

Charter Schools and Marina Del Rey Development on the Agenda at the Next Meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council

The Venice Neighborhood Council will meet at 6PM, an hour earlier than usual, on August 16th at the Oakwood Recreation Center. On the agenda are a new LAUSD process that could result in replacing Ocean Charter School at its Walgrove Elementary campus; and the effects on Venice of redevelopment in Marina Del Rey. The Oakwood Recreation Center is located [at 767 California Ave.](#) in Venice.

Los Angeles Unified School District is expected to release a [Request for Proposal to co-locate a charter school on its Walgrove Elementary School campus](#) in the 2012-2013 school year. Ocean Charter School is already co-located at Walgrove – so choosing another tenant could force Ocean Charter to seek a new location or replace it altogether. The VNC will hear a motion to support Ocean Charter. A second motion seeks to insure that the RFP makes it a priority to meet the needs of middle-school students in Venice. Steve Zimmer, LAUSD District 4 School Board Member, has been invited to explain the RFP process to the Venice Community.

The County of Los Angeles wants to redevelop 15 to 17 parcels in Marina Del Rey, creating more commercial space and adding thousands of apartments. These development projects will intensify traffic entering and leaving the Marina, resulting in more automobiles on Venice streets and adding additional stress to the Westside's traffic grid. The Venice Neighborhood Council will be asked to request a new traffic study for the redevelopment project due [deficiencies found by an independent consultant in the study the County has already conducted](#) found by an independent consultant in the study the County has already conducted. In another motion, the VNC will be asked to oppose the County's proposed conversion of public parking lots into commercial and residential developments in the Marina. Representatives from Los Angeles County's Department of Beaches and Harbors have been invited to speak about their plans.

In other business, the VNC Board will hear from stakeholders who want to be selected for an open Board seat (the Board will elect someone to fill this vacancy at its September meeting). And the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has been invited to [present a new proposal approved by the city's Education and Neighborhoods Committee that would change the method of financing for Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils](#). The new system, if enacted, would have a major impact on Venice.

Snacks and coffee will be provided at the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be posted on the internet at www.VeniceNC.org and at posting places in the community.

There is no charge for this event. It is open to the public. Comments are encouraged.

What: Venice Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Where: Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Ave. (enter from 7th)

When: Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

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