

VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

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I hereby certify, that I wish to serve as Community Officer on the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers and I live, work, or own property within the boundaries of the VNC area.

Stakeholder Signature/*Firma*



Date 10/12/2020

ANTHONY REYES VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

Answer all these questions; please limit your answers to 100 words or less each.

Questions: 1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the VNC Board of Officers.

- a) Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when?
- b) Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long?
- c) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.
- d) How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area?

Response

I have worked in government at federal, state, and local levels and currently work at one of Los Angeles' main economic accelerator (Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator or LACI) and now want to bring my experience and connections to help the neighborhood I live in. I finally moved to Venice last year but have closely followed and been engaged with the community for the last decade. I worked in the Obama Administration and then moved to the California State Senate to serve as communications leader for its then leader and now City Councilmember Kevin de Leon, working closely with state representatives for the district at the time. I then moved on to work at Mercury Public Affairs working with local media and city and county representatives for the district. I also built a close relationship with former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa who is a chair at the firm. At LACI, I currently work with all types of stakeholders and businesses to build the green economy for the city in energy, transportation, and creating the jobs of the future. This includes work with LADWP, LA Metro, the Mayor's Office, and local utilities.

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

I participate in most local Venice events supporting our local businesses including the new Venice Breakfast Club. I previously volunteered for the Venice Afterburn and have attended and organized around the Black Lives Matter movement. I also have worked with former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office to recently hold a conference at USC that called attention to the homeless crisis facing Venice.

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

Support for local small businesses and artists; home affordability and causes of gentrification; homelessness and crime.

4) What do you see as the primary roles of the Venice Neighborhood Council?

The primary role of the Venice Neighborhood Council should be collecting concerns from our fellow neighbors and business owners equally and identifying solutions and resources to address them. Venice is such a diverse community with unique challenges, and it should be the job of the VNC to make sure we're not forgotten or dismissed as city, county, and state officials implement actions and apportion resources.

5) What is your Vision for Venice?

We have to maintain affordability and access to Venice for all types of people while supporting businesses that will bring jobs and economic activity to the area. I want to preserve the community's character by supporting our artists and long-standing families, but we also have the opportunity for Venice to be included in the different investments the city and state is making around housing, transportation, and infrastructure to make sure our community is leading in innovative city planning. We want to make sure Venice remains a cultural hub for the city of Los Angeles and make sure the ocean front continues to welcome the world in the best possible way.

6) Are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interest you and why?
Yes, the committees I'm interested in, but not limited to, are: Budget and Finance, Land Use & Planning, Ocean Front, Outreach & Event Planning, Arts, Homeless, Parking and Transportation.