

LANCC Elections – 2023
Candidate Statements

Candidates for Chair:

Terrence Gomes, Candidate for Chair of LANCC

My name is Terrence Gomes and I have been your Chair of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) since 2015. I have been a part of Neighborhood Councils since 2004 and on the Board of SORO NC since 2006. Membership to LANCC is open to all 99 Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders are welcomed to attend meetings.

Since 2015, as the Chair of LANCC, we have worked together to get housing and services at the VA West Los Angeles to 100 Veterans that lived in Skid Row in one day. We also worked together to have the ability for NCs to present up to five minutes at the City Council, Commission, and Board meetings and to have a “seat at the table.” We have worked together to rid our city government of corrupt politicians and was the first organization to demand the resignation of two sitting Councilmembers that plead guilty to corruption charges. We have also worked with the Neighborhood Council system to give the system a stronger voice and represent our stakeholders. As an organization, we listen to our stakeholders, the Neighborhood Councils, and work to advocate for them and give the Neighborhood Councils a voice to be heard and a place to collaborate together.

During my time as Chair, we have had many Ad hoc committees to take up issues that affect Neighborhood Councils and established a permanent Working Group for Councils (WG4CC) made up of Neighborhood Council leaders to promote advocacy and solutions for Neighborhood Councils.

It takes experience, dedication, and hard work to make the city of Los Angeles better and it takes a true leader to keep the Coalition moving forward. I also have created many relationships with city partners to bring speakers that offer value and education to the Neighborhood Councils in attendance.

Candidates for Vice-Chair:

None received by 2/1/23 deadline.

Candidates for Secretary:

None received by 2/1/23 deadline.

Candidates for Treasurer:

None received by 2/1/23 deadline.

Submitted by:
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LANCC Elections Chair