



Venice Neighborhood Council



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Contact Information:

Qualifying Stakeholder Address (*Dirección*):

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Questions:

Please limit your answers to the 5 questions below to 200 words or less each.

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

My primary intention in serving our community is to preserve our quality of life & protect our unique & intricate environment. The ocean, canals, wetlands, are important to preserve & keep clean as well as some open spaces for the neighborhood. Other issues are keeping streets safe from crime & keeping our unique culture intact.

I have been a resident of Venice/Marina since 1995 & just love & appreciate it & the people in it.

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

I am an active member of the Marina del Rey/Westchester/LAX Chamber of Commerce. I am a proud supporter of Spinal Cord Research, a 501(c)(3) non-profit co-operation to assist young people with severe sport injuries & my business, Creative Chakra, donates a percentage of profits to this charity. Jesse Billauer is a local quadriplegic surfer who founded this charity. I have worked on the SAG casting committee to get actors/artists seen so they can gain employment. I held a Yogathon for Yoga Day USA & an event to raise awareness for "DARKFUR!"



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

- Parking. I have in the last month been working with the businesses between oceanfront & pacific on Washington to resolve parking issues. I have spoken with LAX coastal Commission to make parking in the City Beach parking lot profitable for the city & businesses while benefiting residents & customers. Reducing parking on the School lot.
- Keeping our culture with integrity, through local businesses, less crime & vandalism & affordable housing & open spaces.
- Addressing the overdevelopment & traffic issues facing us with already 3,000 more residents of Playa Vista, having to creatively resolve issues.

4) This committee shall promote greater awareness of available City resources and services and act as a conduit between the Board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board. How do you plan to fulfill this obligation?

I am a confident communicator who will be clear, succinct and efficient in negotiations. I feel that I can effectively represent the community in meetings with the various City, County & State agencies. I am willing to listen to the needs of the community & take action when it is appropriate & resolve issues.

My business is a community resource & brings balance within the community. I attain to always "Walk the Talk" with integrity.



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5) What is your Vision for Venice?

To unify & co-ordinate a business marketing strategy for all the small businesses in Venice & Marina to flourish & ~~to~~ maintain our unique culture rather than ^{large} cooperations taking over.

Keep our beaches, canals & streets clean & safe with areas for families & community involvement.

Since Venice is the 2nd most visited city in America after Disneyland, I would like to help keep those funds in the community for the betterment of the community.

~~Abbot~~ Independent spirit of Venice is seen on such streets as Abbot Kinney, the oceanfront & Washington square. These are the backbone of Venice culture.

Thank You for Volunteering to Help Our Community!