



# Venice Neighborhood Council



## VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

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Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

Print Name/ Nombre el letra de Molde : Alexander Poe

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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* Alexander Poe Date 12/9/18

## Alexander Poe - VNC Community Officer Application Part 2

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

I first became involved with the VNC last year following the fatal accident around the corner from my house at the Pacific/Sunset crosswalk. Working with the VNC and communicating with LADOT and CD11, we successfully kept pressure on city officials to install warning lights which had been delayed for years. That experience showed me the important role the VNC has to play in organizing the voices of the community and amplifying them to improve the neighborhood. Since then I've worked on a number of issues with VNC members and I'd like to increase my involvement.

a) Have you served before on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board? If so, where and when?

No.

b) Have you served on a VNC Committee? Which one and for how long?

No.

c) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.

As a filmmaker I'm constantly having to rely on my ability to communicate, problem solve and integrate conflicting points of view, all skills I hope to bring to the VNC. As a stakeholder I've had frequent contact with Councilman Bonin's office, LADOT and LAPD about the issues facing this neighborhood and I've been diligent in following up until something is done. I'd like to bring the same respectful perseverance to the VNC. I believe I have a grounded understanding of how those systems work and how the VNC can be most effective.

d) How long have you been a stakeholder in the VNC area?

I have lived in Venice for 4 years.

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

I've been involved with the VNC on a number of public safety issues and have worked on drafting motions with the Parking and Transportation committee. I have good relationships with Captain Setzer and SLO Muther who I'm currently working with on talking to local bike shops about automatically registering the bikes they sell in order to fight the chop shops in the neighborhood. I'm also a volunteer at LA Animal Services.

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

- 1) The homeless crisis - A complex issue that has seriously impacted the community in many ways. It's important we give voice to the stakeholders while advocating for long term solutions.
- 2) Crime and public safety - Making sure we're doing everything we can to make this community safe and to ensure that stakeholders concerns are being addressed.
- 3) New development in Venice - There are many development decisions which are going to have a big impact on our community and we need to be making sure stakeholders concerns are being heard and addressed.

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

I believe the primary role of the Council is to improve the quality of life for the people of Venice by listening to their concerns and working with them to turn those ideas into motions. Bringing together people who have lived in Venice all their lives with more recent transplants to all work on protecting what makes Venice special and work to achieve common goals.

5) What is your Vision for Venice?

I want Venice to stay the creative, diverse and unique community we all love. There are a number of challenges (new and old) that we need to address if we're going to protect the vibrant culture that defines our neighborhood. I want a Venice where development retains the spirit of this community and where we have real solutions to the parking, traffic and safety issues that impact our quality of life. I want productive and compassionate solutions to the homeless crisis. I want a Venice where stakeholders feel their concerns are being heard by the city.

6) Are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interests you and why?

I've regularly participated in the Parking & Transportation and I'm interested in continuing that involvement. I'm also interested in being part of the OFW committee as someone who lives a block off the boardwalk and is very familiar with the numerous challenges of that area. The Outreach committee is another committee I'm interested in. I'd like to see the VNC reach out to the newer parts of the community who may be unaware of the council in order to bring them into the community.