

VNC Board Application For Community Officer

Answered by Applicant Amanda Heinke

1. Why do you want to serve on the VNC Board of Officer?

I want to serve the people of Venice and help their voices be heard

- a. Have you previously served on the VNC Board or any other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when?

I have not previously served on the VNC Board or any others.

- b. Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long?

No I have not served on a committee yet; however, I have attended several of the Parks and Schools and Ocean Front Walk subcommittee meetings in the past.

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

My career as a transportation planner has allowed me plenty of experience attending and participating in public meetings of all kinds. I participated in a 501c(3) board called Womens' Transportation Seminar (WTS) and held several leadership positions including a two-year presidency term. In addition, I believe my degrees in Engineering Management and Civil Engineering may provide useful to board discussions on technical matters that may arise.

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

I have lived in Venice since 2013.

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

I am currently a Council District 11 Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) representative. I have also been working on a community project called the Paths to the Pacific Project (PPP), which aims to have 3-5 walkways built from the Boardwalk out to the Ocean on our Venice beaches. The PPP Project is currently taking steps towards fundraising in coordination with RAP and LA County Supervisor Horvath's office. In the past few years, I was very involved with building community around the new playground on Ocean Front Walk called Oceanview Playground. I worked closely with the parent community of Venice to help discover what all our desires and dreams were for the park and helped communicate them to RAP.

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

- *Lack of monetary resources from the City of LA to keep our community safe.*
- *Beach accessibility for our entire community, especially ADA, elderly, and families with small children*

- *Pollution and littering in on our beaches*

4. What do you see as the primary roles of the VNC?

The primary role of the VNC is two-fold. (1)To discover what the voice of the Venice community is on an issue-by-issue basis by listening to the community; and (2) amplify those voices accordingly.

5. What is your vision for Venice?

My vision for the Venice includes strengthening this institution so that we can be a more powerful voice and representation of the people of Venice so we can better define and achieve our goals as a community.

6. If not selected, are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee(s) interest you? Why?

I'm interested in the Transportation and Parking committee as I think my education and career experience would provide valuable insight. I also would like to participate in the Parks and Schools Committee as well. As a mom with young kids, I am interested helping improve our parks and schools.