



Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Monthly Profile

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Dear Central San Pedro Council leaders,

Please help us collect information about your NC's milestone accomplishments since certification as achieved. As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Charter amendments enabling the formation of the Neighborhood Council System, we plan to showcase NCs successes over the years. Send photos, memorable activities, and people who should be remembered and recognized. SAVE-THE-DATE of Tuesday, June 30, 2020 for the Empower LA Awards (tentative). We will share more information about the program and keynote speakers as the event date nears.

Citywide Campaigns

How you vote & where you vote may have changed - learn how

Voting in Los Angeles County has changed, and the place you vote may have changed, too! LA County's new Vote Center program takes effect starting with the Primary elections this spring. Here's an overview of what's different, and what to expect:

1. Within the City of Los Angeles, there are fewer Vote Centers than there were traditional polling places. **Many former polling places are closed now, so it's really important to look up where you'll vote** now and in the future at: <http://Locator.LAvote.net>
2. While the total number of places to vote is smaller, the number of possible places where *you* can vote is much, much greater, because now **you can vote at *any* Vote Center in LA County**. So if it's easier to go vote during lunch while you're at work - do it! No need to commute home first, just to cast your ballot. All you need to do is look up what Vote Center is closest to the places where you actually spend your daytime hours.
3. You'll also have a lot more time to cast your ballot than you used to. Instead of having just one day to vote, now you'll have up to 11 days! Please note, though, that **while most Vote Centers are open for 11 days, some are only open for 4 days**. So when you look up which Vote Center is convenient to your home, workplace, or school, make sure to check the dates it's open, too.
4. The official Election Day, March 3rd, is actually the *LAST* day that any voting center is open, and not the first. **Four-day centers open Saturday February 29. Eleven-day centers open Saturday February 22nd**. So if you aren't sure how long your local Vote Center is open, aim to visit it on or between Feb 29 - March 3. Note that all centers - even the four-day ones - are open at least one weekend, so that you no longer have to struggle to get to the polls on a school night.

VOTE BY MAIL

You may also choose to skip going to a Vote Center and just register to Vote By Mail. You can Vote By Mail as a one-time option, or you can choose to do so permanently.

One-Time Vote By Mail Registration: If you're a registered voter in LA County, apply online to Vote By Mail in the March 3, 2020 election here: <https://lavote.net/Apps/VoteByMail/Index?id=4085>

Permanent Vote By Mail Registration: if you're already registered to vote in LA County, you can register online to be a permanent Vote By Mail voter. All you need to do is fill out a new voter registration form, and

check the Permanent Vote By Mail box on the form. Access the form on this page by clicking the Register Now button: <https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/register-to-vote/register> ...this process also works for voters registering for the first time, who wish to have Permanent Vote By Mail status.

Currently registered voters may also switch to Permanent Vote By Mail status by completing the form on the back cover of their Official Sample Ballot booklet, or by downloading this Permanent Vote By Mail application, and returning it to the office of the LA County Registrar: <https://www.lavote.net/documents/permanent-vote-by-mail-application.pdf>

Department Administration

The Administrative Services Division is pleased to welcome Michelle Lopez to our team. Michelle will be working at our front desk in the Downtown Los Angeles office and brings with her a wealth of experience working with the Department of Public Works: LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) as a summer mentor, event coordinator, and docent for visitors to the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) at Hyperion.

NC Direct Support Operations

The Department invites women of the Neighborhood Council System to a Galentine's Day event on February 10, 2020 from 7:00PM - 8:30PM at Los Angeles City Hall - Tom Bradley Tower. This event will offer women the opportunity to come together to celebrate the power of female friendship and community leadership. We hope you can join us and engage in meaningful conversation about the value and strength women bring to their Neighborhood Council. Check in begins at 6:30PM and program follows at 7:00PM. RSVP using this link <https://forms.gle/Qw35r5tyQDUQ3hox8>

In addition, with the March Primary Elections just around the corner, there are best practices for Neighborhood Councils to consider when hosting candidate forums. Being aware of these best practices <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NCAD-NC-Guidelines-for-Hosting-City-Candidates-Jan-2020-English.pdf> can help ensure these forums are unbiased and objective, and help NCs in their official roles as public entities.

NC Outreach and Elections

As the New Year approaches, it is not too soon to think about outreach for the 2021 elections. We are looking to schedule an outreach gathering for outreach chairs to discuss outreach ideas best practices to engage stakeholders. We are partnering closely with the City Clerk to ensure outreach and administrations are coordinated. We are working closely with the City's census team to help spread the word on Census Goodwill Ambassadors. On January 23rd, the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council in conjunction with the Mayor's office sponsored a CGA workshop. Over 80+ were in attendance! There are several trainings throughout the City of Los Angeles. Please see flyers and Eventbrite link for more information about events in the South L.A., Koreatown, East Hollywood, Lincoln Heights, and Harbor/Wilmington areas. Link: bit.ly/cgatrainning

Please share this information with your database and help us spread the word!

Keep in mind as a Neighborhood Council you can:

Lead an event with your Neighborhood Council to discuss the importance of Census 2020 and encourage the neighborhood you represent to participate.

Host an event at a Census Action Kiosk (CAK) to educate community members about the census, address their concerns, and/or to help them fill out the census survey itself.

Volunteer at City and/or County events to promote Census 2020.

Share/repost social media content and information to encourage participation in Census 2020.

Recruit more ambassadors and/or conduct a CGA training of your own: we need as many CGAs as possible!

NC Policy and Governmental Relations

Please join us at the upcoming Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 6 pm at the Boyle Heights Senior Center at 2839 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90039. Agenda items include discussion and possible action regarding training for the neighborhood council board members. Discussion may include creating policies for mandated leadership and conflict resolution for board members and candidates. In addition, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners will be hosting town hall meetings on creating policies for mandated leadership and conflict resolution for board members and candidates. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Emergency Management Department (EMD) are cohosting a meeting on Saturday, February 29 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. This meeting will launch the new Neighborhood Council “Emergency Preparedness Liaison” position. The EMD will provide training to Neighborhood Councils on how to promote RYLAN (Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood) and explain the duties of the Emergency Preparedness Liaison. Most of the duties consist of things the NCs are already doing like social media outreach, events, collaborating with government agencies and other NCs, attending NC Alliance/Coalition meetings, and more. The location of the meeting will be the Mid-Valley Library, located at 16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343. Future meetings will be held throughout the City in March 2020 in West LA, Northeast LA, and South LA. Please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s Chief Resilience Officer, John Darnell, at john.darnell@lacity.org or call him at (213) 978-1551, if you have any questions.

The next meeting of the LGBTQ+ Alliance will be Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Conference Room at Los Angeles City Hall located 200 North Spring Street Room 2005 LA 90012.

Department Office of Community Engagement/Innovation

Data Literacy Program:

In January, we had our first Introduction to Data Community workshop. Thank you to all the attendees for their engagement and passionate discussion. The next one will be at El Nido in Pacoima on Monday, February 22nd, 2020 from 6pm to 9pm. No equipment (we will bring laptops!) or specific skills needed for this

introduction to all the tools and platforms available to explore city data. Room capacity is limited so don't hesitate to register as soon as possible at tiny.cc/ocedata. We will communicate shortly the next dates and locations.

Also, don't forget to appoint data liaisons for your neighborhood Council. Once trained, Data Liaisons will be able to understand the organization of Open Data at the City of Los Angeles, use ArcGIS online (mapping tool) in order to create maps, adding, joining, enriching and filtering layers, using Living Atlas, Community Survey123 and create Webapps, create data visualizations for NC communication channels (website, social media, flyer), provide enhanced information to help NC board and committees to make decisions, provide data and ideas to nourish advocacy strategies and assist your neighborhood council in creating community survey. As most of the work of a Data liaison will be made using a computer, it is recommended to have its own computer (laptop or desktop). Having computer science skills or a taste to learn new software is recommended. Don't hesitate to inform your Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate once your Data liaison(s) is (are) designated. Reminder, a liaison is not necessarily a board member, it can be a stakeholder. Finally, don't hesitate to have a look at our new webpage: empowerla.org/data. You will find on this page useful links and resources for neighborhood councils.

Know Your Community:

The Office of Community Engagement and the Mayor's Data Team are developing a platform to provide insights into the composition of your community and the city services provided in it. It is an opportunity for stakeholders to have a better understanding of the different components of their community and to analyze city services in real-time. Help guide the development of this innovative resource by completing the following survey in English: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/0b7eac63398a414cb6a47d431efa36eb> Spanish: <https://arcg.is/0q9Dne>



English:



Spanish:

City Clerk Election Administration

In preparation of the upcoming 2021 NC Elections, the City Clerk - Election Division encourages Neighborhood Councils who want to make changes to their boundaries, board structure, method of verifying stakeholders, or any other provision that may affect their elections, to do so by the bylaw review deadline. Election Administrators are available to review proposed bylaw amendments and interpret how the revisions will impact the election if needed.

If you would like to consult with an Election Administrator, please contact our office at (213) 978-0444 or email us at: clerk.electionsnclacity.org and we will be happy to assist you.

Did you know?

For the first time in History, a Latina - San Fernando Valley Councilmember Nury Martinez of Council District 6 - was elected Council President for the Los Angeles City Council. Council President Martinez led her first meeting of the City Council - which serves a city of 4.4 million people - on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

During her remarks that day, Council President Martinez highlighted a “Families First” agenda, empathizing with families going through struggles, much like her own upbringing. She also emphasized her passion for doing everything possible to lift families out of poverty.

A former LAUSD School Board member, Martinez has been a strong advocate for women’s rights and the importance of women in all levels of government. Her stated priorities in this new position include addressing human trafficking and the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles, and fighting for increases in minimum wages, among others.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is looking forward to working with Council President Martinez in her new role, as well as with the rest of the City Council's new leadership team, including Council President Pro Tempore Joe Buscaino, and Assistant President Pro Tempore David Ryu.

Account Balances, Community Impact Statements, Agendas, and Grievances

Click [here](#) for the Neighborhood Council Funding Dashboard to find your current account balance.

As of 2/6/2020, you have filed 0 Community Impact Statements, and 5 agendas have been posted for your Neighborhood Council for the current month.

As of 2/6/2020, 0 Grievances have been filed against your Neighborhood Council.

Please continue to next page to see your Board Member certification status, Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings, Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Your current Board Members and their certification are as follows:

First Name	Last Name	Board Seat	Ethics Expiration	Funding Expiration	Code of Conduct Expiration
Carrie	Scoville	At Large Board Member	6/11/2021	9/10/2021	9/10/2021
Claricza	Ortiz	At Large Board Member	11/6/2021	1/8/2021	11/6/2021

First Name	Last Name	Board Seat	Ethics Expiration	Funding Expiration	Code of Conduct Expiration
Frank	Anderson	At Large Board Member	7/6/2018	9/19/2021	6/30/2019
James	Allen	At Large Board Member	12/13/2019	6/30/2020	8/24/2019
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	At Large Board Member			
Jeffrey	McBurney	At Large Board Member	7/5/2020	1/8/2021	7/18/2020
Khixaan	Obioma-Sakhu	At Large Board Member	7/9/2021	4/30/2021	7/12/2021
Louis	Caravella	At Large Board Member	11/18/2021	6/30/2020	11/18/2021
Maria	Couch	At Large Board Member	8/6/2021	9/19/2021	8/6/2021
Matthew	Garland	At Large Board Member	3/4/2020	9/19/2021	1/9/2020
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	At Large Board Member			
Linda	Alexander	At Large Board Member	10/2/2021	7/16/2021	10/6/2021
Tamra	King	At Large Board Member	1/13/2022	6/2/2021	6/2/2021
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	At Large Board Member			
Patricia	Carroll	At Large Board Member	8/6/2021	8/8/2021	8/8/2021
Linda	Nutile	At Large Board Member	11/4/2020	9/19/2021	11/4/2020
Lisa	DeNiscia	At Large Board Member	11/29/2021	12/22/2021	12/22/2021

Please submit any updates and changes to the roster to Rosters@EmpowerLA.org, including any Ethics Certifications.

Please continue to next page to see Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings, your Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Board Members with Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings

To vote on Neighborhood Council funding items, Neighborhood Council board members must have current ethics training and funding training. The Neighborhood Council bylaws may also require these trainings to vote for nonfunding items as well. To serve on a board, Neighborhood Council board members must also have either read and signed a Code of Conduct or have watched the video. To complete these trainings, please click [here](#).

NOTE: in person and online ethics training must be a minimum of 2 hours. If you complete the ethics training online, please ensure that you take 2 hours to complete the training as we will not accept any certificates that show less than 2 hours.

The following board members below are missing one of these mandatory trainings. If updates are needed, please contact Rosters@EmpowerLA.org.

Board Members who have not completed the Funding training:

Funding - Eligibility to Vote on Financial Matters a. To be eligible to vote on any NC Expenditure, Financial Reports, and/or annual budgets, the board member must:

- Be an Elected, Appointed and/or Selected Board Member of the NC
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have completed the California State Ethics Training Requirement for Local Officials (AB 1234)
- Have completed the online NC Board Member Funding Training and obtain a passing score of 70% on any test associated with the online course.

Board Members with missing or expired Ethics Certificates :

ETHICS - All Board Members are bound by California State Law to take Ethics Training every two years. Take the online course, and send your certificate to Rosters@EmpowerLA.org. Ethics Training is a required for all Board Members

First Name	Last Name	Board Seat
Frank	Anderson	At Large Board Member
James	Allen	At Large Board Member

Board Members who have not completed the Code of Conduct training or their certificate has expired:

CODE OF CONDUCT - All Board Members must read the Code of Conduct policy and [fill out this form](#) acknowledging that they have read and are aware of the policy.

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Your cases for this month are:

Title	Case#	Case Lead	Open Date	Status
GWNC co-sponsor CD4 Candidate Forum on 2/16/20	25626	John Darnell	2/3/2020	O - Open

Please continue to next page to see Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Important Dates

For all events, please check out [EmpowerLA's Calendar](#)

Saturday, February 1

8:45am

Neighborhood Council-LADWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Alliance Meeting

10:00am

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Meeting

Monday, February 3

7:00pm

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

6:00pm

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

6:30pm

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Council Meeting

Saturday, February 8

10:00am

PlanCheckNC Meeting

Thursday, February 13

6:30pm

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting

Saturday, February 15

10:00am

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Meeting

Monday, February 17

1:00pm

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Regular Meeting

7:00pm

Alliance of River Communities (ARC)

Wednesday, February 19

8:30am

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 20

6:30pm

South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting

Saturday, February 29

10:00am

Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance Meeting

Existing Vendors for NCs

Web Service Providers:

NC's can use any Web Service Provider that is approved by their NC board. A contract may be required.

Temp Service Providers:

Apple One Employment Services

Contact: Wendy Diaz
(213) 787-2278
Wdiaz@appleone.com

Lloyd Staffing

Contact: Luly Santana
(562) 860-2555 Ext 101
LSantana@lloydstaffing.com

Partners in Diversity

Contact: Arlene Apodaca
(626) 793-0020
arlene.apodaca@p-i-d.biz

Bridgeway Temporary Staffing and Services Agency

Contact: Terrence Gomes
(310) 387-1374
info@btsasa.com

At work Personnel Services

Contact: Jennifer Rounds
(562) 222-4649
santafesprings@atwork.com

Translation Services:

Languages 4 You

(818) 720-7105

Continental Interpreting Services

(800) 201-7121

We will continue to refine the Neighborhood Council Profiles over the next year based on your feedback. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact the Neighborhood Council Support Helpline at NCsupport@LACity.org or by calling **213-978-1551** for assistance.

Thank you for all you do to Empower LA!