



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of outstanding minutes (1 minute)

October 19, 2010 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/101019VNCBoardMinutes-JDM.pdf> (Draft)

October 25, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/101025VNCSpecialBoardMeetingMinutes-JDM.pdf> (Draft)

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no board member announcements permitted]

5. Treasurers Report; Hugh Harrison (10 minutes)

See Exhibit A

[Discussion and approval of financial statements]

A Attached is the expenditure report for the period September 22 through October 21, 2010, together with the purchase card billing statement for that period of time.

B The Budget Committee has reviewed and is submitting for the Board's consideration and possible decision on funding the following three items from the Board's community improvement funding allocation. There currently is \$3,150 available for allocation. If funded fully, these requests total \$2,300.

1. \$1000 is requested for Frances Fagin for completion of a photography project. This project was funded in last year's community improvement projects and was not completed before funding was frozen.



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2. \$1000 is requested by President Linda Lucks for the purchase of toys for the Los Angeles Police Department Toys for Tots program. (SEE APPLICATION)
3. \$300 is requested by President Linda Lucks for the purchase of turkeys for distribution to individuals in need in conjunction with the Vera Davis Community Center. (SEE APPLICATION)

Stakeholders may also donate cash/gift cards in advance or turkeys between 9-11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Contact Clifford McClain, Exec. Dir. 310-305-7996.

4. The VNC Budget Committee will be reviewing the 2010-2011 Budget Allocations at its next regular meeting on December 7, 2010. All VNC committee Chairs should submit requests for budget augmentations [or reductions] to the treasurer by the end of the month. It is not anticipated that there will be a radical restructuring of the allocations, but if unexpected needs have arisen since the budget was approved, this is the opportunity to provide input to the Budget Committee.

6. Consent Calendar

[Items may be removed from consent calendar at request of Board member or public]

7. LUPC Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A** **600-04 Venice Blvd (Le Zinc) (20 minutes);** Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; ChairLUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit B**

Case Number(s): ZA-2010-206-CDP-CUB-CU-SPP and ENV-2010-205-EAF
 Address: 604 E VENICE BLVD 90291
 Project Name: Le Zinc

OVERVIEW:

CHANGE OF USE FROM AN OFFICE TO CAFE WITH 16 PARKING SPACES AND 65 SEATS (18 OUTDOOR/47 INDOOR) SELLING BEER AND WINE ON-SITE OPEN FROM 6AM TO 2AM; DAILY.

Motion to approve the project as presented, with the following conditions:

1. No variance to VCZSP, including parking requirements,
2. Meeting both Venice BMP and CUB,
3. Noting bike rack provided,
4. Hours of 6am to 2am, 7-days per week,
5. Plan approval in 1-year.

LUPC Vote: 7-1; APPROVED



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8. Scheduled Announcements [no more than 1 minute per report unless otherwise stated]

A VNC Announcements (3 min)

- President:** Linda Lucks (310-505-4220; president@venicenc.org)
- Vice President:** Carolyn Rios (310-821-7922; VP@venicenc.org)
[Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]
- Community Improvement Projects:** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- Neighborhood Council Town Hall –Thursday, December 2 at 6:30PM–**
"Is Venice Prepared to be the Number One Visitor Destination in Southern California?",
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Westminster Elementary School Auditorium

B Governmental Reports (15 min)

- State Assemblyperson Ted Lieu;** Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Representative (310-615-3515; Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov)
- Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa;** Jennifer Badger, West Area Representatives (310-479-3823; jennifer.badger@lacity.org)
- City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl:** Arturo Piña, Field Deputy (310-568-8772; arturo.pina@lacity.org)
- LAPD:** Officer Peggy Thusing, Senior Lead Officer (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils:** Mike Newhouse (310-795-3768; mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com)
- PlancheckLA:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (310-822-1729; Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net)
- LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet (310-251-1054; daudet@ca.rr.com)
- LAPD Community Police Advisory Board-** Nick Hippisley-Coxe

C Presentation on Venice High School (10 minutes); Dr. Elsa Mendoza, Principal for Venice High School on behalf of the Education Committee (310-577-4200, EHM0819@LAUSD.NET)

Dr. Elsa Mendoza, the new principal at Venice High School, will make a presentation on behalf of Venice High School to update the Venice community regarding the status of Venice High School and to outline how the Venice Neighborhood Council and local stakeholders can help promote and advance Venice High's plans for improvement and growth.

9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than **2 minutes per person** – no board member announcements permitted]

10. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A New Official VNC Posting Places: Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Outreach Committee (310-892-9660, outreach@venicenc.org)

1 - MOTION (10 minutes): WHEREAS the Outreach Committee was asked to explore and recommend posting sites in order to comply with the new Board Of Neighborhood



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Commissioners / Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment directive that each NC have at least 5 official posting places in addition to their website and email notifications

The Outreach Committee recommends that the VNC Board select five (5) official posting places from the following nine (9) proposed sites: **See Exhibit C for criteria**

1. Penmar Park
 2. Café Collage (note: no bulletin board – windows available)
 3. Whole Foods
 4. Beyond Baroque – 681 Venice Blvd (24 Hour Availability)
 5. The Venice Ale House – (Daffodil reports they will put up bulletin board) 425 Ocean Front Walk
 6. **Groundwork Coffee – on Rose (note: no bulletin board – door available)
 7. **Abbot’s Habit
 8. **Oakwood Park
 9. **Venice Library
- **existing posting site

The final list of public posting sites shall be noted on the VNC website and in our literature.

2 - MOTION (5 minutes): Beginning Dec 1, 2010 all Committee Chairs shall forward committee agendas to the VNC Board and the VNC Neighborhood Committee for posting in front of their residences or on bulletin boards in their area.

11. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A** **100% Clean Energy goal for Venice by 2018 (20 minutes);** Kristopher Valentine on behalf of the Environmental Committee (310-570-2199, kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org) **See Exhibit D**

Presentation by Chrissy Scarborough of the Sierra Club about the Beyond Coal Campaign (5 Minutes) and Presentation by John Ayers of Open Neighborhoods about the Go Solar Initiative (5 minutes)

MOTION: WHEREAS coal-burning power plants deliver 39% of Los Angeles DWP electricity and yet coal-burning is widely recognized as a major contributor to climate change; and
 WHEREAS significant federal and state funding are available in California to make clean energy solutions such as photovoltaic solar panels affordable for residents and businesses;
 BE IT RESOLVED that Venice hereby adopts a goal to develop a roadmap and achieve net 100% clean electricity utilization within the Venice community as a whole by 2018, and to be recognized as a green power community by the EPA. Furthermore the VNC endorses the Sierra Club's LA Beyond Coal Campaign and will send a letter to the LA



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City Council encouraging them to support a plan to use 40% clean energy and eliminate coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020.

Approved unanimously by the Environmental Committee.

B **Request to Reinstate Pick Up Sites for Winter Shelter Program for People Experiencing Homelessness (10 minutes)**; Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)
See Exhibit E

MOTION: WHEREAS homelessness is a national, regional and Citywide issue which needs to be addressed by the entire Westside of LA County including Santa Monica and all of CD 11; and

WHEREAS the annual Winter Shelter Program traditionally administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) administers the program with non-profit contractors to transport homeless individuals to shelters during the winter months (beginning Dec. 1, 2010); and

WHEREAS it has recently come to our attention that two of the previous sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles are no longer designated as pick up/drop off locations, leaving Venice as the only Westside designated site; and

WHEREAS this lack of additional pick up/drop off sites attracts a disproportionate number of homeless individuals to Venice and creates an unfair burden for our community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges Councilmembers Rosendahl and Koretz, LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Mayor Villaraigosa, Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver, and LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Exec. Director Mike Arnold, to immediately reinstate the previous drop off/pick up sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles and/or identify transportation solutions, which include additional drop off/pick up sites outside of Venice, for transporting homeless individuals from Santa Monica and Council Districts 5 and 11 to the Westside Winter Shelter Programs located in West Los Angeles and Culver City.

C **Motion to Change - the Sunset Rule on Ocean Front Walk (LAMC Ordinance 42.15) (20 minutes)**; Ivonne Guzman on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee
See Exhibit F

MOTION: The VNC Board shall send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl to amend 42.15 G 2 (f) to read: No person shall set up or take down or use a designated space between one hour after sunset and 9 a.m.



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- D** **Motion to not reinstate the I and P-Zones on Ocean Front Walk(LAMC 42.15) (20 minutes)**; Ivonne Guzman on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee **See Exhibit G**

MOTION: WHEREAS free speech must be protected everywhere and not only in designated locations; and

WHEREAS the I- and P-Zones have become irrelevant;

The VNC Board shall send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl requesting him to not support the reinstatement of the I- and P-Zones as proscribed in Ordinance 42.15.

- E** **Amend City Ordinance (LAMC 42.15) that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk (10 minutes)**; Melya Kaplan on behalf of the Voice For The Animals Foundation (310.581.1585, melya@earthlink.net **See Exhibit H**)

MOTION: We, the members of Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergeant Reina, head of LAPD beach detail, are hereby requesting that the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl and ask that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk be amended as follows:

The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles-between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays and, no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days. These restrictions shall apply all year round.

Community Impact Statement: Amending the current ordinance will increase public safety and enforceability.

- F** **13.1 Marathon Los Angeles (10 minutes)**; Michelle Lindner on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7898, michelle@genericevents.com)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council welcomes the second annual 13.1 Marathon – Los Angeles to Venice on January 16, 2011. As this Half-Marathon will utilize streets in and around Venice, Palms and Mar Vista, the VNC will work with the Event Organizer to notify stakeholders in an attempt to minimize any possible inconveniences.

Approved unanimously by the Neighborhood Committee.

- 12. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
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13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.**
[10 min, no more than 1 minutes per person]
14. **Adjourn** (approx 10:00PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs

Neighborhood; Carolyn Rios

Outreach; Marc Saltzberg

Ocean Front Walk; Ivonne Guzman, Ira Koslow

Arts; Clark McCutcheon, Daffodil Tyminski

Education; Peter Thottam

Environment; Kristopher Valentine, Joel Shapiro, Barbara Lonsdale

Public Safety; Nick Hippisley-Coxe

Santa Monica Airport; Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward



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Exhibit A – Treasurers Report

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget September 22 - October 21, 2010

DONE Category	Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of Bdgt	Amt spent Current Month	Amt Spent Current Fiscal Year	Amt Available to Spend	% Budget Remain
Annual Allocation	\$45,000.00					
Rollover	\$5,000.00					
Sub Unallocated Budget	\$50,000.00					
Neighborhood Comm. Projects 10-11	20,000.00					
Total	70,000.00					
Budget						
100 Operations						
Office Supplies	OFF \$750.00				\$750.00	100.0%
Copies	OFF \$500.00		\$16.24	\$55.45	\$444.55	88.9%
Office Equipment	OFF \$750.00				\$750.00	100.0%
Staffing/Apple One	TAC \$500.00				\$500.00	100.0%
Telephone Expense	MIS \$250.00				\$250.00	100.0%
Storage	FAC \$2,000.00		\$162.00	\$486.00	\$1,514.00	75.7%
Board Retreat	EDU \$500.00		\$28.74	\$270.27	\$229.73	45.9%
General Operations	MIS \$1,000.00		\$20.84	\$20.84	\$979.16	97.9%
sub Total Operations	\$6,250.00	8.9%	\$227.82	\$832.56	\$5,417.44	86.7%
200 Outreach						
Copies / Printing	POS \$500.00				\$500.00	100.0%
Facilities For Public	FAC \$3,000.00				\$3,000.00	100.0%
Refreshments	EVE \$400.00				\$400.00	100.0%
Web Site & e-mail	WEB \$1,500.00		\$40.95	\$100.95	\$1,399.05	93.3%
Advertising & Promotions	ADV \$0.00				\$0.00	
Newsletter Production	NEW \$1,200.00				\$1,200.00	100.0%
Newsletter Printing	NEW \$5,700.00				\$5,700.00	100.0%
Newsletter Delivery	NEW \$4,200.00				\$4,200.00	100.0%
Elections	ELE \$500.00				\$500.00	100.0%
General Outreach	EVE \$750.00			\$521.79	\$228.21	30.4%
sub Total Outreach	\$17,750.00	25.4%	\$40.95	\$622.74	\$17,127.26	96.5%
300 Community Improvement						
Venice Community BBQ	CIP \$5,000.00		\$23.94	\$3,545.36	\$1,454.64	29.1%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010-11	CIP \$20,000.00		\$2,085.00	\$5,589.00	\$14,411.00	72.1%
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP \$5,000.00		\$500.00	\$572.44	\$4,427.56	88.6%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011-12	CIP \$16,000.00				\$16,000.00	100.0%
sub Total Comm Improvement	\$46,000.00	65.7%	\$2,608.94	\$9,706.80	\$36,293.20	78.9%
Total	\$70,000.00		\$2,877.71	\$11,162.10	\$58,837.90	84.1%

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Community Improvement Projects

	Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of Bdgt	Amt spent Current Month	Amt Spent in Current Fiscal Year	Amt Available to Spend	% Budget Remain	
Neighborhood Comm Projects		2009-2010					
Coeur d'Alene Reading Courtyard	\$2,000.00	10%	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	-\$85.00	-4%	
Master in the Chapel-Concerts	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Westminster School-Printers	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Boys and Girls Club-Sewing Project	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Ballona Institute-Lagoon Restoration	\$1,026.00	5%			\$1,026.00	100%	
Westside Leadership Magnet-Garden	\$1,996.00	10%			\$1,996.00	100%	
Mark Twain-Garden	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Venice Music Festival	\$2,000.00	10%		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%	
Carnevale	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
826 LA-"The Venice Wave"	\$1,470.00	7%			\$1,470.00	100%	
Vintage Motorcycle Rally	\$1,508.00	8%		\$1,504.00	\$4.00	0%	
Total	\$20,000.00		\$2,085.00	\$5,589.00	\$14,411.00	72%	

General Comm Improvement		2009-2010					
Total Available	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	100%	
Santa Monica Airport	\$850.00			\$72.44	\$777.56	91%	
Metal at the Beach	\$1,000.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50%	

Total Allocated \$1,850.00

Total To be Allocated \$3,150.00

Total Spent \$500.00 \$572.44 \$4,427.56 89%

Expenditures Previous Reported Charged

Westminster Benches \$1,922.38 2/10

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U.S. BANCORP SERVICE CENTER
 P. O. Box 6343
 Fargo, ND 58125-6343

CITY OF LA - DONE

ACCOUNT NUMBER XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949
STATEMENT DATE 10-21-10
TOTAL ACTIVITY \$ 2,858.91

000001804 1 MB 0.382 106481796130114 P
 HUGH HARRISON
 VENICE NC
 2808 GRAYSON AVE
 VENICE CA 90291-4648

"MEMO STATEMENT ONLY"
DO NOT REMIT PAYMENT

NEW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY						
POST DATE	TRAN DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE NUMBER	MCC	AMOUNT	
-23	09-21	STAPLES 00101279 VENICE CA PUR ID: 000562155 TAX: 3.54	24164070265105165222383	5943	42.22	OFF COPIES
-23	09-21	8011 EXTRA SPACE STOR 310-301-7970 CA PUR ID: 26401004 TAX: 0.00	24323000265253264010047	4225	162.00	PAK Storage
-01	09-29	STAPLES 00101279 VENICE CA PUR ID: 000563278 TAX: 1.95	24164070273105162215018	5943	24.15	EDU Retreat
-01	09-29	STAPLES 00101279 VENICE CA PUR ID: 000563279 TAX: 0.00	24164070273105162219358	5943	4.59	EDU Retreat
-14	10-12	TIME WARP MUSIC 323-6005050 CA PUR ID: 1 TAX: 0.00	24142010286900010800047	5733	500.00	CIP Metal at the Beach
-14	10-13	CONSTANT CONTACT 1 IWAGNER@CONST MA PUR ID: 3247662 TAX: 0.00	24733090286206967906317	5968	30.00	WEB web service
-18	10-17	EIG*POWER 866-5392854 MA PUR ID: 20831217 TAX: 0.00	24351780290164283226574	5968	10.95	WEB web service
-18	10-16	STIMCO 480-898-8132 AZ PUR ID: 000000001 TAX: 0.00	24493980290207851200011	7399	2,085.00	CIP Cover d'Alone

Default Accounting Code:			
CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL 800-344-5696	ACCOUNT NUMBER XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949		ACCOUNT SUMMARY
	STATEMENT DATE 10-21-10	DISPUTED AMOUNT \$.00	PREVIOUS BALANCE \$.00
SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO: C/O U.S. BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, INC U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND P.O. BOX 6335 FARGO, ND 58125-6335	AMOUNT DUE \$ 0.00 DO NOT REMIT		PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES \$2,858.91
			CASH ADVANCES \$.00
			CASH ADVANCE FEE \$.00
			CREDITS \$.00
		TOTAL ACTIVITY	\$2,858.91



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EXHIBIT B – Le Zinc Letter

November 16, 2010 – DRAFT LETTER

Los Angeles City Planning Department
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

Case Number(s): ENV-2010-205-EAF
Other (if any:): ZA-2010-206-CDP-CUB-CU-SPP
Address: 604 E VENICE BLVD 90291
Project Name: Le Zinc

OVERVIEW: CHANGE OF USE FROM AN OFFICE TO CAFE WITH 16 PARKING SPACES AND 65 SEATS (18 OUTDOOR/47 INDOOR) SELLING BEER AND WINE ON-SITE OPEN FROM 6AM TO 2AM; DAILY.

Dear Madam/Sir:

This will advise that a regularly held public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers on November 16, 2010, it was moved and passed by a vote of XX-XX that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends:

Approval of the project as presented, with the following conditions:

1. No variance to VCZSP, including parking requirements,
2. Meeting both Venice BMP and CUB,
3. Noting bike rack provided,
4. Hours of 6am to 2am, 7-days per week,
5. Plan approval in 1-year.

LUPC Vote: 7-1; APPROVED

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to the Venice Neighborhood Council at the letterhead address.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: Applicant, California Coastal Commission, Councilmember Rosendahl, arturo@lacity.org, whitney.blumenfeld@lacity.org, secretary@venicenc.org, chair-lupc@venicenc.org



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EXHIBIT C - Criteria for selecting posting sites

The criteria used to select posting places were:

- Site must be within the VNC boundaries (eg. can't post on county land on south side of Washington);
- We have to have physical access to the site so that we can post;
- As many sites as possible (at least 1) should be available for viewing 24/7 (none currently are);
- The sites should be geographically diverse across the VNC's territory;
- there should be a reasonable level of foot traffic;
- the posting place must have a bulletin board large enough to hold meeting notices from at least 3 committees simultaneously;
- posting at the site must not present an undue burden on person doing the posting.



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Exhibit D –100% Clean Energy goal for Venice by 2018

November 16, 2010

Honorable Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council Members
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports eliminating coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 as well as providing 40% of our power from clean, renewable energy. We ask that you embrace these goals, as our city's leaders, by ensuring the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopt and execute these critical goals.

Coal is one of the dirtiest forms of energy and a major contributor to global climate change. In 2008, over 36% of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions came from the combustion of this dirty fuel. The city of Los Angeles owns significant shares in two of the dirtiest coal plants in the nation: the Navajo Generating Station and the Intermountain Power Project. Our dependence on coal is responsible for significant pollution and human health impacts at every phase of its life cycle. In 2008, Navajo Generating Station and Intermountain Power Project released a combined total of 32, 468, 461 tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Additionally, each year the plant uses nearly 8 billion gallons of water from Lake Powell for cooling – a shocking number in water-starved Los Angeles.

Los Angeles has a responsibility to leave a legacy of leadership to our children and grandchildren. We must rebuild Los Angeles in a way that will protect us from the true cost of coal: polluted rivers and fish, increased asthma rates, strokes, cancer, and other health related issues, waste of billions of gallons of fresh water to cool coal plants, and the destruction of eco-systems through strip-mining, coal-slurries, and mountain-top removal.

Furthermore, legal and regulatory uncertainty surrounding the coal industry is creating an increasingly uncertain future for the coal. This uncertainty is leading to increasing costs and price volatility for the LADWP. A well-planned transition from away from coal fired power will protect DWP bill payers. All the while, smart energy efficiency programs can help keep LADWP bills down, while creating jobs and providing upstream and downstream economic benefits.

We can address these ethical and moral concerns by doing our part and we want to help the timely and at-scale transition of Los Angeles to increased energy efficiency, demand response, and clean, renewable energy. In accomplishing this transition, Los Angeles will simultaneously create thousands of new family-wage jobs, while renewing our city's infrastructure and rebuilding our city for the 21st century.

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The need for action to address global climate change, pollution, water resource protection and sustainability has never been more urgent. There is no better opportunity for Los Angeles to demonstrate its leadership in the area of sustainability than to take action now:

- Mandate the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power devise and execute a plan to end the city's use of coal – fired power
- Displace Los Angeles' coal fired power through aggressive energy efficiency programs and a 40% renewable portfolio standard.

Los Angeles should be a leader in meeting the challenges of today. There is quickly growing support for Los Angeles to seize the opportunity to build a clean and renewable energy future that will stabilize our electricity rates over the long haul because once the system is paid for, the sun and winds are free. By making progress now, the city of Los Angeles will make investments in our long-term economic future.

The Venice Neighborhood Council looks forward to working with the city to achieve these goals together. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc: Councilman Bill Rosendahl



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Exhibit E – Winter Shelter Letter

November 16, 2010

Hon. Bill Rosendahl
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Reinstate Additional Sites for Winter Shelter Program for Homeless;

Dear Bill:

At its November 16 board meeting the Venice NC passed the following motion and urge your prompt response:

WHEREAS homelessness is a national, regional and Citywide issue which needs to be addressed by the entire Westside of LA County including Santa Monica and all of CD 11; and

WHEREAS the annual Winter Shelter Program traditionally administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) administers the program with non-profit contractors to transport homeless individuals to shelters during the winter months (beginning Dec. 1, 2010); and

WHEREAS it has recently come to our attention that two of the previous sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles are no longer designated as pick up/drop off locations, leaving Venice as the only Westside designated site; and

WHEREAS this lack of additional pick up/drop off sites attracts a disproportionate number of homeless individuals to Venice and creates an unfair burden for our community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges Councilmen Rosendahl and Koretz, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Mayor Villaraigosa, Mayor Shriver, and LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to immediately reinstate the previous drop off/pick up sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles and/or identify transportation solutions, which include additional drop off/pick up sites outside of Venice, for transporting homeless individuals from Santa Monica and Council Districts 5 and 11 to the Westside Winter Shelter Programs located in West Los Angeles and Culver City.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks

Cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver
Santa Monica Councilman Richard Bloom
LA Homeless Services Authority – Mike Arnold
Councilman Paul Koretz – CD 5



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Exhibit F – Motion to change the Sunset Rule on OFW

Councilman Bill Rosendahl
City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Bill,

The Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following resolution at its meeting on November 16th, 2010 regarding the procedure and program rules on the Ocean Front Walk.

We ask you to amend 42.15 G 2 (f) to read: No person shall set up or take down or use a designated space between one hour after sunset and 9a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lucks
President
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Exhibit G – Motion to not reinstate the I- and P-Zones on OFW

November 3rd, 2010

Councilman Bill Rosendahl
City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: LA Municipal Code 42.15

Dear Bill,

The Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following resolution at its meeting on November 16th, 2010 in regards to Ordinance 42.15 on the Ocean Front Walk:

WHEREAS free speech must be protected everywhere and not only in designated locations; and
WHEREAS the I- and P-Zones have become irrelevant;

The VNC Board requests that you not support the reinstatement of the I- and P-Zones as proscribed in Ordinance 42.15.

Thank you in advance for your expeditious response to your community and your good works.
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lucks
President
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Exhibit H – Amend the City Ordinance that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk

November, 16, 2010

Councilman Bill Rosendahl
Members of the City Council
City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Amend LA City Ordinance 42.15 Prohibiting Dogs on the Boardwalk;

The Venice Neighborhood Council joins with Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergeant Reina, head of LAPD beach detail to request that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk be amended as follows:

The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays and, no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days. These restrictions shall apply all year round.

Amending the current ordinance will increase public safety and enforceability in Venice.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Linda Lucks
President