

VENICE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

COMMUNITY ISSUES ASSESSMENT

NOTES | OPEN HOUSE APRIL 27.2016

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SHORELINE

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- **Recreation**
- **Visitor-Serving Facilities**
- **Scenic Resources**

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- Keep curfew at beach.
- No Encampments!
- More clean ups at boardwalk + restrooms
- Extend hours (of) restrooms
- Homeless housing not near beach (Agree)
- Curfew is illegal and unconstitutional (but necessary!)
- More bathrooms, open 24 hours (Agree!)
- More parking, not on Venice (?)
- (?)
- Parking !!! (structures?)...
- Recycling bin son boardwalk
- 24 hour bathrooms + more clean up
- Ban amplified music on boardwalk
- Keep nighttime curfew in places
- Provide housing for homeless

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- We need to lift the curfew on the beach/Ocean Front Walk
- Need to open bathrooms 24/7
- We need to protect the existing R.S.O. units on the OFW, stop any attempts to build or change use to new hotels and enforce the laws on short term rentals.
- Only open bathroom with 24/7 security!!!!
- Allow dogs on leash on beach
- (Yes to above)
- Parks and rec need to be abolished. Create an improvement district
- Renovate the bike path and the grassy knolls that separate the path from OFW

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- Open public lots for homeless in Venice
- Keep restrooms open
- Add porta potties elsewhere

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- Venice needs green – I don't mean money.
 1. Trees- stop sending butchers to trim tree that residents have nurtured for years and now die.
 2. Parks- Parks- Park- Not cyclone fence prisons like Penmar park, which used to be a green open respite to locals.
 3. Tear down the billboards they are corporate graffiti.
 4. Stop big box building that has no green, huge cement areas and front closed off from the community.
 5. Provide services to all. Open the beach.
- Coastal access parking problems /concerns + safety:
 - Venice residential streets need preferred parking zones for residents, plus 2-4 hour parking zones for beach visitors.
 - Due to new metro feeder Big Blue Bus routes on 4th, Rose + 7th, commuters who want to use metro to downtown will invade our residential streets and use it as free parking lot for bus to metro access.
 - There is NO parking lot for the Colorado + 4th metro- so Venice residential streets on the BBB route will become the de facto parking lot.
 - Neither residents nor beach goers will have access to either the beach or their own homes. There are safety problems with these routes as well. – for bikes, pedestrians, emergency vehicles, that can't get past giant buses on tiny streets (eg: 4th).

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- Encourage arts on the boardwalk, not junk.
- Funding for beach nourishment to add more facilities for recreation – add sand to beach
- I'd like to have the choice to access the beach at all time.
- Address the issue of mentally ill on the BW
- Washington Pier provides excellent view of entire shoreline from Palos Verdes to Malibu
- #1 (Re: above)
- Bathrooms must be open longer. Trash from tourists needs frequent collection. Curfew hampers access.

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- Visitor serving facilities should not trump long term residential opportunities in Venice, a unique coastal community whose permanent residents add to the mix, the diversity of the area and serve as eyes on the boardwalk, certainly Venice tourism has not suffered because of any supposed lack of hotels, for example.

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- Need to install rental bike facilities all over Venice, similar to SM.
- The approach to Venice from SM along the beach is appalling. Santa Monica has clean parks and no campers. It's obvious that SM has pushed transient people into Venice. The trash and debris are a shameful welcome to anyone biking or walking south.
- Need more street parking spaces desiccated to bike parking.
- Again, SM seems to have thought out their bike parking. It is well designed and functional. The spaces on AK are poorly designed.

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- Venice is the most visited, most diverse coastal community in California. We also provide more coastal access than any other community. Please protect the homes and diverse population that makes Venice a unique community and desired visitor destination. Homes should never be converted to Hotels! Need to install

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- Big Blue Bus- Too big. Too big. Removed parking dangerous, hazardous, steep hill, families with children on street.
- Venice Metro Bus yard Main St.: properties should be sold and take the money and build substantial housing where the land is much cheaper. We need housing, housing, housing for blue collar workers.

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- More parking at beach w/ 24 hour meters so that there is turnover instead of people parking 24/7 until street sweeping.
- Venice 'visitor center' on beach
- An educational facility geared towards the beach would be nice. Make sure beach is shared and not taken over by private events. Walk the streets help make Venice awesome. Beltran
- Strong drive to solve all problems you need to have no parking on west side of the street. There are only a few spots w/ will lose 10-15- and this will avoid turning one way. It is a simple solution. Please do not punish us by turning one way.
Comment: ? What part of strong? If street is opened up we will have more speeding! Waze has directed traffic down our street!
- Parking in the magnet school is horrible. Forces cars down our streets and causes backup.
- Park people up Washington (?) our roads passable. I live near the HW bowl+ they had police not allow parking. Respect our residents need to park.
- Crime – Two assaults in Marina Peninsula this week. No police patrols- if you fire people ie: you must patrol.

COASTAL RESOURCES AND HAZARDS

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- **Sea Level Rise / Climate Change**
- **Shoreline Erosion and protective Devices**
- **Marine Environment**
- **Water Quality Protection**
- **Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas**

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- Developments on former coastal oil fields situate buildings on methane “deposits” without environmental study (like what has occurred in Playa Vista)
- (I fully agree with the above comment ↑)
- Sand sources for beach nourishment to mitigate erosion due to climate change
- Consider beach grass plantings, permanent sand fencing, study loss of beach due to wind as well as rising water.
- *Several different kinds of beach grass will be appropriate and are used in northern California.”
- “Need better trash pickup at shoreline and more trash and recycling bins. Provide plastic bags for people to use to pick up along waterline.

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- Keep Venice beach clean
- Too many tourists
- Venice is dirty
- We will lose tourism dollars !!!
- Get rid of this sanctuary City!!!
- We will end up paying at the end.
- I pay too many Prop. Tax dollars.

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- Trash cans on high traveled streets – windward, Rivera, market, Abbott Kinney, Monitor- Give tickets to Ped. Who litter
- More cops on weekends patrolling neighborhoods.
- Need more trash/services o public streets and beaches. More frequent clean ups.

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- Venice brings as many people to SoCal as Disneyland. I would like to see RETURN that is proportionate to our tourism numbers.
- These funds could rebuild our infrastructure – save us.
- Break up the coastal commission into three (3) regional agencies. This would guarantee effective home rule and representation for Venice!

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- We need to keep the curfew I place! Without it criminal activity goes unchecked!
- Commissioners & decision makers should care about community (that they are ruining).
- Cannot put price tag on open space.
- Greed is killing limited resources of open land, wildlife and vegetation (natural – not contrived in the guide of “drought tolerant which is used to grant their permission to destroy existing vegetation- which is obviously also drought tolerant if alive still after our years of drought!)
- Please save & spare MDR!

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- Affordable housing! Where has it gone?
- Is there any consideration given to housing for working people, not in billionaire’s income level? It once existed in Venice & needs to be re-instated.

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- With the \$\$'s generated by Venice to City of LA –seems more \$\$'s could be used to expand bike & walking & blading paths, benches for ocean & wave watching.
- Need more frequent cleaning of gutters and streets to keep trash from accumulating and flushing to ocean. More trash cans.
- OFW needs to become a public/private partnership like the Santa Monica Pier!

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- We need public trash cans along Main St., Pacific Ave, and Lincoln, at most major intersections.
- The Ballona wetlands help with coastal flooding & erosion.
- Environment(ally) sensitive habitats should be reserved even if it is county-city –& county should liaise within a 1 mile radius of each other- it is effects(ing) us all.
- The ripping up of native species that has adapted to the area means that we are killing wildlife. This needs to be a gradual work plan.

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- All our marine life is suffering + disappearing. I have over 50 years memory of the SM Bay. Please do all you can to help the environment- Marine, Birds, Habitat.
- Walking down the boardwalk looking at all the (?) and the sea at the same time is a memory everyone deserves and should stay that way. However the winds so seem to have gotten stronger/shoreline erosion is a concern. Keep the beach the same. (B)
- Trash cans on high ped traffic streets, ie: Windward, Market, AK, etc.

MOBILITY

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- **Circulation**
- **Transportation**
- **Parking**

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- Permit /preferential parking for residents!
- Commercial /manufacturing/business are taking all the parking for residents
- Perhaps residential owners could buy parking spot!
- Project parking requirements
 - Contradiction between City's progressive mobility / parking regs.
 - Onerous requirements/barriers from Coastal
 - LA city bike parking ordinance not acknowledged
- No bus on residential Streets (Ocean Ave /7th)
- Waze App sending commuters down Venice streets increasing fast traffic at a danger to resident through accidents.
- Not promoting bikes/alternative transport for new /T.I. project applications
- Has CC Opinion on overnight parking changed? (initiative 2 yrs. ago blocked by CC), given that pressure on parking supply has increased due to 'Silicon Beach Companies' overflow parking on residential streets (permit parking might help access from 9AM on)

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- Metro needs more presence in the area and relying on Santa Monica is not the answer. Small streets should not sacrifice parking until the facilities to replace them have been built. Lincoln Blvd. is a dead stop during rush hour and solutions should be considered. (B)
- Rogue + air BnB tourists are taking up all our neighborhood parking
 - Permit Parking!
- Permit parking & restrict Air BnB
- You seriously need permit parking or permit off street parking.
- [This impacts public access to beach as well as residents access!]
- I agree – and so does the VNA (Venice Neighbors Assn)
 - We are upset that new bus routes on 4th, Rose, 7th will turn our neighborhood into commuter parking lot for metro commuters from neighborhoods surrounding us.
 - There is no more metro parking @ 4th & Colorado- only feeder buses from our little residential streets!)
- *Public Access Concerns!

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- My concern is 4th Ave in Venice & the Big Blue Bus. 4th is very narrow, 2 buses almost touch each other. This is a huge safety issue and an accident ready to happen. And the traffic congestion is already too congested, no room for a bike or person to get out of their car.
- Besides taking our much needed parking. 6 spaces were removed on 4th street by Rose Ave.

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- Also concerned about the invasion & disruption and the impact to our residential neighborhood. It seems like there was no thought for the residents & people where you came up with 4th, Rose and 7th . ~ Venice Neighbors Assn.

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- Walgrove – Please drive it at 5:30PM. I say ‘drive’ but it is actually sit in your car with the motor off. The Overbuilding of Venice has not been matched at all with road building. B& B’s etc. tripling lot populations has brought traffic to a halt also on Lincoln. Stop breaking up lots.

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- Too much traffic on Venice Blvd. near beach (3-5 blocks long)
- Need to have permit parking near beach.
- Concerned with new/expanding restaurants without adequate parking
- Penmar Ave between Palms & Superba – narrows to barely 2 cars can pass each other- parallels Lincoln (?) cars use Penmar from Rose to Venice Blvd. to bypass Lincoln- speed(40-45mph) – there are no posted speed limits on Penmar at all – need cautionary speed limits posted and need stop signs at each end of alleys.
- PARKING:
 - Changes of use not providing reg. parking
 - Bike parking (?) out for rest of spaces
 - In-lieu spaces not ever occurring
- Parking: Stop granting restaurants and liquor licenses to establishments that have NO parking!

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- Loading dock / Areas for large projects are necessary- not required though
- Encourage bikes and “vehicles” without motors
- Bike riders should be required to get a driver’s license after passing a test on the rules of the road. Someone’s going to get killed riding through a stoplight/stop sign.
- The neighborhood adjacent to Abbot Kinney have become free long term parking lots for the businesses and restaurants. Many restaurants have turned our streets into their own valet lots. Actually charging money to their patrons to park on our streets. We desperately need some type of permit parking or limited hour for visitors. 6 Hrs? 8hrs? Anything would help.
 - Need additional parking garages
 - Bus depot?
 - Under Westminster dog park?
 - Bus routes need public input.
- Please don’t allow any restaurants or other high volume business without sufficient parking.

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- We need preferred parking for residents and parking lots for public access to the beach.
- (Agreed, agreed)
- No bus routes put in place without the involvement of the community.
- No bus routes that are redundant and not used.
- We need four hour parking limits I Venice with preferential parking for residents now that the Big Blue Bus has created a parking lot on Venice Streets for going downtown not the beach !!!
- Build low income housing above parking
- Eliminate in-lieu fees for parking requirements of restaurants.

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- Our neighborhood streets and becoming freeways. (?) are /is unsafe with speeding. Westminster school students need to be protected. The police are not enforcing safe traffic here. They are cruising the beach instead.

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- Consider streets Rose-Brooks 1 way – this would also allow our additional street parking
- Too many people have no parking on their property or in their garages.
- We need parking for visitors
 - Waste cans for Venice trash
 - Sidewalks are unlevel & unsafe
 - Shuttle system to reduce traffic & provide access link to Sm train – to reduce cars.
- Consider permit parking in Oakwood pentagon
 - BBB has taken it upon themselves to install route (8?) down 7th from Rose to California removing needed parking and endangering cyclists & gifting us with noise pollution! Oversized vehicles are everywhere! Please consider options for residents who are raising children & feel it's unsafe having non-resident vehicles park for days & some dwell in those vehicles > bring back 85.02 (!)?
- Too many cars /RVs permanently parked on streets “de facto” privatization of public parking – need meters & permits.

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- I think we need to protect the rights of people to live in their vehicles. I think we need to support the coastal commission findings that permit parking is illegal because it restricts the public access to the beach.
- We need to utilize the parking lot at the beach- Washington & Oceanfront
- There are no more roads to make in the Marina Peninsula & No more parking to make in the Peninsula
 - We have very little in MP
 - We are landlocked in MP
 - We cannot get in or out easily
 - Playa Vista grows & they come to MP, as well as everyone else.
 - Some traffic control has to happen
 - Left turn on pacific & left turn on Strongs Drove.
 - Left turn on Washington & via Marina as traffic is backed up til there on the summer weekends.
 - Use only meters at this beach
 - Parking location- change it to \$1.00 (?) an hour so we can have traffic control & more flow of traffic
 - Also those people camp out for hours you can still have money at maximum if ... (cont. Page 12)

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- (Cont. from Page 11) ...continued parking lot was on Ocean (?)
- Get maximum dollars without paring (?)an holding up parking
- Have people pay on way out instead of way in
- More of a Santa Monica model of using parking lots in the Marina Peninsula - need flow of traffic + parking.

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- City owns parking lot at Washington & Ocean so the City should take back management for us in the City so we can utilize parking – county owns more laid back parking facilities we need a city operated parking.
- With \$1.00 (?) an hour plus maximum parking fee- City will create more revenue
- Even open parking (?) residents needed at night with paying park permits- the parking lot closes at 1PM – s parking from 11-8AM
- The valet also on Washington square has to utilize spaces that create more issues because lot is not being used correctly & Westside magnet has to create parking which is causing issues. (cont. page 13)

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- (Cont. from page 12)..Because the parking lot is not being used properly.
- This will address (parking) & circulation
- Why not also utilize parking on Via Marina Parking Lot/ Silver Strand – that is on the city side- we need more parking – that lot is underutilized.
- The Strongs Drive issue will go away if we use our beach parking lots at Washington & possible via Marina at the end of Peninsula /Silver Strand opposite Mariners Village
- Make it affordable \$1.00 HR to create flow- max out at \$5 hour & chase (?)
- No fily shot parking on city streets
- Permit parking for residents- we are getting slammed by the A.K. business employees and clients! Every other part of the city has this!

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- If resident permit parking is adopted, make the process to obtain additional guest permits reasonable and accessible. I lived in a city where we permitted only 1 permit for guests, if we had additional guests we had to get special 1 day permits. This was cumbersome and did not allow for spontaneous playdates for more than one child/gusts at a time.
- Permit parking please. I live on street with many apt. buildings and older houses with no/or 1 car garages. Combined with many restaurants nearby. We can't find parking!
- Waze is directing commuters down Strong Dr. to avoid the light @ pacific & Washington. There is no light @ Strong so traffic backs up to left on Washington and the Wazers speed down Strong which has many pedestrians in the street because there are no sidewalks!

HOUSING

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- Small, affordable housing is being demolished, and replaced with mega-houses that average Venetian cannot afford. Landlords are removing rent-stabilized housing and turning them into short-term housing. The term, “remodel” is being abused to avoid neighborhood review of developments. Maintaining housing for those that served in the past and our parents’ generation needs to be considered for seniors, veterans, and Venice’s art appeal. ~Beltran~
- Stop granting Exemptions!!! Start enforcing existing CCC laws, City Attorney’s Office and City Planning Dept. You work for developers!!! Anyone that has been to a WLAAPC can see that you are in collusion with the interests of Foreign Private Equity Investment Firms, developers, Not the average citizen! This Needs to stop now!!! Start Following the Law, we are on to what’s happening!!!

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- Why doesn’t the County do more? It is a nearly invisible entity. Why not more mental health services? Why not more attention to individuals who are obviously ill?
- What to do about those who don’t want housing?
- Were all one paycheck away from homelessness
- End grandfathered parking.
- I support Councilman Bonin’s proposals to start to offer some relief to the over 1,000 homeless neighbors we have in Venice. Using the Westminster Senior Ctr. For a storage facility and a hub to get folks screened and into C.E.S....! Opening the bathrooms on OFW, and the construction of permanent supportive housing at the city-owned parking lot at Venice and Dell. I also think we need to overturn the criminal penalties included in the recently-passed 56.11.
- Agree! Decriminalize homelessness and provide more services for them. End Friday HAZMAT sweeps.

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- Have better coordination between LAHD and Bldg. & Safety regarding citing for land violations / permitting old structures on rental properties. This system causes owners & landlords money & time and discourages them from maintaining properties.
- Legalize illegal units, and have the units inspected by LADBS and registered w/LAHD. Also have landlords have a 5-year moratorium on raising rents of legalized units which were previously illegal.
- - My concern is the increasing amount of homeless people that sleep under my window weekly. I have gone through a screening process to have my apartment and I think it’s troublesome that

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people who haven't could pose some threat to me. I wonder if we add more street lights, will this prevent people from setting up camp under my window.

- There is a lot of trash in my area near the boardwalk.
- When you hold an invite-only meeting & you think that representing each neighborhood is important, then please honor the historical area of Oakwood and the families that have lived there for 6, 7, & 8 generations. - 4 people from "the Rose" working group do not represent Oakwood. CD 11 knows well who does represent Oakwood - their names were not on the list submitted to Planning by CD11. Venice Community Housing also does not represent these families. Shame on CD 11.

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- FUND ENFORCEMENT of MELLO ACT. NO HEIGHT, SETBACK VARIANCES except for Low Income housing. Allow parking reduction requirements for Low income housing. Build low income housing on all City-owned lots. RECLAIM 'CRACK ALLEYS' for city revenue – (the fenced-off former alleys around Venice). MORE DENSITY BONUSES for Low-Income Housing. NO FRONT WALL Height Variances – enforce Height limits. Can someone explain the JUSTIFICATION of the homeless...to be sheltered on the beach? Why can't funds be provided for subsidies in Private Storage place east of Lincoln on Del Rey.

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- → Lack of enforcement of Mello → affordable rentals OFW – all of Venice * What is considered affordable → 650-1,500.
- VENICE WEST OF LINCOLN SHOULD NOT BE A 'SKIDROW' LAND IS TOO VALUABLE TO USE FOR HOMELESS FACILITIES.
- AGREE 
Build it & they will come!! GIVE them a cush place & more will come
- We need to define "affordable housing."
- Where is the Affordable Housing, seems to be disappearing at a rapid rate - Mello Determination process??? Who is responsible for the determination. There should be opportunities (sic) for lower income housing or apartment buildings near the beach.

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- How do you define affordable in the area where housing values are so expensive? If a house can get 2 million dollars, is \$600,000 affordable? No!! We need to strike a balance...keep Venice...diverse.
- ~ Need permit parking. ~ Why can't LA City Planning operate as "one-stop shop" w/coastal such as other cities do (e.g., Santa Monica) to expedite permit process? ~ Permit process for individual property owners is too long!

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- Mello Act, the law, is not being enforced as it should be so the Planning Dept. is rubber-stamping projects and handing out permits through Building & Safety using inaccurate information on properties. The law is being broken in the Coastal Zone through bureaucratic lack of proper oversight. Consequently, residents are evicted & put out on the street.

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- I am concerned about LA City Planning not 1) following their own procedures (see lawsuit) and therefore our neighborhoods have been destroyed, overtaken by large/massive 3-story blocks long houses out of character of a unique neighborhoods. 2) Lack of affordable housing, 3) shutting out of low-income people of color.

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- ~ IMPLEMENT MELLO ACT ~ ALLOW FOR MORE DENSITY ~ FIND A WAY TO MAKE VENICE LESS OF A SAFE HAVEN – AND MORE OF A TRANSITION TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT AND HOMEOWNERSHIP.
- Ellis Act / Mello Act needs to be revised. Economics – Banks make the rules. ---- Get an inventory of how many Sec. 8 properties still exist. Section 8 vouchers in place – inventory - Jobs – News Business Support. Bring in good housing. No more entitlements

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- We need more beds so I support the City's creation of more affordable housing & services. I don't think people should be able to sleep/camp on beaches, sidewalks, etc. (By Walgreens!). Where will \$\$ come from? Reform Prop 13 by closing corporate loophole for big businesses. (Difficult to do because big biz will spend \$\$\$ to defeat). We need more trash cans (& recycling) and regularly emptied.

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- Resources for Homeless in Venice are not interconnected. Programs need to be set up to create references to provide better and speedier services. Also, what about women's shelter / abused women's services?
- We need to have affordable & senior housing. But we need to make sure we are not infringing on landowner's rights. Right now everything is bottlenecked and at a standstill and it is wasting a lot of time and money.
- Unbridled development is depriving longtime residents any parking! "Remodels" don't provide adequate pkg. Too many sq. ft. for given lot size. Development reduces greenspace and permeable ground.
- CITY PLANNING AND BLDG & SAFETY NEED OFFICIAL LOCAL CITIZEN OVERSIGHT. PRESENTLY, THEY ARE KILLING THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD. IF L.A. WANTS THE MONIES THAT VENICE HAS PROVIDED THE CITY, THEY NEED

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TO KEEP THE ARTISTS THAT RENT & OWN HERE. OR VENICE THE CASH COW WILL DRY UP!

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- > PROHIBIT SHORT TERM RENTALS BY OFF-SITE DEVELOPERS AND TENANTS WHO ILLEGALLY SUBLET. ALLOW ONLY TO ON-SITE OWNERS WHO LIVE ON PROPERTY.
 - > ENSURE ADEQUATE RENTAL PROPERTIES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE
 - > DO NOT APPROVE MORE BUILDINGS ON OCEAN FRONT WALK
 - > STOP HOMELESS SWEEPS AND PROPERTY CONFISCATION. OPEN UP WESTMINSTER SENIOR CENTER TO HOMELESS.
 - > DO NOT APPROVE MORE DEVELOPMENT UNTIL HOUSING FOR HOMELESS IS PROVIDED.
- WE NEED MORE LOW-INCOME / AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN VENICE/WESTSIDE. WHY GET RID of Low-Income/ Affordable Housing. ALLOW FOR MORE DENSITY. PROCEDURES FOR MELLO NEED TO BE REVISITED – MORE FIELD VISIT TO CONFIRM TENANTS RIGHTS ARE RETAINED. REVIEW LAWSUIT TO ID. ISSUES.

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- I support the short term rental ordinance! STRs (?) are contributing significantly to the loss of housing and destruction of community. I support transparency of records of those businesses such as Air BnB so we may confirm rentals. It is not home-sharing. It is turning homes into hotels. If actual home-sharing: I support to help supplement income so people can actually afford to live here.

CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

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- I enjoy the diversity of architecture in Venice. Keep growing and changing.
- New structures – from people purchasing, tearing down + putting up new buildings – taking away original architecture
- Old housing that contributes to the historical character of Venice is being destroyed.
- In any case, development should be regulated with oversight by law & application of coastal zone requirements. Bigger + blockier make way more profit but how many are illegal? If you apply the laws applicable to the coastal Zone.
Preserve + bring back the historic pilons/art that used to be along Windward Ave. These were the character of Venice.

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- >Keep an eye on the size and scale of houses.
>When houses are built to fill the entire building envelope they don't match the character
>Keep some of those old homes, especially the walls on the outside. You can modernize the house on the inside. This is what they do in Europe.
>Go take a look what they have done on Grand Blvd. They destroyed the mass, scale + character of an entire community!!! Done by breaking the law! This is a community, Not an investment opportunity!!! It has gone Way too Far! STOP NOW!!!

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- Affordable Housing – it's the way to preserve the character of Venice, it's the way to preserve diversity, it's the way to promote Venice as a community. Mass, scale, character are the way to achieve this.
- I am concerned that our concerns won't be taken seriously because we are writing them down on giant pads like children in gradeschool instead of conducting a proper outreach! You are just covering your butts. Da usual
- Preservation of our older homes, a precious resource, will preserve the mass, scale, and character and also preserve the stability of neighborhoods.
- Preservation is very important to me and all our children

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- I am concerned that the LCP will become overly restrictive in terms of mass scale & character to the point that it serves only to preserve the status quo instead of promoting the continued vibrancy and dynamism of Venice's community / urban fabric. I am concerned that the LCP not reinforce a feeling of inequity and unfairness among neighbors: Why do you get to live in a 3-story, 30' house when I only get to build a partial 2-story??? Because you built yours first??? Let's keep some

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common practical sense (with some sensitivity to the homeowners) as we go about formulating the LCP. - Andy

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- - Character, mass & scale guidelines for new development and rehabilitation of existing properties is critical. Guidelines should be strictly enforced.
- To protect older buildings (which add to the diversity of Venice) should not be demolished unless plans for new development have been approved.
- Protecting older buildings is important for a number of reasons - one is even if not historic they allow for less income generating uses, which adds to the diversity of Venice.

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- - Protect & Preserve Lighthouse Bridge work with MARINA PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THIS PLAN. IT IS THE ONLY HISTORY WE HAVE THAT STILL EXISTS ON THE PENINSULA. WE WANT TO KEEP THE SAME LOOK AND GIVE IT A HISTORICAL LANDMARK IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT CHARACTERISES THE AREA & SHOWS ITS RICH HISTORY

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- - PRESERVE BALLONA WETLANDS FOR CHARACTER OF VENICE
 - PLEASE LIASE WITH COUNTY & CITY WITHIN OF MILE OVERLAPPING COMMUNICATE – COLLABORATE – COORDINATE SO WE ARE NOT SENT TO DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT BODIES –
- - PRESERVE LIGHTHOUSE BRIDGE...IT'S HISTORIC
- - I find it bizarre that Zoning & Building & Safety depts. Do not coordinate efforts. Investors are creating de-facto hotels and no entity is empowered to intervene. Our neighborhoods are being gutted.

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- Amend VSP & LUP to make development standards clear, objective, measurable, enforceable. No subjective standards – that only leads to confusion, fighting, endless misunderstandings. Bad for community.
- Historic Venice Museum. Take pride in Old Venice History.
- VENICE ARTISTS AND ART NEED TO BE SUPPORTED AND PRESERVED BY THE NEW VENICE COMMUNITY BY INVITING THEM TO LEARN + JOIN IN TO MAKE THE NEW VENICE. RESPECTING OLD VENICE IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE. LOVE.

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- Do not create overly restrictive building codes! My house is in the bottom half of sq. footage on my street. I don't want a McMansion, but now proposals will not allow me to add any sq. footage. As my grandma would say, "it doesn't pay to lock the barn door after the cows have escaped!"

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- Talk to Sue Kaplan regarding M,S,C (Venice Images of America, 1890s,1950s, take a look)
- Developments of mass & scale inappropriate to coastal zone make great attractions to foreign investors & great profits for real estate & development. The NY Times report has prompted the US Justice Dept. to investigate this in NY, San Francisco & Los Angeles. Breakneck lawbreaking development & property flipping is currently under this investigation.
- Mass, scale & character are all subjective. The MSC Report has concentrated on individual design elements. This stifles the property owners rights we need objective criteria.
- Mass, Scale & Character are Not subjective!!! They are part of the Law when it was written!!! Not adjusted by Whim - Obey the Law!

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- Limit permits for TEARDowns. Maintain setbacks & Lot to structure limits.
- Why is density the only goal of the City's Planning Dept.?
- Traditional & diverse historic populations of Venice neighborhoods are being forced out by Ellis Act Evictions. They are made homeless and replaced by transient populations of up-scale residents who come and go quickly flipping the property, displacing the Venetians Venice was made for. It's one thing when people chose to move, quite another when, for example, Oakwood residents are forced out by loophole in manipulation of the laws meant to protect their homes.
- WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE LIGHTHOUSE BRIDGE KEPT & RESTORED.

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- I'm very concerned that the Getty Foundation paid for the SurveyLA and the City published it without putting in procedures for the Coastal Zones to properly protect the Cultural & historical resources (sic) identified.
This is, in a way, defeating the very purpose of the Survey itself.
- Preserve Venice Light House Bridge
- Incorporate recommendations of Ad Hoc Committee on Mass, Scale and Climate in Findings.
- MAINTAIN The LIGHTHOUSE Bridge, restore it, And utilize a Landmark-type protection in perpetuity.

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- Existing historical resources should be preserved – Question – what makes it a historical resource. If only City monuments, State & Nationally registered properties & HPOZ are covered full survey & efforts to register as appropriate all historical resources should be listed, otherwise what defines a historical resource should be broadened.

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- - Venice should adopt the anti-mansioniza...ord. that other LA Neighborhood have already done
 - Should homeowners be offered an incentive not to maximize their property?

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- Humane and Sustainable development as opposed to development only for the sake of making money.
- Lighthouse Bridge historic Landmark
- Fishermens village even tho cany is still as neighborhood – utilise it well - & keep history so we can be proud of are area – keep as is – but update – allow business to put signage up so we know they are there – at least retan some of the character – in NEW ENGLAND they wouldn't tear this down – please utishe this space.

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- Fishermans Wharf area is soooooo SAD. What a waste. I love the idea of developing and making it a place to go. Too much old run-down restaurants, etc. there. It doesn't need to be a fancy mall. Something cute & updated. A charming updated "fishermens village" Quality establishments in a rehabilitated area.
- No big box malls in Marina waterfront please!
- - No shopping malls in Marina Peninsula
 - No shops in Marina Peninsula at Mariners Village
 - Garden on Eastwind in Peninsula should be managed by community MPCC.
 - Speak with conty-city it's our neighborhood

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- Create historic landmark – Lighthouse Bridge
- Venice is being destroyed by greed our historic homes + mature trees are lost every day. Does any one consider the enviornmental impact of this? Global warning? We need our trees!

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- Preserving the look and feel of the boardwalk and many of its early 1900 buildings is necessary for the charm of Venice. Beltran.
- Do not allow charmless "boxes" to be built on the b/w. Keep Venice...Venice.
- Need an active historical society. Preserve historic property
- Clean up the pagodas.
- Preserve the charm while allowing property owners to build within their rights
- Who determines what homes are historical – loans are impossible to obtain and negotiate ---if was Elvis --- sure ---But their old and need up grade. Lost a home already. ----- (By Fire)

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- I CONSIDER BLACK BLDGS THAT GO FROM ONE END OF A LOT – TO THE ALLEY TWO TO THREE STORIES COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER AND SCALE WITH VENICE. WHETHER THE HOME WAS HISTORICAL OR NOT THE LITTLE HOUSE, ONE STORY ALLOWED ARTIST AND CREATIVE PEOPLE TO LIVE IN VENICE. IT WAS NOT THE PURSUIT OF MONEY THAT MADE VENICE WORLD RENOWN AND PEOPLE FLOCK TO VISIT.
-Economy changed the artist ability (lack of) to be here, not the property owner
- I AM DISTRESSED BY THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF THE DEMOLITION OF CRAFTSMAN COTTAGES, DUPLEXES, AND MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS IN FAVOR OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. TAKE THE 1200 BLOCK OF CABRILLO FOR EXAMPLE. THEY HAVE LOST A DOZEN BUILDINGS IN THE PAST 2 YEARS WHICH HAS LITERALLY CHANGED THE “CHARACTER” OF THE BLOCK. IT NEEDS TO STOP AND WE NEED TO PROTECT WHAT IS LEFT.
- I AM CONCERNED WITH THE LOSS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY LIMITING 2 UNITS PER LOT. – THE ONLY WAY TO INCREASE AFFORDABILITY IS TO ADD DENSITY BACK TO THE UNDERLYING ZONING 1/1500 1/2500 SF PER LOT AREA.
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- ADOPT A MELLO ACT ORDINANCE W/REQD FEES!!!!
- Lighthouse Bridge needs to be Fixed and restored to its historical Beauty
- We have an excellent VNC – character, mass, scale report - Read it and implement it.
- [↑ It's Awful! This is not the 1920's – too many rules will end up with cookie-cutter boxes!]
Think about light, air, shade of the entire neighborhood not just if the building is only 28' and has the proper setbacks.
- Do not reduce parking requirements for low-income/moderate projects.
- THE BIGGEST CONCERN IS CLARITY OF THE CODE THAT ENABLES OWNERS ARCHITECTS, ETC. TO KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DESIGN & BUILD. THE COMMUNITY HEARING PROCESS VISA VIE (Sp./ i.e., “Vis-à-vis”) the VNC TAKES A LONG TIME IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE A CDP PLANNING DEPT REVIEW PROCESS THAT IS QUICKER (I.E. CONFORMS TO THE LETTER OF THE “PERMIT STRETLINING ACT” – 6 MONTHS NOT 1.5 YEARS! STAFF UP OR SUB IT OUT! BUT STOP HOLDING US BY THE BALLS AND GET YOUR WORK DONE!

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- How do we retain some sense of Venice's unique character? Are there certain buildings or tracts that should be deemed “historic”?

I have mixed feelings about the illegal fences. I understand people wanting privacy or for sense of security but it saddens me to walk along the Canals, and especially also on the walkstreets where tall walls make you feel like you're going through a dark alley, separating you from neighbors and lessening sense of community.

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- ↑ I have been accosted by homeless people 2 times before I built my wall. I have 2 kids that I need to protect. Who cares about looks when people's safty is at risk. I don't need a wall in Manhattan Beach. We adjust to our environment.
- I'd like to have "Centennial Park" house a building for a museum of Venice history (Venice Historical Society) – located where the trains used to come into Venice.
- Historic buildings are quite different than run down 40's house. I  all the amazing historic 20's properties & want nothing more than to see them stay & be refurbished if needed.

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- "Saving cottages that were built to last 10 years is nonsensical. Venice is about vibrancy, creating, not stick in the mud stay where we were 40-60 yrs ago – challenge owners to create beautiful, interesting living spaces rather than locking us to 1920's summer cottages built w/ 2x3's.
- Bridge across canal at Lighthouse has Venice character not expressed elsewhere on peninsula – it should be a Historic Landmark.

Marina Visioning Statement:

- What is coming of all its rhetoric?
- Why are Zones not being enforced?

OTHER TOPICS

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- Move CC Jurisdiction from Lincoln to Pacific
- Bring in Food For Less.
- I WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED AGAIN IN THE PROCESS – WAS CANAL CHAIR FOR ORIGINAL PLAN

NO dogs on beach

- DON'T criminalize dog owners who run their dogs on the beach between 7-9 am near the pier. Why not dog hours? Staffed by a private-public staff. 20 yards north & south of Venice Pier would be a prime location.
- Dog owners have too much influence on how public property is used for dogs. The Oakwood park venue is used daily by people letting their dogs run free. They urinate + defecate on the grass where neighborhood children play. There is no police control over this
- I DON'T WANT TO "FEEL" I HAVE A SAY IN IMPORTANT DECISION ABOUT MY COMMUNITY. I WANT REAL POWER TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN WHAT IS GOING TO SHAPE THE COMMUNITY I AM FULLY INVESTED. ANSWER YOUR PHONES AND ACT ON THE ADVICE OF THE COMMUNITY

I'm for this

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- Public participation by Venice residents has a long history. Many of those here participated in developing a Venice Specific Plan 20-30 years ago. The city ignored it, never implemented it. Since then residents of a variety of views have made their voice heard – most recently + notably in a lawsuit the VS City. It's an insult to ask us to write comments here, with no place for dialog, debate – or even knowing who might read these.
- I am extremely concerned about the city planning process. The VSO program, and the charade of doing a "remodel" where people can demolish an entire structure and leave the bones of 2 walls to avoid restrictions is killing us. The denial of appeals (think 320 Sunset and many others) that put the interests of the rich against the interests of the surrounding neighbors is a travesty. We are lucky to be in the coastal zone otherwise it would be even worse. Thanks for nothing.
- The community wants more than a voice. We want teeth.

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- Public participation is great & essential. But we need to balance that with professional input (from objective, unbiased planners at the city and state levels). We also need to solicit input from regular homeowners and residents – not just the 'diehards' who dominate Venice Neighborhood Council meetings and public hearings.

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- Create a redevelopment authority to monitor a long-term master plan.
 - Monetize the value of OFW. Consider a minor league baseball stadium (seating of 5,000). Partner with the Dodgers for baseball at the beach....
 - Construct a “Hollywood Bowl” style facility.
 - Fix roads on peninsula.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- VNC HAVING TOO much power. They get voted in by a VERY small amount of people who bother to vote & then decide on peoples futures.
- There are Board members on VNC-LUPC filing appeals on Projects. After one pays fees for projects. The city approves plans but these individuals oppose local building plans. This is unfair and (possibly unconstitutional). Who is in charge. --They don't even belong to a register organization. Putting neighbor against neighbor. --- (Ageism) is unacceptable we need children and families. There is no LAW against Progress.
-  Allow people to use their property how they want!!
- More say on OFW issue

To victimize home owners once they received their permit because of codes between planning & coastal is not right. There are a lot of great people @ LUPC (most o') them understand the code & regulations) But some are just not fit to be on the Board.

 Need to add to the group: renter/veteran low-income housing, not just developer/business

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- Those of us that Follow this process have observed that Public Participation is For Appearance only! The general public is shined on, the last meeting was an example of how the City Planning Dept. tried to skirt Public Participation! Only under intense pressure will you abide by the rules of Public Participation and transparency. It will work no Longer!!!!
- Eliminate Venice LUPC
- Public participation comes from the public our representatives want to hear from us

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- For all major decision – like this one – which directly impact our entire community there must be a fully open and transparent process which include as many voices as possible to represent the full diversity of the community. Those affected by these decision need to have a say. The first step is to have a public listening session where the city can hear – and take notes – the ideas and concerns which are brought forth...after that part of the process takes place, then we can move to focus groups which are built out of the initial full public participation!
- What becomes of the Marina Visioning Statement? Why are Zones not being enforced? Appears to merely be rhetoric & not smart planning tool that cares about condition of MDR nor Public Comment.

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- We can not keep granting businesses liquor licenses without demanding and obtaining adequate parking. Stop the grandfathering!
 - Revisit parking to seat / sq ft regulations for restaurants + bars. Not enough parking for patron nor residents.

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- The VNC is a great asset to this community and coordination with the board and stakeholders will help the progress move forward. Beltran
- Need to form committees of each neighborhood to evaluate & input to the process
- For VNC + City of LA consideration: Movie parking permits? Who gets the money? Venice residents pay the price – huge tow tickets, no place to park. Movie companies not required to supply alternative parking, or rent a pkg. lot themselves. At least see that the money goes to Venice! We need it, our sidewalks are falling apart, our public restrooms are dirty – and so it goes.
- No public parking on Windward – there is not enough street parking for residents build parking structures for Abott Kinney.

More police patrolling Venice street esp. weekends

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- Enforce the parking regulations and reinstate LAMC 85.02!
- Present ideas to costal commission and hire them printed in Argunaugh (Sic, local paper, referring to “The Argonaut”)

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- Less patrolling and more real help for people. Public bathroom access to playas. Recycle & cleaning efforts
- The VNC has completely abused their power the current members have ostracized the majority of the residents. Their primary goal seems to be that any change is bad and that a select group of individuals’ rights supercede the rights of people lawfully living in Venice.
 - The Police Department needs to be much more engaged in the community. It seems the LAPD uses Venice as a training ground and officers are cycled through never getting to know the people they serve

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- Who should be at all meetings? VC PUCC – Laddie Williams, President
 - Westside Tenants Union
Mark Lipman + Lydia Ponce
- Any local non-profits should be part of the process. St. Josephs, Ven. Fam. Clinic, VCH
- I serve on committes to be more involved. It gives me a say in decisions and volunteer for non-profits. More folks should come join us.

KIDS' CORNER

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- More activities & facilities for kids!
- The lots are small in Venice. To attract families in Venice, you somewhat need a 'big' house' & not 1913 house where foundations are non-existing.
- Venice should provide affordable housing (Long-Term) for families
- Better public schools for kids – disband & break up the LAUSD

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- Schoolchildren in Venice at risk coming & going due to Waze app funneling commuter traffic off Lincoln + other streets
- Worried about my tween daughter walking around on her own can't go to boardwalk or even public library due to people with addiction problems + mental illness, sometimes threatening.
- Our children are our future!
- Maybe promoting more transient storage at a park across from a grade school isn't such a good idea.

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- Kids Rule! Parents make some of the best neighbors and encouraging the next skateboarder to alley out of Venice is nothing but good. Beltran.