



2012 VNC ELECTION INFORMATION

Candidate Filing Requirements

Candidates must be stakeholders within the boundaries of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) and must be at least 16 years old. Candidates may run for only one office and must provide proof of stakeholder status.

Every candidate must complete and submit the Candidate Filing Form attesting to the fact that s/he meets the filing requirements. The forms are available online at <http://empowerla.org/vnc/elections> and also at the following locations:

- VENICE LIBRARY, 501 S. Venice Blvd.
- VERA DAVIS CENTER, 610 California Ave.
- VNC BOARD MEETINGS

Forms must be received by the Independent Election Administrator (IEA) at the address indicated on the form no later than Sept. 28, 2012.

The VNC Board will be hosting a Candidate Recruitment Party on Thursday, August 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Canal Club, 2025 Pacific Avenue for potential candidates and stakeholders. Forms and pertinent documents will be distributed.

There will be a Candidate Orientation on October 9 at Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Avenue, at 6:30pm. This is after the close of the filing period. Attendance at this event is mandatory for all candidates.

There will also be a Candidate Forum on October 25 at Westminster School Auditorium, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., beginning at 6:30pm. Candidates will be able to distribute campaign literature and address our stakeholders.

Voting Information

Voting is open to everyone who is a stakeholder within the boundaries of the VNC. Stakeholders must be 16 years old at the time of the election. In order to vote a voter must provide documentation that s/he is a stakeholder.

What is a Stakeholder; what can s/he do?

A stakeholder is someone who lives, works, owns property, or claims a stake in the well-being of the community. Stakeholders can attend meetings, participate in committees, and have an impact on the decision-making process of the City. Stakeholders who do not live, work, or own property in Venice may run for and vote for only the Factual Basis Community Officer seat.

Stakeholders may register and vote at the polling place. The poll will be closed at 4:00pm on October 28.

Important Dates

Candidate Filing Begins	8/29
Recruitment Party	8/30
Filing Deadline	9/28
Candidate Orientation	10/9
Election Day	10/28

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YOUR Neighborhood Council

Neighborhood Councils were created in 1999 during the last Los Angeles Charter Reform as a means of decentralizing local government by encouraging the residents of all the city's diverse neighborhoods to become directly involved with the quality-of-life issues that affect them. Neighborhood Councils are charged with monitoring and reporting on the delivery of City services.

The City of Los Angeles is funding the NC system. This fiscal year, each Neighborhood Council was allocated \$37,000 to support their efforts. Each Council submits a budget on how these funds will be spent to benefit the community.

What is the VNC Board?

The VNC Board is composed of stakeholders who meet on a regular basis to listen and respond to the concerns and suggestions of their neighbors. The 21 members represent diverse stakeholder interests and geographic locations. All Board members are elected to two year terms.

Board members are expected to attend general and special meetings and to participate on committees. They are also expected to conduct outreach in their area by making community members aware of the VNC and to advise the City of Los Angeles on policy issues that affect Venice.