



**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
2012 Neighborhood Council Election
Candidate Guidelines**

1. You may run for any Neighborhood Council (NC) Board Seat if you meet the candidacy requirements for the seat you are seeking.
2. You may distribute Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Applications (if your NC permits Vote-By-Mail), but you shall not collect them.
3. You shall not use the City of Los Angeles Seal, City of Los Angeles Letterhead, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) Logo, the NC Logo or any other official NC designation created by the Department.
4. You shall not receive endorsements from the governing Board of the NC.
5. You may receive endorsements from individual Board members, acting as individual stakeholders.
6. You shall not use City facilities, equipment, supplies or other City resources for campaigning activities.
7. You shall not engage in negative campaigning ("mudslinging") during your campaign.
8. You shall not post handbills on public property. You must observe all handbill posting laws (Sec. 28.04 Los Angeles Municipal Code).
9. You shall not engage in electioneering.
10. You may report any illegal or fraudulent activity to the Department.
11. You shall adhere to the Department's Neighborhood Council 2012 Election Manual and all other NC Election policies and procedures established by the Department. Please contact the Department with any questions on these policies and procedures.
12. You shall notify the Department if your stakeholder status changes, thereby disqualifying you from the NC seat you are seeking.