



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## **It's A New Day At CeSPNC**

**San Pedro, CA – November 15, 2017** - The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CeSPNC) filled five of the six vacated seats on its council on Tuesday, November 14, at its monthly stakeholder meeting at POLA High School. Elected to the board are Rachel Bruhnke, POLA High School Teacher; Louis Caravella, Web Developer; Jane Castillo, Educator & Neighborhood Block Captain; Brian Dolansky, with a degree in Environmental Science; and Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu, Educator.

Also at the meeting James Preston Allen, publisher of RLnews and past CeSPNC president, was elected to the vacant seat of Vice President of the council. Allen said after the meeting that, "this is a new day and a fresh start for the neighborhood council that was at the epicenter of the homeless debate".

New board members expressed interest in a number of areas including sustainability issues, homeless crisis, public safety, engagement with the Port of Los Angeles and increased emphasis on filing community impact statements at City Hall on important city measures affecting the San Pedro Harbor Area. They pledged to be active council members and to represent stakeholders. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council remains one of the 7 public forums within Council District 15 where all the community can come and voice their concerns and be heard.

It continues under the leadership of President Christian Guzman who is recognized for striving for efficient meetings that protect the rights of board members and stakeholders. President Guzman now feels that the council has true potential to take important positions and build respect.

Vice-president Allen concurred saying, "it now seems that the dark cloud of negativity has lifted and that we have a good working board that will actually cooperate in getting positive things accomplished."