

Venice Neighborhood Council

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
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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 Robin Rudisill Date 8-7-25
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Proof of stakeholder status via a valid credential must be presented at the August 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)

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

Questions:

1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the LUPC.

I love Venice, I'm blessed to have found it 22 years ago, and serving on LUPC is one way I can give back to my community.

a) Have you served before on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee? If so, what committee and when?

I've been on the VNC LUPC for the past term and worked hard to fairly research and present projects to the committee and the Board. Also, in 2013 I was appointed by the Board to be Secretary of the LUPC and then in the next election became LUPC Chair and Board member for the 2014-16 term. I'm also Chair of the Coastal San Pedro LUPC for 2025-26 and have been LUPC Chair there for 6 ½ years.

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

I started my career as a CPA/auditor for several years and then moved to banking. I rose to EVP/CFO of Honfed Bank, Hawaii, which was acquired by Bank of America where I became SVP/Director of Finance for Bank of America FSB and then EVP/Manager of Finance for the Global Corporate & Investment Bank, stationed in S.F. I've been working as a volunteer on community and land use issues at the City and Coastal Commission for 15+ years and have much knowledge of and experience with the land use regulations. I also stay abreast of pending and new state legislation.

c) Please indicate your understanding of the time involved in terms of meetings and case work.

The significant time commitment is expected.

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

Before joining LUPC in 2013, I was on the VNC Neighborhood Committee for several years and was very involved in leading

projects such as emergency preparedness and preventing the County's plan for a 30+ parking space reduction in the Venice Pier beach lot. I was also on the Ocean Front Walk Committee for several years. I'm Treasurer and Board member of two non-profits:

- Citizens Preserving Venice, dedicated to preserving the character and scale of Venice as a Special Coastal Community, including its history and its social, cultural, racial and economic diversity, and to stabilizing affordable housing in Venice; and
- Coalition for a Beautiful Los Angeles, dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty and visual character of Los Angeles through education, outreach, and advocacy.

Please list the three most critical planning and land use issues you feel are facing the Venice Community.

1. Preventing the loss of existing Rent Stabilized ("RSO") and affordable housing, which are sensitive coastal resources that must be protected as per the Coastal Act.
2. Addressing the impacts of new and changing regulations that reduce parking requirements— AB 2097, Al Fresco dining, and Density Bonus projects, as well as other new and pending state and city legislation (including June 10, 2025 motion introduced in Council File 25-0642) that would eliminate or reduce parking requirements.
3. Working to assure the Venice Local Coastal Program (LCP) currently in process of being amended/developed and certified continues to protect Venice's character and social diversity as a Special Coastal Community.

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.

- First, these two plans only apply to the Coastal Zone area of Venice, whereas the Venice Community Plan applies to all of Venice.
- The City- and Coastal Commission-certified Venice Land Use Plan (LUP) is an outstanding plan document with policies and

development standards that serve to determine conformance of Venice Coastal Zone projects with the Coastal Act.

- The Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan was originally intended to be the zoning or Local Implementation Plan (LIP) portion of the Local Coastal Program (LCP) for Venice but was ultimately not approved/certified as such back in circa 2001. Because it is “uncertified” it is not used to determine conformance with the Coastal Act for purposes of Coastal Development Permits but is used for City permit purposes: VSO (Venice Sign Off ministerial approvals) or SPP (Specific Plan Project Permit discretionary approvals).

How do you view your role in private interactions with Applicants who have projects proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee?

It’s important to listen carefully to both the applicant and the neighbors. Depending on the significance of the project, I would ask the applicant to have a meeting with surrounding neighbors prior to the LUPC hearing. After those interactions and further studying the project’s conformance with the applicable regulations--LUP and Coastal Act if in the Coastal Zone and the Venice Community Plan for the non-Coastal area of Venice, as well as other applicable state and city laws--I would prepare a LUPC Staff Report recommendation for the committee.

What is your understanding of and opinion on the VNC Ethics/Conflict of Interest requirements?

The Board and LUPC members need to follow the City’s ethics requirements. Whenever there is a possible conflict or any questions about ethics/conflict of interests, the Neighborhood Council city attorney representative should be contacted. We are a part of the City government, and the integrity of Neighborhood Council recommendations is key.