

Questions:

Answer all these questions, please limit your answers to 200 words or less each . Print on a separate sheet of paper and email to Secretary@VeniceNC.org.

- 1) Please explain why you wish to serve on the LUPC.

I have been a resident of Venice since early 1998 and a home owner since May of 2001. I picked Venice as a place to live because of the diverse and eclectic community and I have an interest in seeing it be just that. There is not another place I have been that possesses this mix.

- a. Have you served before on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee? **No** If so, what committee and when?
- b. Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.

I have been a professional and an Executive in both small and large companies, from ADP (45,000 employees) to Fetch Technologies (26 employees. I have started or been involved in starting several companies. I been a home owner and a tenant in Venice, I have lived by the beach and on the walk streets. I have many friends that live and own businesses in the community. I have owned several homes in communities that were developed in the early part of the 1900's both here and back east, one of which I did restoration work on. I have worked with home owners and business people for 30 + years. So I bring a diverse background and will understand things from many constituents' points of view.

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

- 3) I currently serve on several boards in the LA community. I have worked with UCP of Los Angeles for 8 years as a Board Member and currently am the Secretary of the Board. We currently serve and house 1,200 children and adults with disabilities in the community each day we own and run both group homes and apartment buildings and we have worked with the City of LA, Santa Monica, Burbank and Glendale in our development projects and have done so in a way that protects the cities guidelines.

- 4) Please list the three most pressing planning and land use issues you feel are facing the Venice Community.

Parking, density, economical use

- 5) Under what kinds of situations do you feel it to be appropriate to grant exceptions or variances to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan or other LA City Planning codes? (Findings regarding these entitlements below) **The goal is to find a compromise that does not require a variance, though this is at times not**

possible. One case might be a density variance to allow for a garage that otherwise might not be possible.

- a. What is your opinion of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan? **It is a good plan.**
 - b. Have you read the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan? **Yes**
 - c. Have you read the Venice Land Use Plan which was certified by the California Coastal Commission? **Yes**
- 6) How do you view your role in private interactions with developers who have projects proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee? **To be involved early on in the projects to make sure we are in sync on their developments and our rules and guidelines so we are not hearing cases that make no sense in our community. To be a resource for them in their planning and assessment processes.**

Every community, including Venice, has problems with following up on conditions imposed on a project. How do you think the Venice Neighborhood Council should follow up on our conditioning process to see that conditions are met?

1. Define "change," and what, if any, community planning considerations, should govern "change." Include the correlation between built environment change and governance change. **Environmental change and governance change can work independently and in conjunction with each other. If we have an environment change, an earth quake for example we may need to look at a change to our process to handle an increased volume in building issues due to the damage caused. Governance should work to vet and develop good laws\ policies before changing them. Prudence is the key here and change will always happen and we need to accept that, so we need to practice thoughtful change.**
 2. What is your view and VNC/LUPC action recommendation regarding the ability of a proposed commercial or residential development to receive physically nonexistent entitlements (i.e., parking) which will negatively impact surrounding developments? **I have not yet studied this issue.**
- 6) What is your Vision for Venice? **To have Venice continue to be the eclectic, interesting and thriving community I fell in love with 12 years ago.**