

# 2023 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## NC ELECTIONS FAQs

### What are Neighborhood Councils (NC)?

LA's 99 NCs form the grassroots level of the Los Angeles City government. The system was created to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall. While NC board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

**How do I find out more information about the Neighborhood Councils?** The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) is responsible for promoting civic engagement and supporting NCs in their mission to make municipal government more responsive to local needs. For more information about NCs, visit [empowerla.org](https://empowerla.org) or contact them at (213) 978-1551 or [EmpowerLA@LAcity.org](mailto:EmpowerLA@LAcity.org)

### How do I vote?

For the 2023 NC election season, the City Clerk is implementing a hybrid election model to make voting accessible in-person/at-polls and by mail. Visit [clerk.lacity.org/ncelections](https://clerk.lacity.org/ncelections) to find your designated polling place or complete a Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Application to receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

To cast a ballot in an NC election, a voter must be 16 years of age or older and live, work, or own real property within the boundaries of the NC; or is a member or participates in a community organization within the boundaries of the NC. Voters aged 14 - 15 can vote if the NC has a youth seat on the ballot. Documentation proving stakeholder status in the NC may be required to vote in some NC elections.

### When can I vote?

Voters choosing to vote in-person should visit [clerk.lacity.org/ncelections](https://clerk.lacity.org/ncelections) for election dates, polling locations, and voting hours specific to each NC. Voters interested in voting by mail can submit their application 60 days before Election Day via the online portal or paper application on our website. All VBM applications must be received 19 days prior to Election Day by 11:59 p.m., Pacific Standard Time. Ballot(s) will be mailed beginning 35 days before Election Day.

### How do I apply to receive a VBM ballot?

- Complete and return a VBM paper application or
- Complete a VBM Application using the online portal at [clerk.lacity.org/ncelections](https://clerk.lacity.org/ncelections).

### Is a phone number or email address required?

Although it is not required to provide a phone number or email address, staff may need to contact you in the event that further information or clarification is needed to process your VBM Application.

### California Public Records Act

All voters must complete an application stating stakeholder status for voter eligibility. Information provided on the application is considered public information and is subject to **limited** disclosure under the CPRA. The Neighborhood Council name; stakeholder type (live, work, own property, or community interest); and stakeholder's first and last name are considered public information and subject to disclosure.

For questions regarding NC elections, please visit our website at [clerk.lacity.org/ncelections](https://clerk.lacity.org/ncelections) or contact our office at (213) 978-0444 or toll free at (888) 873-1000, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays.