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VNC Board Meeting Exhibits

Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Exhibit A - Motion regarding removal of 38 trees on the four corners of Venice Blvd and Abbot Kinney

Upon investigation by Jim Murez of Venice Neighborhood Council's Land Use and Planning Committee, it is apparent that DWP was not aware that the palm trees at the corner of Venice and Abbot Kinney were part of the Landscaping Plan adopted in 1994 and were intent on cutting them down without consulting the Venice Community.

When this history was brought to their attention, they began to argue that the trees pose a potential safety problem because they might interfere with overhead high voltage wires. They now suggest that there are only three options to deal with the situation which are: (A) overhead reconfiguration of the wires and conductors; (B) complete under-grounding of services; or (C) tree removal and replacement of different trees. They can leave them as is until there are funds available to implement one of the alternatives, which won't threaten the existing trees (overhead reconfiguration or undergrounding). Simply put, the Venice Neighborhood Council does not want these 38 trees removed or replaced and would like for DWP to implement options A or B.

Further, experience suggests that replacements by DWP often result in eroding the existing friendly community character underlying the VNC Vision Goals, in particular:

Walkability: Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECONDED BY JIM MUREZ PASSED; 6-0



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Exhibit B - Motion to Keep Name of Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center the Same

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

Re: Vera Davis McClendon Center

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

On May 24, 2011 the Venice Neighborhood Council passed a motion to request that the City of Los Angeles keep the name of the Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center the same, regardless of which city department it is housed in or which organization ends up running it.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Lucks President Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: City Council Saul Romo, Cultural Affairs



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Exhibit C - Letter Thanking City Council for Santa Monica Airport Resolution

April 29, 2010

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
President. Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 470
Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: Santa Monica Airport Resolution - #11-0002-S28

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and the community of Venice I would like to thank you and all members of the City Council who voted unanimously on April 20th to adopt the Santa Monica Airport Resolution - #11-0002-S28. This resolution will ultimately raise awareness and produce legislation to protect over 100,000 of your constituents from the harmful health impacts of leaded fuel from fixed wing piston planes, and fine particulates from jets arriving and departing SMO.

As you know, the six flight schools at SMO produce 40% of the pollution, noise, and safety hazards in the region surrounding the Santa Monica Airport. Thousands of children in dozens of schools in the communities of West Los Angeles, Mar Vista, Venice, and Santa Monica are at risk. These children, as well as the elderly, disabled, and the general public will be spared the toxic effects and safety hazards of leaded fuel piston planes flying in and out of SMO when legislation is written and enacted. This is a densely populated area and it not only affects West L A, Mar Vista and Venice, it affects Santa Monica and the entire west Los Angeles region. Additionally, there is no buffer zone to protect the public from idling jets awaiting clearance from LAX to take off, and we believe this is a growing public health problem because the FAA is expanding the number of jets coming in and out of the SMO.

Your leadership and guidance is needed and much appreciated. We thank you and all members of the Council for your action on April 20th and we hope to move quickly in enacting legislation to limit the negative impacts SMO has on the entire area surrounding the airport.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President, Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc: Members of the Los Angeles City Council



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Exhibit D - Pilot Program to Protect, Preserve, and promote Mural Art

Despite Los Angeles' rich cultural tradition of fine art murals that build community identity and represent a signature feature of our urban fabric, Ordinance No. 174,517, effective April 19, 2002, prohibits "mural signs" except "when mural signs are specifically permitted pursuant to a legally adopted specific plan, supplemental use district or an approved development agreement."

There is a tremendous need to develop a legally-defensible method to allow new murals in Los Angeles to preserve and enhance our cultural heritage and encourage the creation of new murals. Several ideas have been discussed within the City to establish new regulations for the preservation of existing murals and the creation of new murals. Such ideas have included adopting a form of Portland's Public Arts Mural Program, which requires property owners to grant an easement to the city to install large murals, or creating a number of "mural districts" under the provisions of Ordinance No. 174,552, effective June 16, 2002, which allows for the establishment of Sign Districts as a type of supplemental use district that allows "special sign regulations designed to enhance the theme or unique qualities" of an area.

A series of reports by City agencies and feedback from several meetings with muralist stakeholders have identified problems with both ideas. The "easement approach" requires ongoing city funding and maintenance. The "mural district approach" is complicated by proposed changes to the Sign District regulations currently under discussion by the City Council and would therefore require additional enabling legislation.

In August 2009, the City of Portland, Oregon, after contending with legal disputes similar to those in Los Angeles, adopted the Original Art Murals Program to allow for the creation of new murals on private property with content-neutral, time/place/manner regulations that exist independent of the sign code. Key concepts to this program are that property owners cannot receive payment, murals must remain in place for

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning Department, in coordination with the Department of Cultural Heritage and the City Attorney's Office, toprepare and present an ordinance to define murals as something other than signs and establish a citywide program for permitting murals in the City of Los Angeles.

BILL ROSENDAHL Councilman, 11th District



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Exhibit E – Bylaws Approval

See separate documents.

There are two documents. One is a newly revised version with all the factual basis language removed. The previous version with the factual basis language included may be used for comparison.





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Exhibit F - Approval of Community Improvement Projects

RANKINGS FOR 2011-2012 VNC COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

			Amount	Amount	<u>Maximum</u>
Ranking #	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project</u>	Requested	Allocated	CAP
1	Masters In The Chapel	Concert Series	2000	2000	2000
2	Walgrove Elementary School	Cafeteria Area Beautification	1425	1425	1425
3	Venice Canals Foundation	Coastal Access Path	2000	2000	2000
4	Venice Historical Society	Discovering My Venice Workbook	2000	2000	2000
5	Venice Canals Association	Re-Treading Canal Walk-Bridges	2000	1800	1800
6	E. Jaquchem/Ven Chamber of Comm	Carnevale!	2000	1500	1500
7	Coeur d'Alene Elementary School	Local Wildlife Mural	2000	1500	1500
8	Beethoven Elementary School	Learning Garden	2000	1500	2000
9	Venice Vintage Motorcycle Club	Venice Vintage Motorcycle Rally	2000	1000	1500
10	Ven Japanese American Marker Comm	Japanese American Memorial Marker	2000	500	1000
11	Venice Art Crawl	Neptune Festival	2000	500	750
12	Milton Rosenberg	Venice Spring Fling	2000	275	500
13	Abbot Kinney Festival Association	Abbot Kinney Festival	2000	0	0
14	Michael Yost	Venice Beach Music Fest	2000	0	0
15	Gila Standing	Grand Canal Entry Beautification	2000	0	0

Total 29425 16000





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Exhibit G - Danny's at 23 Windward Ave. DIR-2000-3597-RV-PA-3

STAFF REPORT

Land Use and Planning Committee Staff Report DRAFT

Address of Project:	23-25 Windward Ave, 90291
Project Name (if available):	Danny's Deli
Case Number:	DIR-2000-3597-RV-PA3 (revious case-PA2)
	ENV-2011-1075-CE
Date:	May 4, 2011

Project Description:

A restaurant/deli with Type 47 (on-site full alcohol) is looking to clear the historic restrictions (Revocation) that were imposed on the previous owners, change hours until 2am and add outdoor seating. Current Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily. Proposed Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., daily. Current Seating: 126 Interior Seats. Proposed Seating: 24 additional outdoor patio seats for a total of 150 Seats.

No variance or exception is requested.

Requested Action by Venice Neighborhood Council (DRAFT MOTION FOR VNC TO CONSIDER):

Motion: To approve expansion of hours of operation for Danny's Deli from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily; approval of sales and consumption of Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (type full line of alcoholic beverages license #372986 in conjunction with a 500 sq. ft. revocable patio for sidewalk dining, having 24 seats and hours of outdoor seating permitted from 121 a.m-2 a.m daily. And, to conform to all parking requirements and make all efforts to provide bike racks.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECONDED BY JAY GOLDBERG APPROVED: 5-0-1

Summary of Arguments Against this Project/Issue:

Some people are apposed to 2am late night establishments, particularly with Type 47 CUB (full alcohol). Outdoor seating is considered undesirable to some.

Summary of Arguments For this Project/Issue:

The Revocation is from the previous owner and should no longer apply to this business.

Owner will proven track record of in-compliance.

Deli has been a strong local spot ever since current owner took over.

No variance or exceptions required.





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Sidewalk dining is revocable.

2am is common among similar establishments on Windward, a Commercial zone.

Summary of Public Comment:

Strong community member, very involved, business is well liked.

"These are the kinds of businesses we want in Venice".

Want bike racks, many of them, possible valet parking district and additional parking requirements.

Do not want variance for parking.

Author of Report:	Jake Kaufman
Completed Date:	May 4 2011
Size of Parcel:	4500 Sq Ft
Applicant:	Daniel Samokow
Address:	23-25 Windward Ave, Venice, 90291
Representative:	Elizabeth Peterson
Contact Information:	213-674-2686
Date(s) heard by ZA:	TBD
Date(s) heard by LUPC:	May 4, 2011
WLA Area Planning: (if known)	TBD
Commission Dates: (if known)	TBD
Community Planning Bureau Dates: (if known)	TBD

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Strong support at LUPC Meeting. Has support of CD11.



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May 24, 2011 - DRAFT LETTER

Los Angeles City Planning Department 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

Case Number(s): DIR-2000-3597-RV-PA3 (previous case-PA2)

ENV-2011-1075-CE

Address: 23-25 Windward Ave 90291

Project Name: Danny's Deli

OVERVIEW: REMOVE REVOCATION

CHANGE IN HOURS

ADD OUTDOOR SEATING

Dear Madam/Sir:

This will advise that a regularly held public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers on Mary 24, 2011, it was moved and passed by a vote of XX-XX that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends:

To approve expansion of hours of operation for Danny's Deli from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily; approval of sales and consumption of Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (type full line of alcoholic beverages license #372986 in conjunction with a 500 sq. ft. revocable patio for sidewalk dining, having 24 seats and hours of outdoor seating permitted from 11am-2am daily. And, to conform to all parking requirements and make all efforts to provide bike racks.

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to the Venice Neighborhood Council at the letterhead address.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

CC:

Applicant, Danny Samokow, dansvenice@aol.com
Representative, Elizabeth Peterson, elizabeth@epgla.com
California Coastal Commission





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Councilmember Rosendahl: arturo@lacity.org, whitney.blumenfeld@lacity.org, Venice Neighborhood Council secretary@venicenc.org, chair-lupc@venicenc.org





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Exhibit H - Treasurers Report

20	010 - 2011 Ex	penditures to Budg	et - Marc				
	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		\$32.42	\$186.31	\$213.69	53%
Office Equipment	OFF	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$105.33	\$644.67	86%
Staffing/Apple One	TAC	\$500.00		\$96.24	\$216.54	\$283.46	57%
Telephone Expense	MIS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100%
Storage	FAC	\$2,000.00		\$162.00	\$1,458.00	\$542.00	27%
Board Retreat	EDU	\$300.00		\$0.00	\$270.27	\$29.73	10%
General Operations	MIS	\$1,000.00		\$423.92	\$623.17	\$376.83	38%
sub Total Operations		\$5,500.00	8%	\$714.58	\$3,006.05	\$2,493.95	45%
200 Outreach	1				T	T	
Copies / Printing	POS	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$117.11	\$382.89	77%
Facilities For Public	FAC	\$3,000.00		\$455.48	\$1,105.48	\$1,894.52	63%
Refreshments	EVE	\$400.00		\$50.35	\$251.85	\$148.15	37%
Web Site & e-mail	WEB	\$5,100.00		\$50.00	\$433.34	\$4,666.66	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%	\$555.83	\$6,208.57	\$12,041.43	66%
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		\$3,987.42	\$13,875.03	\$6,124.97	31%
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP	\$5,909.35		\$0.00	\$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%	\$3,987.42	\$19,492.83	\$26,016.52	57%
Total		\$69,259.35		\$5,257.83	\$28,707.45	\$40,551.90	\$0.59



Westminster Benches

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	Community Imp	Community Improvement Projects		A 4 C 4		
	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		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Westminster School-Printers	\$2,000.00		\$1,987.42	\$1,987.42	\$12.58	1%
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		\$3,987.42	\$13,875.03	\$6,124.97	31%
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						

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\$1,922.38



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U.S BANCORP SERVICE CENTER P. O. Box 6343 Fargo, ND 58125-6343

CITY OF LA - DONE

 STATEMENT DATE
 04-21-11

 TOTAL ACTIVITY
 \$ 4,268.82

"MEMO STATEMENT ONLY" DO NOT REMIT PAYMENT

		NEW ACCOUNT AC	TIVITY		
POST DATE	TRAN DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE NUMBER	мсс	AMOUNT
03-22	03-21	SMARTNFINAL33210303329 VENICE CA	24164071080929180019644	5411	50.35
03-23	03-21	PUR ID: 081081056121076 TAX: 0.00 8011 EXTRA SPACE STOR 310-301-7970 CA	24323001081253080010023	4225	162.00
03-25	03-22	PUR ID: 08001002 TAX: 0.00 OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA	24445741083100193283595	5943	1.87
03-28	03-26	PUR ID: 095120110322 TAX: 0.17 USPS 05811003031807688 MARINA DEL RE CA	24164071086418196864361	9402	2.87
04-04	04-01	PUR ID: 436 TAX: 0.00 OFFICE DEPOT #838 PASADENA CA	24445741092100235674891	5943	43.45
04-04	04-01	PUR ID: 083820110401 TAX: 3.86 OFFICE DEPOT #838 PASADENA CA	24445741092100235674974	5943	1,943.97
04-06	04-05	PUR ID: 083820110401 TAX: 172.70 EIG*IPOWER 866-5392854 MA	24351781095336164729638	5968	20.00
04-07	04-04	PUR ID: 24007446 TAX: 0.00 OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA	24445741096100199151973	5943	3.48
04-07	04-04	PUR ID: 095120110404 TAX: 0.31 OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA	24445741096100199152054	5943	0.20
04-07	04-01	PUR ID: 095120110404 TAX: 0.02 OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA	24445741096100199152138	5943	1.80
04-11	04-08	PUR ID: 095120110401 TAX: 0.16 PAYPAL *FRSTLUTHERA 402-935-7733 CA	24492151098849085514288	8398	500.00
04-11	04-08	PUR ID: 5108551376 TAX: 0.00 PAYPAL *FRSTLUTHERA 402-935-7733 CA PUR ID: 5108802275 TAX: 0.00	24492151098849088023279	8398	1,500.00

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL	XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949		PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$.0	
800-344-5696	STATEMENT DATE DISPUTED AMOUNT		PURCHASES &		
	04-21-11	\$.00	OTHER CHARGES	\$4.268.8	
			CASH ADVANCES	\$.0	
SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO:	AMOU	NT DUE			
	s .	0.00	CASH ADVANCE FEE	\$.0	
C/O U.S. BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, INC U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND P.O. BOX 6335	NC		CREDITS	\$.0	
FARGO, ND 58125-6335			TOTAL ACTIVITY	\$4,268.8	

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us bank.



Account Name:	HUGH HARRISON
Company Name:	CITY OF LA - DONE
Account Number:	XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949
Statement Date:	04-21-11

NEW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY						
POST DATE	TRAN DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE NUMBER	MCC	AMOUNT	
04-13	04-12	CTC*CONSTANTCONTACT.COM 866-2892101 MA PUR ID: 1101280714767 TAX: 0.00	24351781102384033322624	5968	30.00	WEB
04-15	04-12	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120110412 TAX: 0.59	24445741104100205418184	5943	6.59	COPIE
04-15	04-12	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120110412 TAX: 0.10	24445741104100205418267	5943	1.10	COPIE
04-15	04-12	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120110412 TAX: 0,10	24445741104100205418341	5943	1.14	COPIE

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Exhibit I – Draft 2010-11 Budget Reallocation

	Reallocation		Change	
Assallable 4s Doubles4		Current		Expenses
Available to Budget Annual Allocation	45 000 00	Budget		To-Date
Rollover	45,000.00 4,259.35	45,000.00 4,259.35		
Total	49,259.35	49,259.35		
2009-2010 Comm Projects Total	20,000.00 69,259.35			
Budget DONE Category				
100 Operations				
Office Supplies - OFF	550.00	550.00		\$146.43
Copies - OFF	372.46	400.00		\$201.89
Office Equipment - OFF	750.00	750.00		\$105.33
Staffing/Apple One - TAC	216.54	500.00	-283.46	\$216.54
Telephone Expense - MIS	0.00	0.00		\$0.00
Storage- FAC	3,620.00	2,000.00	1,620.00	\$1,620.00
Bank Charges - MIS	0.00	0.00		\$0.00
Board Retreat - EDU	700.00	300.00	400.00	\$270.27
General Operations - MIS	800.00	1,000.00	-200.00	623.17
sub Total Operations	7,009.00	5,500.00	1,509.00	3,183.63
200 Outreach				
Elections - ELE	0.00	0.00		0.00
Copies / Printing - POS	500.00	500.00		117.11
			-	
Facilities For Public - FAC	2,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,265.48
Refreshments - EVE	400.00	400.00		301.10
Web Site & e-mail - WEB	5,100.00	5,100.00		1,995.34
Advertising & Promotions - ADV	230.00	650.00	-420.00	0.00
Newsletter Production - NEW	1,030.00	800.00	230.00	1,030.00
Newsletter Printing - NEW	3,800.00	3,800.00		1,904.00
Newsletter Delivery - NEW	2,800.00	2,800.00	445.00	1,360.00
Outreach Events - EVE	335.00	450.00	-115.00	0.00
General Outreach - EVE	2,050.00	750.00	1,715.00	928.96
sub Total Outreach	18,245.00	18,250.00	-5.00	8,901.99
300 Community Improvement				
Venice Community BBQ - CIP	6,600.00	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,545.64
Neighborhood Community Projects - CIP	16,000.00	16,000.00		
General Community Projects - CIP	3,505.35	5,909.35	2,404.00	2,404.89
sub Total Community Improvement	26,105.35	25,509.35	596.00	5,950.53
Total Expenditures	51,359.35	49,259.35	370.00	18,036.15
•	51,007.00	.,,20,100		10,000.10
Funds allocated for community Projects From Previous Year	17,900.00	20,000.00	2,100.00	14,359.13
Total	69,259.35	69,259.35	_,100.00	32,395.28
Total w/\$16000 for 2011-12 projects	69,259.35	69,259.35		48,395.28
Total w/\$10000 for 2011-12 projects	09,239.33	02,232.33		40,373.48





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Exhibit J - Sponsorship of the 2011 Neighborhood Council Congress

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011 City Hall 8 a.m.	miles.
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	EM P O W ER M E N T
Los Angeles Citywide Neighborhood "Increasing Public Participa	
The undersigned hereby certifies that as the elected Seauthorized to, and does hereby certify that:	ecretary of The porhood Council, s/he is duly
At its meeting on, The, The, members present, constituting a majority (number of volume of the members present).	Board, by consensus of the otes) under the the following resolution:
Resolved: That the Neighborhood Council Citywide Neighborhood Council Congress 2011 in the a	supports the Los Angeles amount of:
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IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has certificate in the name and on behalf of the and as of the date set forth below.	executed and delivered thisNC
Dated:	
1 st Signatory Name (printed) 2 nd	Signatory Name (printed)
1 st Signatory Signature	2 nd Signatory Signature



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Exhibit K - Opposition to L.A. Park Foundation plan for park signage

May 24, 2011

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

Re: L.A. Parks Foundation

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

The Venice Neighborhood Council believes that City parks and recreation centers, in addition to the Ocean Front Walk along Venice Beach, are no place for commercial advertising and objects to the L.A. Park Foundation's plan to permit for-profit signage in them in return for donations to the Foundation.

The purported reason for this initiative is to raise funds to support the parks, but the net gained will not begin to address the park budget's multi-million dollar shortfall, nor will it resolve the maintenance, staffing and security losses faced by the system.

Its real beneficiaries will be advertisers who will be permitted to blanket parks and the Venice Ocean Front Walk with signage for extremely low rates; the minor sums gained in this process will be reduced even further by the minimum 20% administrative fees deducted by the Foundation.

The plan:

- Violates the letter and spirit of the City's signage and billboard ordinances.
- Deprives park users of all ages of the escape from commercial intrusions afforded by parks.
- Repositions parks and the Ocean Front Walk as canvasses for promotional messaging, thereby inviting copycat postering and graffiti blight.
- Violates the Venice Neighborhood Council's stated opposition in March 2009 to the "installation in Venice of all street furniture and its associated advertising in any location in Venice."
- Violates the Coastal Act, which protects the community character, public views and coastal access. All three of these would be compromised by the privatization through advertising of public space within the coastal zone.





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The City Attorney has already found that commercial signing in parks is illegal. For this reason as well as those cited above, we are asking you to direct the L.A. Parks Foundation to abide by this finding and end this initiative.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President

cc: City Attorney Carmen Trutanich Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks Recreation and Parks Commissioners, City of Los Angeles Coastal Commissioners, California Coastal Commission

Community Impact Statement

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Exhibit L - Letter Re: Post Office Relocation



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May 18, 2011

Consumer Affairs U.S. Postal Service 7001 South Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90052-9631

RE: Historic Venice Post Office Relocation from 1601 Main Street to 313 Grand Boulevard

To whom it may concern:

On April 24, 2011 USPO officials presented a proposal to the Venice Neighborhood Council and the community about plans to re-locate the historic Venice Post Office. We thank you for sharing your preliminary ideas and look forward to participating in the process as it unfolds. The issue is of great interest to the Venice community and we will continue the dialogue every step of the way.

We appreciate that you have had a community meeting in Venice in addition to the presentation at the Venice Neighborhood Council, and ask that you plan more so that our stakeholders can stay informed. We also expect that you will report back to the Venice Neighborhood Council regularly. I have appointed Amanda Seward and Nancy Feinberg as a VNC Task Force to engage in dialogue with your representatives, and we ask that you communicate with them as the process moves forward.

The consensus of the concerns expressed at the Venice Neighborhood Council meeting are as follows:

- Although the overwhelming opinion of the community is that the building not change hands, if it must happen, our desire it that any re-purposing of the building is consistent with its long history as a Venice public landmark.
- The community is united in the need to protect the current post office building and wants to be informed about any possible new owners.
- We also want assurance that prospective buyers understand the need to maintain public access to the historic building and its (WPA) Work Progress Administration, Depression era mural and are in touch with Suzanne Zada, the executor of the Edward Biberman Art Estate.
- 4) Assurance that the mural will be protected in perpetuity, and request that a copy of the mural (or the original mural have a prominent place in the new, rehabilitated annex building in consultation with SPARC, The Social Public Art Resource Center, a world renowned Venice based non-profit organization dedicated to public art and mural preservation (http://www.sparcmurals.org).
- 5) All prospective buyers should be informed that any new construction must comply with the Venice Coastal Specific Plan and must receive approval from the California Coastal Commission prior to any change of use, as this is a dual jurisdiction area.
- 5) Grounds design and ongoing maintenance are and have been issues of concern. The current chain link fence recently added to the Annex parking lot is an eyesore and prevents the efforts of the community to keep it presentable. Any garden and grounds design plan needs to include trees and sustainable plants in as large an area as possible and regular maintenance by contract. In fact, Venice is home to many world class landscape designers, and hiring a local designer would be appropriate.
- 6) The Venice Neighborhood Council and its Land Use and Planning Committee reviews all plans for construction in the Venice area and issues recommendations to the LA City Westside Area Planning Commission and City Council District 11.

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We look forward to continuing communications and another visit to our Neighborhood Council very soon.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks President

Venice Neighborhood Council

Emily Winters, Venice Arts Council

Cc:

Eduardo Ruiz, District Director, USPO
Ramela Youkenian, USPO
Ruth Goldway, President, US Postal Rate Commission,
Kate Anderson, 36th Congressional Office
Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl
Board, Venice Neighborhood Council
Suzanne Zada, Edward Biberman Art Estate
Judy Baca, Social Public Art Resource Center (SPARC)