



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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February 10, 2008

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl  
City of Los Angeles  
City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: North side of North Venice Boulevard public right-of-way adjacent to  
585-595 North Venice Boulevard (from Electric to Tabor Court alley)

Dear Bill:

At the Venice Neighborhood Council's (VNC) January 15, 2008 Board meeting, we voted 16-0-3 to send this letter to you for your immediate action. The VNC recommends that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to replace the "Private Parking" signs at 585-585 N Venice Blvd with "Public Parking" signs immediately.

By way of background, as I'm sure you are aware, the parking area in question was part of Venice Blvd when there was a median down the middle which contained public parking. The median was removed and public parking was instead placed on the North side of Venice Blvd.

Subsequently, a business owner by the name of Robert Slayton claimed part of this parking area as private property for his business use and placed "Private Parking" signs thereon. Moreover, he has unsuccessfully petitioned the City of Los Angeles, Public Works Commission, twice in two years, to retain the "Private Parking" signs and to have this land vacated by the City of Los Angeles and turned over to him. He then appealed his case to the California Coastal Commission (#A-5-VEN-07-358), which denied the appeal November 14, 2007.

As such, we ask that you instruct LADOT to change the parking signs immediately.

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse,  
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

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