

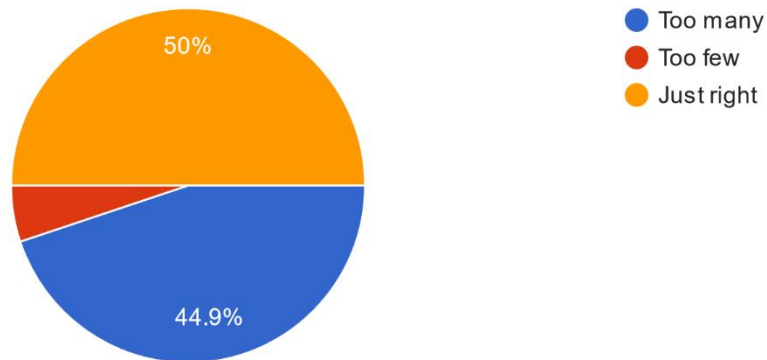
Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Voting Survey

A survey to provide feedback from Stakeholders on current voting methods and composition of the Board.

Results as of 1/13/2024, 11am, 81 responses.

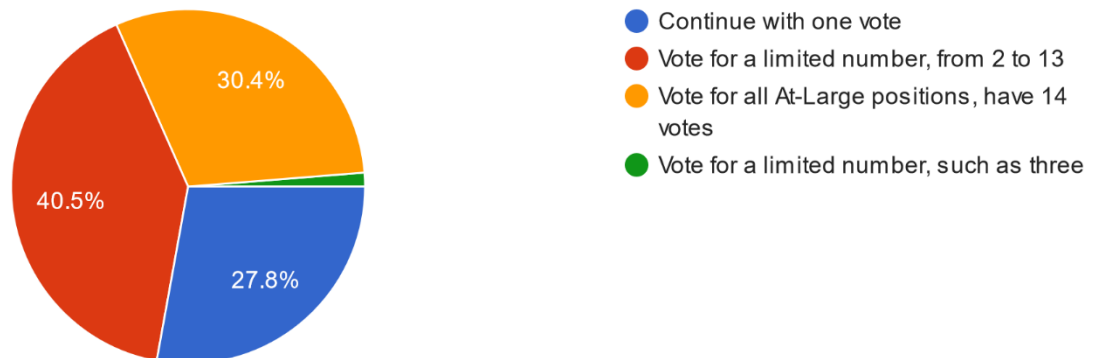
The VNC is made up of 21 members. Is this:

78 responses



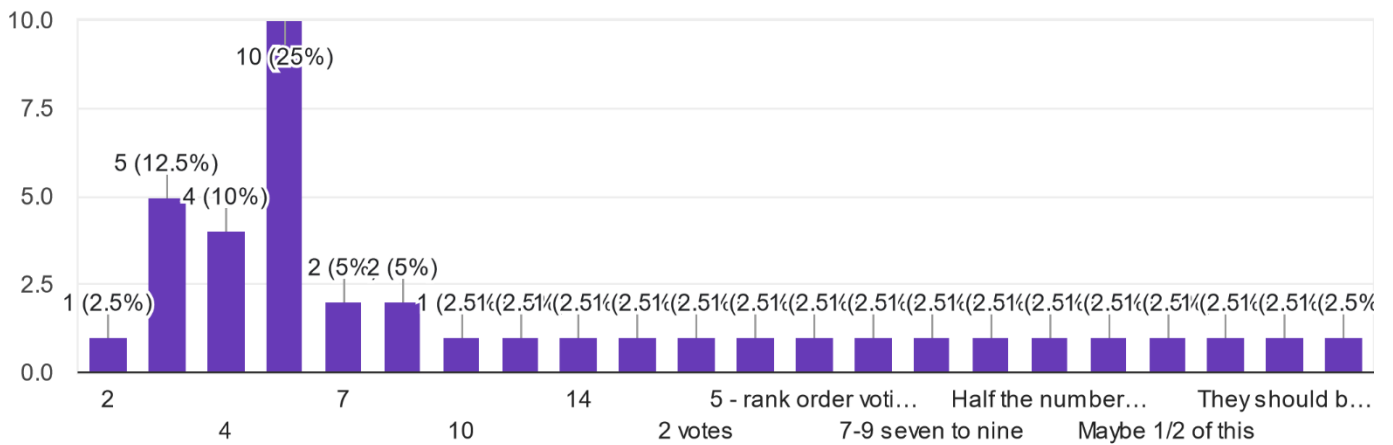
How should the VNC elect At-Large Officers?

79 responses



If you selected that the VNC should vote for a limited number of At-Large positions, how many should it be?

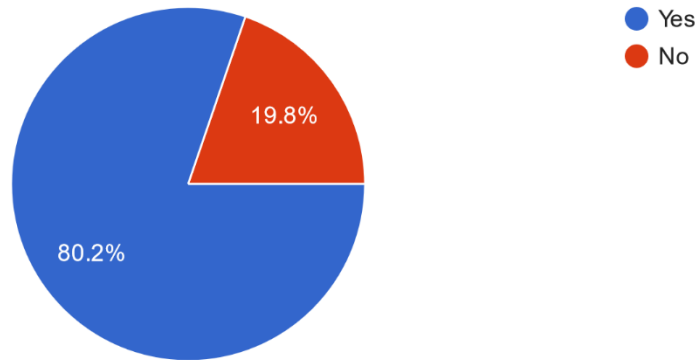
40 responses



- 2 (2 responses)
- 3 (5 responses)
- 4 (4 responses)
- 5 (10 responses)
- 7 (2 responses)
- 9 (2 responses)
- 10 (2 responses)
- 14 (1 response)
- 15-16 (1 response)
- 4-6 (1 response)
- 5, rank order voting if possible (1 response)
- 5-7 (1 response)
- 7-9 (2 responses)
- About 5, like a panel to many people who are doing backdoor moves (1 response)
- 7, half the number of community officers (2 responses)
- Instead of 14 At-Large, I think each subarea of the Community Plan should elect a representative, in addition to some at-large representatives (1 response)
- Should be able to vote for one of 5 districted community officers and 5 at-large community officers (1 response)
- They should be elected by district with one vote each (1 response)

Should the VNC elect Officers by representative areas/neighborhoods?

81 responses



What areas/neighborhoods would you suggest for representation?

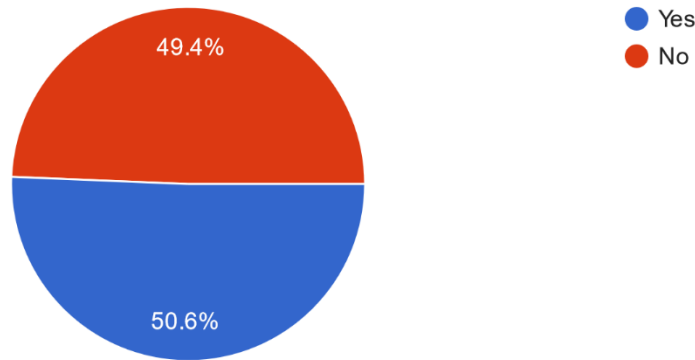
50 responses

- Windward Circle
- east venice
- Marina Peninsula should be one
- Boardwalk, Canals, EastVenice, Oakwood, walk streets
- Penmar, Oakwood South of Rose, North of Rose Ave, Boardwalk, Oxford Triangle, East Venice, Marina Peninsula, Windward Circle, Silver Triangle
- Presidents Row
- Oakwood
- President's row, silver triangle, oxford triangle, canals, east venice, marina peninsula, windward circle, venice beachfront boardwalk, north venice, abbott kinney commercial, oakwood, milwood
- all
- Go back to the original make-up with 7 area reps
- Venice Beach, Venice Boardwalk, Oakwood, East of Lincoln, Washington Canals
- Ocean Front Walk....Canals....etc
- North South East and West maybe Oakwood or Marina Peninsula get carved out. Try to do it in reasonably equal population breakdowns.
- N/A
- President's Row
- Ocean front has the biggest problems to solve (homeless, drug use, business development opportunities, tourism, trash, flooding); Lincoln stretch has specific issues (homeless, business development, traffic, safe bike lanes).
- Oxford Triangle, Marina Peninsula, Presidents Row, walk streets, east of Lincoln, OFW, Oakwood
- Venice Canals
- Districts of equal population that reflect diversity and common issues. Not the current boundaries
- those you mentioned above -- north of Venice Blvd, south of it, east of Lincoln, etc.
- All neighborhoods in Venice
- The ones that are already mapped - East Venice, Oakwood, Marina, etc.
- East Venice and other defined areas
- Unland walkstreets, Icean front walk, Beach walk streets, canals, Marina peninsula, EastVenice, oakwood, Abbot Kinney, Rialto

- East of Lincoln, 2. Oakwood (Lincoln to AK, SM border to California), 3. Northwest Walk Streets and Lost Canals (OFW to AK/Main, SM border to N. Venice Blvd.), 4. East Central (east walk streets, Presidents' Row, and Oxford Triangle, i.e., Lincoln to AK, California to Washington plus Oxford Triangle), 5. Silver Triangle, Canals and Peninsula/Strand (N. Venice Blvd. to Washington Blvd., AK to OFW, plus Peninsula and Silver Strand.) These borders will have to adjusted to have roughly the same number of residents.
 - oakwood
 - East Venice (East of Lincoln)
 - All of them.
 - All of the same subareas as the Venice Community Plan
 - There should be 8-12 areas
 - Park Areas of Venice-the parks in the area need help!
 - Rose Penmar
 - Those listed above plus more. The number should be determined by population but the peninsula should get at least 1. As it's uniquely small and many forget it's part of Venice.
 - Windward triangle,
 - I don't know all of the various neighborhoods or areas.
 - Besides those listed, add Oakwood, Milwood, SE Venice, SW Venice, North Venice, Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Oxford Triangle
 - Oxford Triangle
 - Venice Walk Street Area, East of Lincoln, Marina district, Silver Triangle, Abbot Kinney, Venice Post Office area, West Of Abbot Kinney
 - Oakwood, East Venice, commercial zones
 - Silver Triangle Canals N. Venice E Venice all areas need representation
 - Use the planning subareas
 - silver triangle/ canals N. Venice E. Venice all areas should be represented
 - SE Venice & Oxford Triangle/SW Venice & Venice Canals/North Venice/Marina Peninsula East and West/Oakwood & Milwood/OFW/Abbott Kinney Blvd.
 - Oceanfront Walk
 - Canals, Ocean Front Walk, Silver Triangle, Peninsula, East, Golden Triangle.
 - South of Venice Blvd / Marina Peninsula (Venice Pier)
 - All Venice areas south of Washington
 - Isn't it already divided into different areas?
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Should the VNC include special interest Officers?

77 responses



What are your suggestions for a special interest Officer?

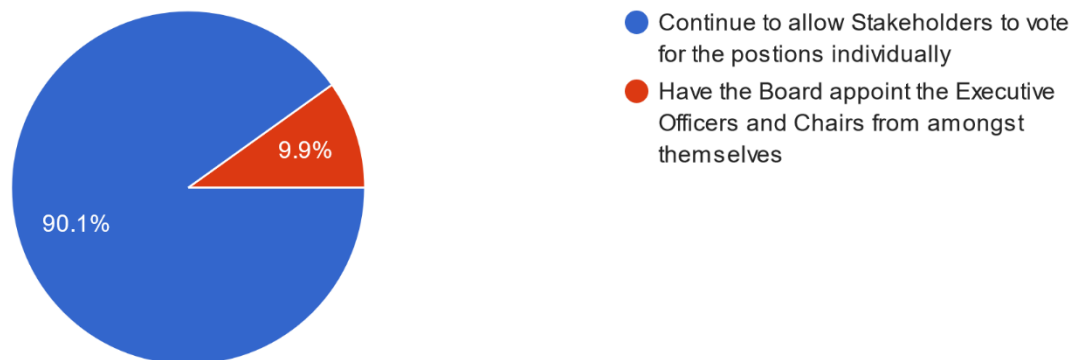
42 responses

- Business
- youth officer
- to suggest to full board w/reasons why
- Hotels
- Why would you want to include "special interests" for this? I would think the idea is to have the interests of those who live and work in the community in general.
- Unhoused
- HOME OWNERS
- N/A
- Tenant/Tenter
- Homeless; Crime
- Homeless, Youth, Renters
- Business owner
- Renters
- homeowner living on site, renters, business owners (Abbot Kinney)... maybe someone from the park/s
- Youth
- Property owner
- tenant/renter, longtime locals 20+ years, elderly
- None. Let the voters decide who they want.
- None
- Business and Tennant/Renter (NOT self serving greedy non-profits involved in the HIC)
- Renter, Youth, non-profit, artists, senior citizens
- The suggestions above sound good, plus "Infrastructure" (potholes, street safety, bike path sweeping, electric vehicle charging stations, parks, street lighting, etc.) and "Public Safety." Representatives with a narrow focus will make the VNC more relevant and responsive to the community.
- Tenant, Unhoused, Youth, Non-profit, Artists/Arts
- Parks in Venice; Tourist boosterism to support businesses and enhance beauty of area.
- Tenant/Renter, Unhoused, Nonprofit, Youth

- Not recommended
- Don't have it there r too many people now.
- Business owners, commercial property owners, residential property owners, tenant/renters, non-profits
- It is a slippery slope. There will always be a special interest lobbying for it own Officer.
- None
- Not Non Profit. Businesses, Renters
- Safety Officer who works closely with the LAPD SLO's
- Longtime renters' advocate/lawyer
- Coastal Protection, Homeless, Sanitation, Tenant Rights, Cultural and Historic Preservation
- I don't know what is best here
- none, that could get out of hand
- Business/Tenant/Renter/Youth/Seniors/Non-Profit
- Youth should be involved in the neighborhood since they are the current future in Venice so they need to have there head right for when the community calls.
- Business, Rental, Non-profit, Religious, Youth As part of the 17, unless no one runs for that specific office. Then the At large would increase so you would always have 17.
- Tenant/renter & youth. Others interests are already represented.
- It feels like everyone in VNC already has their own special interests. How about "lived in Venice since birth" officer? "Low income, but somehow still living in Venice" officer?

Should the VNC continue to elect the Executive Officers and Chairs individually, or have the Board appoint the positions at their first meeting?

81 responses



Please add any additional comments or feedback regarding the make up and voting of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

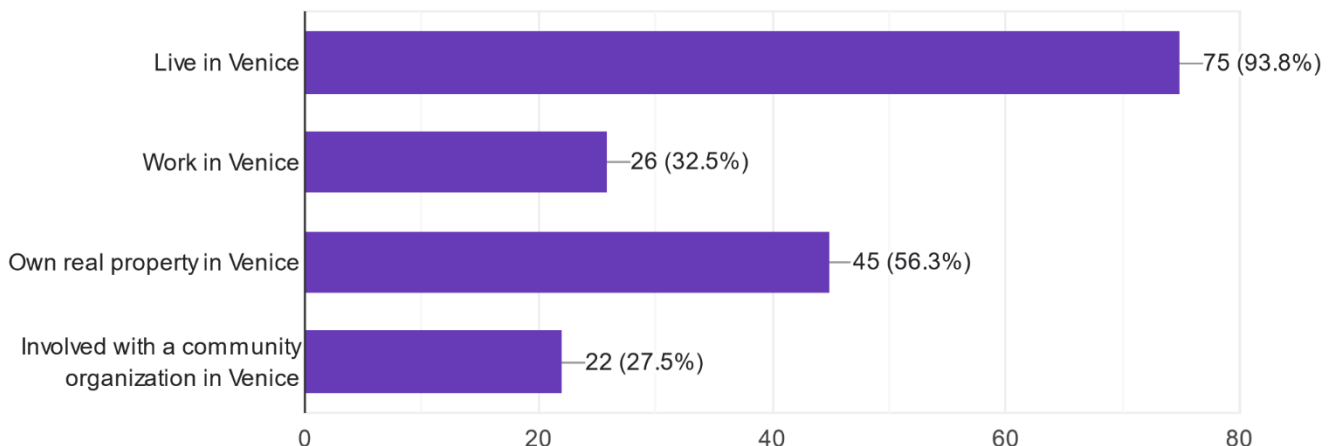
23 responses

- As to the previous question ... only the 4 executive officers (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas) should be elected
- Unfortunately the lack of participation in VNC elections means that only a very small % of people are involved and VNC inevitably gets overly politicized by some zealous advocates that are not representative of the majority of the community. Not your fault, but perhaps better outreach is necessary.
- Every neighborhood should have representation
- Suggest a ranked voting system with a minimum of 12 choices for community officers

- I think the At Large positions should total 8 or 10
- Our present system has some flaws but has the best guarantee against having one group controlling the elected majority of board members or even all board members. Right now it takes really convoluted schemes to take a controlling number of councilmembers from one group.
- My biggest concern is when there are so many applicants for the At Large positions, it's annoying to have to decide on only 1 instead of being able to vote for up to 14 that I think are qualified
- Please see above: narrowly-focused Representatives that you're describing as Special Interest Representatives.
- Persons working in Venice should not vote in VNC elections.
- Stakeholder to choose members and officers
- The number of board members is appropriate if the at-large members become more focused with special interests/assignments
- Why are the Outreach Chair and the Land Use and Planning Committee Chair the only committee chairs elected? All committee chairs should be treated the same, elected by stakeholders.
- Limit Non-profit candidates to 3 or 4
- I think officers should have term limits. Many on the council have been there for very very long.
- US Mail-In ballots to all residents
- Voting should only be open to residents of Venice with official addresses in Venice. Allowing people who may or may not work in Venice can lead to election fraud. People being paid or brought in.
- We need more access to VNC such as email addresses of members, who handles what,
- The election rules need to be enforced by DONE. They allow developers who are well connected in the City to violate them, with no consequences. Organized attacks should not be allowed.
- What is our thought on social equity cannabis stores we have none.
- Why isn't the LUPC doing it's job??
- Non-profit organizations and employees prohibited / clear conflicts of interest
- Materially expand outreach efforts so more that 2% of Venice votes.
- The VNC should represent ALL of Venice, not just the people who have the money to get all their friends and employees to become Venice stakeholders and then vote them into office.

Please share your Stakeholder status

80 responses



Please share additional feedback if you choose.

16 responses

- The neighborhood council has too many members and many of them have their own agenda, I suspect. That reduces the effectiveness of what you do. . . . or supposed to be doing.
- push for everyone to vote through advertising.
- There needs to be an action agenda for RVs/encampments, and coordinating closer with city resources to help residents with this macro issue. It's not going to solve itself.
- Restrict Stakeholders to only residents. On voting and all other aspects.
- I read the draft of your other survey and it's really bad. It's flawed in many questions that will lead to poor data. You have framed the questions in a leading way that limit the quality of the answers and most of my own answers would be way more specific. I strongly encourage you to rework this...for example, you ask people how many parking spaces should be required but this is based on the code and the lot size and zoning. Asking people to randomly vote for what they want won't provide an answer that's helpful to the community or give you an informed answer.
- A ranked voting system should have been offered as a voting option . The choices given for community officer are skewed toward first past the line and voting for all officers which lends itself to slates vs representation . .
- Thank you so much for spending so much time to better our system. I appreciate the Rules and Selection Committee taking their positions seriously, putting in the time and exerting so much effort an so stakeholders can have a say!
- There are too many at large officers who do nothing. People should have specific jobs.
- The VNC is meaningless until it is granted direct legislative authority.
- Thank you for addressing these issues. I think the community has valid concerns about the current arrangement where each person gets only one vote for an At Large Representative.
- The condition & lack of maintenance of the area along Ocean Front Walk between Washington & Benice Blvd between the bike path and the sidewalk of Ocean Front Walk is disgraceful. Nothing improves, it only gets worse. Look at the County of LA parkways and areas along the beach like Manhattan Beach: why is L.A. the absolute worst at taking care of its public spaces near the ocean? Really hurts Venice. People come here and ask, "Why is this untended place so special?"
- All hearings and committee meetings should be available to stakeholders
- There should be a limit on how many developers/architects/realtor/realtor/realtor investors are on the VNC.
- We all need more access to VNC such as who handles what, we need contact info. such as email addresses even phone #s of VNC members , We need info of how we can get HELP to deal with homeless people, how to deal with Rvs How to deal with filthy streets How to deal with public toilets that are beyond filthy and locked because homeless people are living in them, decaying public toilets at the end of Washington Blvd. and other locations on Venice Beach, Decaying parking kiosk at the end of Washington Blvd. Homeless people sleeping on the Venice Pier, What to do about streets that NEVER get cleaned, gas powered leaf blowers that are sooo loud and illegal but continue non-stop,
- Venice needs to get cleaned up. It's embarrassing. Many public toilets are locked and are filthy. The homeless problem ... we are so fed-up. RVs everywhere even at the end of the Grand Canal at Washington Blvd. Many streets are never cleaned. Loud gas-powered leaf blowers are illegal but continue non-stop.
- More organizations & businesses should support the election process. 2) People need to have reasons to care. The reasons exist, they are not aware 3) Recent prior VNC boards have poisoned the well. There's much work to be done.