

Election Committee Report to PPCC

August 9, 2018

1. **ONLINE VOTING:** All voting will be on-line, starting at 9 p.m. tonight (after our 7 p.m. PPCC meeting). The ballots will be accessible by clicking on the “**VOTE HERE**” button on the PPCC website home page: www.pacpalicc.org. Voting will end in 3 weeks at 9 p.m. on August 30.

2. **VOTING ASSISTANCE:** Voting assistance will be available for those who don't have access to a computer or need help. On August 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Palisades Branch Library, members of the committee and other volunteers will bring their portable computers to the community meeting room to help anyone who needs help voting. All Election Committee members should be there to help out those voters.

3. **CANDIDATE FORUM:** Tonight at our 7 p.m. PPCC meeting, all candidates for Area Representative and At-large Representative will have the opportunity to introduce themselves in person and make a 2-minute statement. We will also have a minimum 3-question Q&A with the candidates for Area 2 and At-large Representatives, since they are contested seats. The time limit for answers is 1½ minute. If time allows, the other candidates will have an opportunity to answer questions. We intend to make time. During the election period, the public will be able to directly ask each of the candidates questions by email. Candidate email addresses are provided on the PPCC website home page link to the Candidates Statements.

4. **VOTING & ELECTION INFORMATION (Notice of Ballot Availability):** The “**VOTE HERE**” button (the link to the ballot, 9 p.m. tonight), the “Voting & Election Information (Notice of Ballot Availability)” and the “Candidates Statements” are on the PPCC website home page at www.pacpalicc.org.

5. **TELL EVERYONE:** All Council Officers, Area Representatives, the At-large Representative, and Organizational Representatives should get the word out to their constituents and organizations that the Election is on. Let's get out the vote.

6. PUBLICITY: The Palisadian-Post published our election information and Candidate Statements in a full-page public service announcement last week. Haldis Toppel has offered to publish on her blog and email list any additional information that the candidates individually wish to share. "Circling the News" (Sue Pascoe's blog) has run pieces about the election. We have posted voting and election information on our PPCC pages on Facebook and Nextdoor. We have also sent voting and election information emails from PPCC to everyone on our mailing list, and we'll send reminders. The Committee created a banner for the Pali High fence at Temescal & Sunset, which went up Tuesday, August 7, and will stay up until after voting has closed. Chris Spitz has spoken to the Senior Alliance and will speak again at their meeting on Monday.

7. ELIGIBILITY: Voting eligibility is set forth in Attachment A to the PPCC Bylaws. It is also set forth in the Notice. Residents at least 18 years old by August 30 are eligible to vote for the candidate running for At-large Representative and the Area Representative in the Area in which the voter resides. Areas are defined and mapped at the PPCC website, and that info is also available on the online ballot for voters in the process of voting. Voters who are at least 18 by August 30 who reside in, own real property in, or operate a business located in the Palisades are eligible to vote for the At-large Representative.

8. CANDIDATE CONDUCT: All candidates shall abide by PPCC Standing Rule 9 in Bylaws Appendix C: Code of Conduct. Candidates will be held to those standards of conduct. All candidates are expected to read and comply with the PPCC Bylaws, which are linked at the PPCC website.

Best of luck to all the candidates.

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

David Card, Chair

Richard Cohen

Richard Blumenberg

Andrew Frew

Bill Bruns

George Wolfberg, ex officio, as PPCC Chair

Chris Spitz, advisor, 2016 Chair of the committee