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Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Form for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Neighborhood Council Name: Venice Neighborhood Council

What was the BIG Vision(s) for your Council? Encourage and maintain the diverse nature of the community of Venice

What were the BIG Goals for fulfilling your Vision?

1. Involve more stakeholders in civic participation to improve the daily life in Venice.

Did your Council meet this goal? Yes No – Why? We had the largest number of candidates and the largest election turnout in the recent NC elections.

2. Increase community awareness of the VNC

Did your Council meet this goal? Yes No – Why? We have two types of Town Halls: 1. Informational -Green Expo, Public Safety, 2. Family/community events – Family Holiday Festival (Xmas 2016), Summer BBQ

We also have weekly Outreach at the Venice Farmers' Market every Friday and a weekly newsletter distribute through our email list. Our meetings are now live-streamed on Facebook.

3. Improve relationships with government officials.

Did your Council meet this goal? Yes No – Why? We have all government officials participate in our Board meetings in regularly scheduled slots and through specific presentations on issues. The Board also invests and gets involved in DONE and City functions.

4. Cultivate public safety for all stakeholders

Did your Council meet this goal? Yes No – Why? Although our Public Safety Committee only recently reformed we had a Public Safety town hall with all police and city departments represented. It was also live cast over the Internet.

5. _____

Did your Council meet this goal? Yes No – Why? _____

How did your BIG Budget match up to your goals?

<u>Outreach:</u>	Budgeted:\$ 15,280.00	Spent:\$ 12,336.31
<u>Operations:</u>	Budgeted:\$ 10,850.00	Spent:\$ 10,253.36
<u>Neighborhood Purpose Grants:</u>	Budgeted:\$ 0	Spent: \$ 0
<u>Neighborhood Improvements:</u>	Budgeted:\$ 14,870.00	Spent:\$ 14,629.38
<u>Congress:</u>	Budgeted:\$ 1,000.00	Spent:\$ 1,000
	Budgeted Total:\$ 42,000	Actual Amount Spent:\$ 38,219.05

When did your Council do the majority of the spending?

- First quarter (July – Sept):\$ _____ Second quarter (October – December):\$ _____
 Third quarter (January – March):\$ _____ Fourth quarter (April – June):\$ 17,144.35

How did you measure your BIG Score and what were the results? Please be specific with numbers if the measurement was to increase a number, e.g. increase web traffic (from how many hits to how many?) or more people at meetings (from how many people to how many?)

Measure: Increased participation by stakeholders in election

Result: We had 69 candidates and 1725 stakeholder voters in the election. These were the highest figures for any NC and represented a 70% increase in voting participation from the last election, when Venice also had the greatest number of voters.

Measure: Development of new web page and substantial participation in social media.

Result: The web page designed and went live in September 2016. Feedback from stakeholders and users has been extremely positive. E-mail traffic has rippled over the past year. We began Facebook streaming meetings in April and have had more than 10,00 impressions.

Measure: Increased direct coordinate with public offices.

Result: We have participation by local police and council office at every Board meeting and most events. Also, we had frequent presentations by City, County and state officials. City council representative participates monthly in our outreach at Venice Farmers Market.

Measure: Increased outreach materials.

Result: This was less than successful. This will be a goal in the up-coming year as well.

Measure: Increase number of neighborhood watches.

Result: This was also less than successful. Public safety committee is reconstituting itself.

Citywide Neighborhood Council Metrics

How many Community Impact Statements did your Council file? 3 None. Why? _____

How many Requests for Action* (not including Community Impact Statements) from your electeds or City Departments did your Council make? All None. Why? We weighed in on all requests from elected and City Departments, approving most, but not all.

*A Request for Action is when the board makes a recommendation on an issue that must be conveyed to your electeds or City Departments to take further action, e.g. Neighborhood Council position on a land use issue or other City matter.

How many general and special meetings did your Council conduct? 13 Committee meetings? 63

How many events did your Council collaborate with electeds and/or City Departments to conduct? 10

Please list the event and the elected and/or City Departments involved.

- 1. Land use plan – three, CD 11, Dept. of Planning
 - 2. Public Safety – two, Police, Sanitation, Transportation, LAUSD,
 - 3. Silicon Beach – two, CD11
 - 4. SM Blue Bus routes – one, CD 11,
 - 5. Family events – 2, CD11, LA Supervisor Kuehl, Ted Lieu
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How many events did your Council collaborate with a community group or non-profit? Seven Schools? 0

Please list the event and the community group, non-profit or school.

- 1. Community meetings to design project: Continued support of Venice Community Housing Corp. meetings on the Dell Avenue Supportive Housing Project
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Dept. of Planning – aided in Survey LA town hall.

How many stakeholders did your Council have in its database (if not already listed in the Big Score above):

on July 1, 2016 3,500 and on June 30, 2017 3,900

do not have a stakeholder database

How many times did your Council communicate with its stakeholder database? > four times every month year

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Form!