



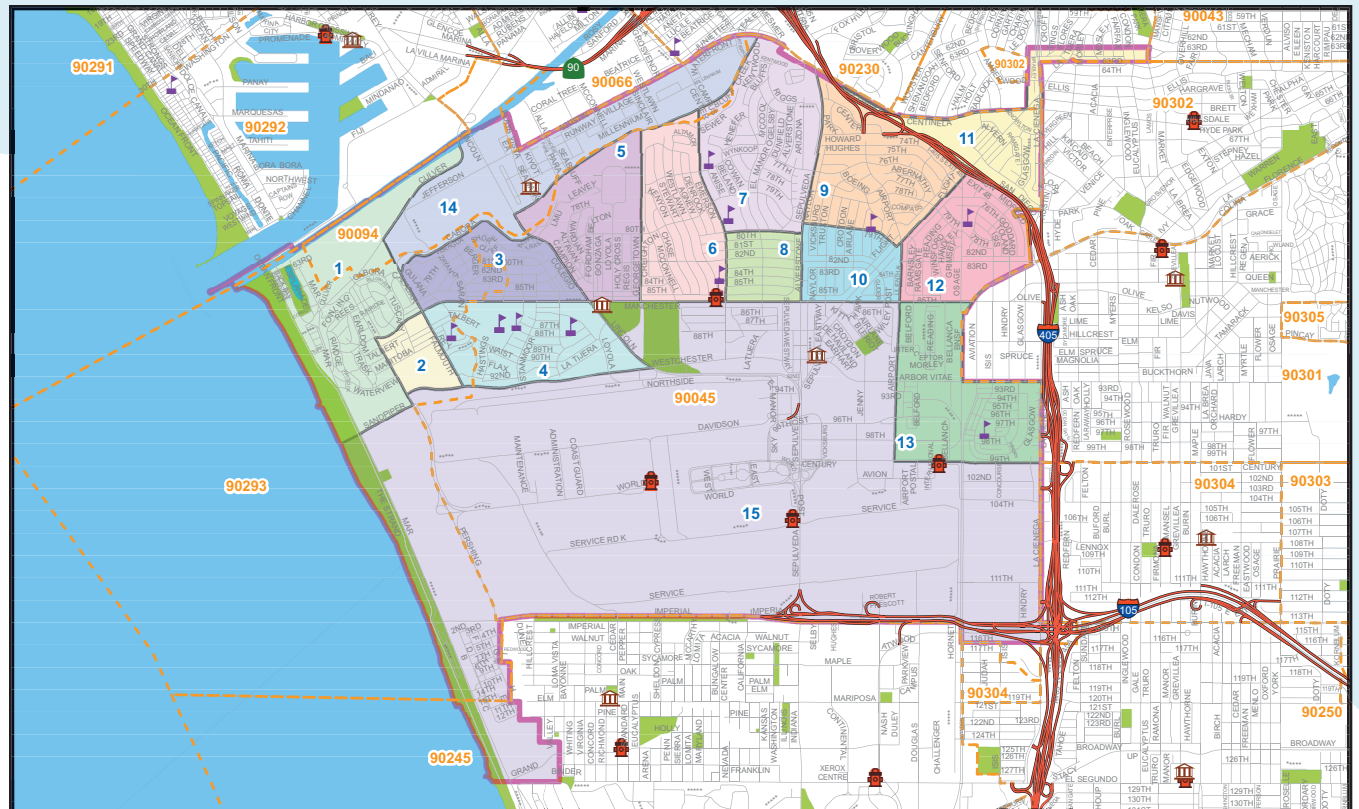
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA 2010 ELECTION INFORMATION

On Sunday, April 11, 2010, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa will hold its board elections along with a number of other Neighborhood Councils on the Westside.

This is your opportunity to get involved, run for a seat on the Neighborhood Council and make a difference in your community.

Think of your Neighborhood Council as a group of local residents and representatives of local businesses, churches and schools, etc., working together to address important issues in our neighborhood.

As part of the city's Charter, Neighborhood Councils are an integral part of how local government operates, providing elected officials with a direct line to the community and how it stands on all issues.



All 31 seats of the Neighborhood Council's board of directors will be up for election, and the candidate filing period will run from Monday, January 11, 2010 to Wednesday, February 10, 2010. While the City Clerk's Office (which is handling the election) has not yet released the forms for candidates to file for various seats, the following seats will be available (*qualifications to run for each seat follow each seat's name*):

At-Large Affirmation Director

Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and lives, works, owns property, or declares a stake in the NCWP community and affirms the factual basis for it.

15 Residential Directors

Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and lives within the boundaries of the residential district seat for which s/he is running, as indicated on the map above.

3 At-Large Directors

Stakeholders who are at least 18 years of age and live, work, or own property within the NCWP boundaries.

Business Director (90045)

Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and is a business owner or manager of a business licensed with the City of Los Angeles and located within the 90045 zip code.

Business Director (90094)

Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and is a business owner or manager of a business licensed with the City of Los Angeles and located within the 90094 zip code.

Business Director (90293)

Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and is a business owner or manager of a business licensed with the City of Los Angeles and located within the 90293 zip code.

Community Organization Director

Stakeholder who is an officer or director of a non-political community organization located and regularly meeting within the NCWP boundaries.

Education Director

Stakeholder who is an educator or administrator affiliated with a K-12 school within the NCWP boundaries.

Income Property Director

Stakeholder who is a residential or commercial property owner, or his/her representative, who rents or leases to others within the NCWP boundaries. Stakeholder does not have to reside or have his/her primary place of business located within the NCWP boundaries.

Los Angeles World Airports Director

Stakeholder who is an employee of LAVA who is involved with the operation of Los Angeles International Airport.

Loyola Marymount University Director

Stakeholder who is an administrator or staff member of LMU.

Religious Director

Stakeholder who is a spiritual leader of a house of worship located within the NCWP boundaries.

Senior Citizen Director

Stakeholder who lives within the NCWP boundaries and is at least 60 years of age.

Service Club and Fraternal Organization Director

Stakeholder who is a member of a service club or fraternal organization located within the NCWP boundaries.

Youth Organization Director

Stakeholder who is affiliated with a youth organization within the NCWP boundaries.

HOW TO FILE

Once available, Candidate Filing Forms may be downloaded from the City Clerk website, may be requested by calling the Election Division office, and can be picked up at the Regional Stakeholder / Candidate Information Meetings scheduled by the City Clerk's Office in the future. Persons may pick up the items or request them by contacting:

City Clerk - Election Division
Piper Technical Center
555 Ramirez Street
3rd Floor, Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 978-0444

Important Election Dates

Candidate Filing Period	Jan. 11, 2010 - Feb. 10, 2010
Candidate Withdrawal Deadline	Feb. 10, 2010
Vote by Mail Application Period*	Feb. 11, 2010 - Apr. 1, 2010
Write-In Candidate Filing Period	Feb. 11, 2010 - Mar. 12, 2010
Candidate Statement Deadline	Mar. 12, 2010
Write-In Candidate Withdrawal Deadline	Mar. 12, 2010
Vote-by-Mail Return Deadline	Apr. 8, 2010
Election Day	Apr. 11, 2010

* for the disabled only



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THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 2010

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Westwood Elementary School

2050 Selby Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90025



YOU should be involved in your local NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

For additional information or to RSVP, please contact **Lisette Covarrubias** via email at Lisette.Covarrubias@lacity.org or by calling our main office at (213) 485-1360.

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City Clerk Clarifies Election Details in Letter

In a letter to Neighborhood Council leaders and stakeholders across the city, City Clerk June Lagmay clarified details relating to the Neighborhood Council elections her office will oversee during 2010.

In particular, she addressed 1) restrictions on volunteer poll workers, 2) voting by mail, 3) extended voting hours and 4) providing more than one polling location in a Neighborhood Council.

She indicated that because Neighborhood Council volunteer poll workers will be responsible for ensuring that elections are fair and transparent, her office originally required volunteers to participate in polling places outside their own region. After hearing concerns from volunteers, however,

the clerk has reconsidered and will allow volunteers to work in their own region, but not in their own Neighborhood Council area.

To sign up as a volunteer poll worker, or for more information, please email: Clerk.ElectionPW@lacity.org

Lagmay also indicated that due to budget constraints, the 2010 election will be conducted without a vote-by-mail component, except to provide legally required vote-by-mail opportunities for those who are physically unable to go to the polls due to a disability.

Such stakeholders will be required to affirm under penalty of perjury that they fulfill this criteria. Lagmay said additional funding of

\$450,000 would have been required to allow vote-by-mail to all Neighborhood Councils and indicated that overall voting parity would require all Neighborhood Councils to have a vote-by-mail option, even if a specific Neighborhood Council was willing to pay for this option in its area.

While polls will be open for six hours at each Neighborhood Council election location in the city, Lagmay said some complained that extended hours were required. Again, budget constraints means her office cannot extend the voting hours in 2010.

Finally, Lagmay said her office estimates that 56 poll workers will be required to staff one polling location in each Neighborhood Council area. Budget constraints and the

need to double the number of poll workers, she said, demanded that only one polling location be offered in each Neighborhood Council area.

Lagmay added that stakeholders and others involved in Neighborhood Councils throughout the city should continue to provide her office with feedback so that revisions and budget requests can be made for the 2012 elections.

To read her letter in its entirety, please visit <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/Letter%20to%20NC%20and%20Stakeholders.pdf>