



### WHAT ARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS?

LA's 99 Neighborhood Councils together form the grassroots level of the Los Angeles City government. The system was created to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall, and was established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. While Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

Neighborhood Councils advocate on issues like homelessness, housing, land use, emergency preparedness, public safety, parks, transportation, and sustainability. They also provide local expertise and a local voice on the delivery of City services to their communities.

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### FIND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Visit [neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org](http://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org)



Enter your address to determine your Neighborhood Council.

Learn more about the Neighborhood Councils and meetings by visiting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment website at [empowerla.org/about-neighborhood-councils](http://empowerla.org/about-neighborhood-councils)

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS visit [EmpowerLA.org](http://EmpowerLA.org)



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# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CANDIDATE INFORMATION GUIDE 2021





## WHO CAN RUN TO REPRESENT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD?

An individual who lives, works, rents or owns property, attends school, worships, volunteers, or participates in a non-profit organization within a neighborhood may run for a seat within that Neighborhood Council.

Each neighborhood has unique board seats designed to represent its diversity. During a Neighborhood Council election year, visit [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections) to view a list of available board seats up for election.

## HOW TO BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Visit the Office of the City Clerk, Election Division website at [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections) to:

- Find instructions to become a candidate
- View specific requirements for the different board seats, and
- Determine when the next candidate filing period for a specific Neighborhood Council begins.

Neighborhood Council elections occur in odd numbered years.

**Subscribe to receive Neighborhood Council related updates at:**  
[lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/election-documents](http://lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/election-documents)

**FOR 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING AND ELECTION DATES, visit [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections)**

# REPRESENT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



## PARTICIPATE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL!

- **Be a community advocate.**
- **Work with other community members to make a difference.**
- **Give a voice to neighborhood concerns.**
- **Connect to City Hall.**
- **Have a say in City budgets and decisions about your neighborhood.**



# BE A VOICE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



## WHO VOTES IN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS?

All stakeholders (or members of the community) can vote in Neighborhood Council Elections. Stakeholders may include people who live, work, own property, or have an interest in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Councils have unique board seats such as youth, seniors, nonprofits, business owners, etc., on which to vote.

Due to public health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections will be conducted entirely by mail. In an all Vote-By-Mail election, a voter submits an application to establish their eligibility to receive a ballot. Once the application is approved, a ballot is mailed to the voter. Voted ballots can be returned by mail using the postage-paid envelope provided or dropped in a ballot drop box by Election Day.

To find out when voting is taking place in your Neighborhood Council, visit our website at [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections).