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Fences and Hedges Ad Hoc Committee Report to Board of Officers September 16, 2008

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Fences and Hedges Ad Hoc Committee MOVES TO RECOMMEND that the VNC Board of Officers RECOMMENDS to the Los Angeles City Council the following actions, amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code and/or the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan and further initiatives regarding fence, wall and hedge ("structure") heights in the required front yard of private properties*:

- 1) Provide "grandfather" protection for existing structures over three-and-one-half feet in all sub-areas at existing heights, with reference to Santa Monica's process.
- 2) Recommend that the Board distribute a community-wide survey to provide factual basis for community support.
- 3) Enable neighborhoods (minimum 1 block) to establish "Specific Plan Fence Height Overlay Districts" to define their own frontage barrier heights.
 - a) Enable height limits of new structures to increase in proportion to the distance set back from the property line.
 - b) Encourage neighborhood-friendly "walkability" and visibility.
- 4) Establish a notification procedure regarding neighborhood regulations for new property owners.

* except where a barrier would block a public view of the Coast.