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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
April 15, 2026
6:00 pm**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE HOLLYWOOD HILL WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

- I. **Call to order by Vice President, Stuart Ross (@ 6:00 pm).**
- II. **Board Roll Call by Treasurer, Brian Dyer.** All attending board members are appearing remotely.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2026, Board Meeting.**
- IV. **President's Report, by First Vice President, Stuart Ross**
 - a. **Opening Remarks.**
 - b. **Upcoming Meetings** – We will next meet on May 20, 2026, at 6 PM. Meeting is planned to be in person at Junior Achievement. Confirmation to follow.
- V. **Emergency Services Public Officials Report. Due to the need to provide emergency services to the community, both the LAPD and LAFD Public Officials Reports have been moved to this position in the meeting agenda.**
- VI. **ISSUE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Joint issue Committee Report: Public Safety Chair, Paul Jenkins and Community Shane Nguyen:**
 - i. NPG for Wildfire Resource Fair. Presenting will be Sheila Irani, Chair, HHFSC. This is an NPG for HHFSC for \$738 for flyers and fire blankets to be used to promote HHFSC and HHWNC at the Wildfire Resource Fair June 27, 2026 at the Autry Museum.
 - ii. **Motion:** HHWNC approves the NPG for \$738 for flyers and fire blankets to support the Wildfire Resource Fair June 27, 2026.
- VII. **NOTE: Officials each allocated 3 minutes to address the Board and Stakeholders; however, no discussion or Q&A will be allowed due enforcement of Brown Act Restrictions. Contact info is provided for Board Member and Public to contact with questions.**
 - a. LAPD –Hwd Hills, SLO Joe Raviol (40541@LAPDD.online); Hwd Ent, Officer Brian White (38074@lapd.online); HHW Flats, SLO Brian Oliver (37349@lapd.online); LAPD NoHo, Officer Kurtis Delbar (38887@lapd.online)
 - b. LAFD –Battalion Chief Mark Schroeder (Mark.Schroeder@lacity.org) Assistant Bureau Commander William Peralta (William.Peralta@lacity.org) , Battalion Chief Timothy Ramirez (timothy.ramirez@lacity.org), Deputy Chief Jason Hing (Jason.Hing@lacity.org)
- VIII. **First Vice President / PLUM Report: Stuart Ross:**
 - a. **Information regarding the Sunset / Gardner project.**

b. **Presentation, discussion and motion regarding Trader Joe's on Sunset and Crescent Heights to continue to sell alcohol to the public. (10 minutes)**

Applicant: Trader Joe's; Presenting: Margaret Taylor - Margaret@Apex-la.com

Request: Support for ZA- 2015-2876 CUB PA1 to allow the renewal of off-site alcohol sales for an existing 13,500 square-foot grocery store, with hours of operation from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. daily, located at 8000 W. Sunset Blvd. #120, Los Angeles and located in the (Q)C2-2D Zone. No changes proposed.

Motion: Hollywood Hills Neighborhood Council supports Trader Joe's (at 8000 Sunset/ Crescent Heights) renewal of ZA- 2015-2876 CUB PA1.

IX. **Second Vice President: Jane Crockett: No report.**

X. **Treasurer report: Brian Dyer (10 min)**

HHWNC Monthly Expenditure reports can be found on the Los Angeles City Clerk's website at: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>. Please adjust the dropdown menu to reflect the HHWNC's documents/monthly expenditure reports, you will be able to review all the transactions of HHWNC.

- a. Presentation of March 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. Attachments included at the end of the agenda.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the March 2026 expenditure report as presented.

- b. Administrator, David Horowitz operational invoices 2026-00005

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment for invoice 2026-00005 from David Horowitz in the amount of \$300.00 for web and email administration in March, 2026.

- c. **Topic Description:** Reallocation of Funds in the Budget (see attachment)

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council moves to approve a budget adjustment to reallocate funds as follows:

1. move \$500 from Email Service to NPG Grants
2. move \$850 from Photocopies/Scanning for meetings to NPG Grants
3. Move \$750 from Meeting Room Rentals & Zoom licenses to NPG Grants
4. Move \$600 from Live Meeting Refreshments to NPG Grants
5. Move \$26.00 from HHWNC Mailbox Rental Fees to NPG Grants
6. Move \$48.00 from SSD Nodes Subscription Renewal to NPG Grants
7. Move \$3500 from Website / Email Administrator Fees to NPG Grants

- d. **Topic Description:** Approval for 3rd alternate signer for city clerk funding documents.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council moves to appoint Vice President Stuart Ross as the Alternate (Third) Signer for the NC Funding Program and authorizes him to sign Funding Requests when the Primary or Second Signer is unavailable.

XI. Board Secretary: Christina Michaelis

- a. **NO REPORT**

XII. AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Area 3 Chair, Drake Morton (10 min)**
 - i. **Update on Yucca Center Spring Fest – Area 3**
 - ii. **Update on April 9, 2026 Area 3 Committee meeting**

XIII. PUBLIC OFFICIALS' REPORTS continued, Time limit – 2-3 minutes each.

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- a. CD4 – Bernadette Cronley (bernadette.cronley@lacity.org), Walker King (Walker.King@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman
- b. CD13 – Anais Gonzalez (Anais.Gonzalez@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
- c. Mayor's Office, Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement, Vahid Khorsand (vahid.khorsand@lacity.org), Vahid is temporarily assigned as the HHWNC rep
- d. Mehrnoosh Zahiri, Community Law Corps City Attorney (mehrnoosh.zahiri@lacity.org)
- e. LADOT – Bhuvan Bajaj (bhuvan.bajaj@lacity.org), Oliver Hou (oliver.hou@lacity.org)
- f. LADWP – Deborah Hong (deborah.hong@ladwp.com), Community Relations Manager, Deborah is temporarily assigned as the HHWNC rep
- g. 5th Supervisorial District – Natalie Vartanian, Deputy (NaVartanian@bos.lacounty.gov); Office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 5 (kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)
- h. 3rd Supervisorial District - Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Amanda (Mandy) Lafen, Constituent Services, (ALafen@boslacounty.gov) Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (Lindsey@bos.lacounty.gov)
- i. 51st Assembly District, Robbie Staenberg (Robbie.Staenberg@asm.ca.gov) Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
- j. 24th Senate State District, Samantha Gallegos (Samantha.gallegos@sen.ca.gov), James Reina (James.Reina@sen.ca.gov), Office of Senator Ben Allen

- k. 25th Senate State District, District Representative, Office of Sasha Perez
- l. 30th Congressional District, Maria Sosyan (Maria.Sosyan@mail.house.gov), Luke Klipp (Luke.Klipp@mail.house.gov) Office of Congressman Laura Friedman
- m. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org)
- n. Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Stefanie Smith (Stefanie.Smith@lacity.org), Joe Losorelli (joe.losorelli@lacity.org), Sean Hinton (Sean.Hinton@lacity.org), Jorge De Loera (Jorge.delora@lacity.org)
- o. Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, Ashley Kilian (Ashley.Kilian@lapl.org)
- p. Hollywood Bowl/Consensus, Josh Gertler (josh.gertler@consensusinc.com)

XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (2 min)- Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minute(s).

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO 2025-2026 BUDGET

Office/Operational Expenditures	Old	Proposed	Difference
Business Cards	500.00	500.00	-
Email Service	3,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
Website Hosting & Software Costs	50.00	50.00	-
Photocopies / Scanning for Meetings	1,000.00	150.00	850.00
Meeting Room Rentals & Zoom licneses	1,000.00	250.00	750.00
Live Meeting Refreshments	1,200.00	750.00	450.00
HHWNC Mailbox Rental Fees	850.00	824.00	26.00
SSD Nodes Subscription Renewal	200.00	152.00	48.00
Website / Email Administrator Fees	10,000.00	6,500.00	3,500.00
Total Office/Operational Expenditures	<u>17,800.00</u>	<u>11,676.00</u>	<u>6,124.00</u>
 Outreach			
Outreach Items with HHWNC Logo	850.00	850.00	-
Canva Fees	100.00	100.00	-
Event Expenses	3,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
Total Outreach Expenditures	<u>3,950.00</u>	<u>3,450.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
 Election Expenditures			
Notifications	50.00	50.00	-
 Grand Total Office / Outreach / Elections	<u><u>21,800.00</u></u>	<u><u>15,176.00</u></u>	<u><u>6,624.00</u></u>
 NPG Grants	3,000.00	9,624.00	

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: March 2026

Budget Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

**NC Name: Hollywood Hills West
Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$33528.22	\$824.00	\$32704.22	\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$31704.22

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$21800.00	\$824.00	\$15588.66	\$420.00	\$14588.66
Outreach		\$0.00		\$580.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$3000.00	\$0.00	\$3000.00	\$0.00	\$3000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$5387.34	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	MAIL N MORE ON HOLLYWO	03/06/2026	Annual HHWNC mail box renewal.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$824.00
Subtotal:						\$824.00

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	David Horowitz	03/05/2026	The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment of the following invoices from David Horowitz: 2026-00001for January 2026 Web & Email Administration in the amo...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$300.00
2	David Horowitz	03/05/2026	The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment of the following invoices from David Horowitz: 2026-00001for January 2026 Web & Email Administration in the amo...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$120.00

HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST - NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Bill To: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
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Hollywood CA, 90028

DAVID
HOROWITZ

310-869-4949
david@corniche.com

22054 Windham Way
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Project Title: March 2026 Web & Email Administration Project
Description: Website & Email administration for the month of
March Invoice Number: 2026-00005
Invoice Date: 03/26/2026

Description		Cost
March Web & Email Administration		\$ 300.00
	Subtotal	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 300.00

Please make check payable to David Horowitz.

Thank you for your business!

Best regards,

David Horowitz

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Agenda Item Submission Form

Committee Chair Name: Paul Jenkins

Issue/Area Title: NPG Grant for \$738.00 to the Hollywood Hills Fire Safe Council for fire blankets and flyers for the Wildfire Resource and Education conference on June 27, 2026 at the Autry Museum grounds

Presented Jointly: Public Safety Chair - Community Enrichment Committee Chair

Committee Meeting Date: N/A **No. of Attendees:** N/A

Motion/Result: N/A

Item for BOD Meeting Date: 04/15/26

Topic Description:

1 - NPG Grant for \$738.00 to the Hollywood Hills Fire Safe Council fire blankets and flyers at the Wildfire Resource and Education conference. Presentation by Sheila Irani.

The Hollywood Hills Fire Safe Council (HHFSC) has been invited to promote, educate and implement home hardening techniques for residents in the Hollywood Hills attending the Wildfire Resource and Education conference on June 27, 2026 at the AUTRY MUSEUM grounds. They are an unfunded, voluntary organization seeking outside funding to help **distribute valuable fire blankets and a sheet with top ten inexpensive home hardening solutions to the attendees of the conference for free.** Because our boundaries include neighborhoods that are both in HHWNC and HUNC they are requesting equal funds for the event from both NCs. CD4, LAFD, and MYSAFELA are primary sponsors of this event. We are an invited guest.

Community Benefit:

HHFSC is an accomplished, FIREWISE certified council that was developed with the oversight of MYSAFE LA, and is charged with educating residents in the Hollywood Hills neighborhoods of Dell, Hollywoodland, Lake Hollywood Estates, Hollywood Knolls, Lakeridge Estates, Hollywood Manor and Cahuenga Pass with home hardening techniques, landscaping advice, and a network of vendors who can assist them in meeting any requirements set by the City or their insurance companies to make their properties and neighborhoods safer from a wildfire disaster. We have produced a similar event in 2025 attended by 350 residents. The fire blanket and literature can be branded with your sticker or a stamp. Your NC is also welcome to join us at the event at our booth to promote your services. We will integrate your logo on any printed materials See attached: 501c3, FS76-NPG Application-HHWNC-March 2025, FS76-NPG Exhibit I-HHWNC-March 2025

Motion (if applicable):

HHWNC approves the NPG Grant for \$738.00 to the Hollywood Hills Fire Safe Council for fire blankets and flyers for the Wildfire Resource and Education conference on June 27, 2026 at the Autry Museum grounds

2- CPAB Meeting March 24, 2026 RECAP



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Payment	VISA 48*****0001
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Approval Code	008397
Approval Message	APPROVAL
Transaction Date/Time	04/08/2026 12:12:05 PM
Amount	\$50.00 USD
Service Fee Profile Name	CA DOJ RCF EVOKE SERVICE FEE
Service Fee Transaction ID	080426C1B-99E1A7DD-3C21-4933-9FC7-F898E8278A42
Service Fee Approval Code	006127
Service Fee Transaction Date/Time	04/08/2026 03:12:05 PM
Invoice Number	Zry3pWyTNWkd2eX73JwRa
Description	Zry3pWyTNWkd2eX73JwRa
Service Fee	\$1.15 USD
Total of all charges and fees	\$51.15 USD

Total	\$51.15 USD
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Bill To

HOLLYWOOD HILLS FIRE SAFE
COUNCIL

Sheila IRANI



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS:

Top 10 Least Expensive Things You Can Do Right Now (from MySafeLA.org)

To support homeowners — especially those with limited budgets, here are **10 low-cost steps** you can take today to begin hardening your home for wildfire resilience:

1. Clear Dead Vegetation Within 5 Feet

This is your first line of defense. Remove dry leaves, dead plants, and flammable mulch immediately around the house.

2. Replace Mulch with Non-Combustible Alternatives

Rock, gravel, or decomposed granite are safer than bark or shredded wood mulch.

3. Install Gutter Guards or Clean Gutters Regularly

Clogged gutters filled with dry debris are ember magnets. Install inexpensive metal guards or keep them clean.

4. Seal Gaps and Cracks

Use fire-resistant caulk or expanding foam to seal siding, foundations, and eaves gaps. Even a pencil-width gap can let in embers.

5. Cover Vents with 1/8" Mesh Screening

Fine metal mesh screens prevent embers from entering attic and crawlspace vents.

6. Move Flammable Items Away from Structures

Store firewood, trash cans, patio furniture, and doormats **at least 5 feet away** from your home or garage.

7. Trim Tree Branches Overhanging the Roof

Branches should be cut back **at least 10 feet** from your roofline or chimney.

8. Replace or Repair Damaged Weatherstripping

Gaps under doors and around windows are ember entry points. Replace worn rubber or vinyl weatherstripping.

9. Use Metal Mesh Covers on Chimneys

Install spark arresters on chimney openings to reduce the risk of ejected embers starting fires.

10. Install Hose Bibs or Fire-Resistant Hoses at All Corners

Access to water at multiple corners of your home allows for quicker suppression of minor flare-ups.

Let's get prepared, Hollywood Hills!

www.hollywoodhillsfiresafecouncil.org