

*Resolution  
For A  
City of Venice  
Organization  
Based on a Town Council Model*

**Whereas,** The people of Venice need a forum for expressing themselves, and making decisions, on the important issues affecting them.

**Whereas,** To that end, an organization shall be created called the City of Venice that shall function as a town hall assembly of the residents of Venice.

**Whereas,** Since the demise of the Venice Town Council in the 1990s, Venetians have had no organization that allows for equal participation, voice and vote on their community affairs.

**Whereas,** Not since the demise of Venice cityhood in 1925 have Venetians had the ability to determine their own affairs without recourse to the government and bureaucracy of the city of Los Angeles.

**Therefore,** be it resolved, that the people of Venice do hereby create an organization called the City of Venice, which shall act on their behalf, and in cooperation with officials of the city of Los Angeles, the state of California, and the U.S. government, until such time as the actual city of Venice is legally reestablished.

**Be it further resolved,** that the City of Venice shall meet monthly as a town hall at a place to be determined by its participants. The town hall, and its participants, shall at all times respect the equality and dignity of its participants. The rights of all residents of Venice shall include, but not be limited to, speaking, voting, and participating in the activities of the City of Venice.

**Be it further resolved,** that the monthly town hall shall designate a chair (Mayor), and a secretary at each meeting. Said officials shall serve until the following month's town hall and shall be ineligible to be reelected until three months have passed. The Mayor shall act as principle spokesperson of the City of Venice between meetings. The Secretary shall disseminate the minutes of the meeting as broadly as possible. Agenda items may be suggested by any resident.

**Be it further resolved,** that at its first meeting, this document, as modified, shall be approved, and that the City of Venice shall be declared.

**Be it further resolved,** that the body at the beginning of each meeting shall adopt, or modify, its standing rules as well as an agenda for the meeting.

**Be it further resolved,** that the body may establish committees, a website, a mailing address, letterhead and other structures and materials as it sees fit.

**Be it finally resolved,** that the City of Venice shall hold its first meeting after at least 20 residents of Venice have given their approval. Twenty people shall also constitute a quorum for a meeting. If a quorum does not exist, the body may meet, but shall not enact any proposed motions.