



Drop a Pen on your zip code! 916 Ink and a team of local artists are looking for North and South Sacramento neighborhood stories to publish in an anthology!



All types forms of writing: poetry, prose, essay, comics, playwriting, etc.

Eligibility: Open to all ages! We're looking to represent the authentic, diverse communities. Priority is given to those who live, have history with, or work in the following ZIP codes:

95815, 95822, 95823, 95824, 95828, 95833, 95838, 95660

Winners will be published and awarded \$150! Deadline: April 30

To Submit: Visit 916ink.org/drop-a-pen OR drop-off at Casual Corner (2203 Del Paso Blvd), Mack Road Valley Hi Community Center (7833 Center Parkway), or the 916 Ink office at Maple Neighborhood Center (3301 37th Ave, #14).



PROMPTS:

My Neighborhood in 5 senses: What does your neighborhood look like? Sound like? Smell like? Taste like? Feel like?

What do you love about your neighborhood? What would you change? What would you keep?

Walk around your neighborhood and take notes about what stands out to you, using your 5 senses.

Share memories from your neighborhood: happy, funny, mysterious, legendary, heart-warming, etc.

I'm from _____,
of course I _____.

What is the soundtrack to your neighborhood? (What sounds do you hear in your neighborhood?)

I'm from _____,
for sure I _____.

Why might people come to your neighborhood/Sacramento? Why might they leave?

I'm from _____,
best believe I _____.

What brought you/your family to Sacramento? How long have you/your family lived in your neighborhood (or Sacramento)?

WRITING TIPS: **1)** Use your 5 senses to be descriptive in your writing. **2)** Take a walk or find a safe space to tap into your creativity. **3)** There is no right or wrong way to write.