



Venice Neighborhood Council

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Venice Neighborhood Council would like to express our support and appreciation for Venice 2000/H.E.L.P.E.R ("Venice 2000"). We have been working collaboratively with them for the past four years.

Venice 2000 has been serving the Venice community for over nine years. Over the years they have played a key role in curbing the violence that existed in the Venice area. Their services to the community have grown to include: Safe Passage at Venice High School and Mark Twain Middle School, gang intervention and prevention services, and mediation services.

Venice 2000 continues to provide services and workshops to the youth in the Venice area. The youth services provided are; Leadership Sessions, Self-respect, Making the Right Choices, The Consequences of Negative Behavior, with special emphasis on education and staying in school. These goals are accomplished through our group and individual sessions. Additionally they offer counseling and one-on-one mentoring.

The Re-Entry Component of Venice 2000 provides job searches, food distribution, and re-entry assistance for persons coming back into society from incarceration, to name a few. The goal of Venice 2000 is to take their successes and experience and expand to the surrounding areas throughout the Los Angeles County. They are a valuable resource to the residents and community. Venice 2000 has consistently added to general public safety.

As stated, over the years we have supported Venice 2000's efforts, and commend it for its ongoing service to our community.

Thank you,

Mike Newhouse
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Venice Neighborhood Council

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