



SAN RAFAEL  
NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

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Dear San Rafael Neighbor,

San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) **invites your membership**, once again, for 2018.

As you know from past years' experience, SRNA membership is a small investment giving a large return. Local policy decisions can affect the quality of life within neighborhoods for many years. The effect of neighbors participating in debate over these decisions yields real benefits.

***In 2017 SRNA and neighbors -***

1) Worked with staff and council to update the San Rafael Hillside Ordinance, refining definitions for ***view protections, neighborhood compatibility, rooflines, basements and neighbor notifications***. This was a big win for neighborhoods!

2) Teamed with San Rafael Elementary School, City Traffic Division and the Pasadena Police Department to ***implement a safe traffic/parking and drop-off plan***. This amazingly cooperative effort was a big win for neighbors, parents, students and staff!

3) Participated in serial meetings to develop final provisions for a "short-term rental" ordinance ***regulating permits and registration, neighbor notification, number of rental days per year and prohibiting non-owner occupied full-time vacation rentals***. This was a big win for families needing to know who is staying in their neighborhoods!

4) Worked with the Pasadena Police Department and Maranantha High School to present the ***city's first ever Women's Self Defense Instruction course***. Coinciding with Sexual Assault Awareness month (April), the program put Rosemead's UFC Gym and IMPACT Personal Safety together with neighborhood women and teenage girls for practical self-defense training!

***We urge you not only to join SRNA for 2018 but to consider a small bit of time to contribute your views on neighborhood issues that most surely will be part of our lives in 2018:***

- *Architectural modifications to the Colorado Street Bridge and decisions related to the Desiderio Park and restrooms planned beneath the bridge*
- The *not-yet-dead 710 tunnel*, still identified in the DEIR as the “most technically superior alternative” of the 710 studies
- The *ONE Arroyo Plan* developing under the Arroyo Advisory Group addressing stream restoration, trails, parking and use/event management in the Upper, Central and Lower Arroyos
- The *Rim of the Valley National Recreation Area* sponsored by Rep. Adam Schiff, competing to put the same Arroyo acreage under federal agency oversight and the National Park Service
- The second *women’s self defense instruction course* in April

If your schedule makes it difficult to participate, join us for the benefit of e-mail newsletters, neighborhood notifications and National Night Out camaraderie in August!

The enclosed membership form allows you to indicate one or more of those issues for which you may have an interest.

***We thank you for your support and look forward to 2018, another year where neighbors have a contributing voice!***

Sincerely,

*Mary Dee Romney*

President  
SRNA Board of Directors