



**Be the change
in your community...**

**Run for a seat on your
Neighborhood Council!**

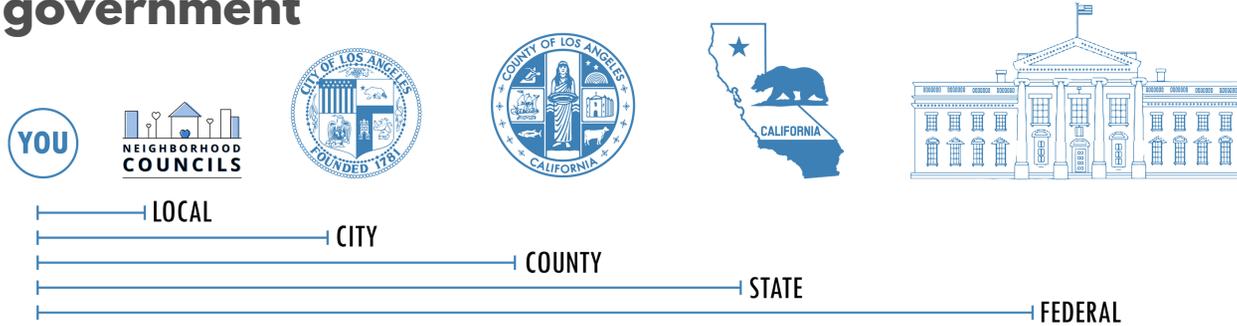
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**Neighborhood Council
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level of closeness to government



who's on a Neighborhood Council?

While Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected by the members of their community. Most board members serve two-year terms; a few Neighborhood Councils have four-year terms.



who can run or vote?

Unlike other municipal, state, or federal elections, Neighborhood Council elections are open to 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 an ongoing, substantial involvement within a Council's boundaries, such as students of a school or members of a church.

Voters and board members need not be US citizens or legal residents to qualify. Participation is also open to the formerly incarcerated. Minimum age to vote or run for office varies by Council, with 16 being the most common minimum age.

about Neighborhood Councils

LA's 99 Neighborhood Councils form the grassroots level of the Los Angeles city government. The system was established in 1999 to connect their communities to City Hall.

Neighborhood Councils advocate on issues like homelessness, housing, public safety, parks, and sustainability. They also provide a local voice on the delivery of city services to their communities.

how to become a candidate

In 2019, Neighborhood Council elections will be held regionally, on 13 dates from late March through mid-June. Candidate registration opens a few months before each regional Election Day, with start dates ranging from mid-December 2018 to early March 2019. Interested in running? Sign up as a candidate at the link below:

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attend a free candidate workshop

Learn tips for running a successful campaign; connecting with voters; advocating for issues you're passionate about; and writing personal statements.

RSVP required. See a list of workshops taking place at locations across Los Angeles:

NCEvents.eventbrite.com