

## Connect with Northwest San Pedro VOTE June 2 at Peck Park!



Are you looking for ways to make a difference in your community on the issues you care about most that affect the quality of life in our neighborhood?

Voting for your neighborhood council board members is a way to participate. Help choose the people you feel will initiate changes for improvement that affects you, your family and your neighbors.

Being active in community-based activities such as volunteerism, making contact with elected officials, and VOTING are ways to connect. Voting equates to greater awareness of neighborhood projects and community issues, thereby contributing to the social capital of our locale.

Neighborhood councils are empowered to advocate directly for real change in your community. Our council consists of residents, business owners, and property owners. Local engagement is important because no one understands our neighborhood better than the people who live, work and play here.

Join our "PARTY AT THE POLLS" event on Saturday, June 2, at Peck Park to meet your neighbors, eat good food, hear and dance to great music, and VOTE.

### 10 AM to 3 PM at Peck Park

Featuring music by Easy Reader's Best of the Beach 'Best Original Band'

**Andy & Renee from 12 NOON to 3 PM**

PET ADOPTIONS and so much more...

### Meet the candidates!

**Candidate forums at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM**

### Every vote counts!

For more information, check out our website:

[www.nwsanpedro.org](http://www.nwsanpedro.org) and 'like' us on Facebook

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The NWSPNC Governing Board and stakeholder meeting is on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro.

### NWSPNC BOARD MEMBERS

RAY REGALADO, *President*  
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SKY ZAAROUR, *Youth Seat*

### NWSPNC Committees

#### BUDGET AND FINANCE

*Recommends budget, reviews funding requests*

#### BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS

*Elections and bylaws matters*

#### COMMUNITY VISION

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

#### PLANNING AND LAND USE

*Planning and land use issues*

#### PORT

*Port-related 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 Email blasts.

Sign up at nwsanpedro.org.  
And let us know what issues are of interest to you by emailing us at Board@nwsanpedro.org.

## Pathways to Employment

The seventh annual Pathways to Employment event was held on Saturday April 14, at the San Pedro High School Olguin campus. Attending youth were able to select from 19 workshops and interact with 26 organizations, as well as participate in mock practice interviews. The event focuses on job preparation skills and career guidance for youth ages 16-24.



Los Angeles Maritime Institute discussing volunteer and youth programs.



Semee Park, EmpowerLA, discussing youth programs with public service.



Laurie Jacobs and Ray Regalado from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council with Anthony Pirozzi, the inspiring opening speaker.



Students not only learned about how to "Dress for Success for Less" from Alice Taylor of LAMI, they were also able to keep professional clothes that were donated.

## Update on Noise Survey and Analysis

As a result of stakeholder concerns raised during NWSPNC meetings, the Port Committee has undertaken the evaluation of noise in our community. Two issues have been raised by stakeholders: periodic noise from train horns from grade crossings and persistent noise from container terminal activities (truck horns, back-up beepers, container banging etc.)

Several studies have been undertaken by the Port of Los Angeles and Harbor Benefit Corporation to evaluate noise in San Pedro and Wilmington. These studies evaluated ambient noise and solicited input from stakeholders in the area.

The NWSPNC Port committee has initiated a survey using an app on our website to capture data relative to noise observations and frequency in Northwest San Pedro.

The purpose of this data gathering is to:

- Evaluate time, location and noise type observed;
- Determine community response relative to noise observations;
- Provide better understanding of noise levels in NWSP;
- Determine the noise sources observed by stakeholders (train, container terminals activity, other);
- Provide data to be used in future noise studies, noise models, and noise mitigation.

Data collected by the app is limited to:

- Time of noise observation;

- Location of the person hearing the noise;
- Type of noise (rail horn, container activity, etc.);
- Respondent name (optional);
- Comment.

The app is easy to use, and the Port Committee is hoping that data collected will help answer the following questions:

- What type of noise sources are observed by the NWSP stakeholders? port / train
- Time of day when the noise source was observed: daytime (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), evening (6:00 to 10:00 p.m.), or nighttime (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.)
- Location of noise observations

The NWSPNC is hoping data collected from the noise app will increase our understanding of specific noise related concerns or our stakeholders. Data from the app, and specific noise studies could be used to initiate discussions on how to reduce and mitigate adverse noise impacts in NWSP.

Follow-up activities might include a noise forum with participation from local officials, acoustic experts, health experts, and noise code experts.

A forum or standing noise committee may provide a mechanism to ensure dialogue between the City of Los Angeles, Port of Los Angeles, and local communities in achieving noise reductions, where possible, without shifting noise from one community to another.

## Recreation and Parks News

### Bogdanovich Rec Center Summer Camp

Ages 5-12, June 11 through August 10 (no camp July 4), Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., extended care available 7:30 to 10 a.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Camp includes a variety of activities such as games, sports, arts and crafts, field trips and special events. Bogdanovich Recreation Center, 1920 Cumbre Dr., (310) 548-7590.

### Peck Park Summer Camp

Ages: 5-15; days: Monday, June 11 to Friday, August 10; camp hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; activities: sports, games, arts and crafts, team building, cooking, drama special theme days and field trips; register now at Peck

Park, 560 N. Western Ave.; (310) 548-7580.

Visit the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks website at [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org).

### Deane Dana Nature Center Volunteer Reserve Program

Experience wildlife and the outdoors! Explore exciting career opportunities! Expand your knowledge of our resources! Now accepting applications; orientation Saturday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Deane Dana Nature Center, 1805 W. Ninth St., San Pedro. To register, call (310) 519-6115 or email [hinzunza@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:hinzunza@parks.lacounty.gov).



## NWSPNC Awards Grants to 'Peace / Buddy' Bench Anti-Bullying Program

In 2016 and 2017, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council granted neighborhood purpose grants to Park Western Elementary school in San Pedro to help fund "Peace/Buddy Benches" supporting their anti-bullying campaign.

The school has a student leadership team who meets weekly to address these serious issues. After the grant was issued, we had the students themselves come speak at our board meeting promoting their leadership skills. These are our future leaders at work!

Our grants were the catalyst to action by another local organization, The Rotary of San Pedro began this program after learning of our grants to this school. They then thought this would be a great idea to offer to any school or park that qualifies and might want to create greater peace and conflict resolution.

Now the Rotary Club of Southern California District 5280 will be installing Peace/Buddy benches in designated Los Angeles County schools and parks.

The first bench was installed at Barton Hill Elementary School in San Pedro on February 19. On April 13, the Rotary dedicated a new bench to the Willenberg Special Education



*The Peace/Buddy bench dedication at Willenberg Special Education Center.*

Center in San Pedro to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground.

And the icing on the cake is that students at the Benjamin Banneker Special Education Center in Los Angeles are being taught woodworking skills to make these benches themselves.

Our neighborhood council does great work, impacts our community, sets the tone for other organizations to replicate. This is civic engagement at its best!

## Planning Update

A lot is going on in San Pedro. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Highpark has been sold to the Harridge Development Group. A spokesperson for the group says that they are excited to obtain this property and look forward to working with the community. They will attend the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on May 16 and the NWSPNC Board Meeting August 13. Check our website for more information. The development has been fully approved by the City of Los Angeles and they are not planning to request any changes to those plans. Currently they are working to obtain the necessary permits and approvals from Caltrans for the off-site work and to build out the water and power infrastructure.

- 825 W. Miraflores – plans are being submitted to the city for a small lot development that would result in 17 single-family "attached" homes.

- San Pedro Courthouse Property – unfortunately the county and the developer did not come to an agreement on this important piece of property. The county is planning to go back out to bid.

- Rancho San Pedro – The Housing Authority is awaiting bids from four groups of qualified bidders to redevelop this property. The successful bidder will be required to provide replacement housing on site for all current residents and may increase the density to include additional low income units and market rate units. We anticipate that the bidders will give a presentation at a public meeting on May 30. Watch our website for details. In the meantime, the Housing Authority received a \$1.3 million federal grant to develop a comprehensive neighborhood transformation plan.

- Harbor View House is in escrow and the buyer is proposing to convert it to 100 apartments with retail space and two restaurants. The buyer will be required to relocate the residents.

- 327 N. Harbor Blvd. – This 54-condo project was previously approved by the City of Los Angeles for six stories over one level of subterranean parking and 1,500 square feet of retail space. The developer has requested some changes in the architecture and to move the entrance to the parking to Harbor Blvd. The NWSPNC Planning and Land Use Committee is recommending that the board oppose having the entrance on Harbor Blvd.

- Harbor Beacon Park and Ride – Metro has assumed responsibility for this lot from Caltrans. We met with Metro about the poor condition of this lot and they have agreed to many of the improvements we proposed including: regularly scheduled power sweeping, working with Caltrans with regard to the exposed wiring, removal of some dead trees, stumps and bushes, new plants and decorative bark in the planters, repairing and stabilizing the chain link fence, and developing an improvement plan for the hillside.

- Alta Sea is moving forward. Most recently they received funding from the LaKretz Family for a Blue Economy Incubator, a hub for sustainable business innovation and marine research that will fuel our economy, nurture our planet, and shape our future.

- Space X has leased the old Southwest Marine facility on Terminal Island to build a Mars-bound rocket.

- Crazy Fish Grill and Market is being constructed in the Albertson's Shopping Center in the space previously occupied by Britts BBQ. Watch our website for the grand opening anticipated at the end of May.

- The Port is developing a contract for concerts in the outer harbor, they are going out to bid for the commercial pads at the 22nd Street Marina, and we are still waiting for them to go out to bid for the beautification projects from N. Gaffey St. to the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

- Other proposals we are following and will be commenting on if appropriate: The vacant lot at Sixth and Pacific has been sold and rumor has it that the new owner wants to put up a boutique hotel, the proposed development on Nelson is being revised, property adjacent to Sirens has been sold and the new owner plans to develop condos or apartments, Raffaello's is moving to Seventh in an expanded space where Levels was, a Del Taco has been approved for Fourth and Gaffey, and the waterfront development is moving forward.

**For more information about these and other developments, visit the NWSPNC Planning and Land Use Committee page at <http://nwsanpedro.org/planning-and-land-use-committee/> or attend our committee meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room San Pedro City Hall, 638 S. Beacon St.**

## Volunteers Live Longer and Are Healthier!

So how is it good for your health? Studies have found that when you stop thinking about your own problems and focus on someone other than yourself, your stress levels start to decrease, your immune system is strengthened and your overall sense of life satisfaction increases.

Helping others interrupts tensions-producing patterns and replaces it with a sense of purpose, positive emotions and high confidence levels.

The board members of our Neighborhood Council are all volunteers. Why do we do it? Why do we spend our valuable free time doing tireless work when we don't even get paid?

For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites us all is that we find it both challenging and rewarding.

Making a difference through volunteerism gets one involved to vote and influence the kind of community one wants to live in. It gives the chance to be a part of something bigger than you and use our civic responsibility for the greater good.

Our neighborhood council has many committees that could use you! We need passionate stakeholders who want to give back and be a part of groups dedicated to improving the quality of life for our area.

So please check out our committees to find one that addresses your particular concerns. Allow your actions to be led from a place of passionate intention.

Get healthier through volunteering!

## NWSPNC: 15 Years of Serving the Community

The Northwest San Pedro recently celebrated its 15th anniversary of certification by the City of Los Angeles. Some of the accomplishments in the past 15 years have included:

- Getting rid of the tank farm where Harbor Highlands now exists;
- Getting Ponte Vista (now Highpark) reduced from 2,300 units to under 700 units;
- Beautification of North Gaffey—transforming what was a barren strip where mattresses and other items were frequently dumped into a greenbelt; the council is working on the continuation of the path;
- Obtaining over \$7 million in Proposition O funds to improve Peck Park Canyon;
- Working with Target to improve plans before the store was built, getting them to pay for the traffic light at Gaffey and Capitol, and currently working to get them to better maintain their property;
- Holding annual Pathways to Employment events for youth;
- Working with other neighborhood councils and the chamber of commerce to move the Port forward on developing the waterfront infrastructure needed for the redevelopment of Ports O Call;
- Getting the trains to stop blowing their horns in the middle of the night;

- Awarding scholarships to youth based on their community involvement;
- Sponsoring the annual Candy Cane Lane at Weymouth Corners, movies at Peck Park, Cabrillo Beach fireworks, and the annual San Pedro holiday parade;
- Providing funds for youth-based projects that benefit health, environment, arts, or humanity in San Pedro, including the anti-bullying buddy bench at Park Western, Youth in Government, and water-filling stations to reduce the use of plastic water bottles at POLA High School;
- Sponsoring POLAHS Green Festival;
- Conducting an awareness campaign to decrease the volume of plastic water bottles contaminating our oceans and landfills;
- Supporting the distribution of rain barrels;
- First Annual Eco Fest with Deanne Dana Nature Center;
- Annual Halloween Movie in the Park;
- Replacing roses at Averill Park.

For a list of our committees along with a list of the time and place they meet, please go to our website: [www.nwsanpedro.org](http://www.nwsanpedro.org) We would love to have you join one of our committees and help us accomplish even more in the next 15 years.



# Who's Running: NWSPNC Candidate Statements

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted.

## Census Tract 2951

one position open / four-year term

### Ben Chai

As a husband and a father of two lovely boys (3 and 5 months), I want to do everything in my powers to help them grow up in a great neighborhood. A neighborhood with growth while keeping the environment in mind. A safe neighborhood where fellow neighbors can walk on the streets without fear of being a victim of a crime. Currently I work for Los Angeles World Airports as a Superintendent of Operations – Landside Manager. Some of my duties include traffic task force, construction impact subject matter expert, ground transportation enforcement, and as a first responder to all airport emergencies. I am heavily involved in the \$14 billion Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). My main role is to ensure that no construction project interferes with the normal operations of the airport while keeping the impact to the travel public to a minimal. If given the opportunity to serve on the board, I will work hard for my fellow neighbors and ensure you'll be proud to call San Pedro home!



### John DiMeglio

I have lived in San Pedro all of my life and worked on the waterfront for more than 30 years on Tugboats and Longshore. I have been involved in unions for 30 plus years and attended a union school in Maryland, also elected union delegate. I have a history of being involved in bettering the wellbeing of others. At the age of 24 I built and owned my own business in San Pedro, from 1987 to present, over 31 years. My goal of being on NWSPNC is to make sure the neighborhood is informed and support everything that pertains to them and their own quality of life. I will work hard for the neighborhood and all of San Pedro.



### Richard Paoletti

No photo provided.

I am qualified to perform as a member of the NWSPNC Governing Board for the following reasons: I have lived in NW San Pedro for the past 30 years and served as a member of the Westmont HOA2 South BOD twice. Further, my technical and management skills consist of the In addition, The NWSPNC Governing Board can use my technical, managerial and construction expertise and suggestions in the maintenance and repair issues within their jurisdiction. It is essential to have qualified personnel on the Governing Board to make adequate maintenance and repair decisions to preclude unnecessary and inefficient work and expenses by bidding contractors.

## Census Tract 2964

one position open / four-year term

### Monica Brandenburg

I am a native Californian and recent San Pedro resident. I grew up in the San Fernando Valley and have lived all over southern California. My interpretation of neighborhoods and their vibes stretch vast and wide. As a newly permanent resident, I have the chance to offer you fresh ideas and new perspectives. My experience in serving the public began at a young age. I have passionate interests in working with people in a non-profit arena and believe in social change whenever necessary. San Pedro is full of warm and friendly neighbors. The environment is fresh and our natural surroundings are some of mother nature's finest. The amount of economic growth and possibility is exponential and unyielding here. We all need a voice for our communities, an advocate to address needs and sustainability. I appreciate the opportunity to prove myself to be that person should you decide to give me your vote.



## Business Representative

one position open / four-year term

### Pete Garbowski

My personal mission statement in life is to make everyone and everything around me better. I'm here to provide my experience and knowledge into growing the San Pedro community for future generations to enjoy. I am a San Pedro Resident and Business owner that sees the tremendous potential that lies ahead.



## Census Tract 2963

one position open / four-year term

### John Barbera

No photo provided.

I have always wanted to do more for our community. I believe that people can make a difference in this world. Since i have moved to San Pedro i have been coming to this town since i was a kid to the fish market, Ports of Call and my favorite A1 Italian Market. Now we live here and it's great. We live next door to Laurie Jacobs and her family is great. So I am honored to live in San Pedro i feel like we are home.

### Dan Dixon

It has been my honor to serve our neighborhood on the council since 2005. Working on issues affecting the community is gratifying, whether the issues are city-wide, such as homelessness, regional, such as the Ponte Vista development, or purely local, such as a stop sign on the next block. As board members, we deal with a great variety of challenges and opportunities. I firmly believe that our number one task is to listen—listen to all sides of questions that arise, and to do so with civility and respect toward each other. We may not “win” on every issue, and sometimes it is challenging to build a consensus in this wonderfully independent town we call home, but I believe the neighborhood council model is still the best way to help the “City Family” and our fellow citizens understand each other and move forward together. I humbly ask for your support.



### Paul Randall

We purchased our home in San Pedro in March Of 2017, after living in Carson CA for sixteen years. I have recently retired from the aerospace and Defense industry, after thirty-five years of service at one major company. I have been the chair for eight years for the city of Carsons Measure C Citizens Budget Oversight Committee. Performing the city's budget review with recommendations to the city council, including monthly oversight of the Utility Users' Tax and Oil & Gas tax revenue. Past President of Carson Harbor Village Mobile Home Park, Home Owner's Association. Nine years, March 2008 to May 2017, 420 Owners/Residents. My dog Shiba and I volunteer as a therapy dog team at LAX PUP program, Pets Unstressing Passengers. Started volunteering at the marine mammal care center in San Pedro.



## Census Tract 2970

one position open / four-year term

### Armando Balderrama

I am not a politician. I am your neighbor your friend a citizen of San Pedro. I am a veteran the Air Force and the United States Navy. I will do whatever I can do to serve and protect you with what we have available and what we can obtain through the use of city government. I'm tired of seeing of reading about our neighbors being afraid in their own neighborhoods and how crime is increasing, we need to control and put a stop to this obnoxious behavior. I'll do what I can, I will give you 100%



## At-large Representative

one position open / four-year term

### Rick Bender

Hi, my name is Rick Bender. As a small business owner who lives, works, and plays in San Pedro, I'd be honored to be elected to our Board and will work hard on your behalf. I bought my home 5 years ago here in NWSP, love our community, and I'm proud to wear my San Pedro t-shirts wherever I go! I'm especially interested in collaboration with others in the community, local organizations, and authorities to...



- Work closer with the Port to both solve issues and create opportunities.

- Create a safer and cleaner San Pedro.

- Help local businesses thrive.

- Capitalize on new developments like AltaSea, SpaceX, and San Pedro Public Market.

I believe in our San Pedro! Thank you!

Education & Career Work:

- UC Santa Cruz

- Princeton University

- RAND Corporation

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

- American Film Institute (AFI)

### Cynthia Gonyea

I have lived in San Pedro for the past 20 years. I served my country for 33 years as a US Army officer (Europe and the US) and in the federal service (NYC to LA). For the past eight years I have been serving on this board. I would like to continue volunteering my time serving the interests and needs of the people of San Pedro. I believe we need to monitor the traffic, air, noise and light quality of our small port community, as well as be prepared for any natural or man-made disasters. From businesses and homes to people and our pets — we are San Pedro!



Presently, I enjoy serving on the following three committees and the executive board:

Port Committee

Budget Committee

Public Safety Committee

Executive Board, Secretary

I encourage residents to join/attend any of our monthly committee meetings and/or general board meetings. Follow us on nwsanpedro.org!

### Ryan Blaney

I purchased a home in the Vista del Oro area of San Pedro almost (2) years ago. My parents have lived in San Pedro for almost (20) years. I love this town. I also recently started my own law practice here in San Pedro and I am acting President of the Golden State Pops Orchestra that performs out of the Warner Grand Theater. It would be an honor to represent my community, foster communication, protect its beauty and assist in positive growth.



## Non-government Organization Representative

one position open / four-year term

### Mary Chan

Since 2016, I have lived, worked, volunteered, & made new friendships with local residents, business owners & employees, non-profit & non-governmental organizations to better understand all that is splendid about San Pedro. My family immigrated much like some of yours did decades ago in search of the American Dream. Growing up in an entrepreneur family, I was raised with the mindset of hard work, loyalty, and connections to be the fabric of a community, whether in SP, Hong Kong (where I moved from), Croatia, Italy, Mexico, etc.

For my service, I pledge:

+ Leadership management for large-scale projects & groups of people in a timely manner

+ Proactive, effective, & organizational skills

+ Bring tangible solutions to stale situations that blanketed areas of San Pedro; such as asking the Cruise Ship to donate a retiring Ship for those in need of a temp. home.

Thank you for the opportunity, Mary



### Carlos M. Garcia

If elected this would be my third term serving on Northwest's Board. I served one term in the early 2000s and became a Board member again in 2016. During both terms I have served on the Port Committee. I was actively involved in the discussions with the Port about the funding of public access waterfront projects that resulted in the Port's commitment to spend 10 percent of its net operating income over 10 years. I am currently involved in discussions about potential future waterfront projects with the Port, other Neighborhood Councils and Harbor area Chambers of Commerce. I am also involved in efforts to have the Port include in its Risk Management Plan an analysis of the risk of transporting hazardous Liquid Petroleum Gas on its rail lines. Improving collaboration with other San Pedro Neighborhood Councils in these efforts is an important priority for me.

