



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Candidate Recruitment Kick-Off Party at Electric Lodge

April 11 is still four months off, but candidates seeking election to the Venice Neighborhood Council are already lining up. To help candidates understand the Los Angeles city election process and VNC campaign rules, the VNC will hold a meeting on Sunday, January 17th for all those interested in running for a council position.

The meeting will take place at the Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave in Venice, at 5:00pm. Attendance is free and open to everyone. Click [HERE](#) for information about becoming a candidate for office.

LA City Council Member Bill Rosendahl has been invited to speak at the meeting, describing his relationship with the Neighborhood Council and its role in city government. Current VNC board members will be on hand to talk about the responsibilities of their positions. The election process will be reviewed so potential candidates can find out what they need to do to run for office. Questions and answers will round out the agenda; the rest of the evening will be dedicated to mixing with board members in an informal atmosphere so potential candidates can learn more about the VNC from the current officers.



More information about the event and the election and meeting can be found on the internet at [www.VeniceNC.org/BoardElections](http://www.VeniceNC.org/BoardElections).

## Neighborhood Council Elections Supervised by City of LA

The LA City Council decided in 2008 to consolidate all neighborhood council elections every two years and conduct them according to a common set of rules. In 2010, the City Clerk will conduct elections for 89 neighborhood council boards between March and June. Elections will take place in batches of 9 to 11 councils at a time.

Having a single entity responsible for conducting all the elections and having all the elections occur within a 3 month time-frame has never been tried before.

The process is complex, according to Marc Saltzberg, Outreach Officer for the Venice Neighborhood Council, because while the rules governing the elections have been standardized, the bylaws governing neighborhood councils varies. Saltzberg noted that the City Clerk's job is complicated by important differences between the 89 councils, such as the definition of "stakeholders" (qualified voters) and the composition of governing boards.

For example, in Venice, stakeholders will vote for one "Community Officer" (with the 14 top vote-getters elected) and 7 Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Community Outreach Officer and Land Use and Planning Chair). All positions are elected "at-large." Other councils may have a different number of board officers with different responsibilities and duties; many councils also mix at-large voting for officers with representative voting by geographic areas.

**What:** Venice Neighborhood Council Candidate Recruitment Party

**Where:** Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave, Venice, CA 90291

**When:** Sunday, January 17, 2010

**Time:** 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM

**More Information:** email [Elections@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Elections@VeniceNC.org) or call 310.606.2015