

# Venice Community Resilience Strategic Plan

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**Goal:** To enable Venice Community stakeholders to create a resilient community. Community resilience is a measure of the sustained ability of a whole community to utilize available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations such as disasters and major emergencies.

**Purpose:** To establish a strategy, outline implementing actions and identify resource needs to achieve the goal of whole community resilience.

**Strategy:** The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) shall establish a Venice Community Resiliency Working Group (VCRWG) consisting of interested Venice stakeholders which shall operate as a committee of the VNC under the same rules as VNC committees. The VCRWG will establish and implement programs in the following overarching whole community resilience development areas:

- Outreach
- Education
- Planning and Preparedness
- Community Coordination
- Resource Development

Program activities may overlap and occur simultaneously or in support of each other.

## **Development Area Programs:**

Outreach: The VCRWG will identify resiliency stakeholders including but not limited to the Neighborhood Watch Organization, voluntary organizations, the Venice Chamber of Commerce community service organizations and city departments and enlist their assistance in supporting achieving the goal of whole community resilience.

Education: The VCRWG will identify and facilitate the distribution of emergency preparedness and whole community resilience materials educational materials and presentations to all community stakeholders using multilingual, multimodal and inclusive methods as far as is practicable.

Planning and Preparedness: The VCRWG will support in partnership with city departments and stakeholders the development of household ,business, neighborhood and whole community emergency plans and preparedness including but not limited to conducting planning workshops, facilitating Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) and disaster response and recovery fairs and academies, drills and exercises..

Community Coordination: The VCRWG will in partnership with city departments and community stakeholders develop a Venice Community Emergency Coordination Plan (VCECP) and supporting procedures. The VCECP will during disasters and local emergencies facilitate the flow of information between responding government agencies and the community as well as organize community resources to support response and recovery activities in support of and in coordination with jurisdictional government agencies. This plan will require approval the Venice Neighborhood Council and the appropriate city/county agencies and be exercised annually.

Resource Development: The VCRWG will in partnership with city departments and community stakeholders identify and facilitate the obtaining of resources including but not limited to fiscal and physical resources necessary to achieve program and resiliency goals.

Plan Adoption and Implementation: Upon adoption of the Venice Community Resilience Strategic Plan (VCRSP) by the VNC the VNC shall appoint a Chair or Co Chairs as deemed appropriate and support recruitment and formation of the VCRWG . The VCRWG shall under the oversight of the VNC implement the VCRSP and will regularly brief the VNC on progress and or needs in implementing the VCRSP.

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