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The annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils is scheduled for this Saturday, and members of the organizations are being offered a host of door prizes as inducements to attend the event at the downtown Convention Center.

Greg Nelson, general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, sent out a memo last week listing more than a dozen items that will be given out as door prizes.

There are some good ones, such as tickets to a Dodgers game, a chess set and tours at various museums. Then there are the oddball treats, such as tagging along with housing or building inspectors or winning an emergency preparedness kit.