



Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Monthly Profile

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Dear Central San Pedro Council leaders,

Dear Neighborhood Council Leaders:

The month of March comes with historical traditions and holidays: St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Passover, Women's History Month, Red Cross Month, National 'Something on a Stick' Day (it is a real thing), and National Nutrition Month to name a few. This year's Women's History Month celebrations are especially exciting because the Country is celebrating 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which granted women the right to vote after over seventy years of struggle. Also, from March 12-20, the U.S. Census will be sending official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. For the first time in Census history, community-based organizations (trusted partners in the community) will open Census Action Kiosks in support of the online option to complete the census questionnaire. The [data](#) portal on our website shares the locations for CAKS in each Neighborhood Council (NC). We have completed 83% of the NC Listening Tour! We shared preliminary data on your feedback and comments during the Listening Tour with the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks and River Committee of the City Council, which is chaired by Councilmember David E. Ryu, Assistant Council President Pro Tempore. The report can be accessed [here](#). We thank you for working hard to consider the suggested bylaws amendments provided by the Office of the City Clerk and our Department before the April 15 deadline. You have shared many stories about the robust and thoughtful deliberations taking place to ensure there is clarity about what an NC. Board or Committee can and cannot do in any given situation. The process is essential to encourage discussion about bad as well as good experiences you have encountered since the last amendment period that can be addressed during this period. Doing will help to ensure there is clarity on areas of ambiguity moving forward.

With great respect,

Raquel Beltran

Citywide Campaigns

Nominate your Neighborhood Council for a 2020 Innovation and Performance Award! Presented by the Los Angeles Innovation and Performance Commission, these awards recognize the outstanding achievements of City Employees, Commissioners, or Neighborhood Councils during the past year.

Learn more and apply by the March 31, 2020 deadline at:

<https://innovate.lacity.org/about/2020-innovation-performance-awards>

The Innovation and Performance Awards will be presented at an award ceremony on May 28, 2020. Invitations to attend the ceremony will be sent out after the winners are selected.

Department Administration

The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates have released their white paper for this budget cycle. Click [here](#) to read it. Mayor Garcetti will release his budget on April 20th. At that point, the City Council will hold Budget & Finance Committee meetings to review the budget and make any changes. Per the City Charter, any Neighborhood Council can weigh in on the City budget so please submit a Community Impact Statement on budget recommendations that affect your community.

NC Direct Support Operations

With the switch to the new online training portal (Cornerstone), we want to be available to assist you in all of your training needs. This month, our NEAs will be following up with you if your ethics training, funding training and/or code of conduct compliance has lapsed. If you need technical support, please reach out to your NEAs with how we can help! In addition, we are offering two live-ethics trainings one in the Valley: Monday, March 16th from 5pm – 8pm at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center and the other in the Eastside: Monday, March 23 from 6 pm – 8:30 pm at the Glassell Park Senior Citizen Center, to RSVP please contact NCsupport@lacity.org

In addition, please note that the Department is working with the City Clerk's Office to streamline the lease process. In the meantime, please take board action to approve new meeting and office locations, and connect with your NEA to assist you with next steps which may require on-site visits and/or coordinating with the Department on Disability to ensure ADA compliance with these locations. If there are any questions and/or concerns, please reach out to Seme Park, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations via email at seme.park@lacity.org

City Clerk Funding

During the past few months, especially during the Listening Tour, you have provided feedback on your various experiences with City approved vendors providing administrative support to Neighborhood Councils. We are pleased to report that discussions are underway to improve the process for placing requests for services to the vendors. Thanks for sharing your views. We are confident you will be pleased with the anticipated improvements. Please refer to the attached "Temp Staff Services" packet for a review and reminder of the temporary staffing services available for hire by your NC. The packet provides an overview of the process to secure and pay for services, a contact list of the five current City-contracted vendors (Contractors), a description of services offered, and a rate table for the various services available. Similar information will be provided very soon for new City-contracted Translation and Interpretation services vendors. Please stay tuned. Please work and communicate with your Funding Representative (Paola, Shawna, or Monica) when it comes to any contracts, agreements, or leases your NC may need to enter into. If you are not sure and have questions about whether a contract, agreement, or lease may be needed, please contact your Funding Representative.

NC Outreach and Elections

Neighborhood Council outreach leaders (outreach committee chairs, communications officers, et al.) from throughout the City are invited to learn about the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's outreach

plans and to become part of the planning process for an outreach strategy for the Neighborhood Council system.

Plans for the evening include:

1. Hearing your feedback on the Department's past outreach efforts and present the feedback we have received so far on the Department's outreach strategy, including our 2019 elections outreach;
2. Presenting our plans for creating greater Neighborhood Council awareness, then discuss the role outreach leaders like you have in this campaign;
3. Distributing key resources to outreach leaders intended to promote awareness of the Neighborhood Council system and fundamental responsibilities/roles of Neighborhood Council board members; and
4. Conducting regional breakout sessions of outreach leaders to identify two major outreach goals per region, which the Department will commit to facilitating by providing logistical support for planning and executing these goals.

We know you all are focused on your own outreach efforts and we will continue to help in that regard, now and going forward. However, we want you to know how valuable your insights are and have been in determining the future of Neighborhood Council outreach plans. This event will be a first step in that process. Going forward, we will commit to providing support to ensure that we all reach our shared goals of increasing awareness, participation, and capacity of Neighborhood Councils.

Who should attend? Neighborhood Council outreach committee chairs, communications officers, et al.

Date: Monday, March 30, 2020

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Location: City Hall East (City Controller's conference room)
200 N. Main St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Space is limited. Please RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citywide-neighborhood-council-outreach-gathering-tickets-95519055065>

Light refreshments will be provided

If you need parking, please reserve parking at this link:

<https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bpca7ue39?a=nwr&nexturl=%2Fdb%2Fbpcvdv9fe%3Fa%3Dshowpage%26pageid%3D101>

Translation is available upon request by emailing ncsupport@empowerla.org

NC Policy and Governmental Relations

We thank you for working hard to consider the suggested bylaws amendments provided by the Office of the City Clerk and our Department before the April 15 deadline. You have shared many stories about the robust and thoughtful deliberations taking place to ensure there is clarity about what a NC board or committee can and cannot do in any given situation. The process is important to encourage discussion about bad as well as good experiences you have encountered since the last amendment period that can be addressed during this period. Doing will help to ensure there is clarity on areas of ambiguity moving forward.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Emergency Management Department (EMD) are co-hosting three more meetings that will launch new Neighborhood Council “Emergency Preparedness Liaison” position. They will be held at the following locations: Wednesday, March 18th at 7 pm in the Glassell Senior Citizen Center, located at 3750 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065; Thursday, March 19th at 7 pm in the CD 9 Constituent Services Center, located at 4301 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011; Tuesday, March 24th at 7 pm in the IMAN Center, located at 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034. The EMD will provide training to Neighborhood Councils on how to promote RYLAN (Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood), and DONE will explain the duties of the Emergency Preparedness Liaison. Duties include social media outreach, events, collaborating with government agencies and other NCs, attending NC Alliance/Coalition meetings, and more. To RSVP for a meeting, please click the date when you want to attend, the hyperlink will take you to our Eventbrite page so you can register: [March 18th](#); [March 19th](#); and [March 24th](#). If you have questions, 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. Thank you for all you to keep your community safe and prepared.

"The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is offering a live, in-person Ethics and Open Government Training by the City Attorney's Office at the Glassell Park Senior Citizen Center (3750 Verdugo Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90065) on Monday, March 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm (Registration will begin at 6:00pm). The 2-hour live training will not only satisfy the State's mandate for all Neighborhood Council Board Members to complete their ethics training every two years, but is also a great opportunity to learn about specific ethics issues that may arise within the Neighborhood Council setting and to have your questions answered. There will be other ethics trainings offered in the future if you are not able to make it to this one. RSVP link is [HERE](#). Please contact Jackie Kim at jackie.kim@lacity.org or (213) 978-1551 if you have questions.

Homelessness Liaison:

The 2nd Homelessness Liaison Speaker Series meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 6:30-9:00pm (Program will begin at 7:00pm) at the Controller’s Conference Room 351 in City Hall East. Our featured speaker will be Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, who will be presenting on how to effectively use data available on City websites to address homelessness. RSVP link is [HERE](#).

Report to City Council Committee on NC Reforms:

On February 12th, we presented updates on the status of several of the NC system reforms proposals currently under consideration by the City Council to the Council's Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts and River Committee. Read the NC Reforms updates that were presented [here](#).

Now is the time for you and your NC to weigh in on these reform proposals, if you have not yet done so. Visit [Council File 18-0467](#) to see what others have said, and make sure to include that Council File number in your Community Impact Statements, so your feedback goes to the right place.

Neighborhood Commissioners Pass NC Leadership & Dispute Resolution Motions:

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recently passed motions regarding the creation of standardized trainings and policies regarding both mandatory leadership orientation for NC members and staff, and dispute resolution between NC members.

Read the draft NC Leadership motion [here](#)

Read the draft Dispute Resolution motion [here](#)

Department Office of Community Engagement/Innovation

IgniteLA:

The Department is excited to announce the third round of IgniteLA, a programming for young women that builds civic knowledge and leadership skills to bolster civic engagement. Our staff will lead six regional cohorts from April through May on Monday evenings from 5:00pm-7:30pm, with a special South LA cohort that will meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00am-12:30pm. Angelenas who complete the IgniteLA program will be able to effectively advocate for issues they care about and run for their Neighborhood Council Board and Committees in 2021. Applications are now open on www.empowerla.org/ignitela and are due by March 20th. Decision notifications will be sent on Monday, March 30th. Please encourage young women in your Neighborhood Council area to apply and email ignite@empowerla.org with any questions.

Data Literacy Program:

The 'Introduction to Data Community' workshops, offered throughout the City, are a huge success. We thank all the attendees for their engagement and passionate discussion. You can find the dates and locations of the coming workshops at tiny.cc/ocedata. The next one will be in Spanish on Thursday March 26, 2020 at CCNP (Central City Neighborhood Partners), 501 S Bixel St, Los Angeles, CA 90017. No equipment or specific skills needed for this introduction to all the tools and platforms available to explore city data (we will bring laptops)! Remember to visit our new Neighborhood Council System data webpage: empowerla.org/data

Know your Community:

As you know, one of our goals is to support your advocacy and engagement efforts by creating tools that enable NCs to make data-driven decisions on behalf of their communities. In partnership with the Mayor's Office of Budget and Innovation, the Department is developing a new tool that has the potential to provide

useful information to know your community better. The 'Know Your Community' application will provide accessibility to demographic, economic, and resilience data (as some examples) that were previously not easily available. What data is of interest to your NC? The 'Know Your Community' application will, to offer additional examples, be able to generate reports on the percentage of people living in your neighborhood that live at less than 10 minutes from a hospital or to compare easily the average credit card debt of residents of your NC with the one living in LA County or the State of California.

As we want to make sure that this application answer your needs and will benefit your neighborhood council activities, we invite you to complete the following survey before March 6th :

in english: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/0b7eac63398a414cb6a47d431efa36eb>

in spanish: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/4be661d0ba1b4ce183e25576c6525dc8> .

Don't hesitate to visit <https://www.esri.com/en-us/arcgis/products/tapestry-segmentation/zip-lookup> in order to get inspired.

Thank you for your help in designing the community-oriented application the most advanced in the nation

Resilience Meeting

The Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) are co-hosting a meeting that will launch the new application for Neighborhood Councils (NCs) that will allow the NCs to create its Resilience and Preparedness Plans. The meeting will be held at the Ronald F. Deaton Auditorium, located at 100 West 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Mayor's Office and DONE will provide a presentation and training to Neighborhood Councils on the different components of this application. To RSVP for this meeting: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resilient-los-angeles-neighborhood-councils-tickets-96587019375?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. If you have questions, 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.

City Clerk Election Administration

The Department and the Office of the City Clerk have created a NC Election Team to begin preparations for the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections. The NC Election Team meetings support the administration of a coordinated NC Election effort between our respective departments. We will be using data collected from the City Clerk's ad hoc work group with Neighborhood Councils along with Empower LA' evaluations of the outreach efforts conducted for the 2019 NC elections to inform the improvements we will be implementing in the 2021 elections. Please continue to share your thoughts and feedback.

Account Balances, Community Impact Statements, Agendas, and Grievances

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

As of 3/9/2020, you have filed 0 Community Impact Statements, and 5 agendas have been posted for your Neighborhood Council for the current month.

As of 3/9/2020, 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
James	Allen	At Large Board Member	12/13/2019	6/30/2020	8/24/2019
Khixaan	Obioma-Sakhu	At Large Board Member	7/9/2021	4/30/2021	7/12/2021
Frank	Anderson	At Large Board Member	7/6/2018	9/19/2021	6/30/2019
Carrie	Scoville	At Large Board Member	6/11/2021	9/10/2021	9/10/2021
Matthew	Quiocho	At Large Board Member	2/24/2022	2/24/2022	2/19/2022
Matthew	Garland	At Large Board Member	3/4/2020	9/19/2021	1/9/2020
Claricza	Ortiz	At Large Board Member	11/6/2021	1/8/2021	11/6/2021
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	At Large Board Member			
Maria	Couch	At Large Board Member	8/6/2021	9/19/2021	8/6/2021
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	At Large Board Member			
Patricia	Carroll	At Large Board Member	8/6/2021	8/8/2021	8/8/2021
Louis	Caravella	At Large Board Member	2/24/2022	2/24/2022	2/19/2022
Jeffrey	McBurney	At Large Board Member	7/5/2020	1/8/2021	7/18/2020
Linda	Nutile	At Large Board Member	11/4/2020	9/19/2021	11/4/2020
Tamra	King	At Large Board Member	1/13/2022	6/2/2021	6/2/2021
Linda	Alexander	At Large Board Member	10/2/2021	7/16/2021	10/6/2021
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
James	Allen	At Large Board Member
Frank	Anderson	At Large Board Member
Matthew	Garland	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.

Please continue to next page to see your Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Your cases for this month are:

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](#)

Monday, March 2

7:00pm

[Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Meeting](#)

Tuesday, March 3

6:00pm

[Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 4

6:30pm

[Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Council Meeting](#)

Saturday, March 7

8:45am

[Neighborhood Council-LADWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Alliance Meeting](#)

10:00am

[Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 12

6:30pm

[Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting](#)

Saturday, March 14

10:00am

[PlanCheckNC Meeting](#)

Monday, March 16

1:00pm

[Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Regular Meeting](#)

5:00pm

[Live Ethics Training](#)

7:00pm

[Alliance of River Communities \(ARC\)](#)

Wednesday, March 18

8:30am

[Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Monthly Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 19

6:30pm

[South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting](#)

Saturday, March 21

10:00am

[Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 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.

Translation (Written) Services:

Barbier International, Inc.

Contact: Daniel Sain, US Sales and Communications Director
(844) 824-0477, ext. 1106
translations@barbierintl.com or sales@barbierintl.com

Interpreters Unlimited, Inc.

Contact: Shamus Sayed, Chief Operating Officer
(800) 726-9891
info@interpreters.com

Key Translations International

Contact: Marlene Gomez, Owner
(714) 752-6761
mgomez@ktitranslations.com

Interpretation (Verbal) Services

Barbier International, Inc.

Contact: Daniel Sain, US Sales and Communications Director
(844) 824-0477, ext. 1106
translations@barbierintl.com or sales@barbierintl.com

Interpreters Unlimited, Inc.

Contact: Shamus Sayed, Chief Operating Officer
(800) 726-9891
info@interpreters.com

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

Bridgegap 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

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!