

Torrey Pines Community Planning Board

General Election Notice

A General Election of the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board (TPCPB) members will be held on **March 8, 2018**.

Planning Board members shall be elected from eligible members of the community.

To be eligible, a community member must be at least 18 years of age and shall be affiliated with the community as a:

- **Property owner** within the community planning area, or **resident**, who is an individual whose primary address of residence is within the community,
- **Local business** person or a **not-for-profit** owner,
- **Designee** at a non-residential real property address in the community.

The deadline to qualify for candidacy in the March general election shall be prior to the February, 2018 noticed regular meeting of the full board. Candidates may be added at the February meeting.

In order to be a candidate in the March Election, an eligible member of the community **must have attended three (3) meetings in the last 12 meetings prior to the February meeting**. Attendance can be counted from either the full board meeting(s) or Project Review Committee meetings.

So Why Join the Community Planning Board? To **make sure your issues and concerns are heard** by the right agencies.

The Board **makes recommendations and communicates neighborhood concerns** to the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, Senator Toni Atkins, Assemblymember Todd Gloria, and other agencies.

At most meetings a Police Officer from Public Relations attends **and updates those in attendance about recent crimes and what is being done to protect us**.

This year, the County Health Agency attended several meetings to answer public concerns about the West Nile Mosquito Virus. Public concerns allowed the health agency to **spray the local lagoon to stop the mosquito infestation.**

This year, concerned parents came to the Board, and we were able with City help to **install stop signs on Portofino Drive.**

The Board has reached out to the City of San Diego and Del Mar Union School District to start the application process for a SANDAG Grant to **research how to make Del Mar Heights Road safer for pedestrians, especially our school children.**

Due to the Board's broad reaching contacts, we learned early on about Caltrans final environmental report (FEIR) on their Preferred Alternative for the I-5/SR-56 Connector. Over 100 very concerned residents along with Councilmember Bry attended an informative Board review of major issues that directly impact our community. Out of this Board effort, **two private groups have chosen to legally challenge Caltrans's FEIR.**

So ask yourself, **isn't it worth the effort** to spend a very few hours a month working to help your community, your family members, our schools, and be a steward for our environment?

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