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Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

NENC Executive Committee meetings will be held virtually pursuant to California Government Code and City of Los Angeles policies unless otherwise noticed.

Executive Committee and Joint Board Special Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 2, 2026 - 5:30 p.m. (upon recess of regular meeting)
Held Virtually via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95547788844>

This meeting is being held using teleconferencing pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953.8.4 (Senate Bill 707 - Chapter 327, Statutes of 2025), the previous implementing action of the Los Angeles City Council (Council File [23-1114](#) approved on November 1, 2023), and the required two-thirds vote of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board on November 15, 2023 electing to use teleconferencing for some or all of its Board and/or Committee meetings.

Members of the public who wish to listen to this meeting or to virtually participate in public comment during this Committee meeting may **click this link to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/95547788844>** or call +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) or Toll Free 888-475-4499, 877-853-5257, 833-548-0282 or 833-548-0276 and enter **Webinar ID No. 955 4778 8844** and then press #. Use the Zoom Raise Hand feature or *9 on the telephone to indicate you wish to speak.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on this agenda that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period on the regular meeting agenda. Please note that under the State Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee or Board meeting. General Public Comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the Committee chairperson.

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal tres (3) días (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte por correo electrónico info@NENC-LA.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

1. Call to Order; Determination of Quorum; Members: Bailey, Diamond, Nitkin, Ross; Alternate: Mills
2. Council File items for possible Community Impact Statements:
 - a. **City Clerk Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget** (including Pages 113-116) states:
"To meet the mandatory reduction target, the City Clerk proposes not conducting the Hybrid Neighborhood Council (NC) Elections in 2026-27, which would achieve \$915,000 in savings. With no available vacancies, any alternative salary cuts would necessitate layoffs and inevitably impact the City Clerk's core functions. Furthermore, mandated contractual services - such as the operation of the Council File Management System and interpretation costs for City Council Committee Meetings - cannot be reduced without severely hindering critical services and public access to government.
Proceeding with the \$915,000 reduction from NC Elections will prevent the City Clerk from staffing polling places and processing Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballots. If NC Elections are postponed, this delay will need to be extended for two fiscal years, as the permanent and seasonal staff who execute the NC Elections also perform all Municipal Election duties, including petition review for candidate certification, ballot initiatives,

and referendums. This postponement would also likely result in current Board Members having to extend their terms from two years to four years, which violates NC bylaws.

Historically, NC Boards have experienced high turnover. The City Clerk anticipates that forcing volunteers who agreed to a two-year term to serve four years will result in a higher degree of turnover for the majority of NCs. Additionally, all 99 NCs include one or two Youth Board members. Postponement will disqualify most, if not all, of these youth, as they will become adults during the extended period.”

and from [Proposed Budget Pages 113-116](#):

“If this office must proceed with offering a reduction, we propose eliminating the funding requested for the implementation of the Hybrid NC Elections (Request A). The funding (\$915,000) provides for the conduct of the At-Polls and Vote-By-Mail (VBM) for up to 99 Neighborhood Councils.

The reduction would eliminate the resources necessary to administer the proposed election model, including funding for: As Needed Salaries (\$554,763), Overtime (\$292,853), and associated Expense Accounts (\$102,384). Services that would be eliminated are the complete conduct of NC elections, which include the ability to fully staff polling places, administer VBM operations, review NC bylaws, create ballots, and provide adequate assistance to stakeholders through the candidate filing, registration, and voting processes.

It should be noted that per section 20.36 of the Administrative Code, this office is mandated to conduct NC elections in odd-numbered years. The same individuals within this office are directly responsible for all Municipal elections operations. The NC Election operations would be negatively impacted. Without proper funding, the City Clerk will be unable to staff polling places and will be unable to process VBM ballots. If the postponement of NC elections occurs, this office would have to postpone for two (2) FYs as all permanent and seasonal staff who work to implement NC elections also assist with all Municipal Election work, including petition review for candidate certification, ballot initiatives and referendums. Further, postponing NC elections will result in current Board Members extending their terms in office which will violate all NC bylaws. Historically, NCs have experienced high turnover of NC Board members. This office anticipates that the majority of NCs will experience a higher degree of Board member turnover as a result of compelling those who agreed to serve a two year term on a volunteer basis to instead have to serve a four year term. In addition, all 99 NCs have one or two Youth Board members. Postponement will result in these youth no longer qualifying for their seats as most if not all will become adults in the interim.

The reduction would hinder the goal to increase the number of candidates and voters since the reduction would limit assistance with candidate and voter applications, certification of candidates, and voter education. It risks damaging stakeholder confidence in the integrity of the entire NC system and could lead to a loss in trust from the public due to the office’s inability to connect with voters, including monolingual and low propensity voters. This would also hinder the City Clerk’s ability to meet its legal obligations set forth in Los Angeles Administrative Code 20.36.

If the resources are not received, the City Clerk will be unable to connect with NC stakeholders to provide information on their eligibility to be a candidate or a voter, further disenfranchising the community, specifically the underrepresented and monolingual population. The ability to offer candidate and voter resources in multiple languages and provide staff at polling locations to assist monolingual stakeholders would be compromised. The elimination of NC elections will disenfranchise the over 2,000 stakeholders who apply each election cycle to become NC Board candidates and participate in local government at the grass roots level as well as disenfranchise the 25,000-40,000 Angelenos who have historically participated in these elections every cycle.

Denial of this package will negatively impact the Make LA Shine initiative. Inadequate funding jeopardizes the City’s ability to successfully conduct the 2027 NC Elections and risks the quality and outcome of approximately 99 NC elections. This reduction would hinder efforts to provide a more inclusive election experience and could result in a loss of trust from the public, NC bylaw violations, and damage stakeholder confidence in the integrity of the NC system as a whole. NCs have rapidly experienced a total of a 50% reduction in their yearly financial allocations. Suspending NC elections will result in the strong likelihood of eradicating NCs and making them insolvent, erasing the commitment from our elected officials to support the work of NCs.”

Council File 26-0600 will be opened for the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

MOTION to recommend opposition to City Clerk’s elimination of funding for Neighborhood Council elections in 2027 and to its postponement of Neighborhood Council elections until 2029. Community Impact Statement(s) to be filed.

3. Pending and potential NPGs/CIPs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for future consideration
 - a. NPG: Supporters of Shadow Ranch and Woodland Hills Parks, Inc. for Salute to Recreation Family Festival May 15-17, 2026 at Northridge Park; \$2,500 requested
4. Adjournment - Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

A reasonable effort will be made to end this meeting by the announced adjournment time; any items not discussed will be carried over to the next Committee meeting, or to the upcoming Board meeting.

Public Comments: The presiding officer will offer an opportunity for the public to comment on each agenda item before action is taken. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters under the Committee's jurisdiction, but not appearing on the agenda, will be heard during Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items which is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the Committee chair. Alternatively, public comment may be sent to info@NENC-LA.org at least six hours prior to the meeting starting time; include in the email Subject Line "Public Comment" and the agenda item number; such comments received timely will be read aloud (until time limit) during consideration of that agenda item.

Agenda Items and Public Posting: All items on this agenda are considered action items, and a vote may be taken on any item listed on this agenda. The agenda is posted for public review at least 72 hours before regularly scheduled meetings (or at least 24 hours before special meetings) at the Northridge Recreation Center, 18300 Lemarsh Street, Northridge and the Northridge Branch Library, 9051 Darby Avenue, Northridge and on our website: www.NENC-LA.org. You can receive NENC agendas via email by subscribing to the City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#).

Public Access of Records: In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all Committee members in advance of a meeting, may be viewed on our website at www.NENC-LA.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Committee chair or email the NENC: info@NENC-LA.org.

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Government Code Chapter 9 Meetings [Sections 54950-54963] - Senate Bill 707 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

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).**

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