



Venice Neighborhood Council



Procedure for election of Land Use and Planning and Neighborhoods Committee Members

Approved by VNC Board at the October 31, 2006 Board Meeting.

Nominations:

- All stakeholder candidates must self-nominate and submit an application form. No submissions or nominations from the floor for the 8 stakeholder LUPC seats or 9 Neighborhood Committee seats.
- Applications must be submitted to the VNC secretary by Thursday November 16th by 9pm via fax or mail.
- Members of the VNC board will nominate candidates for the two board member LUPC seats the night of the election. Board members may nominate themselves.

Outreach:

- Send notification to VNC mailing list and Press Releases to Argonaut, Venice Paper, SM Mirror and Venice Beachhead
- Place ad in November 9th Argonaut, possibly a teaser ad in November 2nd Argonaut.

Application Form:

- Distributed online and at Venice Library
- Include privacy notice –“applicants answers to questions will be made public” – on website for advance viewing by Board members and stakeholders.
- Submissions to secretary@grvnc.org, faxed to 310-399-4449 or mailed to the address:
Venice Neighborhood Council
PO Box 550
Venice, CA 90294
- Applicant's may optionally also email their answers to board@grvnc.org if they wish to make them public before November 16.
- Board members will receive copies of all applications the weekend before the election either by email or printed out if requested.
- Names of applicants will be publicly posted as they come in.
- General Questions for both Applications:
 - Name
 - Date of Application
 - Registered as a VNC Stakeholder? If so, last election registered in?
 - Contact Information (confidential): stakeholder address, email, phone number
- Land Use and Planning Application Questions (200 words or less for each question):
 - Please explain why you wish to serve on the LUPC.
 - Have you served before on the LUPC or other planning and land use related committee? If so, what committee and when?
 - Please state your professional qualifications or related experience relevant to this position.
 - Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.
 - Please list the three most pressing planning issues you feel are facing the Venice community.



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- Under what kinds of situations do you feel it to be appropriate to grant exceptions or variances to the Venice Specific Plan or other LA City planning codes?
- What is your opinion of the Venice Specific Plan?
- How do you view your role in private interactions with developers who have projects proposed before the Land Use and Planning Committee?
- What is your vision for Venice?
- Neighborhoods Committee Questions (200 words or less for each question):
 - What district do you live/work/own property in? (select 1 of 9)
 - NOTE: Other neighborhoods and/or Stakeholders representing other neighborhoods or neighborhood interests may be added at the discretion of the Neighborhood Committee.
 - Please explain why you wish to serve on the Neighborhoods Committee.
 - Please list your previous and/or current neighborhood or community involvement.
 - Please list the three most important issues you feel are facing the Venice community.
 - What is your vision for Venice?
 - 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?

Election Meeting:

- All candidates are encouraged to attend the November 21 Board meeting in person (no representatives will be allowed to speak for the candidate)
- Secretary will verify stakeholder status and verify any new stakeholder applications before the board votes.
- Candidates for the Neighborhood Committee must be registered as a stakeholder within the district. Secretary will verify address on stakeholder application is within applied for district.
- Public will be given 20min to comment on applicants for the LUPC and another 20min to comment on applicants for the Neighborhood Committee.
- Board members may directly question individual applicants at the sole discretion of the President.
- Board members should make sure any required information they need to evaluate candidates be placed on the application.

Voting and Ballots:

- Paper ballots will be prepared for the Board to select 8 stakeholder to serve on the LUPC, 2 board members to serve on the LUPC and 1 stakeholder to serve on each of the 9 neighborhoods of the Neighborhoods Committee.
- All board members may cast 8 votes for stakeholder to serve on the LUPC.
- All board members may cast 1 vote for each of the 9 neighborhood seats on the Neighborhood Committee.
- All board members may cast 2 votes for board members to serve on the LUPC.
- Candidates with the most votes win.
- Ties will be decided by a coin-toss.
- Ballots will have the name of each board member written at the top.
- After ballots have been tabulated they will be posted on the wall for the remainder of the meeting for stakeholder examination and retained as part of the public record.



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Venice Coastal Zone Specific Areas:

- Ballona Lagoon West Bank Subarea - generally bounded by Driftwood Street on the north, Via Marina on the south, Ballona Lagoon on the east, and Strongs Drive, Canal Court and Pacific Avenue on the west.
- Ballona Lagoon (Grand Canal) East Bank Subarea – generally bounded by Washington Boulevard on the north, the northern terminus of the Ballona Lagoon on the south, Via Dolce on the east.
- Silver Strand Subarea - generally bounded by the eastern extension of Driftwood Street on the north, Via Marina on the south, the Los Angeles County boundary on the east, and Ballona Lagoon on the west.
- Marina Peninsula Subarea - generally bounded by Thirtieth Place and the Washington Boulevard Pier on the north, Via Marina on the south, Strongs Drive, Canal Court and Pacific Avenue on the west.
- Venice Canals Subarea - adjacent to Grand, Sherman, Howland, Linnie, Carroll and Eastern Canals, located south of Virginia Court, north of Washington Boulevard and Sherman Canal Court, east of Strongs Drive and west of Patricia Court and Grand Canal Court
- North Venice Subarea - generally bounded by the Los Angeles City boundary line on the north, Thirtieth Place, Virginia Court and North Venice Boulevard on the south, Hampton Drive, Electric Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Patricia Court, and Strongs Drive on the east and Ocean Front Walk on the west.
- Oakwood-Millwood-Southeast Venice Subarea - generally bounded by the Los Angeles City boundary line on the north, Washington Boulevard on the south, Lincoln Boulevard on the east, and Hampton Drive, Electric Avenue, Patricia Court and Strongs Drive on the west
- Oxford Triangle Subarea - generally bounded by Washington Boulevard on the north, the Los Angeles City boundary on the southwest, and Lincoln Boulevard on the east
- East of Lincoln Subarea, generally bounded by Lincoln to the west, Walgrove on the east and from Santa Monica City line north to Washington Blvd. in the south.

LUPC Mission Statement:

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council and stakeholders about land use projects in or around Venice that will impact the quality of life of Venice residents, business owners and stakeholders.

To advise the Venice Neighborhood Council on planning issues and projects affecting the Venice community.

To make recommendations to the Venice Neighborhood Council to forward to the Los Angeles City Planning Department on any exceptions, modifications and variances to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan for the planning and construction of projects in Venice.