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October 29, 2009

Councilman Bill Rosendahl
City of Los Angeles, City Hall, Room 451
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

The following motion was approved by the Venice Neighborhood Council at its regular Board meeting on October 20, 2009.

Whereas the issue of RV's parked in Venice has long resulted in media attention, anguish, anxiety and anger by many Venice stakeholders;

Whereas Councilman Bill Rosendahl, at the urging of the VNC, researched the models for safe parking programs that work in other municipalities (Santa Barbara and Eugene, Oregon);

Whereas the California Coastal Commission rejected LA City's application to create Overnight Parking restrictions in the Coastal zone and suggested that the City and the Neighborhood Council come up with alternative solutions to this social problem;

Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Committee feels that a Citywide safe parking program may well provide a partial solution;

Therefore, The VeniceNC Neighborhood Committee voted to request the VNC to send a letter of support to City Council, members of the Transportation Committee & to Mayor Villaraigosa in support of Councilman Rosendahl's Council motion #08-3125 to create a provision for Councilmembers to designate discrete and distinct areas of their council district where people would be allowed to park and sleep overnight, by permit & with case management services.
<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=08-3125>

We appreciate your recent efforts to help us address the plight of the homeless and the frustrations with overnight live-in parking, and it seems clear to us that most Venetians have sympathy for the homeless and the residents. However, at the same time, they are frustrated with the constant political in-fighting that undermines efforts to create a workable consensus. We believe that committing to the following two actions would create a workable consensus and mutually reinforcing solutions to both problems:

1. We are available to help you draft and implement the intent of your Council Motion 08-3125. In doing this, we suggest that you consider two recent VNC motions (see enclosure) insofar as



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they are relevant. When a draft ordinance is ready for public review, we will provide opportunities for broad Venice stakeholder review and comment.

2. The intent of Ordinance 177876 is to help address the overnight live-in parking concerns of residents. To clarify this intent, we ask that you file a Council Motion to replace the word 'and' with 'or' where it is currently causing enforcement confusion.

We believe this letter speaks for the broad majority of Venetians in that it recognizes the mutually reinforcing impact of focusing efforts on both problems simultaneously. Your commitment to join with us in pursuing both of these goals would help us build a better Venice Community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike R. Newhouse".

Mike Newhouse
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

CC: secretary@venicenc.org

Encl.



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Homelessness Motions Adopted By VNC

Homelessness - Report & Recommendation to Support St. Joseph's Center's Service Registry

The VNC Ad Hoc Homelessness & Vehicular Occupation Committee presents a report & recommendations regarding St. Joseph's Center's proposal to create a service registry of the homeless population of Venice. The proposed service registry would be modeled on the successful service registries used in Downtown Los Angeles & also in Santa Monica that have assisted homeless service providers in identifying the most vulnerable of the homeless population & successfully providing them with housing & services. Further, the Committee will ask for the VNC Board to take certain actions, including forwarding letters of support to government officials & agencies, to support the proposal, and to sponsor and publicize the program.

[Adopted Unanimously 3/17/09]

Motion to Create Pilot Vehicle-to-Housing Transition Program

Request that the VNC recommend that the City of Los Angeles establish a program, funded by the City, County and possibly private charitable sources, and operated by a non-profit social service provider, to provide sites and services to assist vehicle dwellers, on a voluntary basis, find affordable housing.

The VNC suggests that most successful programs are flexible in their approaches to homeless individuals and that the initial program be a "Pilot" program. This suggests that the program specifics be determined by any contract the City of Los Angeles concludes with the non-profit social service provider selected to operate the program. The contract should be sensitive and protective of both residents' and homeless individuals' needs. It is further suggested that the City of Los Angeles and its contractor explore the ideas contained in the VNC Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and Vehicular Occupation's Final Report in the section on the Pilot Vehicle-to-Housing Transition Program ([http://venicenc.org/files/090508Homelessness Committee Final Report-1.doc](http://venicenc.org/files/090508Homelessness%20Committee%20Final%20Report-1.doc) - which includes the description of the St. Joseph's Center's Service Registry program).

[Adopted Unanimously 9/15/09]