



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

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Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

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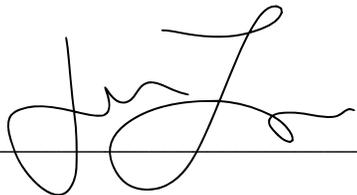
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<u>Email / Correo Electrónico</u> (very important)		

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*  Date 12.4.18

VNC Community Officer Application
Justine Larsen

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

I am passionate about helping the people of my community and making Venice a better place for all who live and visit. I am lucky enough to have a flexible schedule and would love to contribute my time to the causes that the VNC is working to support, taking on a larger role within the community.

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

No, I have not previously served on the VNC Board or other Neighborhood Council Board, but I have attended meetings for both as a Stakeholder.

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

I have not held a position with a VNC Committee, but have attended meetings for the Parking & Transportation Committee.

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

While I have not formerly served on the board or any committee, my current career in public relations has allowed me extensive experience in strategizing and implementing big picture plans as well as working with separate groups to achieve a common goal.

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

I am originally from Chicago, but lived in NYC for several years before relocating to Venice almost 4 years ago, in early 2015. I currently live and work in Venice (home office).

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

While I haven't held a formal position, or assisted in organizing any community events, I make a point to engage with members of my community on a daily basis whether that includes introducing myself to neighbors, talking to local business owners or attending community activities.

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

- **Safety**

- **Parking**
- **Homelessness**

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

The VNC creates a space where the voices of Stakeholders in Venice can be heard in a city where each neighborhood's needs differ from the next. I see the primary roles being to protect the community and to unite everyone in support of common goals.

5. 5) What is your Vision for Venice?

My vision for Venice is for us to find common ground during this phase of growth and development in the community. With larger businesses moving in, along with a new demographic, I think it's important for us to retain a sense of community where most other Los Angeles neighborhoods have not. While it's not possible to stop these changes, I think we can come up with creative solutions that will keep original spirit of this neighborhood alive.

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

Yes, I have participated in the Parking & Transportation Committee, but would also be open to exploring the Education Committee or Ocean Front Walk Committee.