Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294
www.VeniceNC.org

DEADLINE: Thursday November 12th at 12:00 PM
Applications should be returned via E-mail as described below and cc:ed to President@Venicenc.org

Elections will be held on November 17th at the Westminster Elementary School:
1010 Abbot Kinney. See our Website VeniceNC.org for more details.

Instructions:

Stakeholders (those who live, work or own real property within the VNC boundaries *) interested in applying for Communications Chair of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) are requested to complete the following application and email to: (1) VNC Secretary (Secretary@VeniceNC.org), and (2) Rules & Elections Committee (Rules@VeniceNC.org) prior to **Thursday November 12th at 12:00 PM**

https://www.venicenc.org/committees/viewCommittee/Communications

Your application will be posted as a supporting document with the VNC Board Agenda, for review by the Board and the public (address, phone number and email address will be redacted). The VNC Board will select the new member at the **November 17th, 2026** Venice Neighborhood Council Board Meeting, to be held **in person**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend to introduce themselves and speak before the Board (representatives may not speak for you). ***Proof of stakeholder status must be included with this application***. Please see the valid credentials accepted at the bottom of this page.

First Name: Tanya Last Name: Phone: [redacted]

Street Address (no PO boxes) [redacted]

City: State: Zip:

I hereby certify that I wish to serve as Communications Chair of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and that I am a Stakeholder within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature: [redacted]

Date: November 12, 2026

Valid Credentials—choose one of the following:

- CA Driver's License, CA ID Card, Passport, recent utility bill, most recent property tax bill, or current lease, with an address within the VNC boundaries *

- Business license, check, or pay stub, from a business within the VNC boundaries * * See VNC boundaries in VNC Bylaws (pg 6): https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee681e8e0ac8e9b.pdf

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Applicant's name and answers to the following questions will be made public. All contact information--address, phone number and email address--will remain confidential.

1. Motivation

Please explain why you wish to serve as VNC Communications Chair.

Many Venice residents don't learn about Neighborhood Council decisions until after they're made. Agendas, meeting changes and chances to weigh in tend to reach only the people who already follow the council closely. As Communications Chair, I would send regular, plain-language updates on what the Board is considering, what it decided and how residents can take part. I would keep the website current and easy to use, and I would handle the stakeholder database and VNC email system with the care residents expect when they trust the council with their information.

2. Prior Service

Have you previously served on the Venice Neighborhood Council board or any VNC committee? If so, please list the committee(s), role(s), and dates of service.

I have not previously served on the VNC Board or a VNC committee. I plan to attend the November 17 Board meeting and am eager to get involved however I can.

3. Related Experience/Responsibilities

The Communications Chair is responsible for disseminating information to Venice Stakeholders. Specifically, (1) oversee the development, maintenance and updating of the VNC website; (2) produce and distribute email announcements; (3) maintain and update the stakeholder database while ensuring its confidentiality; (4) manage AV and electronic equipment/supplies for meetings; and (5) schedule/start virtual meetings. Please describe your professional qualifications, training, or other related experience relevant to communications, websites, email management, Zoom, etc.

I am a Harvard-educated attorney with more than ten years of experience in healthcare, corporate, privacy law and pro bono work. Much of my work is turning complex information into clear, practical communications for people without technical backgrounds, including client alerts and presentations on new laws and guidance.

Privacy, data protection and compliance are central to my practice. I have overhauled data privacy programs for healthcare and technology companies and advised on HIPAA and GDPR. That experience applies directly to keeping the stakeholder database and VNC email system confidential and secure, and to making sure the Board and committees follow the BONC Digital Communications Policy.

I regularly participate in and present at virtual meetings, and I have managed legal teams and outside vendors on complex projects.

4. Community Involvement

Please describe your past or current involvement in neighborhood, community, civic, or volunteer organizations—especially within the Venice area.

Earlier in my career, I interned in the San Francisco district office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, where I drafted public statements and constituent correspondence, assisted with casework and supported community outreach events. I also clerked in the Los Angeles City Attorney's Business and Complex Litigation Department, where I helped hold contractors accountable when they took City funds without performing the work they were hired to do.

My pro bono experience has included policy and advocacy work for the ACLU on expanding telemedicine access, operational advice for mental health facilities, representation of asylum seekers and counseling for a voting-rights nonprofit. In law school, I served as President of the Harvard Health Law Society. I am a Venice resident, and I want to put these skills to work for my own neighborhood.

5. Key Issues Facing Venice

From your perspective, what are the three most critical issues currently facing the Venice community?

(1) Homelessness and vehicle dwelling. Connecting people to housing and services while keeping streets, sidewalks and the boardwalk safe and clean for everyone.

(2) Preparing for the 2028 Olympics. Venice will face major traffic, parking, beach-access and public-safety pressures, and residents need a voice and transparency in how the City plans for them.

(3) Long-range planning and coastal protection. The Venice Community Plan and Local Coastal Program update will shape housing, coastal access and neighborhood character for decades, alongside emergency readiness for natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and tsunamis.