

VENICE

Candidate
Applications Due
August 16, 2007

Neighborhood
Election
September 16, 2007
Venice High



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Problems

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for Community Projects

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Venice Neighborhood Council



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JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE FOLLOWING ELECTION EVENTS!

REGISTER AS A CANDIDATE - REGISTER TO VOTE - LEARN ABOUT THE ELECTION

Candidate Information Sessions:

Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd.
Thursday, July 26, 2007 (7-9 PM)
Thursday, August 16, 2007 (7-9 PM)

Election Information Sessions:

Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd (Auditorium)
Parking Entrance off of Westminster Ave.
Tuesday, July 17, 2007 (7-9 PM) (Board Meeting)
Tuesday, August 21, 2007 (7-9 PM) (Board Meeting)
Sunday, August 26, 2007 (10 AM to 1PM)

What is a neighborhood council?

Neighborhood councils are official advisory bodies whose operations are supported and funded by the City of Los Angeles. At its best, a neighborhood council can be an effective and credible voice for the entire community, helping to bring City Services to its stakeholders, set priorities for neighborhood improvement projects, influence land use policy and hold our elected officials accountable at all levels of government.

Who is eligible to vote or run for a seat on the board? Anyone who lives, works, or owns property within the Venice Neighborhood Council boundaries (see map below, generally 90291 and most of 90292).

How do I register as a candidate? You need to complete a candidate filing form and appear IN PERSON at one of two Candidate Information Sessions to register as a candidate. The deadline to register and have your name on the printed ballot is Thursday, August 16 at 9pm. You must also bring valid credentials proving stakeholder status.

How do I register to vote? You may appear IN PERSON at one of the three Election Information Sessions to register to vote, OR you may register to vote on the day of the election. You MUST bring valid credentials proving stakeholder status at the time you register, or at the time you vote.

Can I vote by mail? YES! You must appear IN PERSON at one of the three Election Information Sessions to request a Vote-by-mail ballot. You must also bring valid credentials proving stakeholder status.

What is a Valid Credential? CA Drivers License (for an address within the VNC boundaries), CA Residency Card (for an address within the VNC boundaries), School ID Card (for a school within the VNC boundaries), A business card (In combination with any of the following with a matching Venice address-- Business license, business check, or pay stub), A recent utility bill (for an address within the VNC boundaries), An imprinted check (including an address within the VNC boundaries), Pay stub (from a business within the VNC boundaries), Passport (only in combination with any other credential item), School report card (within the VNC boundaries), Property tax bill (with an address within the VNC boundaries); **OTHER CREDENTIALS:** **Church/Religious Institution with in the VNC boundaries:** Letter (on church letterhead with contact information) from Church/Religious institution attesting to volunteer work. **Nonprofit Organization within the VNC boundaries:** Letter (on organization letterhead with contact information) from organization attesting to stakeholder volunteer work. **Senior Group with in the VNC boundaries:** Letter (on group letterhead with contact information) from group attesting to stakeholder volunteer work; Venice Beach Boardwalk Public Expression Permit.

All forms of identification must be valid at the time of the election.

What board seats are up for reelection? All 21 board seats are up for election to a two year term:

President - Above all else, the VNC President provides leadership to the Board of Officers and Venice community and coordinates directly or indirectly the many activities of the Board as a whole. The President also chairs the Stakeholder, Board of Officers and Administrative Committee meetings. In addition, the President appoints chairs of the ad hoc committees and acts as chief liaison with Los Angeles City and other government agencies for delivery of Community Impact Statements and other correspondence.

Vice President - This officer assumes the duties of the President when the President is unavailable and works closely with the President to performs other duties as required. The Vice President chairs the Neighborhood Committee, acts as chief liaison with other Neighborhood Councils and maintains oversight of standing and ad hoc committees.

Secretary - Responsible for producing accurate minutes of Stakeholder, Board of Officers and Administrative Committee meetings and for submitting the minutes for public posting. Maintains all public records of the Neighborhood Council and receives, logs and refers all submissions and correspondence to the Venice Neighborhood Council.

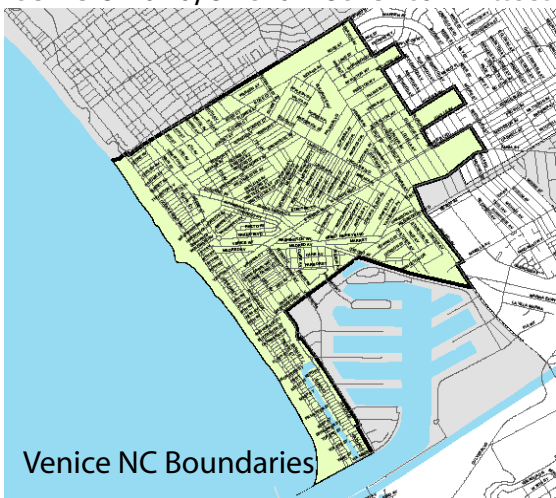
Treasurer - Chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, oversees the finances of the Neighborhood Council to assure total compliance with all DONE and Los Angeles City requirements and submits financial reports to the Board of Officers at every regular meeting.

Communications Officer - Oversees the maintenance and updating of the Neighborhood Council web site, responsible for email announcements to Stakeholders, on-time posting of all meeting notices and agendas pursuant to the Brown Act, posting of the minutes of meetings and responsible for maintaining and updating the Stakeholder database.

Community Outreach Officer - Responsible for increasing participation in Neighborhood Council activities. This officer chairs the Community Outreach and Events Planning Committee and organizes quarterly stakeholder meetings and special events.

Land Use and Planning Committee Chair - Chairs the important Land Use and Planning Committee which reviews, takes public input, reports on and makes recommendations of actions to the Board of Officers on any land use and planning issues affecting the community.

14 Community Officers - These 14 officers are elected at-large. Each voter will be able to cast one vote from a ballot listing all candidates for Community Officer. The 14 Community Officer candidates with the highest vote totals will be elected. Community Officers must serve on at least one standing committee and may serve on and/or chair other committees.



Where and when is the Election?

September 16, 2007

10 AM to 5 PM

Venice High School

13000 Venice Blvd., Venice CA 90066
(parking available at the school)

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Candidate Filing Form

Office

Select only one of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Community Outreach
- Communications
- Land Use and Planning Committee Chair
- Community Officer (1 of 14)

***All Candidates are required to attend one of the two Candidate Information Sessions.**

I, _____, do hereby announce and declare that I am a stakeholder in the boundaries of the Venice Neighborhood Council. My stakeholder affiliation is that I _____Live, _____Work _____Own Property (check one) within the Venice Neighborhood Council boundaries.

Description of valid credential _____

Qualifying Stakeholder Address:

Street address City State Zip

Mailing Address (if different)

Street address City State Zip

Contact Numbers:

Daytime Phone Number Evening Phone Number

Email (very important) Fax Number

Declaration of Intent

Based on my stakeholder status, I do hereby announce and declare my intention to become a candidate for _____ (office) and to serve on the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

I hereby declare under *penalty of perjury* that the above statements are true, and are at least 16 years of age, or a junior or senior in high school, and possess the other qualifications to become a candidate for the Venice Neighborhood Council Board.

Signature Date Verified: _____ by _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS*

Thursday, July 26 at 7 PM
Thursday, August 16 at 7 PM
Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, September 6 at 6 PM
Westminster Elementary School
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd

ELECTION DAY

Sunday, September 16, 10 AM to 5 PM
Venice High School- 13000 Venice Blvd

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Candidate Forum will take place at
Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd

Election Days will take place at
Venice High School – 13000 Venice Blvd., Venice

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