

# PETER MCDONNELL

2026 Candidate for the SCNCA Board

Hometown: South Pasadena, CA

Regular group rides: Rose Bowl, Montrose



I'm an award-winning writer, producer, and a passionate cyclist and fan with a background in teaching. From 2022 to 2024 I was the head coach of the San Gabriel Mountains Composite Mountain Bike Team, composed of middle and high schoolers. We competed under NICA and then as part of the SoCal League. I'm also the parent of a 16-year-old road cyclist, Angus McDonnell, who competes nationally and internationally. Angus began his road cycling journey at the SoCal Early Bird Criterium Series and has competed in many USA Cycling races in the SCNCA region, including the Santa Barbara County Road Race, CBR Racing Series, the Mt Baldy TT, and the ELDO race series (where I also pinned a number). My journey supporting Angus's development as a road racer taught me more than I thought I could learn about developing young riders, racing under the banner of USA Cycling, and what's required to succeed in the sport at all levels. I'd like to put that experience to use.

I'm interested in joining the board of the SCNCA to help the continued development of the region's vibrant cycling community. My interests are in junior development, rider safety, recruitment of new USA Cycling members, and highlighting the region's cycling identity in the leadup to the 2028 Olympics. I'm also interested in liaising with leaders in local communities to create safe riding conditions and establish new group rides up some of the region's best-known climbs and along its most picturesque roadways.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Please feel free to contact me (818-281-1648) if you have any questions about my interest in joining the SCNCA board.