



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER

Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

Print Name/ <i>Nombre en letra de molde</i> : Susan Papadakis			

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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* Susan Papadakis Date 11/30/17

Answer all these questions; please limit your answers to 100 words or less each.

Questions:

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

I wish to have an impact on many issues - primarily finding housing options for the Venice homeless, secondarily making sure Ocean Front Walk and Abbot Kinney Blvd. retain their pedestrian friendly scale, and thirdly, innovating new programs that promote vibrant and active neighborhoods.

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

I was a board member of Grass Roots Venice in 2005. My experience working with members of the community who share my concerns about good development left a lasting impression of the value that results from cooperation.

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

LUPC 2005-2012

Ocean Front Walk Committee 2005

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

I've worked as a registered architect since 1989, LEED AP Professional since 2008, and have experience in architecture, interior design, urban planning and project management of commercial and government projects. I've managed two LEED projects and numerous renovations for a large entertainment company where I'm currently employed.

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

Since 1998

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

Ocean Park Community Organization, Board Member 1995-1998

Ocean Park Community Organization, Co-Chair 1996-1998

Grass Roots Venice Board Member 2005-2006

LUPC Member 2005-2012

FoLAR Board Member 2012-2014

USGBC Special Sets Working Group 2015-2017

USGBC program reviewer (pending application 2018)

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

1- Find a permanent and humane housing solution to the Third Street Occupy/ Homeless community.

2- Car break-ins on 4th Ave. are jeopardizing resident safety.

3- Pedestrians, bikes, cars, skate boards, busses and food trucks need to co-exist without incident.

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

The Venice Neighborhood Council's role is to act in the best interest of the community in making decisions that affect Venetians and visitors to Venice. As a liaison group to the City, VNC suggests improvements for the Venice neighborhoods. VNC is a leader among neighborhood councils in the fair processes established by LUPC and the VNC and must continue its outstanding leadership for the betterment of Los Angeles.

5) What is your Vision for Venice?

It would be great for Venice to initiate new social projects in areas of education, diversity, health and wellness and build on its reputation as a civic leader. Venice has a rich history of muscle builders, surfing, and borrowed and innovative architecture, music and literature. Add to this, leading edge technology, and Venice has all the pieces to initiate and innovate programs and put

it on the map as a place of civic promise in areas of education, diversity, and health and wellness.

- 6) Are you willing to participate in a VNC committee? Which committee interests you and why?
I am interested in helping with the next candidate's forum, to build and further develop on the strength and richness of this community.