



Venice Neighborhood Council



Questions:

Please limit your answers to the 9 questions below to 200 words or less each.

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

I would like to be more involved in the community in which I live. I have lived in Venice for almost 2 years now and cannot imagine living anywhere else in Los Angeles. I really appreciate the diversity and character in Venice and would like to be involved in keeping that diversity and character alive.

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

No, I have never served on the LUPC nor any other planning or land use committee.

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

I am a lawyer who has been practicing for five years. I have a good understanding of real property law and have educated myself on many issues since I am a landlord for property that I own and rent out in Orange County.

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

I have not previously been involved in the Venice neighborhood.

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

1. Maintaining the character of Venice and keeping out retail chains from certain areas
2. Cleaning up the canals.



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3. Availability of affordable housing.

6) Under what kinds of situations do you feel it to be appropriate to grant exceptions or variances to the Venice Specific Plan or other LA City Planning codes?

I feel exceptions may be warranted in some situations, but must be decided on a case by case basis. No two fact scenarios are going to be the same.

7) What is your opinion of the Venice Specific Plan?

I feel it should be more easily accessible and intelligible. It is currently broken down into several parts on the website, and one must download each part to understand the comprehensive plan. There are also references to other codes or documents that are not linked on the website. The Venice Specific Plan is not a stand-alone document. It must be read in conjunction with the cited codes and such.

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

I would have to disclose my position on the LUPC to the developer and also advise the LUPC of my private interactions with the developer to see if it raised a conflict of interest.

9) What is your Vision for Venice?

Maintain its character, while remaining open to new, progressive developments to help keep crime down, and attract tourists and their dollars, but not at the expense of Venice residents.

Thank You for Volunteering to Help Our Community!