

FUNDING AND POLICY MOTION

DIRECTOR'S MOTION – Aaron Vanek, Zone 6 director

Discussed in Education, Arts, and Committee meeting Nov 11, 2025, no vote called.

TITLE: Volunteer clean-up for DCRC mural on December 13, 2025

PURPOSE: To advertise and recruit volunteers to clean fig ivy vines off a historical mural on the wall of the Disability Community Resource Center located at 12901 W. Venice Blvd. 90066; to provide \$100.00 in funding for refreshments for volunteers; to provide any available tools such as ladders, work gloves, shears, etc. to volunteers.

BACKGROUND: A stakeholder noticed that the art mural of whales on the east, Beethoven-facing wall of the DCRC (located in MVCC zone 6) has been overtaken by fig ivy (aka creeping ficus, aka creeping ivy). They wish for the ivy to be removed to reveal the mural, but is concerned that removal may damage the mural's paint.

The city of Los Angeles is deliberating sale or transfer of its partial ownership of the DCRC in CF 22-1328, transmitted January 3, 2025:

Location and Ownership of the Site

The site is located at 12901 West Venice Boulevard, LA, CA 90066 ("Property"), adjacent to Venice High School. It is an approximately 12,969-square-foot site that is jointly owned by the City of Los Angeles ("City") and DCRC, a nonprofit service provider founded in 1976 and formerly known as the Westside Center for Independent Living (WCIL). The site is improved with a one-story, 6,800 sq. ft. commercial building used for office space and service provision by DCRC since 1980.

12901 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA (Council District 11)



Owner: 89% by the City of LA,
11% by the DCRC

Zoning: [Q]C2-1, [Q]R3-1XL; not TOC eligible

Lot Size: 12,969 SF total
– 3,950 SF zoned commercial
– 9,020 SF zoned residential

"As-Is" Appraised Value: \$4,635,000 (as of 9-21-2019)

The Property's ownership structure was first established in 1980 when the City, through the Community Development Department (CDD), executed a contract with the DCRC (Contract No. C-53000) to acquire the Property and establish a permanent facility to provide social services to residents with disabilities. That contract created the tenancy-in-common, with each party's proportionate interest "based upon the dollar amount each contributes to the purchase price" (Section 202-C of the contract). According to the grant deed, 89% of the ownership belongs to the City, and 11% belongs to DCRC.

(also from CF 22-1328)

“While researching the property, LAHD staff also determined that the site contains a “Vintage Original Art Mural” on its east side (along Beethoven St.) This mural is registered with the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and is subject to the City’s Mural Ordinance, Ordinance No. 182706. It is considered a “Historically Significant City-Funded Mural,” receiving a historical significance score of 2.7; a score of 2 means a mural is historically “Significant,” and a score of 3 indicates a mural is historical “Very Significant” (C.F. No. 13-0600-S23). The mural is part of the Citywide Mural Project, and it was restored in 1992 by the Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles and DCA in 2003.”

THE MOTION: With the continued collaborative support of DCRC administration and management (TJ Hill, Executive Director, and Jay Aquino, Administrative Office Manager) a volunteer crew shall, on Saturday, December 13, 2025 (time TBD), clear the mural of the fig ivy. Any damage done to the mural might be repaired at a later date via a separate motion.

MVCC shall advertise the event and recruit volunteers through social media channels.

MVCC shall provide \$100.00 funding for refreshments for the volunteer crew.

If available, MVCC shall provide tools or other implements such as ladders, work gloves, or cutting shears to aid the process of ivy removal.

DIRECTED TO: MVCC Board of Directors