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To the Venice Neighborhood Council board members,

My prior experience with the VNC has been a great one. I have attended a few meetings to support different issues, volunteered for the Environmental Committee for the past 3 years to eventually become President co-chair alongside Kristopher Valentine, Nick Karno and Jake Kauffman. I have volunteered at a few different events at 1st Fridays on Abbot Kinney with Carolyn Rios and Cindy Rogers. I know a few people on the committee as I am very actively involved in the community as I am on the board (and am past Events Coordinator) of the Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Historical Society. Our paths have crossed on several occasions such as helping to clean Windward Avenue of graffiti as well as many local and fun social events. And as far as the VSP goes, I would not modify anything thus far.

On the topic of trash, my vision is on how we can better clean up our streets and beaches including more recycling bins. The Environmental Committee has worked on the Bin Your Butts campaign to ensure that cigarettes are not going out into storm drains and into the ocean. We are working on getting more stylized and permanent bins along the boardwalk and the more popular streets. We also helped to push the Big Belly Solar trash bins along the boardwalk and are working with local artists to paint them in a unifying theme that represents our local environmental concerns.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon,

Sincerely,

Barbara Lonsdale