



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

<u>Print Name/ Nombre el letra de Molde :</u> Justin Brezhnev			
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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* Justin Byham Date 12-8-2017

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

I believe serving on the VNC is my next step in representing my community's interests in education, health, and quality of professional life. Since becoming a stakeholder in 2014, I've empowered 200+ technologists to create social impact projects with Hacker Fund, mobilize over 50 companies in the LA area to commit to a healthy and athletic company culture with Startup Sports, and create a professional coworking community for entrepreneurs with CTRL Collective. I worked with councilmembers in Brentwood, Beverly Hills, and West Hollywood as Field Organizer with Nextdoor. This would be my first position on a neighborhood council committee.

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

I am currently operating Hacker Fund, a 501(c)(3) incubator, within Venice in order to empower technologists to create social impact projects. We recently received a grant from the Abbot Kinney Festival Association in order to produce Venice Hack Day, an educational event that would bring computer science education resources to 100 local high school students with the help of technical volunteers from local technology companies, such as Google, Snap, etc.

I operate a company known as Startup Sports which provides local Venice companies with year-round sports leagues and tournaments, including dodgeball, basketball, and volleyball. Stakeholders in Venice can still register!

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

The three most pressing issues that I feel we as a Venice Community are facing include: homelessness, engagement with small businesses, and then careers and technical education for K-12 students.

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

The role of the VNC is to be the connective tissue between neighborhood community members and the staff of the City of Los Angeles that fosters a better quality of life in Venice. The VNC should promote proactive participation by stakeholders through more event programming, provide a safe forum for discussion of grievances within meetings, enact new collaboration efforts with local organizations that solve problems facing the Venice Community, and allocate resources for the scaling of the aforementioned developments.

5) What is your Vision for Venice?

I believe in a stronger, closer, and more creative Venice. Over the last 5 years, the landscape and culture of Venice has changed, but our city's commitment to diversity has been steadfast! I would like to help be the adhesive that brings the next generation of entrepreneurs and creatives together with the cultures that have brought historic ethos to our city for years to come.

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

I would like to serve on the VNC Outreach and Event Planning Committee because my extensive experience in organizing community events, raising sponsorship to cover costs, and engaging local volunteers would add additional capacity to what the VNC is able to build. I would also like to serve on the VNC Education Committee because I would be able to utilize my volunteer network and resources from Hacker Fund to provide a sounding board for the Venice Family of Schools and parents who want to enhance student performance and increase quality of career and technical education.