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Newsletter of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Spring 2016



Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Election 2016

You can vote on either of two dates:

Tuesday, June 7, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at these national primary polling places:

- **Cabrillo Elementary School, 732 South Cabrillo Avenue, San Pedro**
- **Rancho San Pedro, 275 West First Street, San Pedro**
- **Anderson Park, 828 South Mesa Street, San Pedro**

Tuesday, June 14, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at:

- **POLA High School, 250 Fifth Street, San Pedro**



Bring evidence of your Stakeholder status to the polling place. Examples of acceptable evidence include:

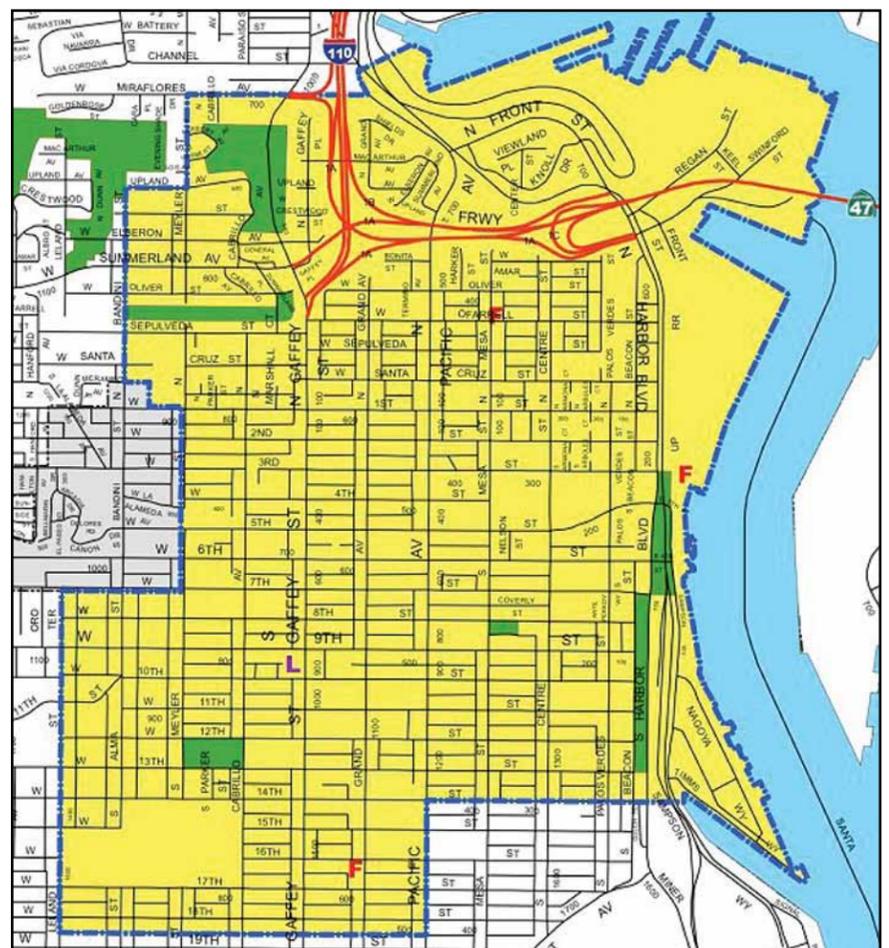
1. CA Driver's license or other photo-identification card showing residence within the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council district (the District).
2. Photo-identification issued by your employer within the District.
3. Photo-identification with residence out-of-district, supplemented by:
 - a. Mailing from the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk showing that your official polling place is within the District.
 - b. Property tax bill showing ownership of property in the District.
 - c. Letter from an organization within the District (such as a church or nonprofit) stating that you are a member.
 - d. Miscellaneous evidence (other than a photo ID) that shows you own a business within the District, are employed within the District, or have some other significant interest in the District.

PLEASE, if you feel you are a Stakeholder in our District, bring whatever evidence of stakeholder status you have and come vote!

Evidence is reviewed by our poll workers; however, voters arriving without sufficient evidence will be allowed to cast provisional ballots. Provisional ballots will be held for three days (72 hours) awaiting evidence of stakeholder status, to be provided to Independent Election Administrator (IDE) Kristina

Smith at kristina@empowerla.org, 1840 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. Ballots accepted with "miscellaneous evidence" (item 3d) will be reviewed and approved by an official Voter Validation Committee for sufficiency, and the decision of that committee is appealable to the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Note that ballots are numbered and must be signed.



Area of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Candidate Statements

Candidate statements appear in the order in which they will be listed on the ballot. Statements are as submitted by the candidates and do not reflect the opinion of the CSPNC.

Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu

I have served on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council since 2014, and am currently serving as Secretary. It has been an honor doing so; therefore, I am running for re-election to continue my efforts to strengthen every facet of the San Pedro community.

My professional and personal experience as a Negotiator and Contract Administrator allows me to build camaraderie amongst diverse entities to bring about a productive and positive momentum to further the objectives and priorities of an organization. There is still work to be done despite all that has been accomplished thus far in San Pedro and I would like to be an active participant in the changing of our community.

I am asking for your support and vote so that I may continue to make San Pedro the place to be for residents, business owners and visitors alike.



Joe Lazo

I remember coming to Ports O'Call as a child and seeing the loads of fish coming off the boats. It was bustling with people enjoying the fresh catch of the day, live music, and the warm sunny day. It was at that moment I realized that I could one day call this place home. Our city has such high potential for becoming a destination for many people to enjoy. With all our natural beauty and wonderful character of a small town in a big city, San Pedro is still in need of revitalization. Diversity of people, food and entertainment are in dire need as we find ourselves driving to other parts of LA to grab a simple bite to eat. The safety of our neighborhoods is also a priority to keep the youth on a path to success and higher education. I've found myself and many others having a hard time driving at night, we need more street lights both on our neighborhood streets and within our alleys. Most importantly, it is up to the community to voice their concerns so that we can make San Pedro a place people love to remember. I want to be the change we want to see, the progress, the future!



Army Linderborg

I'm a new homeowner in San Pedro, and want to make sure the neighborhood grows and improves without sacrificing what makes it great to begin with. As part of the neighborhood council, I'll work to connect our diverse community by sharing the wonderful resources we have at hand. I plan to start by setting up a fruit exchange for residents who don't want the food growing on their residential trees to go to waste.



Valerie Urrea

My name is Valerie Urrea, I am 26 years old and have been a resident of San Pedro for 17 years.

I attended Cabrillo Avenue, Dana Middle School, San Pedro High School and graduated from Harbor Occupational Centers Independent Study Program. This city is my heart and home. I want to contribute to my hometown in any way, shape or form, thus I have put myself in the running for a chair in my Neighborhood Council. I want the voice of the millennials to be heard, times are changing and so do we!



James Dimon

I have 3 years experience with neighborhood councils.



Donald Galaz

Those of you who know me know my dedication to our community. I don't have any special college background or work for any companies related to politicians nor do I wish too. I'm a causal longshoreman and restore classic cars/hot rods and an open door policy in which I have a handful of youth who help out in a zero tolerance alcohol and drug free zone. My main concern is quality of life not only in San Pedro but the entire surrounding areas including Wilmington and Harbor City. One thing you can depend on from me is community commitment.



Jose Guerrero

I am a 43 year resident of San Pedro and I have a passion for this area because I have grown up here and am also raising my children here. I also work in the central area and deal with a lot of the community in the central area. I not only want to see a difference but I want to make a difference.



Central San Pedro Supports Community Projects

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council can help support local projects which serve a public purpose. We awarded grants to the following community programs in the past fiscal year: San Pedro International Film Festival, San Pedro Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade, Grand Vision Foundation's Meet the Music, POLA High School Green Fair and uniforms for their Girls' JV basketball team, San Pedro Art Association's Student Art Competition, Cabrillo Beach Boosters Fourth of July Celebration, Rainbow Services, Music by the Sea, Women in Transition, and Harbor Booster's Young Women's Violence Prevention Convention.

Christian Guzman

I am relatively young, under 30 years of age, and will bring a unique perspective and useful abilities to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. I earned a degree in physics; my education has fostered analytical and critical thinking, and given me valuable scientific knowledge and wisdom. I have also developed strong communication skills at my place of employment.

I have become increasingly familiar with Central San Pedro during the last two years. I was an intern at Congresswoman Janice Hahn's district office in 2014. I currently work at the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. During the past year, I have had the pleasure of meeting and serving many business owners and their employees.

I want to do more for you and help make Central San Pedro a better place to live and work. I am particularly interested in land use and public works projects and public works projects and issues. The Port of Los Angeles is the largest source of pollution in our area, and I think efforts to make the Port more environmentally friendly need to be increased.

Additional issues of great importance to me are the development of transportation infrastructure (including bicycle paths and lanes) and the protection of civil rights and liberties.

Please vote for me and the Central San Pedro United Slate of Candidates on June 7th or 14th.



Joanne Rallo

My name is Joanne Rallo and I was born and raised in San Pedro. Over the past year, I have become deeply involved and contributed to the improvement of community relations throughout San Pedro. As the Co-Founder of 'Saving San Pedro', I have an abundance of passion for this community and want to see it improve and thrive.

I believe my experience and knowledge with Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, over the course of the last year and the positive relationships that I have overall in this community, is an asset to this board. I believe in having a transparent board, as it is first and foremost, a board's responsibility to represent its stakeholders and to listen to their concerns and suggestions. As the saying goes, "it takes a village". It takes teamwork and I am a firm believer in that. As an "average Joe", I believe in representing the people, because without them, there is no community.

I strive to improve the quality of how things are handled among the Central board. I would like to create connections within the community and not to strain them as I feel some of the current council members have been doing. My focus is to open communication within the community and bring forth awareness of important issues to restore hope that real, positive change can happen when the right people are on board to advance the community.

I look forward to making a difference in Central San Pedro and appreciate your support!



Lashanda Roberts

Hello!

My name is Lashanda Roberts. I am running for Neighborhood Council of Central San Pedro. I am a Veteran who served in the United States Air Force. I'm also a business owner of Roz Roberts Enterprise who specialize in self-development from a wellness perspective. I have a BA degree in Public Administration. Serving the government in all branches has been my works. I am a resident of Central San Pedro that is passionate about improving and helping the community.



Aaron Ross

I live in a working class and less affluent area of San Pedro. Every morning and afternoon, driving in and out of this relatively small ocean side community I am reminded of the successes and shortcomings of our community.

I look towards a community that reflects and benefits all of our residents; the young, the old, rich, poor, healthy, sick and indigent, with such things as social programs, that are started by this community; an outreach of help to those in need; beyond the bare minimum. As they say; a rising tide raises all votes. If we start at the bottom, with our most vulnerable residents we can improve the community as a whole. I would like to promote greater community outreach. I want the city to attract more visitors. I'm looking to revitalize along Pacific Avenue, and make it more attractive to businesses as a place to locate those businesses; filling empty buildings, and attracting more tourists and San Pedro residents to shop locally. I want to help ensure a vibrant, thriving inviting community that we are proud to raise our families in.



Debbie Rouser

I have been a resident of San Pedro for two decades and can't imagine living anywhere else! I have been working with many public officials on quality of life issues for San Pedrans to help make our town the best it can be. I am so excited for San Pedro right now, we have so many wonderful things right on the cusp of reality. Things that have been on the back burner or in the works for years and even decades. I am an advocate for all open space, parks included. I do believe that with the enormous pressure to build more living space we need to preserve and take care of our open space for the generations to come.



Michael Koth

I am currently owner/partner of Off The Vine, a fine wine shoppe and lounge in Downtown San Pedro. We have been in business since November of 2007. I also lived in San Pedro from 1999 to 2015 and just recently moved to Lomita for financial reasons.

Since opening Off The Vine I have been very active in the community supporting numerous charities such as Toberman, Harbor Interfaith, Rainbow Services, YMCA, Concerts by the Sea, ROMP Rescue and numerous others. I have always been a firm believer that my success is my neighbors success and on down the line. Unless we all work together to make San Pedro great again our situation will not change. I look forward to working on the Business committee so we can use our experience help future businesses overcome the hurdles they may encounter starting up and to also bring together the current businesses to create a more harmonious Downtown area.

I appreciate your support. Thank you.



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Allyson Vought

Having previously served as Central's Outreach Chair and being an active member of most of the standing committees that dealt in the day to day business of the Council, I know that I am well qualified in serving our community with effective results. It is imperative that we change the current Board and eliminate its members who have lost touch with the community that they were entrusted to serve. It is time to take back our Council and eliminate the issues that have been festering for almost 2 years. I feel that it is time to come back and serve our stakeholders and be responsive to their needs. We need a new Board that cares about our community and its Stakeholders and as before, I will work hard to make the difference in serving my fellow San Pedro Stakeholders.



Alexander Hall

I would like the opportunity to continue serving with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. During my time on the council, I have been very responsive in attempting to answer stakeholder questions and resolving community issues. Additionally, I have chaired the Rec & Park Ad Hoc committee and I'm the council's representative to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. With your help, I will continue to serve this community.



I served as the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Deployment Site Coordinator for both 2015 and 2016. Prior to that, I volunteered over 3,400 hours in two years of AmeriCorps. Additionally, during my time with Mayor Garcetti's Office of Veteran Affairs, I aided with the development and launch of 10,000 Strong, a veterans hiring initiative to find employment for 10,000 veterans by 2017. Lastly, I oversaw student volunteers in 60+ cities for the Youth Decoy Program, which is a statewide anti-tobacco program. In my current position as a Community Organizer, I empower stakeholders in 6 different council districts.

The upcoming years present significant challenges for our community. An even stronger, cohesive council is most critical in this current climate to act on the needs of our neighborhood. I believe that clear communication between board members and stakeholders is essential to ensure that we are fairly represented within the City of Los Angeles. With my dedication to public service, I bring both experience and enthusiasm to the board. I hope to lend my skills to empower communities through the Neighborhood Council.

Debra Hunter

My name is Debra A. Hunter. I live and work in the Central San Pedro District. I am interested in being on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council because I believe the best way to see change in our community is to participate in local government. I am an active volunteer in school, church and other civic organizations. I believe my enthusiasm and professional experience in policy and planning will make me an asset to my neighbors and San Pedro. I am interested in improving the quality of life for the residents of San Pedro. I am completing my first term as a CSPNC board member and remain committed to working to improve our transportation, infrastructure and economic opportunities for the residents of CD 15. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve our community as a CSPNC Board member.



Jane Castillo

Jane Castillo is a homeowner and has lived in San Pedro for the last 5 years. She is an award winning artist, author, and art educator. She has taught at every level, elementary school – college. She earned her B.A. at Cal State Fullerton in Art Education and an MFA in Sculpture from Claremont Graduate University. Jane's artwork has been on exhibit throughout the country and abroad in museums and galleries.



Castillo currently serves the community along with her husband in the role of Neighborhood Watch Block Captain. Working closely and cooperatively with the Police Department, the neighborhood has successfully come together to improve safety and the quality of life. She has also completed C.E.R.T. training.

Castillo seeks to participate in the best interest of all stakeholders. She brings a positive, collaborative, team player spirit to the table. Contributing to the advancement of San Pedro reaching its full potential is worth rolling up her sleeves over. She would be honored to represent her constituents and proud to serve them in an empowering way.

Kenneth Collins

Recently retired from classroom teaching, I plan to use my military, political, and educational background to build coalitions in support of both preservation and favorable changes for our community.

Issues such as the homeless, our Port, and commercial development have no simple solutions. Throughout my life, I have brought people together to develop and execute effective solutions.

I love our great city and with your support will work tirelessly on your behalf.



Michael Collins

I have lived and worked in San Pedro for the last 20 years. I want to help my community to continue to grow and prosper. I feel like I can do this better by serving on the Neighborhood Council.



Danielle Sandoval-Padilla

I am a resident, property and business owner in Central San Pedro. I currently serve as Treasurer and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Business for CeSPNC. I am also the elected Los Angeles Budget Advocate for Region 12, newly appointed Council 4 Council representative for Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and graduated from the inaugural Civic University, a partnership between the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State L.A. and the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.



During my time serving our community, I have proven to be a valuable asset, and my work is not done. It is important that we close the gap between Neighborhood Councils and City Hall, if we truly want to make a difference in our community. We have to come together as one and effectively influence our government. My focus is on economic development, quality of life, and a sustainable city. Thanks to thousands of stakeholders that have come together over social media, they have inspired me to work even harder and to know that the time away from my family serving our community is not time wasted and our voices are being heard loud and clear.

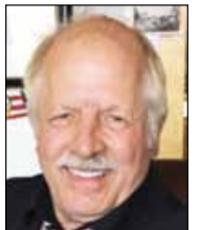
Carrie Scoville

I have great hope for this Council and want Central San Pedro to be healthy, safe, clean and accessible for everyone. I am interested in the welfare of the people in our community and would like to make a contribution to improve services for the neighborhood. Thank you for this opportunity.



Dave Spitzer

Greetings, I have been in business for over ten years, 6 of which years to present time is in San Pedro. This business is receiving referrals from the local criminal courts, probation, parole, and Department of Family Services. Also there are those too who would seek help on a self-help basis by word of mouth. These designated referrals are specifically targeted educational programs I supervise that are mandated by criminal or family law. This unique business allows my bilingual staff and myself to assist many walks of life and incomes whom are first time offenders needing group or one on one focused counseling refinements to better themselves. Hence by individual taught studies and coaching to overcome their character flaws, would produce a elevated community quality of people whom live, work, and play in San Pedro. For obvious reasons, I believe that my experience in what I do is very much a significant integrated core value as is joined by most businesses and others towards improving lives effecting the San Pedro community at large.



I encourage those interested in the services available, to please log onto this website: downtownpedro.com

Thank you.

John Stammreich

John's goal in running for the Central San Pedro NC is to provide representation and leadership by one who has worked side-by-side with local stakeholders throughout the San Pedro community, regardless of positions, and will keep this council focused on the biggest challenges facing the San Pedro community. This council needs members who get involved when the community needs problems solved; not just committee discussions and position letters. It needs members who know to listen to their constituents and prioritize the community's issues rather than their own personal agendas.

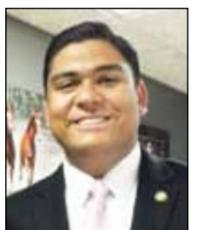


John Stammreich has been very active in the San Pedro community, both with the Angels Gate Council Knights of Columbus and the San Pedro Elks Lodge. John was elected to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council for three consecutive two-year terms (2006-2012), where he served as Communications and Outreach Chairman and also chaired the original Safety and Security committee. He was one of the original organizers of the Congress of Neighborhood Councils, and represented San Pedro on the DWP Oversight Committee during all three terms. He currently represents the Harbor Area on the Zoning Advisory Committee for the City of Los Angeles, and is an Advisory Board Member for the Education Department at Antioch University Los Angeles.

John is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and currently serves as the Los Angeles Area Coordinator for the Naval Academy Information Program, supervising 30 Blue and Gold Officers in coordinating outreach strategy and candidate preparation throughout most of... (continue reading at centralsanpedro.org)

Ivan Sulic

As a life long resident of San Pedro I am aware of the culture and issues that affect our community. I am currently a Field Deputy for US Congresswoman Janice Hahn and I worked for over five years to make San Pedro a better place.



The Council Co-sponsors Events

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council co-sponsored these free community events: Leland Park's Spring Fling, Sharefest, the biennial Homeless Count, Harbor Interfaith's Holiday Food and Toy Drive, Rancho San Pedro Movie Night, Harbor Interfaith's fundraiser Movie Night at Warner Grand, Harbor Occupational Center's Career Day Fair.

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Mona Sutton

I'm Mona Sutton, and I'm a stakeholder in central San Pedro. I'm co-owner of the Omelette and Waffle Shop, and a property owner in the central district.

In my 25 year tenure as a resident here trying to carve out a life, and a business, I've always wanted this little sea side town to be a cleaner, safer, place to work and live. I've never accepted on any of the business corridors, port's of call village, or in any neighborhood, the lack of pride of ownership, lack of investment, mottled with graffiti, trash or crime. I resent the reality that our town whether real or perceived is where the ghetto meets the sea.

I've worked tirelessly creating relationships with other stakeholders, sat on enough committees and boards, to make anyone's head spin. worked as a community partner with an elite group of LAPD officers, chief's, commanders, city councilmen, collaborated with every elected official in sight. I have put so much energy into pushing to create a climate of cooperation and collaboration among folks that most often don't like one another, to come together and work hard for the greater good, and common sense change. I want stronger forward motion to an end goal of San Pedro becoming a shining example of a first class destination. I've decided to run for the neighborhood council because I'd like to lend my strength and dignity as an example to further unite all San Pedrans for a call to action to take responsibility for making our village an amazing place to live.



Leslie Jones

I'm native to San Pedro and have owned a business her for over 20 years . I'm currently the co- chair of the Community police advisory board ,for LAPD Harbor Division for the last 10 years . I have also worked with San Pedro high school and Dana junior high on their safety collaborative .I have had the opportunity to serve on the central San Pedro neighborhood council ,two years ago. I feel there is a great need for my knowledge and my desire to serve our Community.



I was on the outreach Committee and also participated with the land-use committee.

I believe as a former council member I have the knowledge to make a difference in the safety of our community and listen to all stakeholders equally and fairly. I will not be dead weight on the council board. I will follow through, and be committed to work hard on all the issues.

I want only the best for a cleaner, safer, town for us to live and thrive in.

Veronica Njodinizeh

I Stand.

Mother. Mentor. Health Advocate. Consultant. Survivor.

I have been a local San Pedro resident for the past year and offer a fresh perspective and new voice to the diverse community represented on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. I have been a Southern California native for over a decade, after completing my Masters in Health Administration, at the University of Southern California. I currently serve K-12 and College School Districts in the SoCal Market as a Health Benefits Advisor and Patient Advocate to school employees and teachers. Additionally, I have over ten years of project management and consulting experience, serving global and national companies working at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.



I have been blessed to call San Pedro my home in the last year and would like the opportunity to give back to it by service on the Neighborhood Council. A sister to a brother imprisoned at the age of 15, I am very concerned about the adolescent/youth-related crimes happening in my community. Additionally, I take to heart the increasing population of homeless individuals with mental issues in my neighborhood.

More than anything I would like the opportunity to serve my community in San Pedro with the skills and talents it needs to continue to thrive and grow as a community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terry Bonich

My name is Terry Bonich I am a lifelong resident of San Pedro, born and raised and very proud of that. After graduating from San Pedro High School in 1974, I choose to serve my country for 6 years in the United States Marine Corps. During which I served as a Radio Operator, Air-Naval and Artillery Gunfire Observer, Reconnaissance Scout/Sniper, and on the drill field as a Senior Drill Instructor. I left the service with the rank of Sergeant, under honorable conditions. At present, I am employed by McNerney's Mortuary where I have been employed for 9 years as a Funeral Directors Assistant.



We have a large crime problem here in Central that I believe can be solved by not only my input, but this community by urging our residents to come together and work with our Police Department. We need solid participation from our stakeholders. This problem will not be solved overnight, nor should we sit on our hands and wait for something to happen for it to go away. As a community we need to be actively working and seeking strategies to work with our Senior Lead Officers that are effective to stop and or slow down our high crime rate.

Rachel Bruhnke

I have been involved in community organizing and advocacy at the local level for over 30 years. I have lived and traveled extensively, so have a broad perspective on how communities run, and many ideas of "best practices" through my experience. I work with young people to promote economic, social and environmental sustainability, and am inspired by their ideas and noble hearts. I would love the chance to be on the board in downtown San Pedro and help our town promote innovative ideas to address our common problems.



James Allen

Current President, Business owner, journalist and resident

During times of crisis and conflict strong and knowledgeable leadership is what's called for, not weak nor uncompassionate decision making from neighborhood councils. For the last two years I have provided that leadership and given all who come before our board a fair hearing of their issues and have address many of your concerns that affect the quality of life in our neighborhoods. What I have also provided is a voice for many of you who do not have the time to come to meetings and to speak out on the most crucial concerns of this community to those in city government who are often less connected. We have made some significant strides and gotten the city and county governments to address problems with our local parks, taking steps to open our Harbor division Jail, move forward on funding a solutions to the homeless crisis and gotten transparency on air pollution reporting from the Port of Los Angeles.

All of this and more was done with the volunteer efforts of just 17 committed citizens of San Pedro that are willing to come together to solve problems, work together to find solutions and who are dedicated to making our meetings matter.

I ask for your vote in the coming election so that I can continue to solve your neighborhood problems and represent all who seek solutions.



Lucia Alonso

Community betterment is my second nature. As a member of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, I would be granted the opportunity to continue doing what I wholeheartedly enjoy: contribute to creating safe communities in which families can thrive, from little babies to wise men and women whom have so much to teach and give to us younger generation.

I am a McNair Scholar, Psychology Major and Political Science Minor at California State University Dominguez Hills. As a McNair Scholar, I am working in my bachelor's junior year on my Ph.D. in Social Work. The more than 1,000 hours of community volunteering and academic excellence granted me the prestigious Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society State Scholarship. My high ethical and moral values combined with high academic standards make me a valuable candidate for the council position.

At the present, I am working in cleaning up our community streets from mentally ill people that are a danger to others, sexual predators, and teaming up with the LA Harbor police department at removing drug dealers from our neighborhood. It will be my great joy becoming a trustworthy representative of the Central San Pedro area.

Thank you



Frank Anderson

I hope to continue serving Central's stakeholders as a board member. Critical issues such as homelessness, land use, Ports O'Call redevelopment and Port growth and mitigation issues need to be discussed and solutions proposed. Our Board has made progress, but there remains much to do, including tightening up meeting agendas, building a stronger committee structure, and increasing member participation on our Committees.



Tunette Powell

I am new to San Pedro. My husband and I moved to the area at the beginning of 2016 with our three boys - ages 6, 4, and 1. We live in San Pedro and my kids go to school in San Pedro. When I think about this role and this candidacy, I think about the people.

The people make the community, the neighborhood and the Council. So here I am, hoping to inspire a community, a child. My husband is an Air Force veteran and very passionate about city planning. I have spent the latter part of my career in education and the nonprofit sector. I am a published author of two books, an award-winning motivational speaker and a soon to be PhD student at UCLA. I will be pursuing a doctorate in urban education in the fall.

I am originally from San Antonio, Texas where I overcame humble beginnings. My father was addicted to drugs most of my life. My mother struggled as a single parent, but in 2012, I became the first woman in my family to earn a college degree.

I think it's important for our Council to illustrate all walks of life in San Pedro. I believe it will help us and guide as we make decisions. This is not a competition; it is a service. And I want to serve you!

The most important things to me are: transparency and being a true voice for the community; education and youth opportunities; and building relationships... (continue reading at centralsanpedro.org)



Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Meeting Notice

Central San Pedro board and stakeholder meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at POLA High School, 250 West Fifth Street, San Pedro, 90731. The agenda is posted on the website (www.centralsanpedro.org) prior to the meeting so you can see what topics are being discussed.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.

Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services please make your request at least three business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 485-4608.

Por favor vengan a nuestras juntas y déjenos saber si podemos ayudarles con problemas que tengan con el gobierno de la ciudad. Estos asuntos pueden ser de nuestras calles, banquetas o conductas criminales también. Nuestras juntas son cada segundo martes del mes a las 6:30 pm, en el Port of Los Angeles High School, 510 West Fifth Street, San Pedro, Ca. Refrescos para todos serán disponibles a las 6:00 pm.

Servicios de traducción son disponibles, por favor contacten City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Empowerment (213) 485-4608 por lo menos tres días (72 horas) antes de la junta.

