

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER?**

Neighborhood councils exist to represent L.A.'s diverse communities. San Pedro has three neighborhood councils. Neighborhood council boards are charged with presenting priorities for the city's budget, monitoring the delivery of city services, and allocating and expending funds provided to each council. Some of the issues with which councils deal include planning and zoning matters, public safety, community beautification, and the environment. Neighborhood councils also work together on regional and citywide issues such as electric and water rates, ballot measures and initiatives, and the City budget.

### **What is required of a board member?**

- A commitment to attend and participate at board, committee, and community meetings (approximately 10-15 hours per month)
- The oversight of public funds allocated to the council
- The initiative to look for ways to improve our community
- The ability to work with a diverse group of people, presenting your own ideas, as well as listening to the viewpoints of others.

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