



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE APPLICATION

### Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

Print Name/ <i>Nombre el letra de Molde</i> : Cristian Yancey _____			
Street address / <i>Dirección</i>	Venice	CA	90291
	City / <i>Ciudad</i>	State / <i>Estado</i>	Zip/ Código Postal

Mailing Address (if different):

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Street address / <i>Dirección</i>	City / <i>Ciudad</i>	State / <i>Estado</i>	Zip/ Código Postal

Contact Numbers:

_____	Phone (Evening) / <i>Teléfono (tardé)</i>	Fax Number
Phone (Day) / <i>Teléfono (día)</i>	<b>Email / <i>Correo Electrónico</i></b> (very important)	

Specific Plan Sub-area where you live, work or own property and wish to represent (see Venice Specific Plan: <http://venicenc.org/files/VenCoastal.pdf> 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
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All Neighborhood Committee members must be Venice stakeholders (see [VNC Bylaws 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:

As a member of this community for nearly 10 years, I have enjoyed, lamented and celebrated Venice. It is the only neighborhood in Los Angeles that truly feels like home for me. Beyond embracing the good, the bad and the ugly that make this a truly unique and wonderful place, I feel a responsibility to serve and preserve this great community.

2)

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

In what sometimes feels like a previous lifetime before moving to California, I worked as television news producer. I come from the "old school" of journalism in which this meant keeping communities informed about the issues and events that affect their daily lives.

More recently, I have worked on political campaigns as a community outreach director for Prop 82, the universal pre-school ballot initiative and then later and then-Senator Hillary Clinton's Senior Advisor in California.

Currently I work at UCLA Anderson School of Management where I serve as a liaison between the graduate students, industry professionals and the faculty. I have a keen ability to connect with multiple groups that have separate agendas and effectively coordinate efforts to accomplish their goals.

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

Authenticity: Part of what makes Venice so special is the blend of artists, students, professionals, activists and other free-thinkers who are young and old, black and white and everything in between. This exceptional composition is the foundation of our extraordinary community. While any organization or entity must innovate or adapt to survive, some fundamentals must be sustained for that entity to continue to exist. In more specific terms, it's great that Venice is attracting attention as the center of Silicon Beach, but how can this neighborhood benefit in the long-term? Having experienced life in San Francisco both pre and post Internet boom, I would hate for Venice to suffer the same fate of becoming another elitist playground.

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**5) 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?**

The days of “if you build it, they will come” are long gone. Everyone is busy and there’s tremendous competition for even two minutes or any unit of mindshare. However, if this committee is designed to serve its representatives, people will find time during a visit to the farmers’ market or coffee shop or at home in front of the computer.

First, we need to inform the neighborhood that this committee exists and “train” people to engage through the use of clear and consistent messaging.

Second, to reach the majority of Venetians we need to actively and passively reach out to constituents through multiple channels such as events (existing or new) and online engagement.

**6) Do you have a vision for Venice? If so, please describe:**

My vision is for the community of Venice to flourish in direct or greater proportion to its economic prospects.

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

Boarding House Mentors  
Soka Gokkai International – USA, Buddhist Association for Peace, Culture & Education  
UCLA Anderson School of Management  
The Pinstripe Tent – a women’s professional & social networking organization

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