
Profile

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Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic Preservation Board: Submitted

Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a misdemeanor offense?☐ Yes ☒ No**Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a felony?**☐ Yes ☒ No

Demographics**Are you a city resident?**☒ Yes ☐ No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

5 years

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you own property within the City of Venice?☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

More broadly, I would like to contribute to my community. Specific to historic preservation, it's literally the reason we chose to move to Venice and buy a 1926 house. The appeal of the island is unique in Florida, and a testament to the vision of John Nolen and decades of good stewardship. I would like to contribute to that, and think my knowledge and skills would be a good fit for the board.

Resume of Education and Experience:

I was an editor for USA Today and the Washington Post for more than 25 years, most recently as travel editor for USA Today when I moved to Venice in 2015. I'm now semi-retired, and do freelance writing and editing. I attended George Washington University, majoring in history. I currently volunteer for Literacy Volunteers of South County and Meals on Wheels Sarasota.

Question applies to Historic Preservation Board

Do you have demonstrated special interest, experience or knowledge in history, architecture or related disciplines, as well as heritage of the city?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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