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VNC Board Meeting Exhibits

Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Exhibit A – Bylaws Approval

See separate document.



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Exhibit B - Standing Rule 4

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

May

- Presentation of recommended projects to VNC Board
 - o Date to be determined (May Board meeting)

June

- VNC Board makes final selection
 - o Date to be determined (June Board meeting)

CHANGE TO:

May

- VNC Board makes final selection
 - o Date to be determined (May Board meeting)

PLEASE NOTE: This change will only be for the 2011-2012 project cycle.



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Exhibit C - Plastic Bag Ban in City of L.A.

April 26, 2011

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, and Los Angeles City Council Members 200 North Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Ban of Plastic Bag Issuance by Retail Establishments in Los Angeles

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilmember Rosendahl, and City Councilmembers:

Acknowledging the November 16, 2010, passage of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's ban on plastic bags and the Environmental Impact Report which legally supports it, and, in lockstep with the *Clean Seas Coalition* (7th *Generation Advisors*, *Heal the Bay*, *Sierra Club*, *Surfrider Foundation*, et al), we want to convey Venice's support for a citywide ban on plastic bags.

Recognizing the importance of being good stewards of nearby Ballona Creek, the Ballona Wetlands, Santa Monica Bay and the oceans beyond, the Venice Neighborhood Council has long supported efforts to clean up and improve waterways that affect our Southern California communities and our beaches that are so vital to our tourism industry.

According to *the Los Angeles Times*, Californians use more than 120,000 tons of the bags each year and, despite efforts to increase it, only 5% are actually recycled. Taxpayers therefore end up paying close to \$25 million a year to rid streets, beaches, parks and waterways of the bags. A ban will help save city and state monies in troubled economic times and conserve important natural resources which could be put to a more beneficial use.

A citywide ban on plastic bags, identical to the County ban, would take us a giant step in the right direction. We look forward to your swift action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President, Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Garcetti, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Reyes, Councilmember Krekorian, Councilmember Zine, Councilmember LaBonge, Councilmember Koretz, Councilmember Cardenas, Councilmember Alarcon, Councilmember Parks, Councilmember Wesson, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Huizar, Councilmember Hahn



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Exhibit D – Solar Waste Compactor Pilot Program in Venice Beach

April 27, 2011

Councilman Bill Rosendahl City Hall 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Solar Powered Trash Compactors on Venice Beach

Dear Councilman Rosendahl,

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of the BigBelly Solar system, a solar powered trash compactor with attached recycling kiosks in Venice. Along the beach the Parks Department frequently collects roughly 150 garbage cans, and with Venice being one of the biggest tourist destinations in Los Angeles waste volume often exceeds receptacle capacity. Implementing the BigBelly Solar system in Venice will have a profound impact on litter, costs, and recycling.

By having five times the capacity as a normal trash bin and being an enclosed unit, the BigBelly system will help foster a cleaner environment throughout the city while also reducing collection costs. The units' enclosed design also helped alleviate many other issues, such as animals getting into the trash, windblown litter, and trash along the beach.

The BigBelly Solar system, installed in 47 states and 30 countries, has a strong track record of reducing cross contamination while also increasing recycling rates. The VNC encourages you to work for a pilot program for Los Angeles parks to be implemented in Venice. Such a program would have a greater environmental and economical impact to the entire city of Los Angeles if started in Venice rather than Griffith Park.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President, Venice Neighborhood Council



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Exhibit E – Letter re Illegal CBS Outdoor Street Furniture west of Lincoln

Letter to:

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Re: Illegal placement of CBS Outdoor Street Furniture west of Lincoln in violation of the of the Coastal Act.

Dear (variously Commissioner, Councilman, Mr. or Ms. Plus name)

The California Coastal Commission guidelines came into being with the Coastal Act of 1976. The contract with CBS Outdoor was signed in 2001. Contracts typically have a stipulation that all items must conform to applicable laws and regulations. The Universal Commerce Commission mandates that a contract that violates any pre-existing law is unenforceable. Effectively there is no contract between the City of Los Angeles and CBS Outdoor pertaining to Venice. Neither The City nor the company had the authority to enter into a contract that violated already established law.

Section 30106 of the Coastal Act defines development, as follows:

"Development" means, on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of **any solid material or structure**; discharge or disposal of any dredged material or of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste; grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials; *change in the density or intensity of use of land*, including, but not limited to, subdivision pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (commencing with Section 664l0 of the Government Code), and any other division of land, including lot splits, except where the land division is brought about in connection with the purchase of such land by a public agency for public recreational use; change in the intensity of use of water, or of access thereto; construction, reconstruction, demolition, or alteration of the size of any structure, including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility; and the removal or harvesting of major



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vegetation other than for agricultural purposes, kelp harvesting, and timber operations which are in accordance with a timber harvesting plan submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of I973 (commencing with Section 45II).

According to Chuck Posner of the Coastal Commission,

"the placement of solid material, such as kiosks, benches and other street furniture, is development that requires a coastal development permit. The City of Los Angeles issues local coastal development permits pursuant to Section 30600(b) of the Coastal Act. Every local coastal development permit issued by the City may be appealed to the Coastal Commission."

However, the rest of Mr. Posner's statement makes it clear that the requirement for a coastal development permit was not met.

"We are not aware of any local coastal development permits being issued for street furniture in Venice. The Commission, several years ago, denied a request (Coastal Development Permit Application 5-97-135) by Los Angeles County to place 17 sunshelter structures (with advertising) and 16 kiosks along the coast.

Coastal Development Permit Application 5-97-135 appears on the August 12, 1997, Coastal Commission August agenda as Item 15 g. It reads, "Application No. 5-97-135 (L.A. Co. "sunshelters") Application of Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches & Harbors for 17 prefabricated shelters ("Sunshelters") with benches, and 16 informational kiosks on new cement pads or on existing pads, with panels for advertising & public service messages, at Will Rogers State Beach, Venice City Beach, Dockweiler State Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance Beach, Royal Palms County Beach & Cabrillo State Beach, Los Angeles County. (AP-LB) [DENIED]

Yet the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services allowed CBS Outdoor to place street furniture west of Lincoln Blvd in Venice without a Coastal Development Permit. It is therefore in violation of the Coastal Act.

Why is it taking the City Attorney, the Bureau of Street Services, the City Council, and the Coastal Commission so long to admit this and to act to rectify it?

A move to place a CBS Outdoor pay toilet with advertising at the intersection of Park Avenue and Ocean Front Walk was narrowly averted in 2008, and only 400 feet from the large, beautiful and free public toilet complex at Brooks and Ocean Front Walk. There had been no development notice to the residents! Does CBS Outdoor think it owns Venice?

Lance Oishi, Contract Administrator of Streetscape Development and Coordinated Street Furniture Programs with the Bureau of Street Services, wrote on November 12, 2010,

There has been no further action or update on this matter from both the City Attorney or City Council/Public Works Committee since it was last heard at the Public Works Committee meeting. We (Program staff) are actually in the same boat as the community in this regard,



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as we too are awaiting a response or update on this matter.

Any further implementation of our Coordinated Street Furniture Program elements within the coastal areas of the City of Los Angeles have been placed on an indefinite hold pending the outcome of the procedures related to the Coastal Commission matter. When and if an amenable resolution is reached in this regard, the local community and Council Office will both be consulted with prior to any further efforts to provide any of our Program's furniture elements within the affected areas.

That the situation is on hold is just not good enough. Can we have this issue settled by the relevant government entities?

To let the CBS Outdoor structures remain would set a precedent for other companies to develop in the Coastal area without a Coastal Commission permit. We are especially concerned that there will be continued pressure to place revenue producing street furniture such as "public amenity" kiosks, vending kiosks, and automated paytoilets on Ocean Front Walk because it is such a highly trafficked area.

The bulk of the CBS Outdoor furniture west of Lincoln is also in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act which stipulates that public areas such as sidewalks must provide clear space of 48" (under special exemptions the distance may be reduced to 36") so that people in wheel chairs can turn around. The narrow side of the structure at Windward and Main is only 29" from the cutout where a street tree is planted. At both Windward/Pacific and Windward/Main, the wide side of the CBS Outdoor bus shelter is only 43 inches from the curb, and at Washington Blvd/Abbot Kinney the distance between the structure & the curb is only 42".

Abundant traffic lights, bus signs, electrical poles and street lights are positioned with their centers from 18" to 24" from the curb, so people in wheel chairs tend to ride in the middle or inside half of the sidewalk, and bus shelters too close to the curb become quite an obstacle to navigate around.

The CBS Outdoor transit shelter make walking down the street in Venice like negotiating an obstacle course. At Washington/Ocean blocks all but 3 inches of a 60 inch sidewalk, necessitating that one cross via the private property behind it or negotiate two 90 degree turns in a space of 57 inches.

If Venice is to be a safe walking community, we need visibility on our sidewalks. The wide side of the CBS Outdoor bus shelters measures 8' feet high and 58.5" wide. They are generally placed 3 inches forward from the inner edge of the sidewalk. Thus these structures protrude well over 6 feet into a sidewalks which are only 9 or 10 feet wide. Everyone of them is in the way of sidewalk traffic and everyone of them presents a safety hazard: one simply cannot see potentially threatening people who might be hiding on the other side of the structure. Moreover, since Pacific is so narrow and has such fast automobile traffic, bicyclists often ride on the sidewalk. It's not legal but it happens frequently, and it is virtually impossible to see them coming because the 58" wide obstructions preclude it. Visibility is critical to safety.



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1. Future illegal development by CBS Outdoor must not occur in the Coastal Zone.

Ocean Front Walk in particular sees heavy usage by the public and must remain free from CBS Outdoor impediments to vista and pedestrian traffic flow. Even structures which are claimed to be for public service, such as so-called information kiosks which actually bear movie posters and automated pay toilets designed to bear advertising, have no right to block pedestrian access and vista.

- 2. All CBS Outdoor street furniture already installed west of Lincoln should be removed by the City with the cooperation of CBS Outdoors because these developments were placed on the basis of a contract which was in violation of the Coastal Act and therefore illegal. These structures impede pedestrian right of way and vista on public sidewalks in the Venice Coastal area.
- 3. Moreover until the CBS Outdoor street furniture west of Lincoln is removed, its illegal use for advertising should be prohibited. In the interest of safety, metal panels and posters should be removed and replaced solely with transparent tempered glass.

Please do your part to resolve this vital issue. We await your response.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Lucks President, Venice Neighborhood Council



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Exhibit F – Treasurers Report

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget
February 22, 2011 - March 21, 2011

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	DONE Category	Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of 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 10-11		20,000.00					
Total		70,000.00					
Budget							
100 Operations							
Office Supplies	OFF	\$550.00		\$0.00	\$146.43	\$403.57	73%
Copies	OFF	\$400.00		\$17.43	\$153.89	\$246.11	62%
Office Equipment	OFF	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$105.33	\$644.67	86%
Staffing/Apple One	TAC	\$500.00		\$120.30	\$120.30	\$379.70	76%
Telephone Expense	MIS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100%
Storage	FAC	\$2,000.00		\$162.00	\$1,296.00	\$704.00	35%
Board Retreat	EDU	\$300.00		\$0.00	\$270.27	\$29.73	10%
General Operations	MIS	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$199.25	\$800.75	80%
sub Total Operations		\$5,500.00	8%	\$299.73	\$2,291.47	\$3,208.53	58%
200 Outreach							
Copies / Printing	POS	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$117.11	\$382.89	77%
Facilities For Public	FAC	\$3,000.00		\$650.00	\$650.00	\$2,350.00	78%
Refreshments	EVE	\$400.00		\$24.26	\$201.55	\$198.45	50%
Web Site & e-mail	WEB	\$5,100.00		\$30.00	\$383.34	\$4,716.66	92%
Advertising & Promotions	ADV	\$650.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	0%
Newsletter Prodution	NEW	\$800.00		\$0.00	\$515.00	\$285.00	36%
Newsletter Printing	NEW	\$3,800.00		\$0.00	\$1,904.00	\$1,896.00	50%
Newsletter Delivery	NEW	\$2,800.00		\$0.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,440.00	51%
Elections	ELE	\$450.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	100%
General Outreach	EVE	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$521.79	\$228.21	30%
sub Total Outreach		\$18,250.00	26%	\$704.26	\$5,652.79	\$12,597.21	69%
300 Community Improvement							
Venice Community BBQ	CIP	\$3,600.00		\$0.00	\$3,545.36	\$54.64	2%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010-11	CIP	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$9,887.61	\$10,112.39	51%
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP	\$5,909.35		\$200.00	\$2,072.44	\$3,836.91	65%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011-12	CIP	\$16,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	100%
sub Total Comm Improvement		\$45,509.35	66%	\$200.00	\$15,505.41	\$30,003.94	66%
Total		\$69,259.35		\$1,203.99	\$23,449.67	\$45,809.68	\$0.66



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Community Improvement Projects

	Community Impi 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	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%
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	\$1,828.61	\$171.39	9%
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	\$470.00	\$1,000.00	68%
Vintage Motorcycle Rally	\$1,508.00		\$0.00	\$1,504.00	\$4.00	0%
Total	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$9,887.61	\$10,112.39	51%
General Comm Improvement	2009-2010					
Total Available	\$5,909.35				\$5,909.35	
Santa Monica Airport	\$850.00		\$200.00	\$272.44	\$577.56	68%
Metal at the Beach	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50%
Toys for Tots	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Francis Fagan-Photography	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00	100%
Vera Davis-Turkeys	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Allocated	\$4,150.00					
Total To be Allocated	\$1,759.35					
Total Spent			\$1,500.00	\$2,072.44	\$3,836.91	65%
Expenditures Previous Reported Charged						
Westminster Benches	\$1,922.38	2/10				



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