LOS ANGELES CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS

FOURTH SATURDAY
IN SEPTEMBER

DOWNTOWN
CITY HALL



ABOUT THE CONGRESS

The Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods is a free conference that brings together hundreds of community leaders from the City's 99 Neighborhood Councils for a full day of workshops, plenary sessions, breakfast & lunch, networking, and more.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- The Congress of Neighborhoods is produced by an all-volunteer Planning Committee in partnership with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
- The Congress Planning Committee team includes the following subcommittees: Budget & Finance, Executive, Outreach, Production, and Workshops.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM

- LA's 99 Neighborhood Councils, established by charter amendment in 1999, form the grassroots level of the Los Angeles City government.
- While Neighborhood Council board members are unpaid volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.



> The Congress of Neighborhoods is an event that makes me proud to be a part of the NC system each year. The planners are so warm and kind and inclusive.
>
> -Event Attendee (2023)

SCHEDULE

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration & Breakfast
9:00am - 10:00am	Opening Session
10:10am - 11:10am	Workshop Session 1
11:20am - 12:20pm	Workshop Session 2
12:20pm - 1:50pm	Lunch & EmpowerLA Awards
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Workshop Session 3
3:40pm - 4:30pm	Closing Session
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Post-Conference Mixer





WORKSHOPS

Civil Rights Enforcement in Los Angeles • Pure Water Los Angeles: L.A.'s Journey to a New and Sustainable Water Supply • The LA Story Project Optimizing and Protecting the Historical Resources in Your Neighborhood How Would You Change the City's Budget? • How LA Youth Can Lead Through Neighborhood Councils • The County's Evolving Role in a Regional Homeless Crisis • Hot Legal Topics for Neighborhood Councils • Upcoming Changes to the NC Funding Program • Planning 101 for Neighborhood Councils Demystifying LASAN Trash Fees • Zero Waste Events in LA: Why and How Ethics: Transparency and Tools for an Informed Citizenry • Are You Ready for the Next Disaster in the City of Angels? • Know Your Rights: Protecting Immigrant Communities in Los Angeles • Finding Ethics Violations with Public Data • Upcoming Changes to the L.A. Charter: Threat or Opportunity? Planning for Regional Housing Needs • Proposition 36 and the Future of Public Safety in Los Angeles

EXHIBITORS

American Red Cross • CERT-LA • Chicas Verdes • City of LA 311 Contact Center • City of LA Dept of Aging • City of LA Dept of Rec & Parks • Civicate Youth • Downtown Weekly LA • FoodCycle • Greater LA County Vector Control District • LA Animal Services • LA Bureau of Street Lighting • LA City Attorney's Office • LA City Clerk, NC Elections & Funding Division • LA City Planning • LA City Recreation and Parks Emergency Management Division • LA Climate Emergency Management Office • LA County, Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell • LA County MEHKO Program • LA Dept of Building and Safety • LA Dept of Cultural Affairs • LA Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment • LA Dept of Transportation • LA Dept of Water and Power • LA Emergency Management Dept LA Forward Institute • LA Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance • LA Public Library • LA28, 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games • LAFD CERT • LAPD • LASAN • League of Women Voters Greater LA • LAUSD • LAUSD • Los Angeles Climate Reality Project • LAWA • Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates • Public Democracy LA • Pure Water LA • South Coast AQMD • StreetsLA • Water Replenishment District



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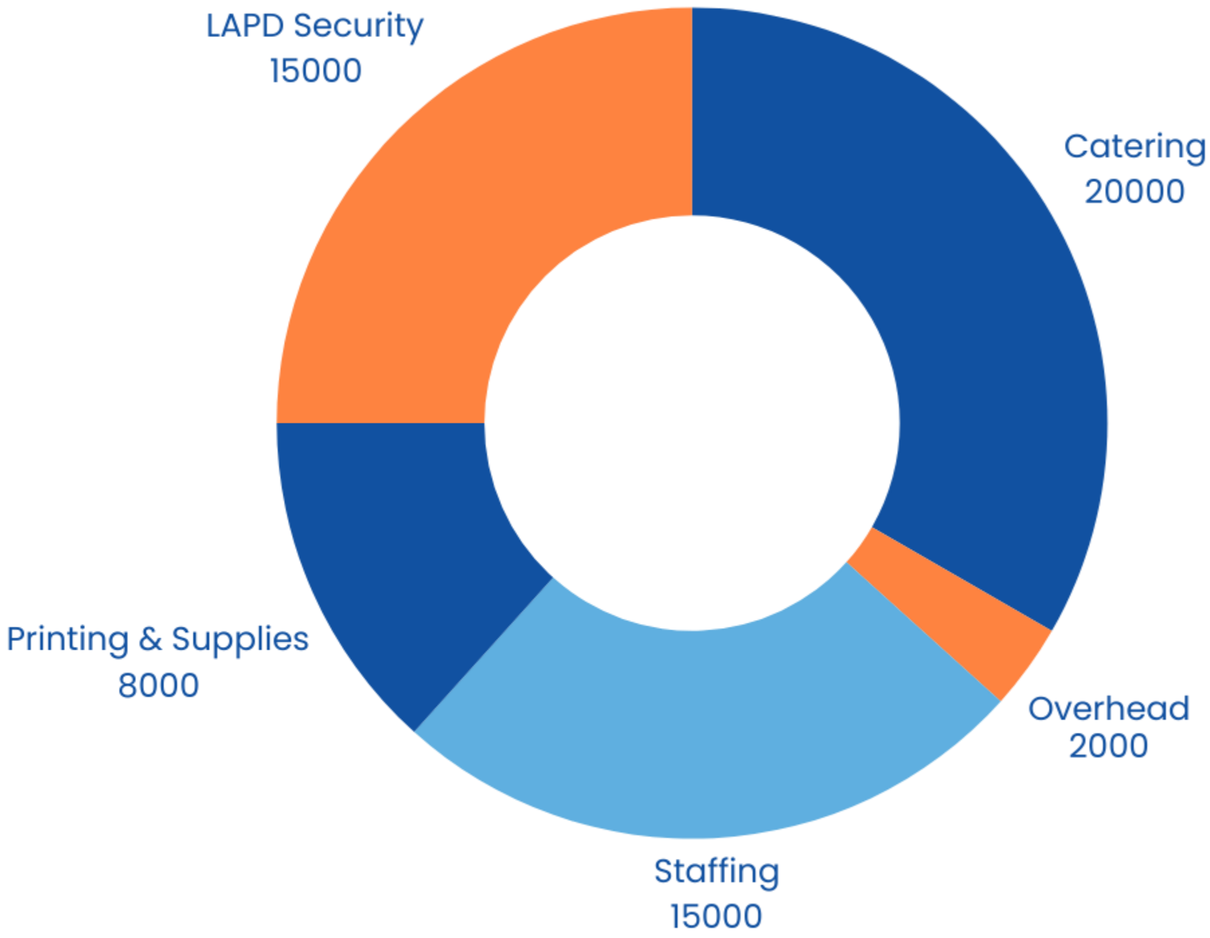



To keep the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods free and open to the public, the $60,000 annual operating budget is raised by a combination of city department sponsorships, Neighborhood Council sponsorships, and in-kind contributions.

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The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System

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EmpowerLA is a City of Los Angeles department that supports 99 Neighborhood Councils across Los Angeles.

Our mission is to help community members get involved in City government and improve their neighborhoods. We provide resources, training, and support to ensure Neighborhood Councils can effectively represent their communities and address local needs.



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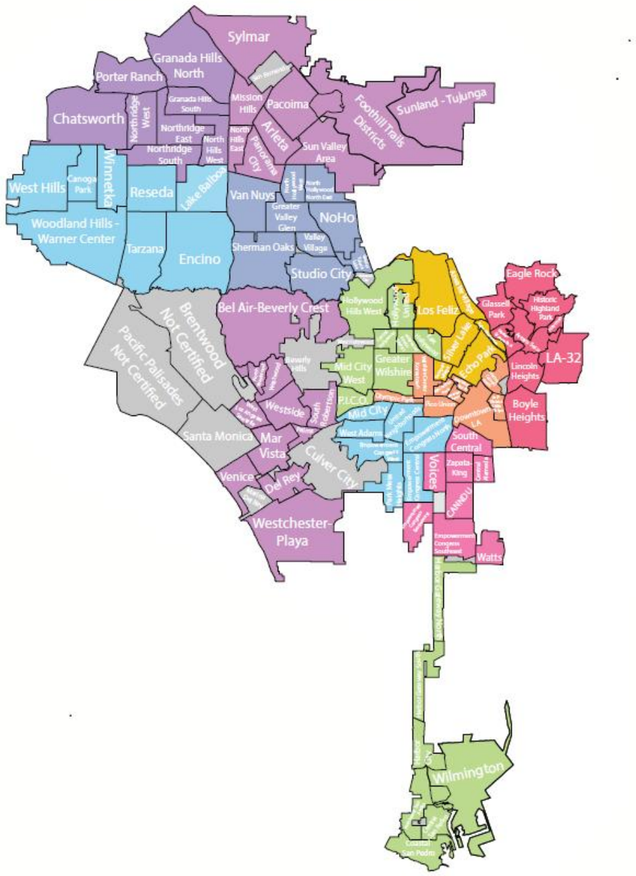

The System was established by the City Charter (1999) to ensure all communities have a voice in City Hall.

The City Charter also established the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to support the new Neighborhood Council system and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

The first Neighborhood Council was formed in 2002.

There are 99 Neighborhood Councils representing neighborhoods across Los Angeles. It is the nation's largest model of grassroots democracy.

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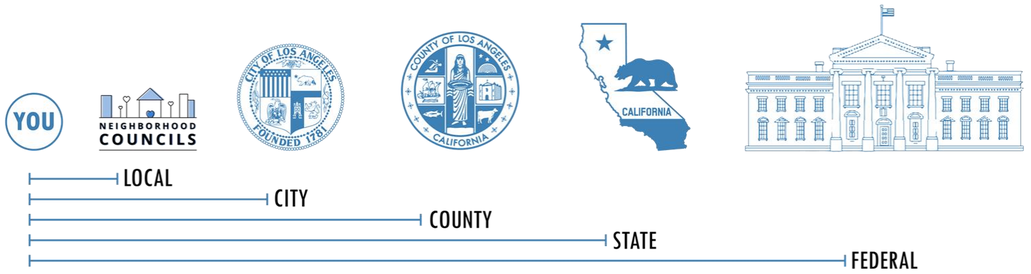
Promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

Neighborhood Councils include **representatives of the many diverse interests** in their communities, who serve as board and committee members.

Representatives live, own property, work, own businesses, attend church, are members of organizations, go to school, or have other ties to the neighborhood they represent.

They have an **advisory role on issues of concern** to the neighborhood.



LEVEL OF CLOSENESS TO GOVERNMENT



Engagement & Representation



Neighborhood Councils **hold their meetings in the communities they serve** at least once a quarter, with most meeting monthly. These meetings are a hub for public participation, where community members voice their quality of life, programmatic, and service needs.

To execute their advisory role in municipal government: they gather, vet, debate and come to a consensus on matters that impact City life and policy, and deliver their official stance in letters called “Community Impact Statements” (CIS).



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Community partners attend these meetings to promote initiatives, programs, and events. Neighborhood Councils amplify and connect community members to these resources. In some cases, they also fund community improvement projects and pass on funding to 501(c)3 partners who do work in the community.

Neighborhood Councils **host and co-sponsor community events**, including parades, resource fairs, food giveaways, emergency preparation events and more!

Thank You!

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Find your Neighborhood Council Today!