

POLICY SPOTLIGHT — PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVING RETAIL

Venice

Many public comments focused on Providing Community Serving Retail.
Should we change the existing policies of the Community Plan to better address current needs?

Community Comments	Existing Community Plan Goals & Policies	Your Thoughts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep big box national chains out• There is insufficient support for local businesses• Would like to see affordable shopping, Trader Joes and health care options• Would like to see local cafes• Would like to see museums and live music venues on Abbot Kinney and/or Main Street• Missing services and amenities include cultural centers and supermarkets• Would like to see food options on the boardwalk• Want to see affordable shopping, much of the retail is exclusive and does not meet daily needs• Need for more general stores as well as laundromats• Rising rents are kicking out local businesses• Need local corner markets	<p>Goal 2 A strong and competitive commercial sector which promotes economic vitality, serves the needs of the community through well designed, safe and accessible areas while preserving the historic, commercial and cultural character of the community.</p> <p>Policy 2-1.3 Ensure the viability of existing neighborhood stores and businesses which support the needs of local residents and are compatible with the neighborhood.</p> <p>Policy 2-1.4 Encourage neighborhood “mom & pop” stores throughout the community at appropriate locations.</p>	<p><i>Do the existing policies address the community’s comments?</i></p> <p><i>Which existing policies should be kept?</i></p> <p><i>How can existing policies be more specific to your neighborhood? What’s missing?</i></p>

POLICY SPOTLIGHT — INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Venice

Many public comments focused on Increasing Housing Opportunities.
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Community Comments	Existing Community Plan Goals & Policies	Your Thoughts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase density on major corridors for increased housing capacity• We have very limited housing capacity in Venice• Address downzoning of Venice Specific Plan that occurred in the past• *Fix footnote 6 in the community plan that causes problems with projects that try to achieve higher density• Multi-family housing should be built out to the maximum• Too many developers are knocking down duplexes in R2 and RD 1.5 zones to build boxy single family homes• Eliminate the 3 lot tie allowance in the Oakwood neighborhood which results in the construction of more single-family housing on multi-family zoned lots• Preserve the existing housing stock, and discourage the conversion of residential uses to commercial use where appropriate	<p>Goal 1 A safe, secure, and high quality residential environment for all community residents</p> <p>Policy 1-1.1 Designate specific lands to provide for adequate multi-family residential development</p> <p>Policy 1-1.4 Promote the preservation of existing single-family and multi-family neighborhoods</p> <p>Policy 1-2.2 Encourage multiple-family residential development in commercial zones</p> <p>Policy 1-4.1 Promote greater individual choice in type, quality, price and location of housing</p>	<p><i>Do the existing policies address the community’s comments?</i></p> <p><i>Which existing policies should be kept?</i></p> <p><i>How can existing policies be more specific to your neighborhood? What’s missing?</i></p>

*Footnote 6: Residential development on commercial properties are limited to densities no greater than those permitted by the zoning of adjacent residential areas, but not lower than the density permitted in the low-medium housing category, except as regulated by existing specific plans.

POLICY SPOTLIGHT — ADDRESS PARKING ISSUES

Venice

Many public comments focused on Addressing Parking Issues.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address lack of parking for multifamily buildings• There is insufficient parking for the entire community• There is a need for restricted parking near beach• Venice could benefit from a parking district• The lack of parking on Abbot Kinney is a reason to not spend time there• There is an opportunity for angled parking along the old Canal streets, due to their wide width (i.e.,: Market and Main Street).• A parking structure should be built for the community to use when accessing the beach• Parking structures are better than surface lots• Encourage subterranean parking lot ties to meet parking requirements for projects• Parking requirements should be tied to affordability• Reduce on site parking requirements in order to accommodate green space• There is inadequate signage of available parking for beach visitors on weekends resulting in added traffic congestion• Inadequate parking is caused by non-conforming uses	<p>Goal 13 A sufficient system of well designed and convenient on-street parking and off-street parking facilities throughout the plan area</p> <p>Pol. 13-1.1 Consolidate parking, where appropriate, to eliminate the number of ingress and egress points onto arterial streets, and direct traffic to side streets</p> <p>Pol. 13-1.3 Increase parking opportunities for both visitors and residents of Venice</p> <p>Goal 14 Discourage non-residential traffic flow on residential streets and encourage community involvement in determining neighborhood traffic controls</p> <p>Pol. 14-1.1 The City should initiate a series of neighborhood outreach meetings to identify and discuss existing and anticipated “cut-through” traffic and spillover parking from adjacent commercial areas. Through these neighborhood/community meetings, strategies and programs would be developed for an effective neighborhood protection plan. Availability of funding to pay for implementation of programs would also be discussed at these meetings</p>	<p><i>Do the existing policies address the community’s comments?</i></p> <p><i>Which existing policies should be kept?</i></p> <p><i>How can existing policies be more specific to your neighborhood? What’s missing?</i></p>



POLICY SPOTLIGHT — PROVIDE MORE PARK FACILITIES

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Community Comments	Existing Community Plan Goals & Policies	Your Thoughts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep open space on North and South Venice• Preserve Ballona Creek as open space• Park space is a missing amenity• Dog parks are a missing amenity• Open space should not be located in medians• Would like to see parks near the beach• Need more pocket parks• We are missing well maintained parks in the community	<p>Goal 4 Adequate recreation and park facilities which meet the needs of the residents in the plan area</p> <p>Pol. 4-1.1 Preserve and improve the existing recreational facilities and park space</p> <p>Pol. 4-1.2 Better utilization and development of recreational facilities at existing parks</p> <p>Pol. 4-2.1 Flood control channels and other appropriate public lands should be considered for open space and recreational purposes</p> <p>Pol. 4-3.1 Provide local residents and visitors alike adequate access to local recreational facilities</p> <p>Pol. 4-3.2 Ensure that parks are adequately illuminated for safe use at night</p> <p>Goal 5 A community with sufficient open space in balance with new development to serve the recreational, environmental, health and safety needs of the community and to protect environmental and aesthetic resources</p> <p>Pol. 5-1.1 Encourage the retention of passive and visual open space which provides a balance to the urban development of the community</p> <p>Pol. 5-1.2 The City should encourage continuous efforts by Federal, State and County agencies to acquire vacant land for publicly-owned open space</p>	<p><i>Do the existing policies address the community’s comments?</i></p> <p><i>Which existing policies should be kept?</i></p> <p><i>How can existing policies be more specific to your neighborhood? What’s missing?</i></p>



POLICY SPOTLIGHT — MAINTAINING COMMUNITY CHARACTER

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We like the musicians, artists and diversity in the community• There should be more regulation on aesthetics• Very concerned about gentrification and its displacement of minorities and to neighborhood character• Concerned about losing socioeconomic diversity• We like the diverse people and architecture in a unique coastal setting• We like the creativity in the community• Love how weird the community is• Venice is a vibrant community and we like that• Venice has a unique history• We like that Venice has a relaxed small beach town feel despite it being urban• Venice is inclusive and we want to keep it that way• Venice has a great nightlife and dining• East of Lincoln has its own “feel” and we want to keep that• You can’t apply other community’s character in Venice--it should be treated differently	<p>Pol. 1-1.2 Protect the quality of the residential environment and the appearance of communities with attention to site and building design.</p> <p>Pol. 1-3.1 Seek a higher degree of architectural compatibility and landscaping for new infill development to protect the character and scale of existing residential neighborhoods</p> <p>Pol. 1-4.2 Ensure that new housing opportunities minimize displacement of residents</p> <p>Pol. 2-1.5 Require that commercial projects be designed and developed to achieve a high level of quality, distinctive character and compatibility with surrounding uses and development</p> <p>Pol. 2-3.2 Preserve community character, scale and architectural diversity</p> <p>Goal 17 Preservation and restoration of cultural resources, neighborhoods and landmarks which have historical and/or cultural significance.</p>	<p><i>Do the existing policies address the community’s comments?</i></p> <p><i>Which existing policies should be kept?</i></p> <p><i>How can existing policies be more specific to your neighborhood? What’s missing?</i></p>