



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

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Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

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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 Cindy Chambers Date 11/05/2017

VNC Board Application for Community Officer Addendum -- Candidate Questions & Answers

Candidate: Cindy Chambers

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

Answer: Plain and simple – a desire to serve.

The VNC is one of the most active and well-respected of all 96 Neighborhood Councils across Los Angeles. Translated into real community terms, this means that our community and board are active. Tapping into and collaborating with Board members and residents can be very effective especially when it comes to creating change. I welcome the opportunity.

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

Answer: Yes, I served a complete term on the VNC previously, which I think began in 2010.

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

Answer: During my term, I served on Admin and chaired the Education Committee for the duration of my term. More recently, I chaired the VNC Commercial Cannabis Task Force.

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

Answer: My previous term means and recent efforts means that I have a short learning curve and can serve as a productive member of the Board immediately.

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

Answer: I've been a resident of Venice since 1995.

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

Answer: For the sake of brevity, please see above.

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

Answers:

- Balancing the needs of residents, commerce, and tourism to create—if not, maintain—a sustainable community that reflects our history, culture, and future.
- Obtaining input from residents throughout our community, carrying their messages forward, and engaging and collaborating with them. We are most effective when we work together.
- Preparing for legal recreational cannabis legislation implementation. As you'll see in my comments below, this is coming. With only a few weeks remaining between now and January 1, 2018, the City is running out of time.

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

Answer: Advocate for and represent our community.

The Neighborhood Councils' (NCs') mission is one of participatory engagement and representation. The NC system, in theory, operates off the idea that we, as community members, are most familiar with our community needs and can best able to articulate and advocate for those needs. It provides a direct line of two-way communication between our community, the LA City Council, and other relevant city entities.

5) What is your vision for Venice?

Answer: It isn't really about my vision as much as it is about the community's vision as a whole. If invited to join the Board, my job is to represent the community's voice with our elected officials and the city departments and committees that serve us.

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

Answer: Yes; and I recognize that it is required to join the Board. I'd like to understand where the greatest current committee need is.

I'd also like to respectfully suggest an ad hoc committee. While serving as the VNC Commercial Cannabis Task Force Chair, I gained a bird's eye view on how this new legislation will affect our community and communities across Los Angeles. I've continued to follow this issue. It is quickly becoming clear that the City isn't prepared for what's ahead. Our community will look to the VNC for answers. I recommend that we prepare for this now and form an ad hoc committee.