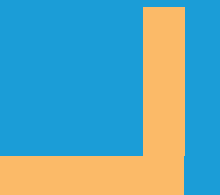
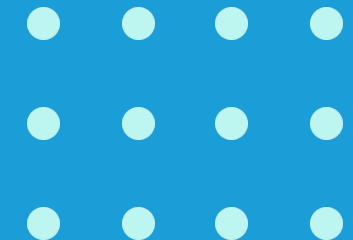
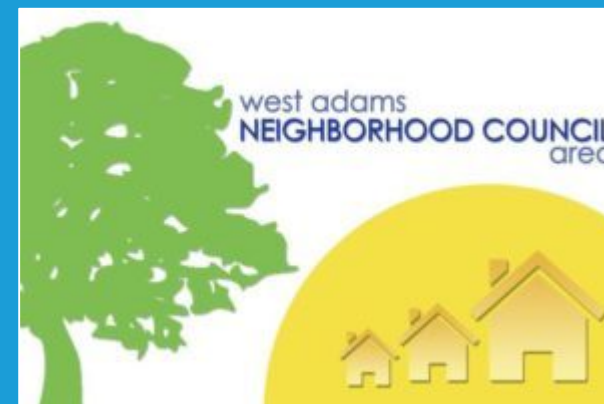


# Virtual Candidate Forum

## West Adams Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, April 28



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# THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

- General Public Comment
- Overview & Introductions
- Rules of the Road
- Candidate Forum
  - Opening statements
  - Questions for Candidates
  - Closing Statements

# ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS



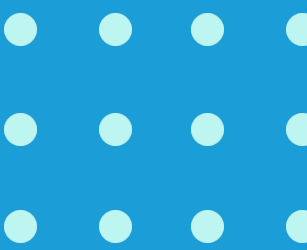
## ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

The 99 Neighborhood Councils of Los Angeles together form the grassroots level of the City government. The Neighborhood Council System was established in 1999 to help the City be more responsive to LA's diverse communities.

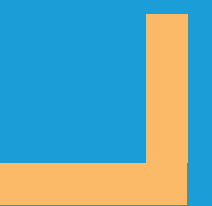
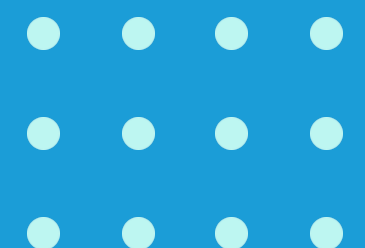
## HOW NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS CREATE IMPACT

Neighborhood Councils provide a local voice on the delivery of City services to their communities. They also advocate on issues like homelessness, housing, public safety, parks, and sustainability.



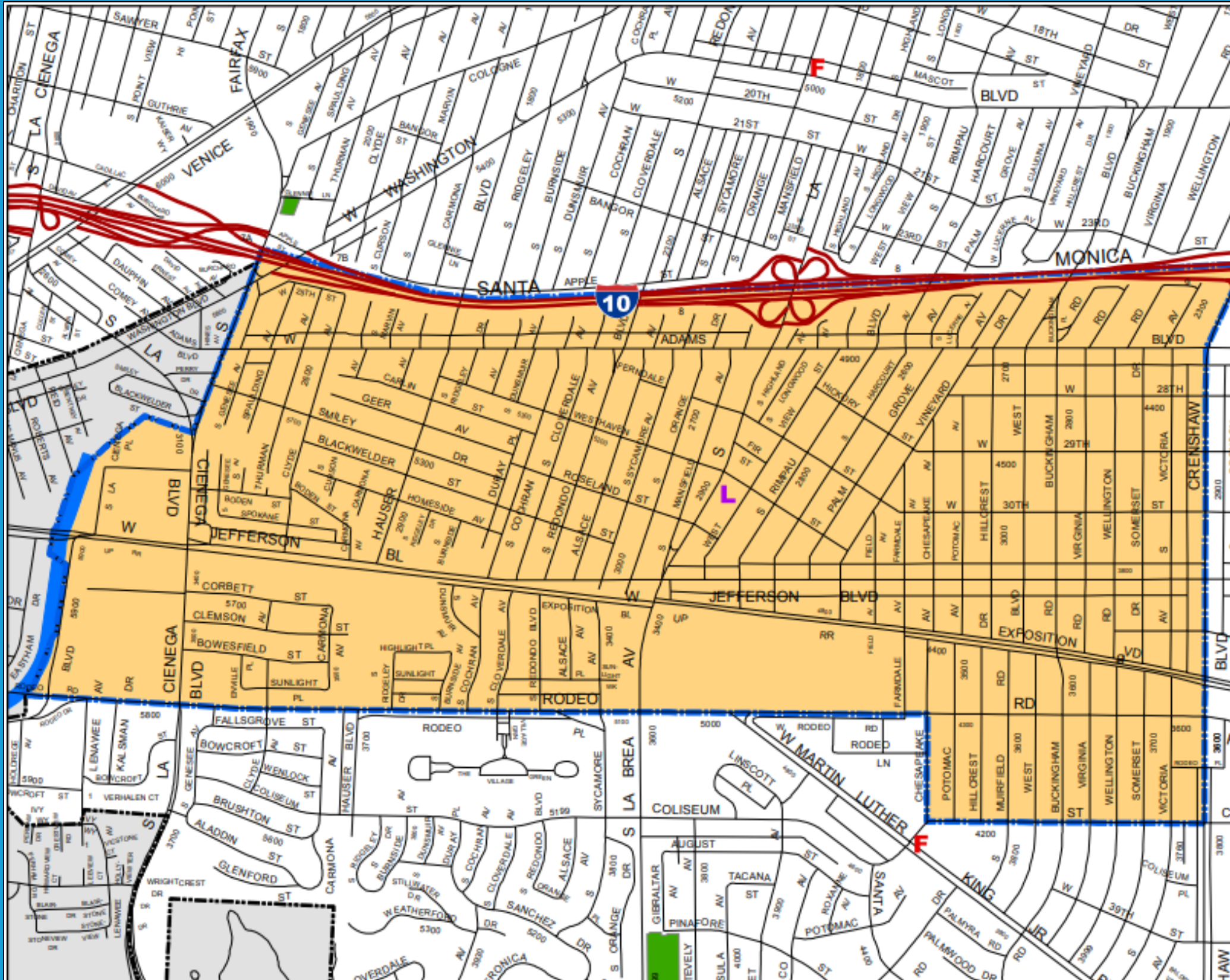


# What is the West Adams Neighborhood Council?





# WEST ADAMS – A SNAPSHOT



**Total Population:** ~27,000

## **Boundaries:**

- **East:** The west side of Crenshaw Boulevard
- **West:** Between Obama Boulevard and the Santa Monica Freeway following the City of Los Angeles boundary line
- **North:** Santa Monica Freeway
- **South:** Starting from Coliseum Street continue west from Crenshaw Boulevard to Chesapeake Avenue, then continue north on Chesapeake Avenue to Obama Boulevard then continue west on Obama Boulevard

## **COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- 51% female, 48% male
- Nearly 45% of the population between ages 30-64
- More than 60% are Black, African American, or Latinx
- Almost 25% of households living in poverty
- Nearly 60% are renter occupied units
- Less than 25% have post-high school education

*Source: <https://empowerla.org/city-map>  
Source: American Data Survey (2018)*

# WEST ADAMS NC – BOARD COMPOSITION & OFFICERS

<b>BOARD SEATS (15)</b>	<b>Business Representative</b>	<b>Youth Representative</b>
<b>Community Interest Representative</b>	<b>Homeowner Representative</b>	<b>At-Large Representative</b>
<b>OFFICERS (6)</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>		



# WEST ADAMS NC – STANDING COMMITTEES

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Addresses the various issues concerning public safety in the West Adams community. This includes street services, sanitation, law enforcement - to name a few

5:30PM  
FIRST THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH  
WWW.WESTADAMSNC.ORG

## LAND USE COMMITTEE

Shall interface, address and advise Stakeholders, developers, the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the Los Angeles City Council

6:30PM  
SECOND THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH  
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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Shall oversee and coordinate all outreach events and activities and shall be the main body to spearhead all outreach for the West Adams Neighborhood Council

5:00PM  
FIRST WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH  
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## YOUTH/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Shall interface with youth stakeholders throughout LAUSD, the City of Los Angeles, businesses and developers on matters concerning the general welfare of the youth who reside in and/or use facilities located within West Adams Neighborhood Council boundaries

FIRST TUESDAYS OF EACH QUARTER  
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## RULES COMMITTEE

Shall oversee all proposed amendments to bylaws and standing rules

QUARTERLY  
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Shall oversee all projects and proposals and shall work with the individual and/or committee in the execution of project or proposal

6:30PM  
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- **General Board meetings (third Mondays of each month)**
  - May 17
  - June 21
  - July 19
  - August 16
  - September 20
  - October 18
  - November 15
  - December 20
- **Typically meet at Vineyard Recreation Center, but all meetings are currently virtual (via Zoom) due to COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Ad-Hoc Committees can also be created (e.g., Homelessness, Arts & Culture)**



# LEARN MORE AND STAY CONNECTED

**EmpowerLA (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)**

<https://empowerla.org>

**West Adams Neighborhood Council Website**

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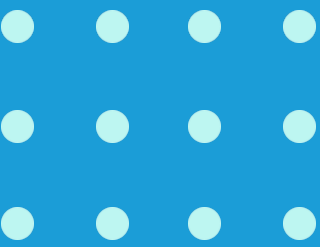
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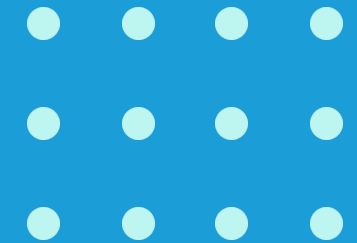
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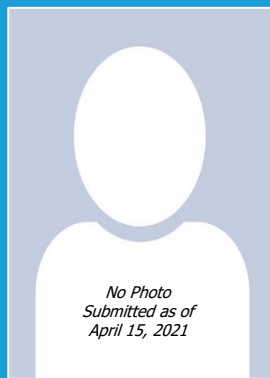




# RULES OF THE ROAD

- Opening Statements (1 minute per candidate)
- Questions for Candidates (2 minutes per candidate)
- Closing Statements (1 minute per candidate)

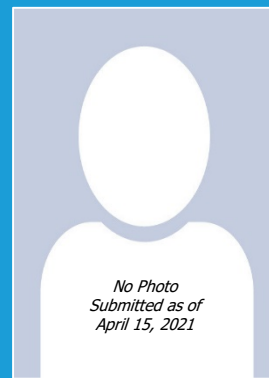
## At-Large (4)



Josh Beane



Dorsay Dujon



Bea Jett McGowen



John Ma



Steven Meeks



Thomas M. Murray



Omid Shokoufandeh



Marie Thorne

## Homeowner (1)



Eva Aubry



Brian Piatek



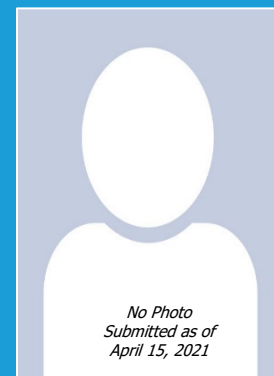
Ramey Ward

## Youth (1)



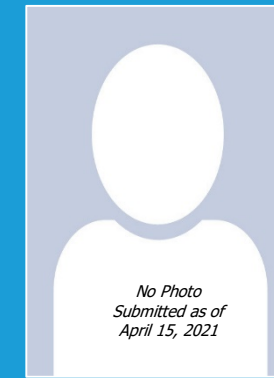
Phillip Wiley

## Business (1)



Richard P. Williams

## Community Interest (1)



Ginger Coleman



Connye L. Thomas

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**What caused you  
to run?**



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**Which committee would you like to join/chair and what projects would you like to get done?**

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**How do you approach problems that you know you can't solve alone but where you also face opposition?**

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**As an NC Boardmember, you will build relationships with government officials, businesspeople, and up to 19,000 residential stakeholders. How will you use those opportunities to improve West Adams for everyone? Feel free to speak in the context of a particular interest you care about.**



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**Name a decision made by the West Adams Neighborhood Council (or other Los Angeles agencies) that you disagree with and what you would've done differently.**

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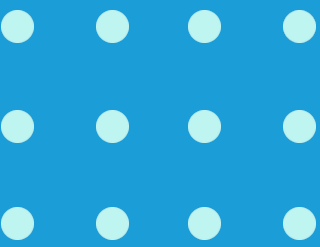


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