

Mission

The mission of the Citizens' Oversight Panels Program is to maintain a force of volunteer activists who can attend and review meetings of local, state, and federal officials, to ensure honest and fair decisions that benefit the entire community.

Volunteers will become well versed in the specific details of the agenda of each body, learn to speak well, raise issues to the media, and may turn into excellent candidates for future elections to those bodies.

Who can Participate?

The East County Area is not evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, but it is a lot closer than you might imagine if you look at the party affiliations of elected officials, who are almost all Republicans. We don't mean to be rude, but if you are a Republican, you are already well represented in these bodies. Instead, we are looking for volunteers who can question the decisions of the dominant party and bring some fairness to our area. If you fit this mold, then we would be happy to have you in the COPS program!

What panels are available?

It is a sad fact that our government is immense. It is too large to tackle alone, but as a team, we can have a large impact. Just choose one of the following boards and become a COP.

Federal and State:

- * 36th State Senate District
- * 52nd Congressional District
- * 77th State Assembly District
- * 78th State Assembly District

Boards / Councils

- * County Board of Supervisors
- * El Cajon City Council
- * La Mesa City Council
- * Grossmont Healthcare Board

School Districts

- * Grossmont Union High School District
- * Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Board
- * Cajon Valley Union School District
- * Mt. Empire School District Board

City Departments/Contracts

- * Police Department
- * East County Performing Arts Center (Contract with CCT)

Department of Planning and Land Use:

Community Planning Groups

- * Alpine Planning Group
- * Campo Planning Group
- * Crest Dehesa Planning Group
- * Descanso Planning Group
- * Jamul Dulzura Planning Group
- * Julian Planning Group
- * Lakeside Planning Group
- * Pine Valley Planning Group
- * Potrero Planning Group
- * Ramona Planning Group
- * Spring Valley Planning Group
- * Valle De Oro Planning Group

Water Districts

- * Padre Water District
- * Helix Water District
- * Otay Water District
- * Lakeside and Riverview Districts

AND MANY MORE!

Take Action

Most boards meet only once per month, some meet more. You can even review many bodies on-line or on the government channel. With a team of people on each board, you can share the responsibility and make new friends to boot.

See something that seems unethical? It probably won't take long. Report these to the COPS board of directors and discuss the best way to expose the corruption to media and the rest of the public.

As citizens, keeping a watch on our government is the most important job we can perform, and the media rarely blows the whistle on their own corporate contributors. Now is the time to get involved to hold their feet to the fire!

Citizens' Oversight Panels (COPs)



Bringing accountability to
our local governmental
bodies and
representatives.
VOLUNTEER TODAY

COPs Program
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EastCountyDemocraticClub.org

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please visit our website at:

www.eastcountymunicipalclub.org
and look under "COPsProgram" for
an application and procedures.

The COPs program is relatively new
to the East County, but we feel it is
such a good idea, that it will become
popular throughout the county.

Please check the website for
upcoming meetings. Fill out an
application and help us keep an eye
on these many local organizations.
Join our team and we will help you
do what you're supposed to do as a
citizen, but surely don't have time to
keep track of every board, council,
and official.

OUR NEXT MEETING: is
Sunday, January 28th at 3:30pm
at the Rancho San Diego Library
community room.

Please submit your application by
January 26th to be considered at this
meeting.