

## Candidate Statement of Mark Ryavec Running for Vice-President



I believe the VNC should focus on the major concerns of residents; i.e., resident safety and preventing crime, controlling development, creating more parking, and protecting the ocean.

I have worked as a legislative analyst for the LA City Council, as chief deputy to the LA County Assessor, and as an advocate for No Oil, Inc., American Oceans Campaign and several entertainment guilds. I am now a member of an advisory board for Oceana, an ocean protection NGO.

I currently manage a non-profit that provides affordable housing to 164 families in the Valley.

I graduated from UCLA in psychology, have an MA in Urban Studies and am a 20-year resident of Venice. One of my hobbies is restoring my 100-year old house on Rialto. About ten years ago I led the tree planting around the Venice Postal Annex. I recently co-chaired the VNC Committee on Homelessness/Vehicular Occupation.