

VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
STAKEHOLDER SURVEY OF VOTERS IN THE 2006-2007 ELECTION
 SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

All stakeholders who voted in the 2006 election (except absentee voters) were given the survey to complete. Of the 496 voters, 347 returned their survey. This represents 69.96% participation.

1. Do you live in Venice?	
Yes	97.12%
No	2.31%
N/A	0.58%
2. How long have you lived in Venice?	
0-4 years	9.22%
5-9 years	13.83%
10-13 years	12.39%
14+ years	60.81%
N/A	3.75%
3. What would you say are the one or two most important issues facing Venice today? (Check no more than two.)	
Traffic	29.43%
Too much growth	24.75%
Lack of affordable housing	24.08%
Too many homeless/homeless causing problems	18.73%
Lack of parking	14.72%
Crime	10.70%
Overcrowding/population	10.37%
Gangs	9.03%
Education	9.03%
Not enough services for the homeless	8.03%
Environmental concerns	5.02%
Economy/cost of living	4.68%
Not enough police	4.01%
Drugs	3.34%
Rent control	3.01%
Creating more jobs/improving the business climate	3.01%
Not enough parks/problems with parks	1.67%
Roads being torn up	1.00%
None	0.33%
47 checked more than two	
4. Please rate each of the following possible problems in Venice on a scale of 1 to 5. Use a 1 if you feel the problem is NOT serious at all, and a 5 if you feel it is a VERY serious problem in Venice. Check any number from 1 to 5. Check 9 if you don't know.	
Traffic congestion	3.93
The number of homeless people in the city	3.77
Gang violence	3.42
Lack of parking	3.47
The affordability of housing for low income families and seniors	3.46

5. Would you say that crime in Venice over the last few years has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?	
Better	14.16%
Somewhat better	31.93%
Same	26.51%
Somewhat worse	10.24%
Worse	7.53%
No Answer	9.94%
6. When you are _____ would you say that you feel: (4 = Very safe, 3 = Reasonably safe, 2 = Somewhat unsafe, 1 = Very unsafe)	
Walking alone in your neighborhood during the day	3.54
Walking alone in your neighborhood after dark	2.67
Walking alone in Venice's business areas during the day	3.61
Walking alone in Venice's business areas after dark	2.66
Walking alone on the Boardwalk during the day	3.50
Walking alone on the Boardwalk after dark	1.95
7. If the Los Angeles Police Department hired another officer and assigned that officer to your neighborhood, which of the following five items should be the single highest priority for a new police officer assigned to your neighborhood?	
Working with local residents and neighborhood groups to help prevent crime	23.84%
Patrolling on foot in your local neighborhood	22.38%
Working with local kids to prevent gangs and youth crime	20.35%
Patrolling in police cars in your local neighborhood	17.44%
Patrolling near the schools in your neighborhood	3.49%
N/A Or Multiple Answers	12.79%
8. What order of importance would you put the following? (Use #1 for the most important, #2 for the next most important, #3 for the next most important, #4 for the least important)	
Livable Neighborhoods -Support for schools, libraries, parks, sidewalk repairs, sanitation	1.60
Improved Traffic Flow - Parking enforcement, signal improvements, transit, and street improvements	2.30
Economic Development-Affordable housing,homeless services,planning,business assistance,training	2.62
Homeland Security & Public Safety - Emergency preparedness, counterterrorism, police, fire services	3.38
9. How many times a year would you say that you visit a park in Venice?	
Never	13.62%
1-5 times	26.09%
6-12 times	13.91%
13-50 times	14.78%
Over 50 times	26.96%
Not sure	4.93%
10. Which of the following words or phrases accurately describes local parks in Venice? (1 = Very accurate, 2 = Somewhat accurate, 3 = Somewhat inaccurate, 4 = Very inaccurate)	
Clean	2.56
Well-maintained	2.61
Safe for families and children	2.87
Convenient to your home	3.03

11. Do you feel that you have the opportunity to voice your concerns to the Venice Neighborhood Council on major community decisions that affect your life?	
Yes	64.64%
No	28.12%
N/A	7.54%
12. Do you feel that the concerns voiced (by you or others) to the Venice Neighborhood Council on major community decisions are adequately addressed in VNC public meetings?	
Yes	15.36%
Sometimes	53.33%
No	17.68%
N/A	13.91%
13. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the Venice Neighborhood Council's efforts to communicate with Venice residents through newsletters, the Internet, and other means?	
Very satisfied	17.68%
Somewhat satisfied	39.71%
Somewhat dissatisfied	20.87%
Very dissatisfied	9.57%
No Answer	12.46%
14. What information source or sources do you use the most to find out about Venice/City of Los Angeles news, information, and programs? (Choose up to three.)	
Friends/family/neighbors	44.69%
Argonaut	39.87%
VNC email	22.51%
Venice Paper	20.90%
Los Angeles Times	19.94%
VNC web site	16.40%
Beachhead	15.11%
VNC meetings (in person)	10.61%
Other	5.47%
Santa Monica Mirror	3.22%
Santa Monica Daily Press	1.61%
34 checked too many	
15. Do you subscribe to the Venice Neighborhood Council email announcement list?	
Yes	46.09%
No	54.20%
16. In the past month, have you intentionally not used your car for a trip, and instead used another form of transportation, such as a bus, a bicycle, walking, or an alternatively fueled vehicle?	
Yes	79.13%
No	21.16%
17. Do you or does anyone in your household drive a low emission or clean fuel vehicle? By that I mean a hybrid car such as a Prius, or an electric car, or a car that uses natural gas as its fuel?	
Yes	10.43%
No	89.86%

18. In 2006, did you ride the bus?	
Yes	41.74%
No	58.55%
19. What is your neighborhood?	
NOT TALLIED	
20. Do you live in a single family home, an apartment, a condominium, or a townhouse?	
Single family	69.28%
Apartment	24.35%
Condo/Townhouse	4.93%
Other	0.87%
N/A	0.87%
21. Do you own or rent your residence?	
Own	73.62%
Rent	24.93%
Homeless	0.29%
N/A	1.45%
22. Do you consider yourself to be disabled, or to be a person with a disability?	
Yes	8.99%
No	89.86%
N/A	1.45%
23. How would you rate the job being done by the VNC/City of LA to provide access to the disabled to city offices, meetings, or facilities? (COUNTED ONLY ANSWERS FROM THOSE WHO ANSWERED YES TO #22.)	
Excellent	6.45%
Good	35.48%
Fair	29.03%
Poor	12.90%
N/A	16.13%
24. Do you have access to the Internet at home?	
Yes	91.30%
No	8.12%
N/A	0.87%
25. Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired, unemployed, a homemaker, or a student?	
Employed full time	51.01%
Employed part time	14.49%
Self Employed	2.61%
Retired	19.42%
Unemployed	3.19%
Homemaker	2.61%
Student	1.16%
Disabled	3.19%
N/A	2.61%

26. Do you work at a job, either full time or part time, that is located in Venice? (COUNTED ONLY ANSWERS FROM THOSE WHO SAID THEY WERE EMPLOYED IN #25.)	
Yes	44.87%
No	53.85%
N/A	1.28%
27. How many individuals age 17 or younger live in your household?	
None	81.45%
One	8.12%
Two	7.83%
Three	1.74%
Four	0.29%
Five or more	0.00%
N/A	0.87%
28. Most people think of themselves as belonging to a particular ethnic or racial group. What ethnic or racial group are you a member of?	
White	77.39%
Black/African-American	2.90%
Asian	2.90%
Hispanic/Latino	3.48%
Native American	0.00%
Mixed Race	4.64%
Other/NA	8.99%
Non White/NA	22.90%
29. What is your age?	
Under 18	0.29%
18-24	0.58%
25-34	4.06%
35-44	17.97%
45-54	22.03%
55-64	34.20%
65-74	14.20%
75 or older	4.93%
N/A	2.03%
30. What was the total income for your household before taxes in 2005?	
\$20,000 and under	5.80%
\$20,001 to \$40,000	9.57%
\$40,001 to \$60,000	13.62%
\$60,001 to \$80,000	9.86%
\$80,001 to \$100,000	10.14%
\$100,001 to \$125,000	11.30%
\$125,001 or more	28.12%
N/A	11.88%