



Questions:

Please limit your answers to the 9 questions below to 200 words or less each.

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

New development has a very strong impact on the quality of life of all Venetians. If a project is too ~~large~~ large, too dense, too high it usually reduces the quality of life and the normal experience of community by its residents. I want to protect the Venice quality of life for residents of Venice and to encourage new development proponents to design + propose projects which 'fit in' - built, scale, height, appropriate use, generated traffic - all are important considerations for me.

2) Have you served before on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee? If so, what committee and when?

I have not served on any committee or run for any office during the life of the CRUNC or UAC.

Previously, from 1972-1990, I was a member of the North Beach Planning Task force which came to represent the Venice Town Council (1976-1990) on development issues before the City of Los Angeles^{3 of 7} and the Coastal Commission.



3) Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position:

I retired this year after 36 years as a History Professor at CSULB. I worked on the Venice Community's written ~~and~~ public response to the California Coastal Act. As a member of the North Beach Planning Taskforce I and my friends conducted successful interventing with L.A. City Planning which led to the inclusion of significant Coast Act related measures into the Venice local Coastal Program. I have spoken before all levels of L.A. City and the Coastal Commission on Venice related developments and public policy issues.

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

I was very involved from the Venice Community side while partnered with L.A. City to produce the Venice local Coastal Program. I was liaison between the Milwood neighborhood and the North Beach neighbors when they developed Specific Neighborhood Plans as part of L.A. City's Venice local Coastal Plan. I communicated + networked between the neighborhood groups, the Venice Town Council, L.A. City Planning and the Calif Coastal Commission.



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

- 1) New development which is out of scale with existing development
- 2) Providing enough parking for ~~the~~ new commercial/retail development on-site.
Review of current off-site mit. s. o. o. parking for commercial/retail in Venice.
- 3) too many height + density variances are being issued.

6) Under what kinds of situations do you feel it to be appropriate to grant exceptions or variances to the Venice Specific Plan or other LA City Planning codes?

Variations + exceptions may be considered when substantial public good results, such as - 1) Enhancing public access to the coast/beach (a Coastal Act issue):

- 2) Providing significant + meaningful \$ low/moderate ~~to~~ meaning housing. (Mello act);
- 3) to resolve some dispute between neighbors regard equity of treatment



7) What is your opinion of the Venice Specific Plan?

IT is OK if strictly adhered to.

I prefer + would recommend the various Neighborhood Plans which were actually produced after considerable work, discussion, and thought by committees of our neighbors. There were supposed to provide the framework + specificity we all wanted, but L.A. City Planning decided it wanted a simpler, more uniform and universal VCP, so our planning was set aside.

8) How do you view your role in private interactions with developers who have projects proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee?

I would rather not have any interactions with developers who have projects before LUPC. Oftentimes they hire representatives who want to talk to LUPC members, to 'get a feel or sense' of where the members on the committee is at on certain issues. It's always best never to talk with a developer or his agent when one is alone - otherwise there is a danger of compromise, dealery, or misrepresentation.



9) What is your Vision for Venice?

I see it every day. It is here now
 It is cherished by all but needs to be
 protect. Most Venitians feel this way
 else they wouldn't have chosen Venice
 as a community. Outside developers are
 least sensitive to our wishes & needs,
 while local based developers are more
 knowledgeable - but both are ruled by the
 thought of the 'buck' - so they are not
 focused on our neighbors concerns - maintain
 and preserve - but on making money - So my
 vision is - we must watch developers carefully
 and be critical of their development proposals
 which do not conform to the Venice LCP - so we
 can keep, protect, maintain and enhance what
 we have.

Thank You for Volunteering to Help Our Community!