

VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

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Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

<u>Print Name/Nombre el letra de Molde:</u> <i>Helen Fallon</i>			
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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* *Helen Fallon* Date *9/8/20*

Helen Fallon-Application for VNC Community Officer

- **BACKGROUND/QUALIFICATIONS:** I have lived in Venice for over 45 years. I have served as Board President of a nationally recognized Car Seat/Safety Belt organization, and have served in various parent volunteer positions (Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member) at local schools, and on District PTA and LAUSD District committees. As the 10th District Earthquake Preparedness Chair, I ensured that LAUSD, instead of leaving this up to individual schools, provide every school with a land/sea container, adequate water supplies, search and rescue tools, first aid kits and training. As a member of the District LAUSD Safety Committee, I developed the “Essential Safety Standards” Bulletin that defined the basic safety expectations for ALL schools in order to ensure equity for ALL students. I also helped LAUSD adopt an Integrated Pest Management System to protect students from hazardous chemicals. I have not previously served on the VNC Board or on a Committee. My professional background is in finance and accounting.
 - As a Community Officer, I would work to ensure that the concerns of Venice Stakeholders are communicated to the City Council and all appropriate City agencies in a timely manner.
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Most recently helped write and collect signatures for three Stakeholders Petitions that were all passed by the Board. This effort to ensure that needs and concerns of Stakeholders were met and not ignored resulted in:
 - Tesuque Market abandoning their ill-conceived project to operate a restaurant with a retail liquor license in a residential neighborhood.
 - a motion that ensured that the VNC filed a Community Impact Statement (CIS) stating their opposition to changing the zoning on the Venice Median from Open Space to Commercial
 - a motion directing the VNC to file a CIS supporting the city’s ordinance to regulate where homeless encampments can be located.
- **3. PRESSING COMMUNITY ISSUES:**
 - Homeless Encampments and the impact of trash/filth on our streets and the beach/ocean.
 - Inability of the homelessness providers to effectively address addiction and mental health issues.
 - Criminal activities such as chop shops, drug sales, theft not being addressed.
- **ROLE OF THE VNC:** to keep Stakeholders informed, to listen to them and advocate on their behalf by communicating Stakeholder concerns to the City Council, City agencies and other governmental entities.
- **VISION FOR VENICE:** ALL Residents including homeless and visitors will treat our Community with courtesy and respect ensuring that families and children thrive in a healthy and safe environment.
- **VNC COMMITTEE:** I would be interested in serving on committees that address public safety and on the bylaws committee to ensure equitable representation and clearly written bylaws and standing rules.