

# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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*Building Communities through Strong  
Neighborhood Associations*



## \*\*\* You Have a Voice \*\*\*

*When you join hands with your neighbors  
in a Neighborhood Association,  
you become empowered and informed,  
and you strengthen your social network.*

### ~~ President's Message ~~



This year we have focused on building **community partnerships**...and What Amazing Partnerships we are building! Recently, we received a grant from Uplift SB toward activating more Neighborhood Associations.

This has allowed us to acquire outreach/recruitment materials and supplies. We have attended many community events promoting NAC, and as a result we have activated 8 NAs and we expect that to grow.

We work closely with our law enforcement to provide opportunities for community members to engage directly with them at Neighborhood Association meetings and we partnered with SBPD to plan the National Night Out held on August 3rd at Meadowbrook Park.

### **Building relationships is right up our alley!**

We are always looking for ways to help our community and we look forward to working together with other partners on projects that strengthen our community and engage residents. If you are interested in teaming up with us, send us an email, [nacsbc@gmail.com](mailto:nacsbc@gmail.com).

*"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."*  
-- Vince Lombardi

~~Janette Mckaig~~

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\*\*\*FEATURING\*\*\*

**RANCHO WEST  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

President, Juan Vazquez  
VP, Angelica Cuevas

In June 2019, NAC received a call from Juan Vazquez asking how to activate the Rancho West Neighborhood Association, located south of Rialto Ave and west of Rancho. He and his neighbors had reached a point of intolerance of the issues they had been facing for too long—code violations, traffic and parking infractions, unacceptable behavior by transients and patrons of the liquor store, shootings, and more. NAC responded by meeting with Juan to discuss the benefits of organizing a Neighborhood Association. Twelve concerned folks showed up. They were so anxious to get started, that very night, they selected a president and a board and scheduled their first official neighborhood meeting. We put them in touch with their Western District SBPD District Commander and their Ward 3 Councilmember — and they’ve never looked back!

Since then, they have addressed many issues: removal of non-op cars from the streets, speed limit and no parking signs installed, tree trimming, code violations enforced, training of neighbors about reporting illegal dumping and graffiti, increased law enforcement involvement and regular PD patrols.

Two members of the RWNA are graduates of the 2019 NAC Leadership Academy Program and they’re looking forward to implementing their mini-grant toward improved security lighting, graffiti removal, and freshy painting garage doors.

***The Rancho West NA has a bright future of Neighborhood Development and Building Relationships. They are Making a Difference one step at a time!***





**Meet  
Deana Cervantez**



Deana is a dedicated Community Advocate in her neighborhood and in the community. When necessary, she “kicks it up a notch” and wears her Activist hat! She has formed and is sustaining a successful Neighborhood Watch network in her area. She serves on the board of NENA (North End) Neighborhood Association, helping to coordinate clean up events, a toy drive and Christmas parade for neighbors. She is a Public Safety Commissioner and she advocates for special needs children. Deana models *Shared Responsibility in our Shared Space*. She envisions a thriving city enriched by successful businesses and where residents feel safe.

**NAC and NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS  
In Action Through Partnerships**

The **Downtown SB Art Walk** came to fruition through the hard work of Civic Center Neighborhood Association in collaboration with downtown businesses. The community came together to make this happen and it was very well attended. Residents enjoyed a beautiful evening full of art, music, food trucks, performances, camaraderie, and fun!

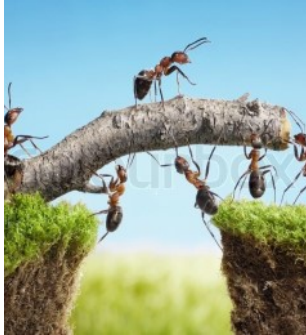


**Light Up San Bernardino** was the brain child of Arrowhead Community Builders and South Pointe Neighborhood Associations. They wanted to distribute easy-install solar lights for improved safety and crime prevention in our community. They shopped the idea around, Councilmember Calvin took interest, and it was brought before the City Council. The Council voted unanimously to move unused funds from a previous PD project to purchase solar lights. Light Up SB was officially launched at National Night Out in collaboration with SBPD. What a wonderful evening, celebrating community and strengthening relationships between neighbors and law enforcement.



***These highly successful events underscore the importance of partnering up to make amazing things happen in our community!***

*NAC wishes to express our appreciation to the Garcia Center for the Arts...Jorge Heredia. They have generously partnered with us by offering meeting and storage space. Our Plant Sale Fundraiser was held in their courtyard!*



### **Recruitment Campaign Update**

We are thrilled that community leaders are being identified and we have activated 8 NAs + 4 more pending so far this year. Our outreach into the community continues and we are grateful for those of you who have directed potential leaders to us.

**Keep Them Coming!**

**Building Bridges — Building Community**

Currently Active Neighborhood Associations  
**8 Newly Activated NAs + 4 pending.**

Arrowhead Comm Builders  
 Arrowview  
 Blair Park  
 Civic Center  
 DMV  
 Kendall Hills  
 Mt Vernon  
 NENA  
 Perris Hill  
 Riverview **(new)**  
 Scenic Riverwalk  
 South Pointe **(new)**  
 Valencia **(new)**  
 Verdemont  
 Wildwood Park

Arrowhead Farms  
 Belvedere  
 Cimmaron Ranch **(new)**  
 DRNAG  
 Hudson Park **(new)**  
 Meadowbrook  
 Muscupiabe  
 Northpark  
 Rancho West  
 SBHS **(new)**  
 Shandin Hills  
 Terrace West  
 Valley College  
 Warm Springs **(new)**  
 Wilson **(new)**



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