

## **BARKLIE K. GRIGGS**

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The following are my answers to the questions posed in the LUPC application:

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

I have lived in Venice Beach since 1987 and have seen it change for the better. But now I am concerned with the direction developers and home builders are taking since property values have skyrocketed. Venice will be developed for years to come and I don't want to see developers and builders creating out of greed or lack of understanding of the community. I want the growth of the community to have integrity. I'd like to represent the needs of the people and to serve future generations.

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

No, I have not.

**3) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position:**

I am a landlord in Venice. I own two houses 742 Milwood Ave., 1046 Oakwood Ave. and a triplex at 758 California Ave. I have read the Venice Specific plan and attended previous LUPC meetings.

**4) Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement:**

A resident since 1987. I have voted in the VNC elections and have attended past VNC and community meetings. I attended Bill Rosendal's swearing in ceremony on the boardwalk. I have played basketball on the Venice courts since 1987 and subsequently have met and befriended many individuals.

**5) Please list the three most pressing planning issues you feel are facing the Venice Community:**

1. Size and density of newly constructed buildings. I would not support new buildings out of scale with the Venice community or with large amounts of units on a small lot.
  2. Buildings that are out of touch with the needs of the community.
  3. Commercial franchises that strip Venice of it's artistic free spirited identity.
- 6) What is your opinion of the Venice Specific Plan?**

I support the VSP. I would be open to reviewing variances.

**7) How do you view your role in private interactions with developers who have projects proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee?**

First, my role is to represent the needs and integrity of the community. Second, I believe open channels with developers are important. I want them to know that the representatives of Venice are open to their ideas. But I want them to understand the VSP is in place for a reason. I have a deep love for Venice and it's people. So if it's close to the guidelines of the VSP you can talk to

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me. Otherwise, don't waste my time. I come from money and cannot be swayed from its influences.

**B) What is your Vision for Venice?**

A new Venice with integrity. No lowest common denominator or all for profit developments. No greedy real estate schemers who want to make a buck and then run. Buildings that will stand the test of time in design and use. Projects that will benefit Venice for years and keep Venice grounded.

Best Regards,

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