

Venice Neighborhood Council

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# **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

## **Contact Information:**

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (Dirección):

Street address / Dirección	City / <i>Ciudad</i>	State / <i>Estado</i> Zip/ Código Postal
Mailing Address (if different):		
Same		
Street address / Dirección	City / <i>Ciudad</i>	State / Estado Zip/ Código Postal
Contact Numbers:		
Phone (Day) / <i>Teléfono (día)</i>	Phone (Evening) / <i>Teléfono (tardé)</i>	Fax Number
Email / Correo Electrónico (very important)		

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

Sub-area : \_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_ (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 Stakeholder within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature/Firma \_

\_\_\_\_Date 12/29/12

Note: All Neighborhood Committee members must be Venice stakeholders (see <u>VNC Bylaws</u> Article III.A) and may be asked to demonstrate their eligibility. Please be prepared to supply proof of stakeholder status.



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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:

With more than 20 years of community service work here in Venice I believe that my experience and contribution to the Venice Neighborhood Community Committee would be beneficial to the group. I have worked not only as an active activist in the community, I'm a stakeholder and the Executive Director of the Mildred Cursh Foundation which is a Non-profit organization that serve the low-to- moderate families here in Venice. Through my work it shows the commitment necessary to work in a diverse community as Venice, and with my wide knowledge of outreach and dealing with multi facets of people I believe I can represent many with regard to reaching short and long term goals.

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

I currently run the Mildred Cursh Foundation – Companion Youth Learning Program Food Distribution Outreach Program – Cal Fresh – Zumba Fitness and Sabar Dance and Drum Class

Working in collaboration with the Oakwood Senior on various projects

**Collaboration with the First Baptist Church of Venice** 

Partners with the Whole Foods Community outreach division

Venice United Group – redefining our relationship with the LAPD

**Occupy Venice** 

Vera Davis Mc Clendon Youth and Family Center Tenate

Collaborate with Easter Seal

Collaborate with Green Dot School



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

Lack of LAPD Support for Black, and Hispanic population as well as the homeless families, individuals, and young poor white children that are homeless, and on drugs.

Separation between old and new stakeholders

Building / Fencing - not complying with code

Gang crime and drug violence (Black, White and Hispanic)

First Friday – Open container and drunk driving

Lack of corporate giving to grass-root organization

Abbott Kinney being exclusive from the over-all community

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?

Outreach has been the number one method in which to engage people but in doing that people need to see your work and trust your words as well as believe that you are for the people. Many relationships have been built already for me, because of my work and strong commitment to my community. Listening and staying objective are skills that I can bring to the table with regards to outreach and narrowing the gap that divides us here in Venice.

## Effectively fulfilling this obligation would be to first:

Rebuild trust Re-establish goals – obtainable goals More community gatherings where everyone is invited A greater Level of Outreach Invite a representative from each Non-profit organization to attend small meeting or once a month meeting. Reach out to the local School Representatives



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Reach out to more Youth organizations

Give more time for community individuals, to share at the open meeting, and treat the people with more respect.

Shorten the meeting time so more people want to come and stay.

Invite people that can offer resource to the community and have them share important information at the open meeting for 20mins with questions and answers.

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

For people to be able to live as individuals and to see the community become a real community again, were people really get to know their neighbors.

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

Los Angeles Food Bank Long Beach Food Bank Department of Education Venice Community Housing Webb Landers Unlimited Send me a Penny Foundation Venice Neighborhood Council (At least one person or more keeps me posted on topics) Oakwood seniors

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