



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
City Hall, Room 451
200 Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: [Venice West Café Landmark Designation](#)

Dear Bill:

Venice West Cafe, a coffeehouse where poets read their works and jazz musicians performed, operated from 1958 to 1966 at 7 Dudley Ave. Home to Jim Morrison's Doors, the birthplace of Venice Beat Generation Poetry, and later home to the Sponto Gallery, the very seeds of L.A.'s counterculture movement were planted here, and few locations in Venice have contributed more to the community's history. The Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission voted unanimously to recommend landmark designation for the Venice Beach site in a commercial building that also had storefronts on Ocean Front Walk.

At its January 19, 2010 regular meeting, the Venice Neighborhood Council joined the Cultural Heritage Commission in recommending landmark designation for this local treasure.

Sincerely,

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

Mike Newhouse
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

CC: Secretary@VeniceNC.org;