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**Councilmember Bill Rosendahl,
City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Re: CF 09-2357, 09-2357-S1, 09-2357-S2 and 09-0206

Dear Bill,

The Venice Neighborhood Council passed a resolution at its Special Meeting on October 26 2010, approving a report and recommendations regarding valet parking and food truck impact issues in and around Abbot Kinney Boulevard and a Community Impact Statement.

As you know, Los Angeles lacks a centralized valet parking program, leading to valet practices that include cordoning off zones which may not belong to their clients and negatively affecting already-congested residential parking areas in Venice's Coastal Zone. In contrast, many adjacent and nearby cities enjoy regulated valet parking services, with predictable and enforceable operating rules and permit requirements.

We understand that the Los Angeles City Attorney has been directed to prepare an ordinance to establish a citywide valet parking permit program. We ask that you consider Venice Neighborhood Council's recommendations as you work to prepare this program.

As we all know, the dynamic and exciting explosion of the mobile food vendor industry also brings unexpected and unwelcome impacts, which risk overshadowing this industry's innovative and community-building effects on our social and economic landscape.

We applaud your Transportation Committee's public dialogue on this issue. We believe Venice's broad and intense experience with both issues, both as to current impacts and emerging initiatives, is critically relevant to your committee's dialogue.

As an "interested Neighborhood Council," we therefore request that you bring the Venice Neighborhood Council's attached recommendations to the Transportation Committee's discussion. Venice is prepared to work with you on the valet parking issue and with the proposed Mobile Food Truck Task Force, for the purpose of producing the comprehensively-crafted solutions these issues deserve.

Thank you in advance for your expeditious response to your community and, as always, your good works.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lucks
President

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Members of The Transportation Committee
City Attorney Carmen Trutanich
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky