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Mr. Bill Rosendahl
Councilmember, Council District 11
City of Los Angeles, City Hall, Room 451
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: Declining State of Billboard Structures in Venice

Dear Bill:

On Tuesday, February 19th, the VNC Board of Officers unanimously voted to urge you to take all necessary steps to initiate immediate emergency inspection of all billboard supporting structures in Venice, including but not limited to repair, demolition, permit status search and further action as may be necessary to provide adequate protection for people and property in the community.

Enclosed is a photograph of CBS Billboard #4994, in the parking lot south of 2417 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, and several photographs of rusted and deteriorating billboard structures elsewhere in Venice. Billboard #4994 recently collapsed because of structural failure due to deteriorated supports, damaging adjacent vehicles.

We are concerned that nearly every billboard constructed in Los Angeles is located such that its structural failure could, without warning, endanger property and public safety. Moreover, a significant number of billboard supporting structures are visibly rusted or otherwise not properly maintained. I am enclosing several photographs showing this deterioration.

This is a matter of public safety. We urge you to give this your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse, President

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Cc: secretary@venicenc.org

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