

VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

<u>Print Name/Nombre el letra de Molde :</u> Ryan Anderson			
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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*  Date 9/8/2020

Questions:

1. Please explain why you wish to serve on the VNC Board of Officers.

Answer: I've taken a deep interest since moving to Venice in learning about this outstanding neighborhood and actively participating in its communal life. Venice boasts so many beautiful vistas, vibrant commercial corridors, and livable communities, from Ocean Front Walk to Oakwood Park and the Canals to Abbot Kinney, all of which are very much worth careful preservation, diligent maintenance, and thoughtful upgrading. Amid today's challenges, the only way to ensure our neighborhood remains so richly diverse is to engage residents from every walk of life in community governance, and joining the VNC Board would allow me to help in that effort.

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

Answer: No

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

Answer: No

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

Answer: Previously, reporter, *The Daily Pennsylvanian*. Currently investor with Wave Financial, an LA-based venture capital fund with stakes in several LA-based technology businesses.

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

Answer: 1 year

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

Answer: Currently: Regularly in email and phone contact with Venice-area representatives on housing, transportation, and policing issues, including the offices of Councilman Mike Bonin, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, State Rep. Autumn Burke, and State Sen. Ben Allen. Volunteered with Ktown For All to distribute water to unhoused communities in Venice. Volunteering with LA County Board of Elections as a pollworker for November's elections. LA Times subscriber.

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

Answer: (1) Housing and homelessness, (2) Crime, (3) Economic development

4. What do you see as the primary roles of the Venice Neighborhood Council?

Answer: Primarily, the VNC should be a liaison between Venice residents and the government of the City of Los Angeles, which will include relating with the City Council, the Mayor's Office, and LAPD's Pacific Division, among other bodies. The VNC should be able to speak as one voice for Venice residents regarding major developments likely to have an impact on life in Venice. Finally, the VNC should improve the quality of life in Venice by fostering closer community ties and a clean and beautiful environment for us all to live in.

5. What is your Vision for Venice?

Answer: To succeed going forward, Venice needs only to capitalize on the strengths it has today: Venice Beach and its high-spending tourist crowds, commercial avenues like Main St, Abbot Kinney, Lincoln, Rose, Venice, and Washington, and massive interest in LA-area immigration to Venice. These organic features of our neighborhood are so strong that they will drive growth and success on their own. My vision is for Venice's potential to be unlocked by a Council that supports greater development and reasonably looser zoning, and which works with the LAPD to curb higher-than-city average levels of petty, violent, and property crimes.

6. Are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committees interest you and why?

Answer: Yes. Most interested in working on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Land Use and Planning Committee, and the Arts Committee. I believe my skills as a financial analyst and investor could be put to great use on the Budget Committee. I am most interested in issues of zoning and development that the Land Use and Planning Committee deals with. Finally, I love community-based art and would really enjoy having a hand in fostering the arts across Venice for everyone's enjoyment.