

- Meeting started at 7pm, attendees: Clint Birdsong, Chloe Rivas, Teresa Roman, Jennifer Rodriguez
- Welcome by Clint
 - Agenda shared on chat:
 - <https://cypressparknc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-12-22-GCPNC-Governing-Board-and-Elections-Meeting-Agenda-For-Posting.pdf>
- **Candidate Filing Period Ends Tuesday, January 26, 2021**
- **Vote-By-Mail Application Period Ends April 6, 2021**
 - From timeline located here: [2021 Neighborhood Council Election Timeline](#)
 - Ways to request ballot: fill out form online, email form, fax form, mail form,
 - JRodriguez asked: What is the actual (time) deadline for people to request ballot/fill out the form online on this date?
- **Election day is Tuesday, April 13, 2021**
 - Ballots must be received by the 16th, postmarked by the 13th, or dropped off at Drop Box [*hours TBD]
 - Ballots can be dropped off at any NC drop box on this day
 - There is no phone number to call? *Ask if they will make that available.
- Foks can start requesting ballots by February 6, 2021
- Candidate filing has started (December 12, 2020)
- Based on our bylaws, people who are 16 can vote, people who are 18 can run
 - Any “stakeholder” can vote, stakeholder definition explained by Clint
 - Link for Election Handbook shared: [2021 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION HANDBOOK](#)
- Questions assigned to NC members to brainstorm and present at the January 12, meeting:
- Who plans on running?
 - Chloe can't
 - JRodriguez won't
 - Clint: probably not
 - Teresa, thinking not because of not being able to vote due to training being in english only. Clint will try to get translation service arranged.
- Discussion re: language barriers, internet access for ballot request,
 - Teresa asked about obtaining mail in ballots and about multiple people in households? They'll all need their own paper application,
- *Ask NC about printing 200 applications and purchasing 500 stamped envelopes for ~\$294 to make available for those who don't have internet access.
- Ideas on ways to do candidate recruitment?
 - We can do easy things:
 - Passing out flyers with deadlines and qualifications at schools, food distributions,
 - Facebook/IG posts,
 - Prepare a slide to share with Principal's during their Coffee Hour, teachers
 - Share flyers/sign with Local Businesses

- JR to make flyers, details:
 - 1. register to file to be a candidate; letting them know to run for NC, dates, qualifications and
 - 2. send your ballot by this date, include drop box info
- Q&A info sessions on January 7th @6pm; 16th @9am, 30th @9am
 - [EmpowerLA / Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment Events](#)
- We (Region 8) can get the paper applications since they were released for Region 5 ([Vote-By-Mail Application | City Clerk](#))
 - English: [2021 Neighborhood Council \(NC\) Elections Vote by Mail \(VBM\) Application](#)
 - Spanish: [Elecciones del Consejo Vecinal \(CV\) 2021 Solicitud de Voto por Correo \(VBM\)](#)
- Reason for no online voting discussed by Glenn: expensive, moratorium placed by Studio City, takes the city a long time to work towards revising/changing process
- Discussion to host Virtual Candidate Forum between (Release of Certified List of Candidates) February 12, 2021 and before April 6, 2021, **March 9, 2021* Ask NC**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm