



Venice Neighborhood Council



Questions:

Please limit your answers to the 5 questions below to 200 words or less each.

1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the Neighborhood Committee:

FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST IN VENICE AND PARTICULARLY DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN MY CANALS COMMUNITY. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY BELIEF THAT WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR COMMUNITY TO BE VIBRANT AND PROSPER IF WE DO NOT INVOLVE OURSELVES PERSONALLY IN THE PROCESS.

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

AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE VENICE CANALS ASSOCIATION (VCA), I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ISSUES AFFECTING VENICE SINCE 1974. ALTHOUGH MY CIVIC ENERGY HAS BEEN PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON THE CANALS (i.e., THE LONG ROAD TO RESTORATION OF THE CANALS, AND THE MORE RECENT GATEWAY TO THE HISTORIC VENICE CANALS PROJECT AND VENICE BEACH-VENICE CANALS ACCESS PROJECT, ETC.), I ALSO SERVED AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE VENICE ACTION COMMITTEE WORKING TO CREATE THE VENICE SPECIFIC PLAN.

I SERVED IN 2006-07 AS THE VNC NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE'S SUBAREA 5 (VENICE CANALS) REPRESENTATIVE. I AM CURRENTLY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF COUNCILMAN BILL ROSENDAHL'S EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS (CD 11), SPECIFICALLY WORKING ON ISSUES INVOLVING THE HOMELESS, AND I AM SERVING AS AN EMERITUS DIRECTOR OF THE VCA.

I ALSO VOLUNTEER AS A TUTOR WITH THE LOS ANGELES CITY LIBRARY ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM, HELPING ADULTS LEARN TO READ AND I WORK WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE VENICE LIBRARY ASSISTING WITH FUNDRAISING. I AM A RETURED EDUCATOR, HAVING SERVED LAUSD FOR 38 YEARS.

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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR VENICE YOUTH

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

4) This committee shall promote greater awareness of available City resources and services and act as a conduit between the Board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community



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outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board. How do you plan to fulfill this obligation?

I WILL DISSEMINATE VNC INFORMATION TO ALL CANAL RESIDENTS (APPROXIMATELY 600 PEOPLE) VIA THE INTERNET, SNAIL-MAIL, HAND-DELIVERY, AND USE THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS' NEWSLETTERS. I WILL ALSO POST THIS INFORMATION ON THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD AT THE LOCAL CHILDRENS' PARK. THROUGH THIS SAME PROCESS, I WILL BE SOLICITING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS.

5) What is your Vision for Venice? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE VENICE AS A DIVERSE, VIBRANT, AND SAFE COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE OF THE ARTS AND FOCUSED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS AND HEALTH.

Thank You for Volunteering to Help Our Community!