



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Re: Venice Stakeholders Affirmation of Residents Right to Establish Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) Pursuant to LAMC Code 80.54 and CA Vehicle Code Section 22507.5

Dear City Attorney Trutanich,

Congratulations on your election as City Attorney.

I am writing to bring to your attention that on February 21, 2009, the Venice Neighborhood Council held an election on the following initiative:

Venice Stakeholders re-affirm that Venice residents have the same democratic right as other L.A. residents to establish, by 2/3rds petition signatures, OPDs for their blocks to preserve parking for residents and for night-time security, and call upon the VNC to communicate affirmation of this right to pertinent governmental bodies.

The election on this initiative generated the largest turnout in the history of the Council. Over 1,500 stakeholders voted, many waiting over an hour to cast their ballot. The final tally showed that the initiative passed by a vote of 891 to 608, with 13 abstentions. As such, the position of the initiative continued the previous position of the Venice Neighborhood Council; i.e., support for Venice residents' right to form Overnight Parking Districts.

As directed by the initiative, I am herewith communicating its passage to pertinent governmental bodies.

Thank you for your consideration of the position of the Venice Neighborhood Council on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mike Newhouse
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

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