

Rancho Bernardo Community
PLANNING BOARD

**Declaration of Candidacy Application for Rancho Bernardo
Community Planning Board Election--2026**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Candidates must be a resident of Rancho Bernardo, at least 18 years of age, and shall also be affiliated with the community as a: **(1) Resident** whose primary address of residence is located in the Rancho Bernardo community planning area but who does not necessarily own the property in which he or she lives, or **(2) Property Owner**, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped), within the community planning area. A property owner need not reside in the community to be an eligible candidate, or **(3) Local Business Person** who is a local business owner, operator, or designee of a non-residential real property address in the Rancho Bernardo community planning area. **Only one representative of a particular establishment may hold a seat on the Planning Board at one time.**

AREA REPRESENTED: Community Planning Board members are elected by the specific district in which they reside. (See Descriptions of Districts on following page and confirm your District with one of the Committee Chair)

STEPS TO APPLY: Candidates must fully complete this Declaration of Candidacy Application and submit it to the Election Committee, per the instructions below. The Candidate's name will appear on the ballot as you print below, and in an order on the ballot to be determined by a drawn lot. If a picture of the candidate is attached, candidate agrees that the picture may be published in the local newspaper, newsletter or other election materials. A copy of this form, in its entirety, will be given to the Rancho Bernardo News Journal for election coverage purposes. **Contact information will not be published in the paper.**

COMPLETE AS FOLLOWS:

(Print or Type)

- 1. WRITE,** or type up to a 50-word message to the voters on page three (3) of this form, or attach a separate sheet. This may be used in newspaper, newsletter publications, website, and at voting locations.
- 2. DEADLINE:** The completed Declaration of Candidacy Application must be received by the Election Committee prior to the start of the February 19, 2026 regular board meeting. The completed application may be returned by US mail to RB Community Planning Board at 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92128, or email to the Chair of the Election Committee at elections@rbplanningboard.com (include "RB Planning Board Election" on the subject line). The completed application may be hand delivered to the Election Committee Chair person prior to the opening of the February 19, 2026 regular Board Meeting. All applications received by the Election Committee after the opening of the meeting will be disqualified.
- 3. STATEMENT OF INTENT:** I declare my candidacy for election to a seat on the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board representing District ____ (Please fill in District Letter in space provided). I am over 18 years of age and a; (1) Resident ____, (2) Property Owner (commercial or residential) ____, or (3) Local Business Person ____ (Check community affiliation. See "Who is Eligible" for clarification)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

(Please Print or Type)

Cell: _____

Address: _____

Email Address _____

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STATEMENT OF INTENT (Continued)

If elected, I shall serve to the best of my ability. I am aware of the importance of attendance at all meetings. I agree that in the case of a tie in votes, the winner will be determined by rules set forth by the Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board. I promise that I and my representatives will abide by the Election Rules on page two (2) of this application. In the event that I or my representatives violate these rules, I agree to allow the Election Committee to arbitrate by sanctions, which could include the loss of votes and/or elimination from eligibility for the election.

Basic Election Rules:

Please read and acknowledge each by initialing:

- [_____] 1 The elected representative must attend monthly board meetings which take place on the 3rd Thursday at 7 pm. Non-attendance at three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) total meetings annually will result in disqualification. Members are elected to 2-year terms.

- [_____] 2 The elected representatives are expected to actively participate in at least one of Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board’s committees.

- [_____] 3 Planning Board members are elected by the district in which they live. We encourage friendly campaigning, such as informing friends and neighbors, introducing self through newsletters or flyers, etc. Whatever approach you choose, please remember that this is a friendly and courteous procedure.

- [_____] 4 It is illegal to solicit votes through un-mailed materials in U.S. Mailboxes. Electioneering while someone is completing a ballot is prohibited and will result in disqualification. Under state law, “electioneering” means any kind of campaigning whatsoever within 100 feet of the voting places.

By signing below, I agree to the foregoing, attest to the fact that I meet the eligibility requirements stated above and agree that the information on this Application is true and accurate as of the date written below.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Ballots will be counted prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2026 and announced during the meeting. Newly elected members will be seated at the April 16, 2026 regular board meeting.

