

September 7, 2005

Nancy Aguilar, Secretary
ECNANDC
P.O. Box 7223
Los Angeles, CA 90018

Re: At-Large Board Member Position Opening

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our ECNANDC neighborhoods are beginning to enjoy the benefits of urban renewal. We have made dramatic inroads in alleviating crime, cleaning up neglected streets and sidewalks and increasing community pride. While these accomplishments are noteworthy, much work remains to be done. I would be honored to participate with the Governing Board of this Neighborhood Council to further improve our community.

I have been a homeowner in the Normandie 5 area for about 5 years, and am a lifelong Los Angeles native. I attended U.S.C., and fell in love with our vibrant and diverse neighborhood. As a student, I had the privilege of volunteering time in the University's after school reading program, through which I developed a sense of the ability of individuals to truly make a difference in their communities.

Presently, I serve as the Vice President of the Western-Normandie / Adams-Jefferson Homeowners and Block Club Association. I have also been an active member of the Project Area Committee for the Normandie 5 Redevelopment Project for nearly 3 years. In these groups, I have had a chance to meet many of my neighbors, learn more about city services, and take an active role in identifying and addressing the issues that impact us all.

As a parent, I have been concerned about overcrowding in our local schools and the need for more equitable educational opportunities for our children. As such, I joined a grass-roots group of families united by the desire to start a public charter school dedicated to our common vision of a parent-initiated school that is creative, diverse, academically challenging and emotionally nurturing. After over a year and a half of hard work, our charter was unanimously approved by LAUSD, we located and made improvements to a previously under-utilized space to house our school, hired a principal and staff and opened our doors just this month. As a founding member of the Board of Directors, I was fortunate to be able to help in all aspects of this daunting but rewarding project. As Chair of our Fundraising Committee, I applied my experience in event planning and project coordination to assist in achieving our goals, and learned a lot about gaining support from sponsors and recruiting other volunteers.

I hope to have the opportunity to contribute actively to the Governing Board of the NANDC. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Rachel Capata



RACHEL CAPATA

OBJECTIVE

To obtain an At-Large member seat on the NANDC in an effort to better serve the interests and needs of the community.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Team player experienced in organizational development and processes (including Brown Act compliance), coalition building, fact gathering/research, information dissemination, civic participation and public speaking.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Founding Board Member, Fundraising Committee Chair, acting Secretary of the Board at Larchmont Charter School.
- Member, Project Area Committee, Normandie 5
- Vice President, Adams/Western Normandie/Adams Homeowners & Block Club Association

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience in event planning, sales, and legal administration.

EDUCATION

[1991-1995] University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Association of Bridal Consultants

I support Rachel Capata's application to the open seat for an at-large representative to the NANDC Neighborhood Council.

Name/ Stakeholder Status	Street Address LOS ANGELES, CA 90018	Phone Number	Signature
Homesowner ROBERT MARTIN	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[Signature]
Homesowner Richard Parks			[Signature]
Homesowner Heather Ferguson			[Signature]
Homesowner Andrea Beck			[Signature]
PAULINA DILLON			[Signature]
Yvonne Jones			[Signature]
HILLIAR BROWN			[Signature]
LEE TAYLOR			[Signature]
STEVEN HIAFRAN			[Signature]
GILLIAN BAYET			[Signature]

