



Venice Neighborhood Council



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE APPLICATION

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Instructions:

Stakeholders that wish to be considered for a seat on the Neighborhood Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) must complete the following form and return it to the Secretary of the VNC no later than 9 pm on November 16th, 2006.

Applications may be returned either by email to secretary@grvnc.org , by fax to 310-399-4449 or by mail to: Venice Neighborhood Council, PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 .

Optionally, applicants may also email a copy of this application to board@grvnc.org if they wish to make public their answers before November 16th and give the board more time to review their application.

The Board will select Neighborhood Committee members at their November 21st, 2006, board meeting held at Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, starting at 7pm. Applicants are encouraged to attend; no representatives will be permitted to speak for the applicant. Full election rules and completed applications will be posted at www.grvnc.org/Apply and are available at the Venice Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd.

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

VNC Bylaws, ARTICLE VII B.

“Neighborhood Committee: Chaired by the Vice President. Using the eight (8) existing neighborhoods defined in the Venice Specific Plan plus the additional neighborhood east of Lincoln Boulevard as a guide, the Committee shall consist of, at a minimum, nine (9) Stakeholders, one (1) from each neighborhood, plus the Chair. Nine (9) Neighborhood Committee members shall be elected by the Board of Officers from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Neighborhood Committee. The Board shall, within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, hold a Board of Officers meeting for the election of Neighborhood Committee members. The candidate with the highest vote totals in each of the nine (9) districts shall be elected. Other neighborhoods and/or Stakeholders representing other neighborhoods or neighborhood interests may be added at the discretion of the Neighborhood Committee. The committee shall promote greater awareness of available City resources and services and act as a conduit between the Board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board.”



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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:

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

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3) Please list the three most pressing issues you feel are facing the Venice Community:

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4) This committee shall promote greater awareness of available City resources and services and act as a conduit between the Board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board. How do you plan to fulfill this obligation?



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5) What is your Vision for Venice?

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Thank You for Volunteering to Help Our Community!

1)

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

I would like to serve on the VNC for the following reasons: (1) I live and work within the community and plan on continuing so for an extended period of time. That being said, I believe that if one has a stake in one's community, it is vital that that individual take an active role in helping to preserve the integrity of and assist in the positive growth of it by participating in the various collective groups who work to solve the multiple issues that the community and the neighboring communities are faced with.

(2) I believe that throughout our country, the most important decisions that effect communities at the federal, state and local levels, and which ultimately impact our ecosystems, neighborhoods, individual citizens and businesses, are most often made from the top-down; but that many of the most innovative plans, decisions, and ideas are created and manifested at the grass-roots level.

2)

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

I take an active role whenever possible to attend and participate in events organized by Heal the Bay and other environmental groups within our community. I have consistently stayed in tune to the many political races and to the leaders who represent our neighborhoods from the very local to the federal level. I have previously run for a leadership position within the VNC, and have been actively involved in election campaigns by supporting both candidates and issues. I believe that I am now ready to get involved at the next level.

I also continue to attend and enjoy the various artistic events that take place throughout the community. In my original hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, I was active in promoting local theatre and reviving the spirit of downtown.

3)

Please list the three most pressing issues you feel are facing the Venice Community:

I feel the three most pressing issues for the Venice community are: environmental sustainability, specifically pollution control and reduction; land use & development; and the complicated problem of homelessness.

4)

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First and foremost—I will door-knock as much of the community as possible and personally introduce myself and share with each citizen what we do! In addition, I will create a hotline and later a web-page so my neighborhood can contact me and discuss their issues and ideas, and to keep them informed of what is happening and of the resources that are there for them. Once a month (or quarterly, depending) I will host a roundtable with anyone and everyone in our neighborhood to keep everyone up-to-date and informed on all topics.

5)

What is your Vision for Venice?

My 'Vision for Venice' is one of a Venice that is helping lead the way throughout Los Angeles and Southern California in community education, social programs and setting standards in environmental sustainability and pollution control. My vision of Venice is one that is for everyone—not just the rich, or the owners, or a single race, religion or nationality. My vision of Venice is one of a healthy community with both local business owners and others: a business community that is well- balanced and not at the mercy of national corporations. I visualize a Venice that becomes a leader in managing homeless issues and takes a stake in the ongoing city planning of the broader region with respect to it. My vision of Venice is one that embraces its beach-community roots, realizes that growth is an issue that is here to stay and that works diligently within itself and the surrounding communities to tackle the pressing problems. It addresses issues of land and its use and works toward preserving a well-balance neighborhood, cityscape, skyline and density. My vision of Venice is one where people can move comfortably by way of automotives, but works to actively to get us out of cars and on our feet, bikes, skateboards and roller blades. My vision of Venice is a healthy community for the people and by the people!