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**Outreach Officer Application**

**Name:** Jon Kinney

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

I hereby certify, that I wish to serve as Outreach 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 [REDACTED] Date 07-19-2023

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

1) Please explain why you wish to serve as the VNC Outreach Officer.

I have been an artist and part of many events in Venice and want to become an official member

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?

No

c) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.

Besides being a Dj, spoken word artist, I'm internationally exhibited photographer, award winning filmmaker, an Venice AI artist and consultant, I was one of the leads of the Talking Stick, I've run a film company for over 20 years, I've been involved with Venice Arts Crawl, and more.

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

I used to do public access shows on Lincoln in the 90's, I use to battle in breaking here in the 80's not too mention I've been told my last name comes from Venice.





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

Public Access, Inside out, The Talking Stick, Venice Art Crawl, Bicentennial, Opening of the Skate Park, Shoot photos for the Venice Museum, make movies, music, visual art, AI movies, and consulting.

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

No community center

Gentrification

Homeless

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

I see the VNC as a community organization that works with the gov to make sure various things in Venice are taken care of, from community events to how to work with businesses.

5) What is your vision for Venice?

My vision for Venice is seeing it become a place truly for everyone, while balancing the arts and the technology, in an atmosphere of the multicultural community that it has always been.

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**ERICA MOORE**



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**Outreach Officer Application**

Name: Erica Moore

Address: [Redacted]

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Email: [Redacted]

I hereby certify, that I wish to serve as Outreach 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 [Redacted] Date 08/10/2023

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

- 1) Please explain why you wish to serve as the VNC Outreach 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?

Please see attached for answers.

# ERICA MOORE

## OUTREACH OFFICER APPLICATION ATTACHMENT – Erica Moore

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

1) Please explain why you wish to serve as the VNC Outreach Officer. YES

The VNC Outreach Officer position feels like a natural fit for me. I thrive on connecting with others and being of service. I already “outreach” to neighbors/stakeholders and represent them at their request, assisting them with resources to get their needs met. My experience is that many stakeholders are unaware of the VNC and it’s function. I would love change that by bringing visibility and access to stakeholders by having a presence at community events and utilizing social media as well.

a) Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when? NO, However, I was recently elected to the VNC Board as an At Large Community Officer and have subsequently was sworn in less than 1 month ago.

b) Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long? YES

The Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC) which I have enjoyed immensely for almost 2 years.

c) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.

My profession for the past 38+ years is that of being a Sole Proprietor of an Event Planning and Catering Company. My credentials are deep and my client list highly recognizable. I am a hands on owner/operator and have produced events with up to 3,000 guests. Over the years I have taken my small company in many directions and have reinvented it to accommodate changes in my industry. Currently I am serving 1,000 person daily via Meals on Wheels and the Homeless via Grace Community Church in Culver City.

Previous to COVID I was catering hot lunches to private schools where my expertise and detailed style was utilized in distribution to include creating coding and a complex website. I am great at building a team and inspiring others to become involved and take action.

d) How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area? 42+ years

I started renting as a resident in multiple areas in Venice to include the Venice Canals on Linnie, Paloma and Speedway, Venice Boulevard next to my business and East Venice next to Penmar Park. I also have been in business in the same location on Venice Boulevard and Glencoe for 38+ years.

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

There is a lot to list! I have raised 2 sons here and been extremely involved in their local schools serving on ELAC and SSC Councils. My business has hosted field trips, offered internships and mentorships to budding chefs in the community as well as employment for many neighbors. I have been highly active in the VNC for about 5 years now and EVNA since it's inception. I attend multiple ADHOC committee meetings and am a voice for many neighbors when they have concerns.

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

The rezoning/upzoning and possible loss of Coastal protections in the revamping of the Venice Specific Plan and Community Plan.

Loss of RSO housing and gentrification which can be a feeder to more homelessness and crime.

Preserving the history, character, and unique diversity that we all cherish about Venice. We need to build responsibly so stakeholders are not displaced and infrastructure is not compromised.

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

To be a voice for stakeholders! Outreach and representing others goes hand in hand.

In my opinion, it is essential for the VNC representatives to be well informed on issues that come before them so that votes cast have merit. It is important to bring forth well-crafted motions that represent what the stakeholder majorities in our communities desire.

5) What is your vision for Venice?

For Venice community stakeholders to become more aware, involved and invested in taking a stand for our precious jewel by the sea.