



Venice Neighborhood Council



LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 www.VeniceNC.org
Email: Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org

2021-2023 LUPC APPLICATION

Instructions:

Stakeholders interested in joining the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) are requested to complete the following application and:

Return it to the chairs of the Land Use and Planning Committee (chair-LUPC@venicenc.org), Rules & Selections Committee (rules@venicenc.org), and the Secretary (sec@venicenc.org) **prior to 10:00 am on Monday, August 9, 2021**, the day of the AdCom meeting for the August 17, 2021, VNC Board meeting, in order for the application to be posted online.

To learn about the work of the Land Use and Planning Committee and the process of becoming a member of the committee, please contact chair-LUPC@venicenc.org.

Applications may be returned by email or by mail to: Venice Neighborhood Council, PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294. The same timing considerations apply to applications submitted these ways.

Your application will be forwarded to the VNC Board for review.

According to VNC bylaws, the VNC Board will select eight (8) members of the Committee at its meeting on August 17, 2021. The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom with details posted on the VNC website, starting at 7 p.m. Applicants are encouraged to attend to introduce themselves and speak before the board (representatives may not speak for you).

Applicant's name and answers to these questions will be made public, but not contact information such as address, phone number and email address.

Mission Statement:

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council and stakeholders about land use projects in or around Venice that will impact the quality of life of Venice residents, business owners and stakeholders.

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council on planning issues and projects affecting the Venice community.

To make recommendations to the Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers regarding any exceptions, modifications and variances to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan for the planning and construction of projects in Venice to forward to the Los Angeles City government entities which shall include but not be limited to Council District 11, City Planning Department, City Building & Safety and City Public Works as deemed necessary.

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Contact Information:

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Nombre el letra de Molde

Qualifying Stakeholder Address: [REDACTED] Venice CA 90291
Dirección

Street address (if different): _____
Dirección, si diferente

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Ciudad Estado Código Postal

Email (mandatory) _____ Phone (mandatory): [REDACTED]
Correo electronico (obligatorio) Telefono (obligatorio)

I hereby certify, that I wish to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council and I am a Stakeholder within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature Alexander Carl Date 8/12/2022
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Proof of stakeholder status via a valid credential must be presented at the August 17th Board meeting. A valid credential includes, but is not limited to one of the following: a CA Driver's License or CA Residency Card (for an address within the VNC area); a school ID Card (for a school with in the VNC boundaries); a business card (in combination with any of the following with a matching Venice address: Business license, business check, or pay stub); a recent utility bill (for an address within the VNC area); an imprinted check (including an address within the VNC area); a Pay stub (from a business within the VNC area); a Passport (only in combination with any other credential item); a school report card (from a school with in the VNC boundaries); a property tax bill (with an address within the VNC area)

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Answer all these questions; please limit your answers to 200 words or less each and return to the chairs of the Land Use and Planning Committee (chair-LUPC@venicenc.org), Rules & Selections Committee (rules@venicenc.org), and the Secretary (sec@venicenc.org)

Questions:

- 1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the LUPC.
 - a) Have you served before on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee? If so, what committee and when?
 - b) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.
 - c) Please indicate your understanding of the time involved in terms of meetings and case work.
- 2) Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.
- 3) Please list the three most critical planning and land use issues you feel are facing the Venice Community.
- 4) Please review the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan and the Venice Land Use Plan (which was certified by the California Coastal Commission) and comment on your opinion of each of them.
- 5) How do you view your role in private interactions with Applicants who have projects proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee?
- 6) What is your understanding of and opinion on the VNC Ethics/Conflict of Interest requirements?

Access VCZSP at

<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/specplan/pdf/VenCoastal.pdf>.

Access Venice Land Use Plan at

<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/othrplan/OPAREA/VENLUP.HTM>

(1)(a) I have not served on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee. I

(1)(b) I am a (50/50) equity partner at the Bolour/Carl Immigration Group – a full service immigration law firm here in Los Angeles. As an equity partner I am required to run all facets of the business as well as maintain a firm understanding of the ever changing and complex laws of business immigration. I am confident my background in law (Loyola law school) as well as my business experience in this field provides me with the analytical and research based tools that are necessary to review and understand land use projects in a timely and objective manner. I am confident to play an objective intermediary role and also to ensure the policies of VCZSP and VLUP are upheld.

1(c) I own my own company so I make my own schedule – I understand the time involved in terms of meetings and case work. That is not an issue.

(2) Member of Venice Chamber of Commerce; Member of Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Chamber, Member of Italian Chamber of Commerce, Member and panelist for American Immigration Lawyers Association and member of the California Bar Association.

(3) (a) protecting neighborhoods by ensuring investment firms do not exploit the rules and regulations of the LUP.

(b) ensuring low income does not infringe on our neighbors right to enjoyment as well as the spirit of the LUP.

(c) protect the rights and enjoyment of our neighbors with the apparent increase in homeless and how this ties into the LUP

(4) Venice Land Use Plan is comprehensive yet clear. In my opinion, it was written with the intent to protect our neighborhoods from overdevelopment yet also provide room for income generating property, without significantly altering the character of the neighborhoods.

Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan is very similar to the Venice Land Use Plan, the former however, focuses specifically on protecting our natural resources in regards to our beaches and coastal access. The plan is written with the intent to ensure residents and visitors have adequate access to our shores and also to protect property owners from overdevelopment – development that does not conform to the spirit, intent and policies laid out in the Venice Coastal Specific Plan

(5) My role is to be an arbiter. To understand the policies of the Land Use and Planning Committee – what it allows and what it does not and then to understand exactly what the Applicants propose to do or to change and whether or not that violates the policies of the Land Use and Planning Committee.

(6) It is very similar to the rules of ethics the California Bar requires us to adhere to in our practice everyday so I understand the VNC's ethics/conflict of interest requirements and agree with the regulations they law out.