

# VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

## Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

<u>Print Name/ Nombre el letra de Molde</u> : Andrew W Walter		
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<b>Email / Correo Electrónico</b> (very important)		

I hereby certify, that I wish to serve as Community Officer on the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers and I live, work, or own property within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature/*Firma*  \_\_\_\_\_ Date Oct 5, 2020

**Answer all these questions; please limit your answers to 100 words or less each.**

Questions:

1. Please explain why you wish to serve on the VNC Board of Officers.
  - A. I'm hopeful that I will be able to contribute my efforts to help the community around me. I would like to leverage my background of prior volunteer work as a Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles and years of service on multiple corporate boards to provide value to the VNC and the stakeholders of Venice as a member of the Board of Officers.
2. Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when?
  - A. No.
3. Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long?
  - A. No.
4. Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.

Andrew W Walter is the founder of Slum By The Sea, a holding company that is creating new businesses through partnerships with operators, investing in early stage companies and providing board service and strategic advice to businesses of all sizes in the cannabis, consumer and technology driven media industries. Founded in May of 2018, Slum By The Sea currently has 8 companies in its portfolio.

Prior to Slum By The Sea, Walter led Corporate Development for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios. Over a 3 year period he created and led the first corporate development group within MGM since the company's 2010 restructuring and was responsible for evaluating over 600 companies and completing 12 significant transactions. On behalf of MGM he led minority investments into 10 high-growth companies and served as a board member or board observer for 8 of those.

Before MGM, Walter was a senior executive at Evolution Media, a merchant bank created through a joint venture between Creative Artists Agency (CAA) and Texas Pacific Group (TPG). He began his career at Houlihan Lokey, a global investment bank based in Los Angeles.

A graduate of The University of Denver, Walter has lived in Los Angeles for over 20 years and formerly served as a City Commissioner on the Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority.

5. How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area?
  - A. First lived in Venice in 2000, resident continuously since 2015.
6. Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.
  - A. Served as a City Commissioner on the Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority from 2010 to 2014
7. Please list the three most pressing issues that you feel are facing the Venice Community.
  - A. Recognition and representation within city and county government
  - B. Stakeholder safety and sense of security
  - C. The various impacts of people who have chosen to live full-time in our community without housing
8. What do you see as the primary roles of the Venice Neighborhood Council?
  - A. Representing the citizens of our area in conversations with the 11<sup>th</sup> district and broader city government so that our unique voices can be heard and understood such that our needs and goals are met.
9. What is your Vision for Venice?
  - A. Inspire the city of Los Angeles and visitors from all over the world with a peaceful, diverse and accessible neighborhood with a distinct identity.
10. Are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interest you and why?
  - A. Administrative – so that I can learn about what the community is asking the VNC to spend time on broadly and better understand how to helpfully support the VNC.
  - B. Budget & Finance – a logical fit given my background.
  - C. Arts– I'm committed to supporting art in all of its forms and finding new ways to express myself through art so this committee is appealing personally.