



New Member Primer

Welcome to the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council. We are happy to have you join us in our efforts to serve, represent, and promote the activities and interest of all Rancho de los Peñasquitos residents.

One of the first things you should do as a new member is sign up for the email updates on our website, www.rpcouncil.com. Also consider liking and following us on Facebook @rpcouncil, and on Instagram @RanchoPeñasquitosTown, and on Twitter, @rpcouncil. Once you are on all our feeds, please invite your friends and neighbors to sign up and join us too; the more community members who know what's going on, the better.

Next, scroll through this primer and decide what you'd like to learn more about and how you'd like to get involved. Here's what you'll see in the following pages: council committees, budget, fundraising, community events, council member bios (link to website) and our contact information.

If you have questions, suggestions, or ideas about anything you see, or want to get more involved with in any way, contact the president via email. This is the most effective way to get information and ideas flowing before the formal setting of the monthly meetings.

COMMITTEES:

Executive Board:

President: Kate Glenn, president@rpcouncil.com

VP : Brian Reschke, vp@rpcouncil.com

Treasurer: Beth Kiernan, treasurer@rpcouncil.com

Secretary: Ranessa Santos-Packard, secretary@rpcouncil.com

Parliamentarian: Alan Gin, parliamentarian@rpcouncil.com

Community Partners & Membership: Chair, Kate Glenn. This committee oversees community outreach campaigns, monthly networking events for residents and businesses. Fundraising and membership pledge drives and the fundraising events for the Town Council.

Grants & Sponsorships: Chair, Executive Board. The Town Council offers community service grants to individuals and organizations for activities, events, projects that promote the interests or provide

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community service to PQ. Grants normally will not exceed \$300 for individuals, and \$500 for Organizations but never exceed more than 50% of the projected total of the project costs. Applications are on the web site and are accepted on a continuing basis but granted monthly. They are reviewed and submitted to the general board for review and approval. Applicants are invited to make a verbal presentation up to 5 minutes long and answer questions proposed by the Grant Review Committee at our Grant Review meeting. There is a very detailed explanation of this on our web site, but to make a long story short, we give away between \$7K-\$11K annually in grants and scholarships, depending on our fundraising success of the prior year.

Safety & Health: The charter of Health and Education committee is to promote a healthy environment in PQ for all residents and discuss issues that affect the well being of the schools and students in PQ.

Government Affairs: Dave DeVries, Chair. The committee fields and refers questions from the community that fall into the category of 'government affairs'. Committee may organize a candidate forum around election cycles.

Education Committee: Chair, open. This committee promotes Essay contests and educational events for our local PUSD Students twice a year: Growing Up PQ Essay Contest and the Youth Community Service Awards Contest in the Spring for 5th, 8th, and 12 grade students.

Web & Print Committee: Chair, Kate Glenn, Web Master, Darwin Villaruz. Keep the residents informed about current events affecting PQ. To that end, this committee: Runs and adds content on the rpcouncil website, and all social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor. Maintains and works to continue increasing the size of our community contact list and online newsletter publication.

Note: This primer was written by Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff and updated by Kate Glenn. The ideas herein do not necessarily reflect official PQ Town Council positions and may not even be entirely accurate.

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