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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council VOTING INFORMATION

Due to COVID-19, Neighborhood Council elections are entirely vote-by-mail this year. Voting will be by mail-in ballot or drop-off only (no in-person voting). Ballots are available only by request and will be sent to voters beginning on May 17. Postage-paid return envelopes will be included with the mailed ballot. Eligible stakeholders have three options for requesting a ballot:

1. Request a ballot online. Go to <https://clerk.lacity.org/elections/neighborhood-council-elections/vote-by-mail-application> to begin the process. (It is recommended that you watch the video which will explain the steps required to successfully submit a ballot application.)
2. Download and print a ballot application which must be completed and mailed to the city clerk to receive a ballot. Application may be downloaded at empowerla.org/elections/ (Scroll down and click on **REQUEST YOUR BALLOT**.)
3. Pick up a ballot application at any of these locations:
 - Peck Park Community Center, 560 South Western Avenue
 - The Assistance League, 1441 West Eighth Street
 - The Mailroom, 1840 South Gaffey Street

Fill out the form and mail it to the city clerk.

Those sending paper applications should remember to also request a “community interest” candidate ballot.

NOTE: All ballot applications must be received by the city no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 8.

Email any election questions to board@nwsanpedro.org or call (310) 918-8650.

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to vote in the NWSPNC election if you are at least 16 years of age on June 15, 2021 and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Live, work, or own property or a business in Northwest San Pedro.
- Attend or have a child who attends a school in Northwest San Pedro.
- Belong to a church, synagogue, or community organization that has maintained an address in Northwest San Pedro for at least a year and is actively providing services.

NOTE: Stakeholders who are eligible to vote under items 2 or 3 are only eligible to vote for member at large seats.

Clearwater Project Ready to Go

On April 15, the Sanitation Districts hosted a virtual event to introduce Rachel, the Clearwater tunnel boring machine (TBM), to the public and recognize the student winners of the TBM naming and art contests (see photo). More photos of the event can be found at <https://clearwater.lacsd.org/launchEventGallery.asp>.

The Sanitation Districts continue preparations for tunneling at the shaft site. At the bottom of the shaft, short starter and tail tunnels (see photo) are being constructed to provide space for the TBM to be assembled.

The TBM will be lowered to the starting depth and tunneling is expected to start this summer. Tunneling from Carson to Royal Palms Beach will take about three-and-a-half years.



The underground concrete block on Gaffey Street is nearly complete. This block will provide a safe, dry environment to perform maintenance



on the front of the TBM when it arrives at that location. The final work is to repave the section of street impacted by construction. The Sanitation Districts are working with the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works on how to restore the street in a reliable way while minimize traffic impacts related to this work.

VIRTUAL

Candidate Forum

Tuesday May 11th at 6:30 pm

Go to zoom.com and enter webinar ID 811 3484 5233

Sign Up Now for COVID Shot

According to Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, the city has administered more than 100,000 doses of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines across its permanent and mobile sites. Angelenos 16 years of age and older are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Anyone who meets eligibility requirements and lives in the City of Los Angeles can schedule a first dose appointment at carbonhealth.com/covid-19-vaccines/los-angeles.

Los Angeles County residents with disabilities or without computer access can call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. seven days a week for assistance with appointments or call your doctor or healthcare provider.

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(310) 918-8650
board@nwsanpedro.org

The NWSPNC Governing Board and stakeholder meeting is on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. During the pandemic, meetings are held virtually.

NWSPNC BOARD MEMBERS

RAY REGALADO, *President*
LAURIE A. JACOBS, *Vice President*
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ROCK ASHFIELD
ARMANDO BALDERRAMA
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JOHN DiMEGLIO
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JAN KAIN
KELLY MILLER
ALEKSANDER NORMAN
CHRIS VALLE
ADRIANITA REYES CRUZ, *Youth Representative*

NWSPNC Committees

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Recommends budget, reviews funding requests

BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS

Elections and bylaws matters

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees

PLANNING AND LAND USE

Planning and land use issues

PUBLIC SAFETY

Community safety, emergency preparedness, and evacuation planning

SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental issues

YOUTH AND OUTREACH

Youth, education, and community engagement

If you are interested in being a member of any of these committees, please e-mail your contact information to board@nwsanpedro.org.

Receive up-to-date information in Northwest San Pedro through our weekly Email blasts. Sign up at nwsanpedro.org. And let us know what issues are of interest to you by emailing Board@nwsanpedro.org.

Who's Running: Candidate Statements

At-large Representative

three seats / four-year term

GWENDOLYN HENRY

I have had the tremendous privilege of serving you as Board Member and as Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee for the past 5 years. We live in an extraordinary coastal community with a rich and storied history, that also struggles with environmental and economic injustice issues. I hope to continue to be the board member who listens to your environmental concerns and is not afraid to ask tough questions. My goal is to continue building communication with industries in & surrounding Northwest San Pedro, the Port, and speak to government legislation that potentially impacts the health & quality of life of our community – with the aim of shaping a greener, healthier, prosperous future for everyone in San Pedro. During my tenure, we developed a partnership with Friendship Park & Natural Area to co-host the annual Earth Day WILD-FEST & fall ECOFEST celebrations. I aim to continue supporting our local environmental groups & businesses that help to make the day special!



LAURIE A. JACOBS

Laurie is seeking your vote to be re-elected to our Neighborhood Council. It has been a privilege to serve my community on this Neighborhood Council for the past 9 years. My almost 100% attendance record at board and committee meetings is a testament to the dedication I place on upholding the oath of office as an ethical, accountable, transparent, and inclusive board member. It is vital that our community be represented and heard fairly and equitably. I have a deep and abiding interest in mentoring youth to be more civically engaged in community, advocating for our un-housed neighbors and affordable housing, and creating a safe environment to improve the quality of life for our stakeholders. I would be honored for the opportunity to continue to represent the stakeholders in our community.



CYNTHIA GONYEA

I am a current board member. I will continue to keep you informed about port and public safety issues, and plans that the city of Los Angeles has for San Pedro. Your quality of life is important to me.



RACHEL WATERS

No statement submitted as of press time.



ANGELA SUMNER

I am proud to be raising my children in San Pedro and want to take that pride to the next level by representing the stakeholders of Northwest San Pedro on our Neighborhood Council. I am passionate about the voices of the people being heard by their elected officials, and have spent countless hours on bipartisan get-out-the-vote efforts. I have served as a volunteer in San Pedro Girl Scouts, as an Art to Grow On docent, in local youth dance and theater programs, in multiple San Pedro schools, and have participated in local clean up events. I would love the opportunity to focus my efforts on the issues that affect our community, and encourage the diverse views and experiences of our stakeholders to be represented by our Neighborhood Council.



Business Representative

two seats / four-year term

JOHN DiMEGLIO

Hi, I'm John DiMeglio. I'm 58 years old and have owned, managed, and operated my own business in San Pedro for 34 years starting at the age of 24, building it from the ground up. Being born and raised in San Pedro I am a 3rd generation San Pedran starting in 1917. I am not running for this board to profit but to protect our community from those that do not have the best interest in San Pedro at heart. I support the community 100%. God bless San Pedro. Thank you San Pedro. Please remember to read all statements carefully.



MAYA DENOLA

Dear Neighbors, My Name is Maya DeNola, I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, therapist business and homeowner in the Vista Del Oro neighborhood. I decided to run for the seat on the council because I love this town. I am United States citizen who was born abroad and have lived half my life traveling the world. I have a unique lens and value diversity and inclusion based on my experiences in many different cultures. I choose this town as my home, buying a condo here, 2 years ago. I am especially interested in ensuring community input in the revitalization and development of this beautiful and historic town. My focus is on environmentally sound, economically equitable change. Change that includes all the people of San Pedro. I am a lifelong advocate and have worked with many different governmental agencies, social support organizations and individuals across the country. I am confident I will make a valuable advocate for the interests of all San Pedro's diverse people.



ROCK ASHFIELD

Hi, I'm Rock Ashfield, a 20-year resident of San Pedro (VDO) and Team Leader/CEO of Keller Williams LA Harbor, the largest real estate company in town. I also serve my real estate clientele as 'Rock the House' Keller Williams LA Harbor. I keep a pulse on what is happening in the local real estate market in addition to new development in the area. I am a member of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and a voting member on its Economic Development Committee. And I have served in the Business Seat for NWSPNC since August, 2019. Things are happening in our little corner of the world. There are over 3,000 housing starts in the planning or construction phase - and people are buying and renting them! And the waterfront development is finally really happening. I will continue to work to support smart development that will draw companies and create new jobs. In addition, I will also promote new restaurants coming to downtown and the outdoor dining program. San Pedro strong.



School Representative

one seat / four-year term

KELLY J. MILLER

As both an educator and resident of San Pedro, being involved in my community is important to me. Helping the families of my students to understand our town meant I had to learn what that consists of. Having one year on the Neighborhood Council has taught me many things and I wish to continue in this responsibility, if elected to do so. It is so important to represent our schools, especially in this pandemic. Public Safety is such a great concern and working on this committee has taught me many things and I wish to continue.. San Pedro is not only my workplace, it is my home. I want to protect it and help it grow safely.



How will I know if my ballot was received and was counted in the official election results?

You can check the status of your ballot at <https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/> or by contacting the Los Angeles City Clerk's office at (213) 978-0444.

Election Results

The election tally will be live-streamed online and information will be posted seven (7) days prior to the tally at <https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections/2021-nc-election-results>

Who's Running: Candidate Statements

Averill Area

two seats / four-year term

CHRISTIAN B. VALLE

I am an eight-year resident of San Pedro, a small business owner, parent of a SPHS student, where I serve on the School-Based Management Board and I have been an NWSPNC Board Member since 2015. I currently serve on the Youth & Outreach Committee. My priorities as a Board member are to improve the quality of engagement between City government and our community, and to help advise and consider forward-thinking policies for NW San Pedro, The Harbor area, and the City as a whole. My current projects include participation in the San Pedro MST Center Advisory Group, and providing media services for the NWSPNC Board.



ARMANDO BALDERRAMA

During the past three years as a member of the Neighborhood council, I have worked for the citizens of San Pedro, trying to do the right thing. We have filled pot holes in alley ways and through the city streets. We have voted on many issues that directly has an impact in our Neighborhoods. I served our country during peace time, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm United States Air Force 1977-1991. After 9/11 (attack of Twin towers N.Y.) (Flight 93)(Pentagon) I reenlisted in the United States Navy 2003-2013 for land based operations in the middle east (Operation Iraqi Freedom). My commitment to serve the citizens of San Pedro comes from my heart.



ADRIANITA REYES CRUZ

Adrianita Reyes Cruz is a Youth Representative of the Northwest San Pedro Council. She is an eighteen-year-old girl that wants to be involved in her community and state ideas from a youth perspective. She has lived in San Pedro for five years. She currently attends San Pedro High School and will attend California State University, Long Beach in Fall 2021 to major in Health Science with an emphasis in Community Health. She participates in the Youth and Outreach Committee. She has a passion for improving and helping the community. Also, she looks forward to serving as a Board Member and continues to focus on issues such as youth, low-income families, and homelessness. She has been active in her community with the San Pedro Boys and Girls Clubs of Los Angeles Harbor, Harbor Interfaith Services, and the EXP Future which she interned at Ports America. It will be a privilege for her to have this great opportunity to become a Board Member. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



ANEALIA "NEAL" M. KORTKAMP

I have lived in Pedro my entire life, and by all measures plan to live here till I die. It has come to my attention through observations in my daily life, and through the research I do as a Political Scientist, that economic hopes for people my age, and for all people in the LA Basin are looking increasingly bleak. I have thus opted to take it upon myself to play an active role in the reversal of this unfortunate situation. I see myself set up well for this responsibility, having set myself as an aggressive anti gentrification, pro affordability activist, having ties to local unions, churches, and clubs. On top of this my work as a Political Scientist, and my position as 4th Generation resident of this town allows me to have both the lived experience, as well as the technical knowledge to be able to acutely ascribe policy to address to town's issues. For the people of this neighborhood, by choosing me you can guarantee a staunch and unwavering advocate for lower rent.



Park Western Area

two seats / four-year term

CRAIG GOLDFARB

I have lived in Northwest San Pedro now for nearly 25 years. This is where my wife and I chose to settle down and raise our family. I formally spent 10 years on NWSPNC as a board member before taking a hiatus to contribute in other ways in our community. I am running once again for the council because I am tired of the status quo. The same board members are elected time and time again that do little to contribute to our community in their positions and often ignore stakeholder concerns. A vote for me will ensure that there will be a voice on the council willing to once again listen and work on behalf of stakeholders, to refocus on the important issues, and push for much-needed reform on our council.



RAYMOND REGALADO

Living in Los Angeles County all my life I have witnessed various forms of community engagement. From peaceful demonstrations to violent destruction of our communities. The desire for civic engagement has been the root of interaction between residents and governmental leadership. Over the past two decades, I have had the honor of working with neighbors and community leaders on different projects and programs as a resident of San Pedro. My most rewarding community work has been my nine years as a member in the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council and eight years as president. Representing my neighbors and community in inclusive, open and honest dialogue has proven to be the most rewarding. I would like to ask that you support me as I run for another term as your community advocate for respectful community engagement promoting the best our community has to offer.



DAN DIXON

As out of the ordinary as the past year has been, the rhythm of this community has continued with our ongoing concerns, including the extremely challenging issues of the unhoused, the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and a concern for fairness in our civic life. We must hold our elected officials and city departments accountable, but do so with civility. We must maintain our awareness of matters of concern from the mightiest economic engine on the West Coast, here in our port, to that annoying pothole at the next corner. We owe it to ourselves and our families and our neighbors to continue the quest to make this old town be the best that it can be. I can and will only promise to be open-minded and deliberative as we jointly look for solutions to the challenges our community faces. I would deeply appreciate your confidence by reelecting me to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council.



Non-government Organization Representative

two seats / four-year term

JOHN BARBERA

My love of San Pedro brought me to serve on this Neighborhood Council. I am asking for your vote so I may continue to be of service to our community and everything it stands for. In addition to being an active board member, I am on the Youth & Outreach, Community Issues, Public Safety, and Budget & Finance Committees with goals to help keep San Pedro safe & beautiful while improving the quality of life for our all. I do not just show up to meetings, I actively participate, ask questions, and continue to learn how to be an effective advocate. My love for our neighbors and children is what it really is all about for me, so I have enjoyed helping with Pathways to Employment (for youth), Candy Cane Lane, Movies in the Park, and Music by the Sea to engage our community learning about their needs and concerns. I also work for the Assistance League here in the NWSP area helping give children a better life. Please consider voting for me to continue to represent you in our neighborhood.



Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted to the city clerk. Candidate information is available at <https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/nccandidates>. Candidate statements are subject to change until June 8.

Taper Area

two seats / four-year term

VICTOR CHRISTENSEN

As a native San Pedran and The Science Center Guy, I look forward to improving San Pedro. I was born and raised here, have been on the NWSPNC Community Issues Committee for over a year, and have been attending Board meetings for years, which gives me a lot of experience. I'm an Air Force veteran and technical writer (full-time job), which will be useful in writing clear and concise motions and letters to make our community better and safer. I'm not a yes man, I'm not a no man, I'm an open-minded, critically-thinking man who won't vote a certain way because I like or dislike the person who proposed the idea. I vote on the message, not the messenger. I'm the biggest advocate of the Vic and Bonnie Christensen Math, Science & Technology Center ("the science center"), a Science Center Advisory Council member and an LAUSD Community Representative, striving to bring the "jewel of the LAUSD science program" back to its former glory for our students. Let's improve our whale of a town together!



MELANIE LABRECQUE

As an active member in our community for years, I am happy to announce my run to serve another term on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. I have served for almost 5 years as an Executive member on the board as Treasurer. I have served in my position ethically, transparently and accountable for all of our NC budgetary needs and funding. I believe that you have to be more than a seat warmer when you serve on the Neighborhood Council board. You have to get involved. I have a 100% participation to all events we sponsored and attend majority of meetings. I participate regularly in meetings for police community and chair our Public Safety Committee. I am the founder of the neighborhood watch in my housing tract of 600 homes. I want to focus on public safety and advocating for the elderly and disabled, making sure they are informed. I want San Pedro residents to not only recover, but thrive from the pandemic. It is also my focus on safety and keep everyone informed on crime.



Vista Del Oro Area

two seats / four-year term

No candidates applied for these seats.

CHRISTIAN GUZMAN

Vote for me because I will be a strong team member. I am on the board of directors of the non profit organization, Feed and Be Fed; we garden together in Northwest San Pedro and our food goes to San Pedro locals. I firmly believe that growing food locally enriches life and inspires us to be friends of the earth. I want to bring my excitement, experience and skills to the neighborhood council. I have participated on a council before both as a council member and a committee member. I worked on a joint collaboration between the Central and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils to brainstorm comments for the Port of Los Angeles Clean Air Action Plan and waterfront infrastructure spending. If I am elected to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, I will be most interested in sustainability, port and economic development issues. I have also taken the ethics and code conduct training. Vote for me because I will help us grow in community.



City services: call 311 or get MyLA311 app (info at www.myla311.lacity.org)

One Call to City Hall 311



Pathways to Employment "Dress for Success for Less" fashion show student winners showing off professional attire purchased on a budget.



Debora, first place



James, first place



Lucciano, second place



Halle, third place



Diana, fourth place

Pathways to Employment Presents Route to Success

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council once again partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor to present the ninth annual Pathways to Employment event. Due to the pandemic, this year's event was held virtually on April 17 as we could not allow COVID-19 to stop this program for a second year.

The focus of this event is to support students from different walk of life in learning about professionalism and career development while providing access to incredible presentations from industry leaders and working professionals.

Not only do participants obtain valuable knowledge and resources but also have the opportunity to network for potential/future job opportunities. An

additional benefit is the opportunity to participate in mock interview with incredible leaders within the community to not only experience the new virtual interview component but even learn how to stand out.

Attendees were able to attend two of seven presentation workshops and will be able to view the ones they missed as all were recorded for later viewing. Seventy-five students attended the event and many more will be able to view the presentation workshops online when the recordings are made available.

Topics included *Career Inspiration and Motivation*, led by Anthony Pirozzi; *Internship and Volunteering*, led by Amy Grat; *Interview Skills and Creating an Effective Resume*, led by Gary De La Rosa; *Relationship Building*, led by Ray Regalado; *Diversity Issues in the Workplace and School*, led by Cheryl Kono; *Social Media Best Practices*, led by Ann-Marie Holman; and *Dress for Success for Less*, led by Alice Taylor.

During the lunch break, the Boys and Girls Club put on a fashion show modeling professional clothes purchased locally on a budget. This was great fun and educational at the same time.

We offer a huge thank you to all the presenters, interviewers, and team at the Boys & Girls Club. We share a goal to provide our next generation with guidance on how to navigate a very competitive and complicated world along with offering inspiration, tools, and resources to build confidence and belief in their abilities to succeed.

A Tribute to Pete Burmeister

Peter Burmeister, long-time Northwest San Pedro resident and community activist, passed away the night of February 28.

Pete was active on, and with, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council for 15 years, and San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners' Association before that.

Pete was well-known for his "canine security van" seen around town for years. The German shepherds he trained and loved were always immaculate and well-behaved.

He was passionate about standing up for his neighborhood and all of San Pedro in terms of informing stakeholders of what was going on around town. It didn't matter whether the goings-on involved the city council office, LAUSD, LAPD, the port, or any other group or institution affiliated with San Pedro. Pete was everywhere,

Pete was often unhappy with the neighborhood council and the committees he served on or observed, usually because they did not move quickly enough or forcefully enough, in his view, on behalf of his "constituents," the folks in his neighborhood.



to, most vividly, his support for the restrooms in Harbor Highlands Park.

In recent years he commented tirelessly about issues around housing the unhoused, and the cleanliness and safety of the community. We sometimes felt compelled to caution Pete about his forays into homeless encampments and his willingness to confront potential miscreants in the neighborhood. His lack of personal caution notwithstanding, Pete always wanted to represent his neighbors' interests to the best of his ability.

He could be stubborn and contentious. He could also be funny and kind. We who felt the sting of his disappointment usually needed to comfort ourselves that we might be in concert with Pete on the next issue confronting the community.

And we could always await and try to be ready for his public comments. *Auf wiedersehen, Peter.*

His first concern was always about "the community." He walked his neighborhood endlessly engaging with his neighbors about many issues over the years, from the coming of Ponte Vista and the Target Store development,

Planning Update

Changes Are Coming to Northwest San Pedro

By now everyone is aware of the rapid build out at Ponte Vista. It won't be long before the first residents move in. A lot of people have asked what is being built on North Gaffey where Floyd's Ornamental Iron used to be. It is an equipment rental company. At 2215 North Gaffey, Guadenti's sold their property and the new owners have filed for a demolition permit and plan to build a self-storage facility. Finally, 7-Eleven is submitting a proposal to the City to tear down their store at Capitol and Gaffey and replace it with a new store and gas bays. For more information on these and other pending projects go to <https://www.nwsanpedro.org/planning-and-land-use>.

Parks Update

Currently, the local parks in Northwest San Pedro are not open for spring and summer programs. Program information will be included as available in the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council e-newsletters. To stay informed, subscribe at <https://www.nwsanpedro.org/> (Click on *Subscribe to E-Newsletter*)

Peck Park

560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732

Bogdanovich Park

1920 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, CA 90732

Both are operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Website: <https://www.laparks.org/>

Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center

1805 West Ninth Street, San Pedro, CA 90732

Operated by the County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation

Website: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/>



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