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Mar Vista: Neighborhood Council election March 16th

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A Mar Vista Community Council election for board of directors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th. Six of 13 seats on the council board will be open for election.

All Mar Vista stakeholders are eligible to run for a seat on the board of directors.

A stakeholder in the Mar Vista Community Council is someone who works, lives or owns property in Mar Vista and who is at least 18 years old.

Candidate filing deadline is 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, February 17th.

Candidate declaration statements must be hand-delivered or postmarked by the candidate filing deadline.

A candidate declaration statement and information about zone boundaries for candidates are available on the Mar Vista Community Council Web site:  
[www.marvistacc.org](http://www.marvistacc.org)

AT JANUARY MEETING ◊ At the Mar Vista Community Council's first Neighborhood Council meeting of the year, Tuesday, January 13th, Mar Vista stakeholders heard City of Los Angeles representatives explain services that are provided by several city departments.

Representatives from the Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Department of Water and Power and local City Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski's office addressed the council members.

David Mays of the Department of Public Works said many are unaware of an important dead animal collection service provided to residents.

Mays said the biggest challenge public works staff faces is the overwhelming

demand  
for sidewalk repair.

"If you let us know the location of the sidewalk that needs repair, we'll fix it by the year 2045," said Mays.

He said another problem is residents illegally dumping trash and miscellaneous items in alleys.

"Last year, 136 people in Los Angeles were arrested for illegal dumping," Mays said.

Pauline Chan of the Department of Transportation discussed newly installed speed bumps on Inglewood Boulevard.

Chan explained that speed bumps may be installed if statistics show that 85 percent of drivers on a street are driving at five miles or more per hour above the speed limit on the street being considered for the speed bumps.

Chan said that speed bumps tend to pose problems for the fire department because it's difficult to navigate fire trucks over or around the bumps.

Another way to slow down traffic on a street is to add stop signs or landscaped medians, Chan said.

Landscaped medians lead to less speeding, because drivers are sensitive to aesthetically pleasing environments, Chan said.

A stakeholder asked Chan if the city was planning to install additional bike paths in Mar Vista.

"The city is currently manifesting new bike paths," said Chan.

"The problem is that bike paths are very expensive to build."