

Venice Neighborhood Council

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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2025 VNC LUPC APPLICATION

Stakeholders interested in joining the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) are requested to complete the following application and return it to the LUPC Chair (chair-LUPC@venicenc.org), Rules & Selections Committee (rules@venicenc.org), and the Secretary (secretary@venicenc.org) **prior to 5PM on Tuesday August 12th.**

Your application will be forwarded to the VNC Board for review.

According to VNC bylaws, the VNC Board will select eight (8) members of the Committee at its meeting on August 19, 2025. Applicants are encouraged to attend to introduce themselves and speak before the board (representatives may not speak for you).

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

LUPC Mission:

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council and stakeholders about land use projects in or around Venice that will impact the quality of life of Venice residents, business owners and stakeholders.

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council on planning issues and projects affecting the Venice community.

To make recommendations to the Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers regarding any exceptions, modifications and variances to the Venice Coastal Zone-Specific Plan for the planning and construction of projects in Venice to forward to the Los Angeles City government entities which shall include but not be limited to Council District 11, City Planning Department, City Building & Safety and City Public Works as deemed necessary.

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Contact Information:

Name: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

Qualifying Stakeholder Address: [REDACTED]

Street address (if different)

City: Venice State: CA Zip Code: 90291

Email (mandatory) [REDACTED] Phone [REDACTED]

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  Date 8/6/2025

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)

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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.
 - a) I served as a LUPC member from 2012 to 2023. It will be a pleasure to serve our community again as an architect further learn about the requirements and participate accordingly. Presently, I am a member Venice Chamber of Commerce and OFW committee (update enrollment) and Schools & Park Committee and AIA – Urban design committee. I was member of WRAC up to 2020.
 - b) Architect /Urban Designer, with master's degree from Harvard University, I have passion and interest to see that public spaces and enhanced. Not to only serve Venice culture to maintain qualities that always made Venice an interesting city for residences as well for visitors.
Since 1984, I have been principal of my own practice in Venice doing residential, commercial and designed few public spaces for the community.
In the past I have received a certificate of appreciation for my multifamily projects from Venice Council for outstanding citizenship and enhancing community betterment.
I have also volunteered my services for many non-profit organizations in Venice.
 - c) Based on my experiences, I know meetings are twice a month. I have seen changes, and every project took additional hours to manage the cases for community meetings. Also, to review regulations and coordinate with representative and meeting with applicants to prepare staff report to schedule presentation at LUPC, VNC and planning/ zoning and coastal as needed.

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

I was member of DFC since 2012 and presently changed to School - Parks Committee, and member of Ocean Front Committee up to 2025 and member of Venice Chamber of Commerce since 2021.
Additionally, member of AIA Urban Design Committee since 1988
Member of Association of Women in Architecture since 2013 - Past President

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

Lack of affordable housing-based on zoning changes and economic issues, also, changes in cultural diversity, lack of attention given to urbanism and planning to support art and cultural amenities where people come together and promote social synergy and encourage public participants in various ways.

- 4) 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.

Venice Land Use Plan is certified by Coastal – long range of planning and policy has development standards and environmental, natural resource protection and public spaces and other urban issues.
Venice Coastal Zone-Specific is not certified by Coastal and long-range development standards to design our improvements.

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

Review resources and evaluate with LUPC project representative according to the compliance of the project to all regulation requirements and help as needed. In finality be fair and helpful.

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

All projects must comply with regulations, and our position is to protect the rights and interest of the community and no self - interests. All information regarding interactions with developers must be open to public and present clear, truthful information to community decision makers and selection committees so they can evaluate /vote accordingly – no financial interest. LUPC member must recuse oneself if there is a conflict of interest such as neither presenting a private client nor prepare staff reports.

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Access VCZSP at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/specplan/pdf/VenCoastal.pdf>.

Access Venice Land Use Plan at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/othrplan/OPAREA/VENLUP.HTM>

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