



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

Contact Information:

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* Date 12/2/18

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Question 1) I wish to serve on the VNC Board of Officers because I believe that I am a superior problem solver, who has the ability to weigh and evaluate important issues, and provide a sound and reasonable voice, to help solve the challenges within our community.

- A) I have never served on the VNC Board, nor any other Neighborhood Council Board.
- B) I have never served on a VNC Committee.
- C) I am the President of Venice Restaurant Group and currently have 4 restaurants and roughly 200 employees. My position requires me to be fair and consistent to my employees. It also requires that I listen to the concerns of my guests, and make intelligent decisions that enable me to grow my company responsibly and with the best interests of both my company and community in mind.
- D) I have been a stakeholder in the VNC area for a little over 3 years. However, my cousin Paul Provenza lived in Venice at 22 Navy Street for over 30 years, and I spent summers there growing up, and have been a witness to the evolution and transformation of Venice, since I was a teenager in the 1980's to being a business owner today.

Question 2) The Venice Restaurant Group is very active within our community. We have been trailblazers in terms of implementing safety measures in Washington Square. We have led measures to help the homeless within our community. We have supported local artists through our venues, as well as supported the school systems. We have also been involved in the last 4 Venice Holiday Sign Lighting festivities. We put community first.

Question 3) It's difficult to state which are the 3 most pressing issues facing the Venice community, as there are so many. However, I would have to place the homeless issue at the top of the list. I also feel that responsible business growth, within the community is a major issue – with a disconnect between longstanding residents of Venice and the inevitable growth that is dividing the community. I also believe that the regulation of Birds and similar scooters, are the bane of existence to many locals and that rules and regulations need to be implemented.

Question 4) I believe that the primary role of the Venice Neighborhood Council is to help navigate the ever changing political landscape of Venice, in a sound and reasonable manner, and to help facilitate responsible growth in an intelligent and non-emotional manner.

Question 5) My vision for Venice is a community that works together and preserves the local charm, while at the same time embraces growth and tourism, which is inevitable at one of the most famous beach destinations in the world.

Question 6) I am willing to participate in VNC committees. I believe that my vast experience in entertainment, makes me an ideal candidate to help grow local events such as the Venice Sign Lighting, however I am open to any areas where I may be of service.