

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org).

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

#### Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Name: Ira Koslow

Phone Number: (310) 392-0868

Email: [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org)

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/16/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/05/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0010-S16

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance the current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use. The Venice Neighborhood Council further calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org)  
Email: [info@VeniceNC.org](mailto:info@VeniceNC.org) / Phone or Fax: 310.606.2015



March 26, 2021

## **By email**

Mayor Eric Garcetti [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org)  
Councilmember Mike Bonin [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org)  
LA City Public Safety Committee  
Keyonna Kidd [keyonna.kidd@lacity.org](mailto:keyonna.kidd@lacity.org)  
Rita Moreno [rita.moreno@lacity.org](mailto:rita.moreno@lacity.org)  
Dennis Gleason [dennis.gleason@lacity.org](mailto:dennis.gleason@lacity.org)  
Deputy Fire Chief Hogan [Armando.hogan@lacity.org](mailto:Armando.hogan@lacity.org)

Re: Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

Dear all:

Please be advised that at a regular public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers held on February 16, 2021 the following Motion was approved.

## **MOTION:**

Whereas Venice has witnessed numerous fires over recent years in homeless encampments, in recreational vehicles, and free-standing fires in public; and

Whereas these random and ongoing fires pose a tremendous threat of serious lifelong injuries or potential death to our Unsheltered population; and

Whereas the recent fire at 723 Ocean Front Walk (OFW) destroyed the office building at that location and threatened nearby apartment buildings and single-family residences; and

Whereas, the Los Angeles Fire Department has announced that the fire at 723 OFW spread from the large homeless encampment on Park Avenue adjacent to the building; and

Whereas fires on Rose Avenue next to Penmar Golf Course have threatened the golf course's expansive tree canopy and resulted in the city removing all encampments on Rose Avenue east of Lincoln Boulevard, setting a positive precedence for addressing fire danger in Venice; and



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org)  
Email: [info@VeniceNC.org](mailto:info@VeniceNC.org) / Phone or Fax: 310.606.2015



Whereas Venice has an unusually high percentage of wooden and historic structures that are especially vulnerable to fire; and

Whereas such a buffer zone would significantly advance the objective of protecting residences and other structures from fire; and

Whereas there is precedence in the City of Los Angeles banning camping in other fire-vulnerable areas, such as the bluffs along Pacific Coast Highway in the Pacific Palisades; now

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use.

The Venice Neighborhood Council further calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.

Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent as a Community Impact Statement to Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council's Public Safety Committee Legislative Assistants: [Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org](mailto:Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org), [Rita.Moreno@lacity.org](mailto:Rita.Moreno@lacity.org) and [Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org](mailto:Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org), and Deputy Fire Chief Armando Hogan ([armando.hogan@lacity.org](mailto:armando.hogan@lacity.org)) and to the Los Angeles City Clerk to be attached to Council File: 20-0010-S16.

## **ACTION:**

It was approved by a vote of 17-0-2.



# Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org)  
Email: [info@VeniceNC.org](mailto:info@VeniceNC.org) / Phone or Fax: 310.606.2015



Respectfully submitted,

Ira Koslow  
President  
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc:

Office of the Mayor:

Brad Fingard, [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org)

Los Angeles City Clerk:

Holly Wolcott, [holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org), [CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)

Council District 11:

Nisa Kove -- [nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org),  
Alek Bartrosouf - [alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org),

Venice Neighborhood Council

Venice Neighborhood Council, [board@venicenc.org](mailto:board@venicenc.org)