



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC Community Officer Application

Instructions: Stakeholders (those who live, work, or own property within the VNC boundaries) are welcomed to apply for consideration for an Officer's position on the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers. Nominations are opened at specified by the President at which time applications will be available online at <https://VeniceNC.org/Rules>. All application must be returned to Rules@VeniceNC.org and copied to Secretary@VeniceNC.org on or before the closing date and time which is published on the Rules webpage. The Board will select a new member at the following Board Meeting as described in the posted meeting agenda. Applicants need to show proof that they are stakeholders with their application and will give a short presentation at the Board meeting. No representatives will be permitted to speak for the applicant.

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

VNC MISSION STATEMENT: To improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals.

It is strongly recommended that you review the VNC bylaws before applying. They can be found on the VNC website at <http://www.venicenc.org/Rules>

Additionally, Los Angeles City, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment requires the following trainings are completed prior to Community Officer participation on the Board of Officers: Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, and Anti-Bias trainings. The time required to complete these four courses is about 10 hours and must be refreshed every two years.



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VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

Print Name/Nombre el letra de Molde :

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Street address / Dirección _____ City / Ciudad _____ State / Estado Zip/ Código Postal

Mailing Address (if different):

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Street address / Dirección _____ City / Ciudad _____ State / Estado Zip/ Código Postal


Contact Numbers:

10 4 4 _____ 10 4 4 _____ _____

Phone (Day) / Teléfono (día) Phone (Evening) / Teléfono (tardé) Fax Number

Email / Correo Electrónico (very important)

I hereby certify, that I wish to serve as Community Officer on the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers and I live, work, or own property within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature/*Firma* _____  Date 11/14/2022



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Answer all these questions; please limit your answers to 100 words or less each.

Questions:

- 1) Please explain why you wish to serve as the VNC Community Officer.
 - a) Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when?
 - b) Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long?
 - c) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.
 - d) How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area?
- 2) Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.
- 3) Please list the three most pressing issues that you feel are facing the Venice Community.
- 4) What do you see as the primary roles of the Venice Neighborhood Council?
- 5) What is your Vision for Venice?
- 6) If not selected, are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interest you and why?

PATRICK A MCKINLEY

Response to questions for Venice Community Council Application:

- 1) *Please explain why you wish to serve as the VNC Community Officer.*
- a) *Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where, and when? No*
 - b) *Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long? No*
 - c) *Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.*

I am a proven organizational leader with 25 plus years of experience in both the government, military, and private sector. I currently serve as a career Federal Civil Servant with the US Army Corps of Engineers where I oversee our \$2.5B civil works portfolio, consisting of several largescale flood risk mitigation projects as well as numerous ecosystem restoration projects in partnership with several state agencies and local municipalities across the state of California.

Additionally, I am a register Architect in California and the President of a small residential architecture office. I hold a Master of Architecture from Harvard University where I focused extensively on housing and worked as an architect for an affordable housing firm. Furthermore, I am a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel with numerous combat deployments conducting security and stability operations in Afghanistan, Iraqi, and the Horn of Africa.

My experience and education have instilled in me a sense of duty, integrity, and desire to help the undeserved, to promote good governance, to listen empathetically to concerns, and make pragmatic decisions to support our community at large.

- d) *How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area?*

My wife, son (3 yrs old), and I bought a home in Venice in June 2020 and have since given birth to our daughter (8 months old) in this community. This is the neighborhood in which we plan to raise our children.

- 2) *Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.*

None

3) *Please list the three most pressing issues that you feel are facing the Venice Community.*

1. Homelessness and housing. I see these two issues as interconnected. A lack of housing and services across the state and county have overtaxed our services and support for those in the most need. We cannot solve homelessness without addressing its root causes; mental illness, addiction, affordable housing options, and gainful employment.

2. Public Safety. Public safety is an essential function and right of community members. No one should feel afraid of walking our streets or calling a first responder. Public laws need to be enforced while striking a balance with providing a safety net for our most vulnerable.

3. Transportation. We live in a neighborhood that will only continue to improve and become less affordable. Additionally, we live in a portion of the city that contains one of its greatest amenities. Access to the boardwalk and beach needs to be increased for all income levels and parking and transportation are essential for this, not only allow recreational opportunities but also access to well-paying jobs within our community and outside our community. Increasing access for all is what will keep Venice a diverse, vibrant and ultimately attractive community.

4) *What do you see as the primary roles of the Venice Neighborhood Council?*

I see the role of the VNC as an advocate on behalf of neighborhood residents to our City Council on issues and concerns facing our community. The VNC should provide timely feedback and impact assessments of policy decisions that the Los Angeles City Council is considering, and most importantly voice the neighborhood's needs for constituent services.

5) *What is your Vision for Venice?*

I would love to see Venice continue and improve as a vibrant and inclusive community, that fosters creativity and the production of culture, and most importantly offers a supportive community that leads to opportunity for all; jobs, education, businesses, and investment. As I stated earlier, my children will be raised in this community. They will attend the public schools in this neighborhood, and hopefully they will want to return to this neighborhood.

6) *If not selected, are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interest you and why?*

Land Use and Planning – my background in government, architecture and urban planning will facilitate this role well.

Venice Community Resiliency Committee – my current role at the US Army Corps of Engineers works primarily on flood risk mitigation so I am well suited for advice concerning community resilience in the event of emergencies/natural disasters.