

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the designation of Cultural Historic Heritage to New Bethel Baptist Church of Venice. I have lived in the Venice Community since 1970 and the church has been a vibrant force then and continues to be now. Pastor Marvis L. Davis has led the Church for many years and has served as a leader for his congregation and as an outstanding leader of the community. I met Pastor Davis in the 1980's-1990's when he organized "Venice United" bringing together a diverse group of people during and after a horrific gang war that killed 22 young people. The meetings held at New Bethel were focused on healing from the wounds and coalescing as a community. I have attended services many times, officially as invited as a member of the Venice Neighborhood Council and as a friend who has always been welcomed with open arms. New Bethel Baptist Church is a beacon of light which for decades has served as a critically important touchstone in this community. It's presence must be honored for posterity. Thank you! Linda Lucks