



P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council Elections!!

**We're excited to announce that the 2025 Neighborhood Council election season is officially underway! The candidate application for Region 5-Central L.A. is now open, and we invite you to visit [clerk.lacity.gov/nccandidate](https://clerk.lacity.gov/nccandidate) to file your application and continue serving your community. The new term begins on July 1, 2025.**

If you're currently serving on a seat with a term ending in 2025 and would like to continue to represent your neighborhood, remember to file for re-election!

**The following seats are up for election:**

- Eleven (11) At-Large Representatives

**Important Dates:**

- Application Deadline: **Monday, January 27 by 11:59 p.m.**
- Election Day: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

**Application:**

- [Online Candidate Application \(Portal\)](#)

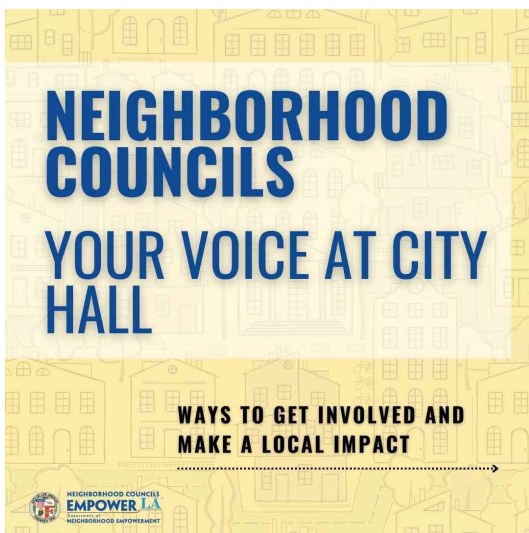
- [Candidate Filing Paper Application \(Multilingual\)](#)
- [2025 NC Documentation Guide](#)

**Communications Tool Kit** [Linked HERE](#). *You can copy and paste content and graphics directly to social media, website, and newsletters! We will be updating it frequently.*

Do you know someone who would be a great fit for a Neighborhood Council position? Share this information and encourage them to apply, so they can help shape the future of our community. [A flyer with details on the available seats and your Neighborhood Council is attached for your convenience. Share this with your neighborhood at your next event, on social media and website.](#)

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the City Clerk's Election Division at (213) 978-0444, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit [clerk.lacity.gov/NCElections](http://clerk.lacity.gov/NCElections).

Thank you for your time and leadership!



## WHAT ARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS?

There are 99 Neighborhood Councils across Los Angeles. One for every neighborhood in Los Angeles.

The L.A. Neighborhood Council system ensures that the City government remains responsive to the different needs and lifestyles of Los Angeles' rich variety of communities.

They advocate for their communities on important issues like

- Local Development
- Homelessness
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Affordable Housing

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Neighborhood Councils are open to participation by anyone who is part of the fabric of daily life in a community. This includes those who live, work, or own property or a business there.

Also included are "community interest stakeholders," who have some type of ongoing, substantial involvement within a Council's boundaries, such as students of a local school, or the congregation of a local church.

You do not need to be a US citizen or legal US resident to join.



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## The More You Know!!

### **STEPS TO PERFORM AFTER A MODERATE EARTHQUAKE**

A moderate earthquake would be defined by having heavy objects in the home knocked down, cracks in the exterior walls or chimneys falling.

**Step 1** Take care and account for yourself and loved ones including pets...protect your head, hands, and feet. Remember to Duck, Cover, and Hold.

**Step 2** Shut off the water main to protect water in your water heater from contamination and reverse drainage.

**Step 3** Inspect your natural gas valve & shut it off should you smell, hear, or see gas leaking. Remember that once shut off only the gas company can turn it back on for you, this may take days or weeks to happen.

**Step 4** Be prepared for aftershocks

**Step 5** Once you and those around you are safe, you can help others by walking to the South Carthay Emergency Response Team's meeting place at 1160 La Jolla and making yourself available to assist the team.

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### **Help Keep CERT Staffed!**

We received an email alerting us that the LAFD is proposing cutting the CERT unit which includes 8 instructors down to only 2. Below is a letter that you can use as a template if you would like to weigh in on the decision.

Here are the 3 council members who have something to say about this;

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a CERT graduate, I strongly support the successful LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) program. The CERT program trains community volunteers in best practices and how to respond in the event of earthquakes and other disasters. CERT trained volunteers are prepared to help themselves, their neighbors and their communities when an emergency happens, thus allowing the LAFD to concentrate their efforts in highest-need areas. CERT volunteers also

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frequently support the LAFD's responses to their routine duties.

The CERT curriculum and program was conceived in Los Angeles by members of the Los Angeles Fire Department after they witnessed hundreds of civilians get injured after trying to help trapped victims immediately after significant earthquakes in Japan and Mexico City. It is human nature to want to help after a disaster – but to do it safely takes education.

The current CERT Unit consists of 8 seasoned Firefighter Instructors who support our City of over 4 million residents by teaching over 6,000 students a year in emergency preparedness and disaster response. (2,357 CERT students; 2,700 Hands-Only CPR students and 961 Fire Extinguisher students).

These 8 Fire Fighter Instructors absorb over 500 pages of materials to teach the 17.5-hour CERT course in a meaningful way to communities throughout Los Angeles. The 7 Units prepare and empower citizens to be safer when responding after a disaster.

I would like the CERT Unit to continue operating with no less than 8 full-time Firefighter Instructors under the guidance and direction of the LAFD, where CERT was originally conceived. If Los Angeles cannot sustain a successful CERT Program and provide free disaster preparedness to its citizens, the optics and faith in our City will be diminished.

**Donating is SO EASY! Just go to the SCNA Website: [southcarthay.org](https://southcarthay.org).**

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### **SCNA Membership 2025!**

Happy new year to our South Carthay residents. The past year was filled with great accomplishment for our local community in the areas of safety, security, and encampment cleanup. The efforts made by several of our local community leaders and residents have helped keep South Carthay safe, considering the uptick in homelessness and crime in our community over the past year. We also want to acknowledge those who have donated to the Friends of South Carthay campaign against the proposed project at 1050 La Cienega Blvd.

With your generous contributions and help, we can continue to provide auxiliary security, working in tandem with our council district office leads, as well as coordinating with the LAPD. As you may know, our local city resources are stretched thin, so our ability to retain additional security and cleanup services when needed has been an invaluable resource in keeping our neighborhood clean and safe.

Please remember that our membership is on a calendar basis due in January of each year. **Individual** annual membership is now \$50. A **Household** annual membership for two or more is \$80 (a discount of \$10 per person). The funds generated from these memberships will be earmarked for our on-going expenses like website, insurance, etc. We also have instituted a **Patron** level membership with an annual donation of \$250 or more which is going to fund those other more costly expenses such as security, ERT, and post office beautification.

We have had some generous donations in the past, more than \$100 to help fund these efforts so your continued support and membership is vital to our ability to provide these services to you in the coming year.

Thank you again and have a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.  
Your SCNA Board,

Brad Kane, Carl Sunshine, Ed Friedman, Ron Sokoloff, Chuck Marquardt, Kelly DeLaat, Walter Dominguez, Andrew Marton, Lisa Kaye and Julie Goler

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## Your South Carthay Connection

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July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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