



Venice Neighborhood Council



VNC BOARD APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICER Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

<u>Print Name/Nombre en letra de Molde</u> : William Taylor			
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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* William Taylor Date 12/11/17

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

It's an exciting time to be a part of the VNC. As we are all aware, Venice has undergone major changes in the last 5 years. Not everybody is happy about all the changes, but one thing is certain: the VNC has been working hard to maintain a cohesive vision and community. Whether it be fun and family friendly events like the Annual Holiday Sign Lighting, mural restorations, the Green Venice Festival, or boring, procedural town halls, the VNC has had many positive contributions to the community. I've always had a strong inclination toward civil service and I have several ideas and skills that I think can contribute to the VNC's mission.

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

No

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

No

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

I currently work in the Outreach office at Santa Monica College. This position requires a lot of community outreach, engagement, and event coordination. Prior to that I worked at a production company where I was the content manager and gained loads of experience in writing, producing, coordinating, pitching, and executing ideas.

I'm also currently working on a master's degree in Data Analytics and like working with data and numbers. I actively seek to solve problems and look for patterns in data.

Lastly, I was born in Honduras and raised in various Latin American countries and read, write, and speak fluent Spanish. I enjoy public speaking and can do so in English and Spanish.

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

2011—although some of that time was spent in Santa Monica (boooo!).

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

The bulk of my community involvement to date has been attending community events such as the Holiday Sign Lighting, Green Venice Festival, First Friday's, Art Crawl, Abbott Kinney Festival, and a few VNC meetings.

Events that I am an active participant include various beach clean-ups and the annual homeless count with the City of Santa Monica.

My desire to serve on the VNC Board of Officers stems from a need to do more for and with the community.

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

- a) Homelessness
- b) Affordability
- c) Congestion/traffic

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

I see the primary role of the VNC as being a listener to the needs of the community; Keeping an open mind when listening and being able to identify and discuss the subtleties that either excite or enrage the neighborhood; Being able to facilitate meaningful dialogue that ultimately ends in resolutions that are reasonable for all parties.

5) What is your Vision for Venice?

My vision for Venice is to preserve its character and aesthetic. Venice isn't any ordinary beach town. It's a place for people of all walks of life to come together and marvel at all the weirdness and beauty of humanity and nature—without harassment or judgement. It would be a shame for it to become like Santa Monica, MDR, Hermosa, etc. Those communities should be looking at Venice and asking themselves how to be more like us.

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

Absolutely. There are points of interest for me in all of them and I'd be willing to join any committee that is lacking in support. Of greatest interest to me are the Ocean Front Walk Committee (because I live near OFW) and Rules & Selections Committee (because I enjoy public policy).