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NORTHRIDGE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026
at 6:15 PM

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board 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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Board Roll Call
- b) Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Comments from the Board Members on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction

IV. APPROVAL OF NWNC MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT (MER) FOR DECEMBER 2025

APPROVAL OF NWNC GBM MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2025, NOVEMBER 2025 & DECEMBER 2025

V. Presidential Comments –

- A. 1/29/2026 [Empower LA budget 101 meeting](#)
- B. 1/31/2026 [Board Etiquette meeting](#)

VI. Guest Speaker Matthew Mitnick will discuss the 1/20/26 Volunteer Federal Homeless Count here in Los Angeles along with follow-up questions from the board and stakeholders

VII. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a) Public Safety LAPD Devonshire Division. (non-emergency number 1 877-ASK LAPD)
- b) CD 12 City Council Representative
- c) Other Government Departments/Agencies
- d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- e) Budget Advocate, www.budgetadvocates.org

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a)Josh Yeager from CD12 will speak on CF25-1136. After the presentation there will be a discussion and vote on the revised CIS for CF 25-1136 to bring back the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program which was in effect from 2002 to 2023. The following NCs are in support of this council file and have submitted a CIS: Sun Valley NC, Westside NC, Sunland-Tujunga, Sherman Oaks, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Northridge South.
- b)Mike Benedetto, Homelessness Committee Chair and Outreach Committee Co-chair from Granada Hills NC South will speak on the pending Homelessness Town Hall Meeting in March or April 2026. There is a motion to recommend joining the following NCs-Granada Hills South, Granada Hills North, Northridge East, and Porter Ranch in participating in the program development and conducting the session. Total estimated costs of \$1200 are anticipated and our NC will vote on up to a \$250 spend (depending on the number of NCs supporting the Town Hall) to participate.
- c)Discussion and vote on NPG for up to \$700 for the Canoga Park Senior Citizen' Club for The Salute to Recreation Family Festival Senior Dance at The Northridge Recreation Center. The event will be Friday, 5/13/26 from 5pm to 9pm and the theme will be a Tribute to the Beach Boys.
- d)Discussion on volunteers for BONC, VANCC & LANCC meetings.
- e)Discussion and vote to possibly make some member changes to some of the Committees.
- f) PLU 101 for committee members

IX. NWNC Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee (Janis Kraft)
- b) Public Safety (Kathleen Edwards)
- c) Government Affairs (Richard Young)
- d) Planning and Land Use (Diana Delgado)
- e) Elections (Janis Kraft)
- f) Homelessness (Nathan Lichtman)
- g) Beautification (Sam Dulys)
- h) Budget (Joel Lowell)
- i) Outreach (Nathan Lichtman)
- j) Education (Krystal Sims)

X. ADJOURNMENT (BY 9:00PM)

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availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

Public Posting of Agendas -

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- Matador Credit Union, 9401 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, CA 91324
- www.northridgewest.org
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

Notice to Paid Representatives -

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Public Access of Records –

In compliance with Government Code section 54953.8.4, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be at our website www.northridgewest.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 Janis Kraft, President, at jkraft@northridgewest.org

Reconsideration and Grievance Process -

For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.northridgewest.org

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 Government Code Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible 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.

(D) Notwithstanding Government Code Section 54953.8.4, 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.

(E) (i) An eligible 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 subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible 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 subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.