**DRAFT LUPC APPLICATION**

# **Instructions:**

Stakeholders interested in joining the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) are requested to complete the following application and:

1. Return it to the chairs of the Land Use and Planning Committee (chair-lupc@venicenc.org) and Rules & Elections Committee (rules@venicenc.org) prior to 10:00 pm on Monday, July 7th , the day of the Adcomm meeting for the July 15th Board meeting, in order for the application to be posted online.
2. Delivered by the start of the Board meeting, 7:00 PM on July, 15th. You must bring at least 30 copies so that the Board members and stakeholders present at the meeting have a chance to read the application.

To learn about the work of the Land Use and Planning Committee and the process of becoming a member of the committee, please contact chair-lupc@venicenc.org .

**Applications may be returned by email or by mail to: Venice Neighborhood Council, PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294;** **or by hand to the VNC Table at the Venice Farmers’ Market (every Friday morning from 7am to 11am). The same timing considerations apply to applications submitted these ways.**

Your application will be forwarded to the VNC Board for review. According to VNC bylaws, the VNC Board will select eight (8) members of the Committee at its meeting on July 15th . The meeting will be held at Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, starting at 7pm. Applicants are encouraged to attend to introduce themselves and speak before the board (representatives may not speak for you).

*Applicant’s name and answers to these questions will be made public, but not contact information such as address, phone number and email address.*

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council and stakeholders about land use projects in or around Venice that will impact the quality of life of Venice residents, business owners and stakeholders.

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council on planning issues and projects affecting the Venice community.

To make recommendations to the Venice Neighborhood Council’s Board of Officers regarding any exceptions, modifications and variances to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan for the planning and construction of projects in Venice to forward to the Los Angeles City government entities which shall include but not be limited to Council District 11, City Planning Department, City Building & Safety and City Public Works as deemed necessary.

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# **Contact Information:**

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (***Dirección):***

Print Name/*Nombre el letra de Molde* :

Street address / Dirección City / *Ciudad* State / *Estado* Zip/ Código Postal

Mailing Address (if different):

Street address / Dirección City / *Ciudad* State / *Estado* Zip/ Código Postal

Contact Numbers:

Phone (Day) / *Teléfono (día)* Phone (Evening) / *Teléfono (tardé)* Fax Number

 **Email / *Correo Electrónico*** (very important)

I hereby certify, that I wish to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council and I am a Stakeholder within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature/*Firma* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proof of stakeholder status must be presented at the July 15th Board meeting. Please see the valid credentials accepted at the bottom of this application.

**Answer all these questions; please limit your answers to 200 words or less each. Email to** **Rules@VeniceNC.org****, and** **Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org**

Questions:

1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the LUPC.

a) Have you served before on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee? If so, what committee and when?

b) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.

c) Please indicate your understanding of the time involved in terms of meetings and case work.

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

3) Please list the three most critical planning and land use issues you feel are facing the Venice

Community.

4) Under what kinds of situations do you feel it to be appropriate to grant exceptions or

 variances to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan? *(Note the findings required for approval of these*

*entitlements are listed on the attached page)*

5) Please review the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan and the Venice Land Use Plan (which

was certified by the California Coastal Commission) and comment on your opinion of each of them.

6) How do you view your role in private interactions with developers who have projects

proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee, and what is your understanding of the VNC Ethics/Conflict of Interest requirements?

7) What is your opinion on the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance and related

 interpretations as pertains to Venice?

8) What is your opinion on CA State Law SB1818 and its application to Venice/the Coastal

Zone?

9) Define Land Use "change," and what, if any, community planning considerations, should

govern "change." Include the correlation between built environment change and governance change.

10) What is your opinion/recommendation regarding proposed commercial or residential

 development receiving physically nonexistent entitlements (i.e., parking), which will

 negatively impact surrounding developments?

11) What is your Vision for Venice?

12) What influence should the **VNC Vision Goals** have on your deliberations as a member of

the LUPC?

**Access VCZSP at [http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/specplan/pdf/VenCoastal.pdf.](http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/specplan/pdf/VenCoastal.pdf)**

**Access Venice Land Use Plan at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/complan/othrplan/OPAREA/VENLUP.HTM>**

**Access VNC Vision Goals at** [**http://www.venicenc.org/discussion-forum-ad-hoc-committee/**](http://www.venicenc.org/discussion-forum-ad-hoc-committee/)

VARIANCES AND SPECIFIC PLAN EXCEPTIONS

Sec. 562, Los Angeles City Charter

The Area Planning Commission may permit an exception from a specific plan if it makes all the following findings:

(a) That the strict application of the regulations of the specific plan to the subject property would result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the general purpose and intent of the specific plan;

 (b) That there are exceptional circumstances or conditions applicable to the subject property involved or to the intended use or development of the subject property that do not apply generally to other property in the specific plan area;

 (c) That an exception from the specific plan is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right or use generally possessed by other property within the specific plan area in the same zone and vicinity but which, because of special circumstances and practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships is denied to the property in question;

 (d) That the granting of an exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements adjacent to or in the vicinity of the subject property; and

(e) That the granting of an exception will be consistent with the principles, intent and goals of the specific plan and any applicable element of the general plan.

Los Angeles Municipal Code, (LAMC)

Chapter I, General Provisions & Zoning.

Article 2, Sec. 12.27, Variances

D. Findings for Approval. The decision of the Zoning Administrator shall be supported by written findings of fact based upon evidence taken, written or oral statements and documents presented, which may include photographs, maps and plans, together with the results of any staff investigations.

Consistent with Charter Section 562, no variance may be granted unless the Zoning Administrator finds all of the following:

 1. That the strict application of the provisions of the zoning ordinance would result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the general purposes and intent of the zoning regulations

 2. That there are special circumstances applicable to the subject property such as size, shape, topography, location or surroundings that do not apply generally to other property in the same zone and vicinity;

 3. That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right or use generally possessed by other property in the same zone and vicinity but which, because of the special circumstances and practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships, is denied to the property in question

 4. That the granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to the property or improvements in the same zone or vicinity in which the property is located; and

 5. That the granting of the exception is consistent with the principles, intent and goals of the Specific Plan.

**Valid Credentials are:**

A valid credential includes, but is not limited to one of the following: CA Drivers License or CA Residency Card (for an address within the VNC area); School ID Card (for a school with in the VNC boundaries); A business card (in combination with any of the following with a matching Venice address: Business license, business check, or pay stub); A recent utility bill (for an address within the VNC area); An imprinted check (including an address within the VNC area); Pay stub (from a business within the VNC area); Passport (only in combination with any other credential item); School report card (from a school with in the VNC boundaries); Property tax bill (with an address within the VNC area)