



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Adhoc Venice Cityhood Regular Meeting Minutes**

### Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, CA 90291

**Thursday, June 28, 2018, 7:00PM-9:00PM**

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### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7PM**

Nick Antonicello (Chair)

James Murez

Yolanda Gonzalez

### **2. Approve Agenda as presented**

### **3. Approval of Outstanding minutes**

### **4. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS by Chair and board members**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agendized items**



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## 6. Old Business

## 7. New Business

### 7A Pathway to Venice Cityhood (Nick Antonicello, [nick.antonicello@venicenc.org](mailto:nick.antonicello@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** Whereas, Venice was an independent city when residents voted in 1926 to annex itself to the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Venice residents deserve the right to consider reversing that decision free from the burden of it being rejected by other residents living in the rest of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Venice residents desire the increased responsiveness of municipal government seen in smaller units of local government, such as our neighbors Santa Monica, Culver City, Malibu and West Hollywood; and

Whereas, Venice is not well served by a city government with only 15 council people for a population of almost four million residents;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council formally requests the City of Los Angeles to sponsor and support State legislation to amend the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to void the City of Los Angeles' right to cause the termination of a detachment request pending before a local area formation commission submitted by a former city which earlier voted to join the City of Los Angeles, which now borders both another city and the Pacific Ocean, and does not contain within its borders an airport or port; and further, to amend that Act to remove the City of Los Angeles' right to subject to a vote of all voters in the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles the detachment of a former city now located within its borders which borders both another city and the Pacific Ocean, and does not contain within its borders an airport or port.

### AMENDED MOTION JM, YG 4-0-0

*WHEREAS, Venice was once its own city and in 1926 voted to annex itself to the City of Los Angeles; and  
WHEREAS, Venice residents deserve a process that allows stakeholders to reverse that decision; and  
WHEREAS, Venice can be served more effectively as a small municipality much like Santa Monica, Culver City, Manhattan Beach and others; and*

*WHEREAS, current legislation known as the "Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000" needs to be amended and revised so that the stakeholders of Venice and not the City of Los Angeles be the final authority in this detachment process,*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) endorse this change in legislation so that the process of detachment be more reasonable and less restrictive on Venetians and that a letter be sent to the office of the Governor as well as our local legislators and the Office of CD11 urging support of this change.*

*4-0-0 on Jun 28, 2018 by the Venice Cityhood Committee*



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**13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the Cityhood jurisdiction**

**14. Adjourn**

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<b><u>Standing Committees</u></b>	<b><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></b>
Administrative - Ira Koslow Neighborhood - George Francisco Outreach - Hollie Stenson Land Use and Planning - Matthew Royce Budget & Finance - Hugh Harrison Rules & Selections - John Reed Arts - Sunny Bak Ocean Front Walk - Colleen Saro	Homeless - Will Hawkins Parking & Transportation - Jim Murez Venice Cityhood - Nick Antonicello Discussion Forum - Joe Murphy

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