach.

Amending LAMC 85.02 is essential to the success of your efforts to simultaneously provide compassionate services to those truly in need and to provide enforcement tools to protect the beleaguered Venice community which has suffered more than its fair share of the problems attendant with homelessness. Without proper and speedy amendments to 85.02, the services part of the program is impossible and the result—sweeping the problem down to the next community—is unacceptable. Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President Venice Neighborhood Council



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## Exhibit G1 – A Brief Chronology of The VNC's Involvement In Vehicular Dwelling and Overnight Parking Districts

**February 15, 2006:** Councilmember Rosendahl's staff, LAPD, DOT, Parking Enforcement, and the City Attorney's office meet with the Venice community to discuss illegal parking issues and solutions centered on implementing Overnight Parking Districts (LAMC 80.54).

March 21, 2006: VNC creates the Ad Hoc OPD Committee.

May 16, 2006: Proposed OPD petitions, parameters, and rules are presented to VNC Board and ratified by the Board.

**August 15, 2006:** VNC Board accepts and ratifies stakeholders' OPD petitions and approves letter to Councilmember Rosendahl asking to have OPD implemented (per LAMC 80.54) for requested streets.

July 17, 2007: VNC President. DeDe Audet reports on program in Santa Barbara that has the goal of moving RV dwellers into permanent housing. VNC Board recommendation to "research this program as a possible solution to resolve a growing and frightening social and health problem" forwarded to City Council on Sept. 18, 2007.

**February 21, 2009**: VNC special election passes resolution: 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.

**May 19, 2009:** VNC Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and Vehicular Occupancy recommends creation of a "Vehicle-to-Housing Transition Program."

June 11, 2009: The City's OPD's applications were denied by the California Coastal Commission.

**September 15, 2009:** VNC recommends that the City of LA establish a program, operated by a non-profit social service provider, to provide sites and services to assist vehicle dwellers find affordable housing.

**October 20, 2009:** VNC Board recommends one-word change in definition of Oversize Vehicle, to enable Oversize Vehicle restrictions as a substitute for Overnight Parking District restrictions (the LA City Council adopted this change on June 29th, 2010); *and* the VNC votes to support Councilman Rosendahl's initiative to provide safe areas for homeless people to sleep in their vehicles and receive social services, which results in the "Vehicles To Homes Program."



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## Exhibit G2 - 85.02 Amendment

As a result of the current economic crisis, families and individuals are falling upon hard times and are too often faced with stark and unpleasant choices, Many people have lost their jobs, their homes, and their support network. Many people cling to stability by their fingernails, living in their vehicles as they try to get back on their feet, or as a last-ditch effort to avoid sleeping on the streets,

Current city law, however, effectively criminalizes living in one's vehicle on a publicly owned street. L.A.M.e. Section 85.02 states: "No person shall use a vehicle parked or standing upon any City street or upon any parking lot owned by the City of Los Angeles or under control of the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors as living quarters either overnight, day-by-day, or otherwise," (Title and Section Amended by Ord. No.158,219, Eff. 9/19/83.)

In an effort to balance the quality of life of residents with social justice, other cities have crafted more nuanced ordinances, still forbidding camping in vehicles on city streets, but creating special zones where people can sleep safely in their vehicles, They have done so without impacting the quality of life in residential neighborhoods, Communities practicing such a balanced approach include Eugene, Oregon, and the County of Santa Barbara, As the economy worsens and more and more people face poverty or homelessness, the time has come for the City of Los Angeles to pursue such a balanced approach. The current ordinance should be amended, creating a process that allows each councilmember to designate zones in his or her district where people can sleep in their vehicles. These zones could include municipal properties, parking lots of churches or community-based organizations, industrial areas, and other areas that would have minimal impact on residential communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney, in collaboration with the Chief Legislative Analyst, draft an amendment to LAMC Section 85,02, modeled after the Santa Barbara and Eugene initiatives, creating a provision for councilmembers to designate discrete and distinct areas of their council districts where people would be allowed to park and sleep overnight.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst explore funding opportunities that would allow such specially designated areas to be matched with staffing, security, and social services, as is done in Santa Barbara County.

PRESENTED BY: BILL ROSENDAHL



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## Exhibit G3 - 10/20/09 Letter

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

The following motion was approved by the Venice Neighborhood Council at its regular Board meeting on October 20, 2009.

**Whereas** the issue of RV's parked in Venice has long resulted in media attention, anguish, anxiety and anger by many Venice stakeholders;

**Whereas** Councilman Bill Rosendahl, at the urging of the VNC, researched the models for safe parking programs that work in other municipalities (Santa Barbara and Eugene, Oregon);

Whereas the California Coastal Commission rejected LA City's application to create Overnight Parking restrictions in the Coastal zone and suggested that the City and the Neighborhood Council come up with alternative solutions to this social problem;

**Whereas** the Venice Neighborhood Committee feels that a Citywide safe parking program may well provide a partial solution;

**Therefore**, The VeniceNC Neighborhood Committee voted to request the VNC to send a letter of support to City Council, members of the Transportation Committee & to Mayor Villaraigosa in support of Councilman Rosendahl's Council motion #08-3125 to create a provision for Councilmembers to designate discrete and distinct areas of their council district where people would be allowed to park and sleep overnight, by permit & with case management services. http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=08-3125

We appreciate your recent efforts to help us address the plight of the homeless and the frustrations with overnight live-in parking, and it seems clear to us that most Venetians have sympathy for the homeless and the residents. However, at the same time, they are frustrated with the constant political in-fighting that undermines efforts to create a workable consensus. We believe that committing to the following two actions would create a workable consensus and mutually reinforcing solutions to both problems:

1. We are available to help you draft and implement the intent of your Council Motion 08-3125. In doing this, we suggest that you consider two recent VNC motions (see enclosure) insofar as they are relevant. When a draft ordinance is ready for public review, we will provide opportunities for broad Venice stakeholder review and comment.

2. The intent of Ordinance 177876 is to help address the overnight live-in parking concerns of residents. To clarify this intent, we ask that you file a Council Motion to replace the word 'and' with 'or' where it is currently causing enforcement confusion.

We believe this letter speaks for the broad majority of Venetians in that it recognizes the mutually reinforcing impact of focusing efforts on both problems simultaneously. Your commitment to join with us in pursuing both of these goals would help us build a better Venice Community.

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse President Venice Neighborhood Council



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#### Homelessness Motions Adopted By VNC

#### Homelessness - Report & Recommendation to Support St. Joseph's Center's Service Registry

The VNC Ad Hoc Homelessness & Vehicular Occupation Committee presents a report & recommendations regarding St. Joseph's Center's proposal to create a service registry of the homeless population of Venice. The proposed service registry would be modeled on the successful service registries used in Downtown Los Angeles & also in Santa Monica that have assisted homeless service providers in identifying the most vulnerable of the homeless population & successfully providing them with housing & services. Further, the Committee will ask for the VNC Board to take certain actions, including forwarding letters of support to government officials & agencies, to support the proposal, and to sponsor and publicize the program.

[Adopted Unanimously 3/17/09]

#### Motion to Create Pilot Vehicle-to-Housing Transition Program

Request that the VNC recommend that the City of Los Angeles establish a program, funded by the City, County and possibly private charitable sources, and operated by a non-profit social service provider, to provide sites and services to assist vehicle dwellers, on a voluntary basis, find affordable housing.

The VNC suggests that most successful programs are flexible in their approaches to homeless individuals and that the initial program be a "Pilot" program. This suggests that the program specifics be determined by any contract the City of Los Angeles concludes with the non-profit social service provider selected to operate the program. The contract should be sensitive and protective of both residents' and homeless individuals' needs. It is further suggested that the City of Los Angeles and its contractor explore the ideas contained in the VNC Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and Vehicular Occupation's Final Report in the section on the Pilot Vehicle-to-Housing Transition Program (http://venicenc.org/files/090508Homelessness\_Committee\_Final\_Report-1.doc - which includes the description of the St. Joseph's Center's Service Registry program).

[Adopted Unanimously 9/15/09]



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### Exhibit G4 – 6/24/10 Letter



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June 24, 2010

#### RE: CF 09-3036- Overheight Limit Ordinance

Dear Councilman Rosendahl and Members of the City Council:

The newly sworn in board of the VNC has not had an opportunity to weigh in on the Over Height Limit Ordinance amendments on the Tuesday, June 29 agenda.

However, as newly sworn-in president of the Venice Neighborhood Council, I wish to call your attention to attached letter from my predecessor, Mike Newhouse, on behalf of the VNC, regarding the proposed ordinance and its coordination with the Safe Parking Program for RV dwellers that Councilmember Rosendahl is putting together for CD 11.

The following motions were adopted in October, 2009 in support of an amended OVO ordinance to be enacted simultaneously with a Safe Overnight Parking Program. The VNC recognized the importance of doing both together, at the same time. Without the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance, there would be no relief for the neighborhoods, but without a Safe Parking Program, RV dwellers would simply be driven from neighborhood to neighborhood.

Please note that the VNC's offer to help with development of this enabling ordinance still stands. Our experience in grappling with these seemingly intractable issues of parking and homelessness is considerable and hard-won.

Please also note that Council Motion #08-3125, referred to in the letter, is the motion to create a Safe Parking Program, and Ordinance 177876, of course refers to the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance.

On behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council and all Venetians, I hope you will not act precipitately, but will allow the Venice Neighborhood Council the chance to participate as Mr. Newhouse requested on our behalf. Above all, we ask to recognize the wisdom of the VNC's advice to couple, through their simultaneous implementation, these two complementary approaches to Venice's RV parking problems.

Yours truly.

Linda Lucks President

Attachment



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## Exhibit H – Draft Letter re: Maintaining Police Deployment in Venice

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilman Rosendahl, Chief Beck and Captain Peters:

The Venice Community was very pleased to see that the City of Los Angeles committed 21 additional officers to the community policing effort starting in May of this year. Their presence has made a huge difference to the safety and security of both residents and visitors and we deeply value this increased police presence. However, apparently there is some consideration by the LAPD to transfer these officers out of the community starting in January. We strongly encourage you, Mayor Villaigosa, Councilman Rosendahl, Chief Beck and Captain Peters, to maintain their deployment in Venice on a permanent basis.

Our Community is deluged with visitors, transients and a high level of criminal activity all year long. While the number of tourists may decline in the winter, the number of transients and criminals does not. We understand that in past years that as the LAPD transferred the summer detail out in September crime increased. Without these extra officers, those already in our midst or within easy distance, who are inclined to commit crime, feel less restrained.

Venice produces a very large portion of property and sales tax revenue due to its attraction but bears the brunt of its popularity with intense problems. We are asking for additional permanent policing because clearly we need it and secondly because Venice is a significant source of tax revenue for the City. We believe it is only fair and reasonable that an area that competes with Disneyland as a popular regional destination and with downtown Los Angeles for complex transient problems should reasonably have adequate police support.

Please maintain this deployment so that the great progress that Captain Peters and his LAPD Pacific Division has made can be maintained for the benefit of the citizens of Venice and the many other Angelinos who enjoy visiting Venice.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks VNC President