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Dear Venice Neighborhood Council,

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment received a "Neighborhood Council Application to Change or Adjust Bylaws" dated May 4, 2006 to amend the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council bylaws as submitted by Richard Myers, L.J. Carusone, and DeDe Audet and signed by Board Member Richard Myers.

A review of the proposed bylaw changes has been conducted by the Department and it appears that the requested changes are not inconsistent with applicable guidelines for Neighborhood Councils such as the Los Angeles City Charter, City Ordinances, and the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils at this time. The Department has further noted that the application contains all required documentation.

Therefore the "Neighborhood Council Application to Change or Adjust Bylaws" has been **approved**. The current Venice NC certified and amended bylaws shall include, or be absent of where applicable, the following: (See attached copy of current bylaws for extent of numbering and language)

### **Article I Name and Organization**

### **Article II Purpose and Policy**

#### **B. Purpose**

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##### **Section 1**

##### **Section 2**

##### **Section 3**

### **Article II Purpose and Policy**

#### **C. Policy**

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**Section 1**  
**Section 4**

**Article III Membership**  
**A. Stakeholders.**

**Article III Membership**  
**B. Voting Members**

**Article III Membership**  
**C. Member Rights**  
**Section 2**  
**Section 3**  
**Section 4**  
**Section 5**

**Article III Membership**  
**C. Member Rights**  
**[#3 and #7 of previous bylaws have been removed]**

**Article III Membership**  
**D. Privacy**  
**[Item has been removed]**

**Article IV Board of Officers**  
**A. Governing Body**

**Article IV Board of Officers**  
**B. Executive Officers**

**Article IV Board of Officers**  
**B. Executive Officers**  
**[#1 through and #7 of previous bylaws have been removed]**

**Article IV Board of Officers**  
**B. Executive Officers**  
**Sections 1 through 7**

**Article IV Board of Officers**  
**C. Community Officers**

**Article IV Board of Officers**  
**D. Seven (7) Geographical Representative Officers**  
**[Item has been removed]**

**Article IV Board of Officers  
D. Immediate Past President**

**Article IV Board of Officers  
E. Officer Responsibilities  
*[Item has been removed]***

**Article IV Board of Officers  
F. Vacant board Seats  
*[Item has been removed]***

**Article IV Board of Officers  
E. Term**

**Article IV Board of Officers  
F. Quorum**

**Article IV Board of Officers  
G. Resignations, Removals, and Vacancies  
Section 3  
Section 4**

**Article IV Board of Officers  
G. Resignations, Removals, and Vacancies  
*[#4 of previous bylaws have been removed]***

**Article V Membership Oversight  
A. Initiative  
Section 1  
Section 2  
Section 3**

**Article V Membership Oversight  
A. Initiative  
*[#4 of previous bylaws have been removed]***

**Article V Membership Oversight  
B. Recall  
Section 1  
Section 2**

**Article V Membership Oversight  
B. Recall  
*[#3 of previous bylaws have been removed]***

**Article V Membership Oversight**

**C. Grievance**

**Article VI Elections**

**A. Timing**

**Article VI Elections**

**B. Staggering**

***[Item has been removed]***

**Article VI Elections**

**B. Term Limits**

**Article VI Elections**

**C. Registration**

**Article VI Elections**

**D. Qualifications**

**Article VI Elections**

**E. Credentials**

**Article VI Elections**

**F. Voting**

**Article VI Elections**

**G. Election Procedures**

**Article VI Elections**

**H. Transitional Provision**

**Article VII Committees**

**A. Administrative Committee**

**Article VII Committees**

**B. Neighborhood Committee**

**Article VII Committees**

**C. Rules and Elections Committee**

**Article VII Committees**

**D. Budget, Finance and Fundraising Committee**

**Article VII Committees**

**D. Communications and Outreach Committee**

***[Item from previous bylaws has been removed]***

**Article VII Committees**  
**E. Government Relations Committee**  
**[Has been removed]**

**Article VII Committees**  
**E. Outreach and Event Planning Committee**

**Article VII Committees**  
**F. Land Use and Planning Committee**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**A. Notice**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**B. Brown Act**  
**[Item has been removed]**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**B. Frequency**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**C. Elections**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**D. Agendas**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**E. Rules of Civility**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**F.**  
**[Item from previous bylaws has been removed]**

**Article IX Governing Authority**  
**[Title has been removed]**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**F. Governing Parliamentary Authority**

**Article VIII Meetings**  
**G. Standing Rules**

**Article IX Amendment**

**Article IX Amendment**  
**A. Amendment by Board of Officers**

**Article IX Amendment  
B. Amendment by Voting Members**

**Article IX Amendment  
C. DONE Approval**

**Article X Boundaries**

**Article X Boundaries  
A. Venice Neighborhood Council Boundaries**

***Article X Boundaries  
B. District Boundaries  
[Item has been removed]***

**Article XI Ethics**

**Article XI Ethics  
A. Nondiscrimination**

**Article XI Ethics  
B. Conflict of Interest**

**Article XI Ethics  
C. Restriction on Political Campaigns**

**Article XII Financial Accountability**

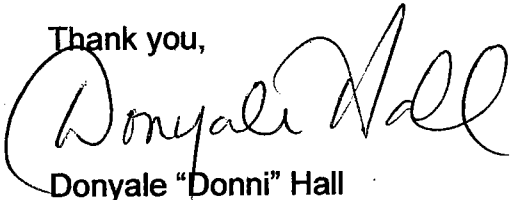
***Article XIV Outreach and Communication  
[Item and Sections A through D of previous bylaws have been removed]***

It is also noted that based on the removal of some items from the bylaws, renumbering has occurred to provide consistency throughout the document. Items listed above are reflective of this.

The governing structure of the Venice NC will now be based on these current and amended bylaws. The Venice NC shall begin to use and distribute these current certified and amended bylaws per this date. In addition, a copy of said bylaws will be kept on file by the Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Neighborhood Council Advocate, Deanna Stevenson who may be reached via e-mail at [deanna.stevenson@lacity.org](mailto:deanna.stevenson@lacity.org), by phone at (323) 789-2811 or toll free by dialing 3-1-1.

Thank you,



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