



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Regular Meeting Agenda 6:30PM Tuesday January 21, 2025 ZOOM WEBINAR

When: Jan 21, 2025 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VNC January Board Meeting

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 8, 2023, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND BY RESOLUTION OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION. Every person wishing to address the Board must dial telephone number listed above, and enter the above Meeting Id number and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 30 seconds per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the



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Board. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third party internet website or online platform to participate. (E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Brian Averill	Erica Moore	Yolanda Gonzalez	Bruno Hernandez
Jim Robb	Lisa Redmond	Deborah Keaton	Jason Sugars
Helen Fallon	Robert Thibodeau	Eric Donaldson	Christopher Lee
Tima Bell	Alley Bean	Fran Solomon	
Michael Jensen	Clark Brown	CJ Cole	
Nico Ruderman	Steve Bradbury	Soledad Ursua	

2. UPDATE WITH COUNCILMEMBER PARK

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR RECUSALS

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

6. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7. VNC ELECTION UPDATE

8. TREASURER’S REPORT

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMIT TO 20MIN/1MIN PER SPEAKER

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

11. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any Board member or stakeholder can ask a clarifying question instead of, or before, moving items to the end of the general agenda.



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RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

LAFD COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) PROGRAM. (5-0-0)

DESCRIPTION: The CERT program trains community volunteers in best practices and how to respond in the event of earthquakes and other disasters. CERT trained volunteers are prepared to help themselves, their neighbors and their communities when an emergency happens, thus allowing the LAFD to concentrate their efforts in highest-need areas. CERT volunteers also consistently support the LAFD's responses to their routine activities. This is especially critical during emergencies. Some CERT trained volunteers can and do continue their training in hopes of joining the ranks of the Call Out teams that are especially important during emergencies. During 2024 the CERT unit has conducted the following trainings: 2,357 CERT students; 2,700 Hands-Only CPR students and 961 Fire Extinguisher students. A total of 940 hours of service has been performed by the CERT Call Out volunteers. Considering that we never know when a city-wide emergency might occur and considering that when it does the investment in the CERT program will contribute immeasurably to the resilience and recovery of the city, the Venice Neighborhood Council urges the city leaders to continue funding the LAFD CERT program.

Whereas: The Venice Community is vulnerable to multiple natural, technological, national security and other human caused disasters/emergencies. Whereas: The Community Emergency Response Team program provides critical training to empower residents and stakeholders to effectively respond to and recover from disasters/emergencies.

Whereas: Funding for this critical, life safety, program are in danger of being severely reduced, thereby drastically restricting the number of classes that can be offered throughout the city.

Whereas: The Venice Neighborhood actively supports all efforts to make our community and the City of Los Angeles disaster resilient.

MOTION: Community Impact Statement reflecting this resolution be filed under City Council File 24 1600; that this resolution be forwarded to Los Angeles City Fire Chief Kristen Crowley, City Councilwoman, Traci Park and Mayor Karen Bass; that the VNC President and or the Venice Community Resiliency Committee



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12. OLD BUSINESS

VENICE COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

A. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT

MOTION: to approve Parking and Transportation Report

DESCRIPTION: See supporting Documents

B. HOLDOVER RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION: to approve Holdover Recommendations

DESCRIPTION: See supporting documents

NEW BUSINESS

13. BUDGET AND OUTREACH COMMITTEES

- A. The Venice Board approves the December 31, 2024 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER). (See supporting documents.)
 - B. The Venice Board approves a reimbursement of \$160.50 to Outreach Chair Erica Moore for supplies paid by cash for tabling at the Chamber's Holiday Lighting event. (see supporting documents) Note: Board previously authorized Outreach to spend up to \$200 per tabling event-this motion and additional BAC is needed to authorize a reimbursement because the credit card was not used.
 - C. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase three (3) VNC Election announcement Banner Patches to be attached onto our three (3) VNC reusable banners to be placed in various Neighborhoods within the Neighborhood Council perimeters. The three (3) Banner Patches will announce the candidate forum, voting ballot request and return options with deadlines. Total costs including tax for all three (3) Banner Patches not to exceed \$325.00.
 - D. The VNC Board approves the Outreach Committee to purchase VNC Election announcement 24" x 18" Lawn Signs with H-Stake stands to be placed in various Neighborhoods throughout the Neighborhood Council perimeters. Total costs including tax for up to thirty (30) signs not to exceed \$625.00.
 - E. Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Board approves scheduling a VNC Election Candidate Meet and Greet Movie Event no later than Sunday, March 2nd 2025. Total costs including venue, refreshments and equipment rental not to exceed \$1,500.00.
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14. OUTREACH

VIRTUAL CANDIDATE FORUM ON ZOOM

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Board of Officers approves scheduling a VNC Election Candidate Forum via Zoom in February.

DESCRIPTION: An economical way for stakeholders to learn about and hear from the Certified Candidates running for the Venice Neighborhood Council

15. VNC BOARD ELECTION PARTICIPATION (STEVE BRADBURY)

MOTION: For the period of Jan 17th - Mar 9th, 2025, all VNC Board members shall participate in no less than two, two-hour public outreach sessions to register voters in-person for the 2025 VNC election. These outreach efforts will be scheduled every Friday at the Venice Farmer's Market and other publicly accessible locations suggested by VNC board members to the VNC Rules & Elections Committee. This initiative will be led by the Chair of the Rules & Elections Committee with support from the VNC Outreach Chair. Participants will be provided with all necessary guidelines and supplies. A schedule of locations, times and board member participation will be posted on the VNC election web site page.

BACKGROUND: Los Angeles has determined that the 2025 Neighborhood Elections will be 100% vote-by-mail. To obtain a ballot, constituents are required to either (1) submit a vote-by mail application online (after creating an Angeleno account if necessary), (2) submit a request on the City Clerk's website, or (3) pick up a ballot application at the Venice Library to be mailed to the City Clerk. For many residents including the elderly and houseless who have limited internet/computer access or need assistance, these options will likely depress voter participation. Article V, Section 11 of the VNC Bylaws states "The VNC shall direct that a system of outreach be instituted to inform the Venice community as to the existence and activities of the VNC, including its Board elections, to find future leaders of the VNC, and to encourage all Stakeholders to seek leadership positions within the VNC." During the present term, some board members have not made an appropriate commitment to fulfill this responsibility. Section 18 of the VNC Standing Rules directs the board to "consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc." Section 24 of the VNC Standing Rules (under Outreach Chair Duties/Responsibilities) requires coordination of tabling activities at multiple locations including the Friday Venice Farmer's Market. WHEREAS: Only 2.5% of Venetians voted in the 2023 VNC Elections, down 54.3% from the 2021 election cycle, and,



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WHEREAS: Article V, Section 11 of the VNC Bylaws states, "All Board Members shall be responsible for participating in the VNC's outreach efforts" and Sections 18 & 25 of the VNC Standing Rules directs board members to seek greater involvement of the community in the VNC,

16. PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS (CLARK BROWN)

MOTION: A LETTER TO CD11 REQUESTING PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CITY ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS, RVS AND OVS ON: (1) MARR STREET, (2) ROSE, 4th, INDIANA AND ELECTRIC NEIGHBORHOODS, (3) WASHINGTON BLVD WEST OF ABBOT KINNEY

DESCRIPTION: The City should forthwith: (1) Aggressively ticket and remove all persons camping and all vehicles parked in violation of these provisions of law in Venice. (2) Continually meet and confer with residents and business owners in the affected neighborhoods to develop strategies and plans for doing that (See Supporting Documents)

17. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE (FRANK MURPHY)

MOTION: Venice Neighborhood Council to form the ad hoc Committee on Housing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with the following mission statement: to address and propose recommendations to the City of Los Angeles to meet its housing obligations under state law and ensure that Venice remains committed to socioeconomic diversity, equity, and inclusion in creation of new housing.

DESCRIPTION: Whereas: The status quo adhered to in planning for land use in the City of LA over the past several decades has isolated and excluded those of color and those of lesser means on whom we rely so heavily in our daily lives. Whereas: The issues of homelessness, gentrification, displacement and economic stratification, have been greatly enhanced by the scarcity pursued by the status quo. Whereas: In each of the past three decades, 1990 – 2020, the City of LA has produced and realized fewer dwelling units than in any decade over the past 140 years. Whereas: The State of California through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers has tasked the City of LA with allowing the production and realization of an additional 456,643 units. Whereas: This effort will go a long way in creating a market equilibrium bringing housing costs more in line with earning potential thus allowing those of color and lesser means the option to live in our community on their own terms and to their own individual and familial benefit.



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18. ARBOR COMMITTEE

URBAN CANOPY OF PACIFIC PALISADES AND BRENTWOOD (5-0-0)

DESCRIPTION: Whereas a large portion of Los Angeles' urban canopy resides in the Palisades and Brentwood neighborhoods; and this urban canopy provides cooling and air quality benefits to the city, and because a large portion of the Palisades and parts of Brentwood have burned, a large amount of Urban Canopy is at risk. A resulting reduction in Urban Canopy could affect our microclimate for years to come;

Whereas the street trees of Palisades and Brentwood provide substantial beauty, mental health benefits and habitat to residents, as well as soil stability and prevention of slides, every effort should be made to save surviving trees. **Many trees that look burned are still alive and will be able to return and thrive** and, in order to save the graceful, beautiful trees of these beleaguered neighborhoods, interim actions should be taken;

Whereas Emergency Executive Order No. 1 provides for immediate and expedited removal of debris and provides for a Debris Manager, and a rushed removal of fire debris presents a risk of demolition of resilient trees that are surviving and are capable of recovery;

Whereas many environmental and urban canopy groups in the Palisades are presently in disarray;

MOTION: Venice Neighborhood Council hereby requests that the new Emergency Executive Order No. 1, should include language specifically preserving existing city trees and private trees from demolition, including all street trees of 6" diameter at breast height (DBH) or greater, and that some federal disaster relief be devoted to maintaining trees by water truck during the interim demolition and construction period with this motion sent to Councilmember Park and Mayor Bass.

19. ADJOURN

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