

PARTICIPATE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL and BE A VOICE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

- 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.**

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. For more information, visit EmpowerLA.org.

Who can run or vote?

Unlike other city, state, or federal elections, voting and being a candidate in Neighborhood Council (NC) elections is open to more than just the residents of a community. Participation is open to those who live, work, or own property or a business within an NC's boundaries, as well as to "community interest stakeholders," such as church members, local students (or parents of students), or members of local service organizations.

Candidates need not be US citizens or legal residents to qualify. Participation is also open to the formerly incarcerated. The minimum age to run for most NC seats is 18, except for Youth Seat candidates, who may be between the ages of 16-18.

Candidate Filing Period Begins on Saturday December 26th, 2020 and end on Tuesday February 9th, 2021
If you are interested in running for a seat on the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, please join the Candidate Info Sessions on January 7th, January 16th, and January 30th, 2021.

Please RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/empowerla-dept-of-neighborhood-empowerment-11891498859>

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. The minimum age to vote is 16.

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.

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To request a VOTE by Mail Ballot please register here:
<https://clerk.lacity.org/elections/neighborhood-council-elections/vote-by-mail-application>

The Vote-By-Mail Application period begins on February 26, 2021 until April 20, 2021 for Granada Hills South.

Election Day is Tuesday, April 27th and the last day to receive postmarked ballots is April 30th, 2021.