

## Nick Antonicello Proposal for VNC Board Composition

The easiest way to ensure grass roots democracy is to simplify the selection process by ensuring 100% stakeholder participation and that is by simply expanding the voter franchise for community officers from one (1), to thirteen or less. This ensures that every stakeholder has the opportunity to elect every board member without exception. It ends this process of community officer hopefuls only targeting neighbors and family members in their respective campaigns and instead, seeking broad based, community support from all segments of the neighborhood. The notion of receiving fifty or less votes when over 800 stakeholders participated in the last election undermines fundamental democracy. It allows such members to be provincial in their thinking and approach.

So, the easiest way to correct the current voting composition is to allow all stakeholders to select all community officers in the current at-large format.

Secondly, since there seems to be support for selection by district, I would amend and modify your previous proposal to the following:

- *Create five districts versus ten, and combine or couple the current configuration of ten to just five.*
- *This would reduce the current at-large positions from thirteen to eight, and stakeholders can select eight or less.*
- *The rest of the board's configuration would remain the same and all stakeholders would select the public interest officer as well.*
- *The new configuration would guarantee both at-large and district representation for community officers and 100% stakeholder representation from the current 43% to 100%.*

While I believe Venice is diversified, ten districts are too many and lacks board support for a BY LAW's adoption. By simply selecting all community officers in scenario #1 or creating a reduced district sized map from 10 to 5 satisfies more localized representation and would avoid the possibility of vacancies or a single candidacy at the district level. Scenario #2 satisfies all issues to date and guarantees what the VNC has not had to date and that is 100% stakeholder representation and selection moving forward.

Keep in mind with the exception of a few, all candidates that participated in the ZOOM candidate forum overwhelmingly endorsed the expansion of the voter franchise which was also reflected in the community survey.