

Meeting Packet

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Friday, August 31st, 2018, at 7:00pm

Coffee Connection Station Room
3838 S. Centinela Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066

10. Unfinished Business –

10.1. Discussion of the City of Los Angeles' sidewalk vending program – Discussion and possible action regarding the restoration of the "opt-out" clause in the City of Los Angeles' sidewalk vending program.

Policy Motion: MVCC Support for the restoration of the "Opt-out" clause in the City of Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Program Council File No: 13-1493, Related Legislation: SB 946

WHEREAS, the City Council, on April 18, 2018, adopted an Ordinance creating a Sidewalk Street Vending Program and,

WHEREAS, in the final draft of said ordinance, the "opt out" provision was removed, at the last minute, prior to approval, and

WHEREAS, local brick and mortar enterprises along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have spent years establishing their businesses based on a set of assumptions and rules, such as where they can be located, the taxes they are required to pay, and the best ways to attract customers, and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vendors in the proposed ordinance will probably sell similar types of goods and services as nearby brick and mortar businesses, but not be required to adhere to the same elaborate state and local permitting and land-use regulations, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses on Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have contributed to the "main street" atmosphere that local residents value, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista are mostly small ones, with small profit margins, and

WHEREAS the presence of sidewalk vendors along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, for the reasons specified above, would constitute unfair competition for the local brick and mortar businesses on the same stretch.

THEREFORE, the MVCC urges restoration of the "opt-out" clause of the Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

10.2. Discussion of beach curfews – Discussion and possible action regarding opposition to the lifting of beach curfews currently in force.

The State is weighing a constitutional argument that the water is a public natural resource and that perhaps access to the water's edge should be available, through designated pathways, 24 hours a day.

The countervailing argument is from the City and County (which operate LAPD & Lifeguards) who say that the task of maintaining the health and safety of the beach falls on them and they see the pathways as a slippery slope to loitering, squatters and a real threat to public safety of the shoreline for general use by Angelenos. Their resources for enforcement are already thin, and they see these access pathways as jeopardizing their ability to protect the integrity of our beaches and shoreline.

Both LAPD West and County Beaches and Harbors are on the record supporting the beach access restriction, as is our City Councilmember (who's district is along the shore from Westchester to Pacific Palisades), Mike Bonin.

In addition, here is the recommended motion and more background information:

Motion language taken from www.westsidecouncils.com; my additions in brackets/bold font.

"Opposition to lifting overnight beach curfew"

Passage deadline: June 2018 [Note: deadline now extended to July 2018; deadline may be extended further.]

Passed by

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council,

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa [Note: also passed by Westside Neighborhood Council, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Brentwood Neighborhood Council and Westwood Neighborhood Council; will also be taken up by Westwood Community Council on 7/17.]

Motion

The _____ Council opposes the lifting of the beach curfew currently in place, restricting beach access from midnight to 5am, daily. This is in consideration of public health and safety concerns and in keeping with long standing practice, supported by LAPD and LA County Beaches and Harbors, who are tasked with maintaining the safety and integrity of the beach and the shoreline, respectively.

- 10.3. Discussion of potential locations for permanent supportive housing** – Discussion and possible action regarding a letter received from Councilman Bonin requesting MVCC's assistance in identifying locations within Mar Vista for permanent supportive housing – see following 2 pages.



MIKE BONIN
City of Los Angeles
Councilmember, Eleventh District

August 3, 2018

Elliot Hanna
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Dear Mr. Hanna: *Elliot*

At the end of March, I wrote to the Mar Vista Community Council, asking for the council's partnership in solving homelessness in our neighborhoods, and asking for suggestions on potential locations in Mar Vista for supportive housing, bridge housing, or safe parking. As this crisis in our neighborhoods continues, I am writing to renew that request.

As a director of the MVCC and now as chair of the organization, you have been vocal in drawing attention to the problem of homelessness in Mar Vista. I invite your vocal engagement in identifying constructive solutions, and in joining other 11th District neighborhoods in helping to solve this region-wide crisis. My staff and I are eager to partner with you and the MVCC on those efforts.

I have asked every neighborhood and neighborhood council to become actively engaged in creating solutions, and the response from neighborhoods around our council district has been encouraging and inspiring:

- In the past few years, *Del Rey*, which shares a zip code with Mar Vista, has earned a reputation as one of the most active and solution-oriented neighborhoods in the City. With the support of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, supportive housing has opened on both Courtleigh Avenue and on Beach Avenue. Last year, a home for homeless youth opened in Del Rey. The Del Rey Square Apartments, a building providing low income housing for seniors, includes a significant number of formerly homeless people. In the past few weeks, the Del Rey Neighborhood Council has begun an aggressive and focused effort to find potential locations for safe parking or bridge housing.
- In *Venice*, with the support of most residents, the City is proposing bridge housing on a former bus lot, while several proposals for supportive housing are in the pipeline, on both city-owned property and on private property. The Homelessness Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council has unanimously endorsed bridge housing, and has spearheaded a program to reunify homeless people with their families. Venice is also home to St. Joseph Center and Safe Place for Youth, which provide homeless services and help find jobs and or housing for people living on the street.

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- In *Brentwood*, the campus of the Department of Veterans Affairs is moving forward with plans to build more than 1000 units of supportive housing for homeless veterans. The VA campus is home to the first Safe Parking program on the Westside, and in partnership with the City, bridge housing is in the works there as well.
- In *West LA*, the City and County operate the Emergency Winter Shelter program. The Neighborhood Council of West LA/Sawtelle, by an 11-1 vote, approved supportive housing for the homeless at the former WLA Animal Shelter. The neighborhood council is now considering potential Safe Parking locations. Additionally, with community support, a recently approved project at Olympic and Bundy will include homeless housing.
- In *Pacific Palisades*, the Pacific Palisades Community Council helped form the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness, which has raised money, hired its own social service agency, and successfully housed dozens of people. The PPCC recently formed a new task force to identify potential locations for bridge or crisis housing for homeless women in the community.

This response from neighborhoods has been exciting, and is showing Los Angeles that residents of the Westside are eager to lead and be part of the solution. I hope that the Mar Vista Community Council will show similar leadership. I know that the Homeless Issues Committee has been engaged in this issue for some time, and I have been grateful to work with Susan Klos, Robin Doyno and members of that committee, and understand you have named new members as well. I am eager for suggested solutions from the Mar Vista Community Council and believe that with your support, the MVCC can join and complement these other 11th District efforts, actively participating in the solution. As you have noted, the situation is dire, and demands urgent action.

I have attached a copy of my previous correspondence to MVCC, as well as a list of types of programs and projects the City and County are investing in.

Regards,



MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

Cc: MVCC Board of Directors