

The Initial Election Committee of the Uptown Community Planning Group (UCPG) is pleased to announce the upcoming election for the inaugural board of the city recognized Community Planning Group for Uptown.

To find out more or register as a candidate or voter: <u>https://uptowncommunityplanning.org/elections</u>

Important Dates.

Candidate Applications:	Open through Jul 20, 2024
Voter Registration:	Open Now Online
Online voting begins:	August 8, 2024
In-person Voting Option:	August 20th.
Additional in-person Voting:	TBD. See uptowncommunityplanning.org for updates.
Election Ends:	August 20, 2024 8:00 PM

What is a Community Planning Group?

The members of the UCPG are YOUR neighborhood representatives recognized by the city as the voice of Uptown in matters related to neighborhood planning. Housing, Mobility, Parks, Infrastructure and more are part of the city's general plan. The neighborhood specific aspects of this plan are managed by 50 Community Planning Groups across the city.

Per the city: There has been long-standing citizen involvement in planning in the City of San Diego. The City Council adopted policies in the 1960s and 1970s that established and recognized community planning groups as formal mechanisms for community input in the land use decision-making processes. Community planning groups (CPG) provide citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. The recommendations of the planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff.

(https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/cpg)



How does the board represent me?

The UCPG has chosen a district representation model to better reflect the distinct character of each of the Uptown neighborhoods. One property owner and one renter are elected by the residents of each neighborhood to advocate for the needs of their residents and come together for Uptown as a whole. 5 business and one nonprofit representatives are elected to represent Uptown at large, as they serve the whole community. The board will then appoint 2 non-voting advisory seats from large employers to ensure the people who work here also have a voice. These representatives are elected every 3 years for up to 2 terms to ensure fresh voices have a chance to participate. Now is the time to put your name in the hat to represent your community and vote for your representatives. There is also an opportunity to volunteer to help make this election a success.





Why is this a new board?

The San Diego City Council recently required each of these groups to rewrite their operating procedures to better reflect the diversity of the neighborhoods they represent. Any group could apply to become the recognized group through this process. The city council chose the representation approach of the UCPG to represent Uptown (Bankers Hill, Medical Center, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest and University Heights). As this is a new group, neighborhood representatives need to be elected to achieve full recognition from the city. This new board will then manage issues related to the Uptown Community Plan, currently under revision through the Plan Hillcrest (planhillcrest.org) project.



Why should I get involved?

There is a lot of change occurring in our neighborhoods. In order to catch up housing production to the number of residents who live in San Diego there is a push to develop more, and more affordable, housing. In order to address climate change, efforts are underway to move more housing nearer to employment centers and provide alternate ways to get around. There is a need to better balance parks and other public places to increasing numbers of residents who may want to stay in their neighborhoods. Plans must include adequate infrastructure, schools, police and fire stations where they are needed.

The Community Planning Groups are an important voice in setting out the plan for the next 30 years describing how, where and what growth should occur. If you want a voice in that process, this is a unique opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a brand new group representing our Uptown neighborhoods!

For more information.

https://www.uptowncommunityplanning.org contact@uptowncommunityplanning.org



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION AND VOTER REGISTRATION ARE NOW OPEN VOTING OPEN AUGUST 8–20, 2024

IF YOU LIVE, OWN A BUSINESS OR PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS MAP YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BECOME A CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, A BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT SUPPORT UPTOWN AS WE GROW!

REGISTER TO RUN. REGISTER TO VOTE.



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