

### Venice Neighborhood Council

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### **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

#### **Contact Information:**

#### Qualifying Stakeholder Address (Direccion):

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| Contact Numbers                             |                                    |            |  |  |
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Specific Plan Sub-area where you live, work or own property and wish to represent (see Venice Specific Plan: <u>http://venicenc.org/filesNenCoastal.pdf</u> section 2 for details):

Sub-area : Oak\\nud South (select number 1. Ballona Lagoon West Bank Subarea, 2. Ballona Lagoon (Grand Canal) East Bank Subarea, 3. Silver Strand Subarea 4. Marina Peninsula Subarea, 5. Venice Canals Subarea, 6. North Venice Subarea, 7. Oakwood-Millwood-Southeast Venice Subarea, 8. Oxford Triangle Subarea, 9. East of Lincoln Subarea), or other niche neighborhoods such as the committee recognizes

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

Stakeholder Signature/Firma

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#### **Questions:**

Please limit your answers to the 5 questions below to 200 words or less each.

1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the Neighborhood Committee:

I wish to serve on the Neighborhood Committee because I feel strongly about Venice. I enjoy living in a neighborhood where one can walk or bicycle to stores, coffee houses, retail establishments and restaurants. I have appreciated getting to know my neighbors and knowing that I can count on them to watch out for open garage doors, street cleaning etc. I have learned there are many opinions on what is best for Venice, that sometimes these views are diametrically opposed and that the discussions become very heated. I have an even temper, listen well and often help to solve such disputes, something I have often done in the past as part of my job.

2) Please describe your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement:

I am very new to being involved at a local level in my physical community. Until now, I have focused on being involved with my chosen profession, as an accountant. To that end I have served in various professional organizations in several officer positions. Approximately three years ago I began to attend the yearly CalCPA Day at the Capitol, to help educate state elected officials in the things that are important to accountants. I feel that I can apply the things I have learned in these capacities to Venice residents and other stakeholders. I have a flexible work schedule and, even better, have the good fortune of working from home.

3) In your opinion what are the three most pressing issues facing the Venice Community?

Safety, race relations, land use

4) The Neighborhood Committee is tasked with promoting awareness of available City resources and services by acting as a conduit between the Board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board.

#### What are your suggestions for effectively fulfilling this obligation?

Door-to-door visits (with the help of other volunteers) to increase knowledge of the VNC. Repeated door-to-door visits to better drive home messages and increase knowledge. Visiting the major stakeholders (i.e. churches, coffee houses, schools, non-profit organizations etc) so that they can become involved and feel that their input is wanted and respected. I should probably add that I do also speak some Spanish.



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Following the suggestions of those who have been and/or are involved with the VNC and learning from their experience.

Basically investing time and effort into my neighborhood.

#### 5) Do you have a vision for Venice? If so, please describe:

My vision is one where the best parts of Venice remain the same or get better, with community involvement consistently being far greater than it is in other sections of LA. My vision includes Venice as, not only a tourist destination for visitors from around the world, but also as an example, known throughout the nation, of how to make the community a better place.

# 6) Please list all committees, groups, organizations schools churches, agencies, with which you have regular communication.

My journey of meeting Venetians has just begun. I have had meetings with pastors in three churches when I ran for VNC Outreach Chair this year but have only built up regular communications with those in the neighborhood.

#### Thank You for Volunteering to Help Our Community!