



# General Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 6:00 P.M.  
Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President  
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Shafi Ahmed, Secretary  
Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep  
Hector Quezada, Resident Tenants Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep  
Vacant, At-Large Rep | Vacant, At-Large Rep  
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Rampart Village Neighborhood Council  
St. Anne's, Anne Floto Classroom  
155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

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Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84399345554> | Telephone: 669.900.6833 | Mtg. ID: 843 9934 5554 (No Password Required)

- I. **Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, and Reading of RVNC's Purpose** (0 Min.)
- II. **Roll Call and Adoption of Outstanding Minutes** (0 Min.)
- III. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker)** (0 Min.)
- IV. **Reports:** (0 Min.)
  - A. **Government Agencies, Elected Officials or their Rep, and Candidates for Office**
  - B. **Community Organizations**
  - C. **RVNC Officers**
  - D. **RVNC Committee Chairs and Liaisons**

In accordance with the motion passed at the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, all RVNC Committee Chairs are requested to report to the board:

1. **Who is on the committee;**
2. **What is the committee working on; and**
3. **When is the day of the month for regular committee meetings.**

### V. Presentations

## VI. Announcements

(0 Min.)

- A. **Senate Bill 411, authored by Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – Burbank), was signed into law on October 9, 2023, by Governor Newsom. The bill ensures that neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles can continue serving their constituents by meeting online. On November 1, the LA City Council approved a motion allowing Neighborhood Councils to virtually conduct their meetings. This was a requirement in SB411 to allow Neighborhood Councils the authority to host their public meetings through virtual platforms such as Zoom. At its December 12 General Board Special Meeting, the RVNC approved a motion: 1) to give the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council virtual capabilities, including use of teleconferencing for board meetings and committee meetings in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023, to ease the burden on board members and community participants alike and allow for deeper conversations and greater input on the many issues facing our City; and 2) to notify City Council of our vote through a community impact statement with a brief explanation of why we need to be able to have virtual participation. The RVNC submitted the community impact statement for Council File 23-1114 on December 13, 2023.**
- B. **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training: The RVNC has coordinated with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to conduct a CERT training in the RVNC. The LAFD will conduct the 2.5 hour/week x 7-week class at 4:30 PM on Wednesdays, April 24 to June 5, at New Village Girls Academy located at 147 N Occidental Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Charter schools looking to strengthen their schools' emergency protocols for both charter renewals and district oversight meetings should consider participating in the CERT training hosted by LAFD. For more information about CERT training, please see the following link: <https://www.lafd.org/join/volunteer/cert>**
- C. **At 5:30 PM on February 13, the RVNC Executive Committee will be holding its next meeting on Zoom and at each meeting will decide whether to hold the following meeting on Zoom or in-person.**

## VII. Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions.

(0 Min.)

### Old Business

- A. **Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative and selection of representative.**
- B. **Discussion of roles and responsibilities of liaisons and selection of liaisons.**
- C. **Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Alliance of River Communities representative and selection of representative.**
- D. **Discussion and possible board action to recommend one board member to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel. The following link connects to the Neighborhood Council grievance policy in Section 22.818, Article 3 of Chapter 28 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Grievance-Policy.pdf>**
- E. **Discussion and possible action on nomination and selection of two board members as Cool Block Leaders. Please see the following link for details: [https://www.ncsa.la/cool\\_blocks\\_la](https://www.ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la) Whoever we select is asked to provide a report on what they are planning to do (the strategy for achieving the objectives) as the Cool Block Leaders and what they see as opportunities and challenges for achieving those objectives. Also, what support do they need from the board.**
- F. **Discussion and possible action to have the assigned member(s) present the updated Rampart Village Neighborhood Council Inventory Reports to the General Board for final Board review and approval. Ronee said he will brief us on what is necessary at tonight's meeting.**
- G. **Discussion and possible action as follow-up to the Central LA virtual community workshop to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety focusing on neighborhood schools of Commonwealth Avenue ES, Frank Del Olmo, and Lafayette Park PC. We heard from Margot Ocanas, LADOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Director that the SRTS plan for those schools and a total of 21 schools in the area was funded for \$32 million in CalTrans Active Transportation Program, Cycle 6. Although the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue was removed from the application, it includes a scramble crosswalk during designated hours at 1st Street and New Hampshire Avenue. As Philip discussed with Margot, we understand that she will with communicate to the Vision Zero Program to understand why they are saying the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue doesn't meet their guidelines.**

- H. Discussion and possible action to address resumption of PATH Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. On September 18, Zeke Sandoval, PATH's Public Policy Manager informed Philip that PATH is close to hiring a new Community Affairs associate and he's looking forward to attending our meeting soon to talk more about PATH's expanded outreach work in CD 13 and the Neighborhood Watch Committee.
- I. Discussion and possible action on developing and implementing the 2024-2025 Outreach Plan for the RVNC and planning for and scheduling of a Board Retreat to set priorities for the RVNC and develop an action plan to accomplish those priorities.
- J. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action on a map of existing (<https://www.google.com/maps/search/electric+vehicle+charging+stations/@34.0671969,-118.2877427,15z/data=!3m1!4b1>) and proposed electric vehicle charging stations within the Rampart Village boundaries, including potentially St. Anne's parking lot, Mijoo Peace Church parking lot, the LAUSD parking lot on First Street, First and Virgil Streets, and between Bimini and Westmoreland on the north or south side of First Street. In addition to increasing the number of stations, the Committee noted that a stakeholder requested that the charging stations include theft deterrence to prevent theft of charging cables. At the October 25 Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee meeting, LADWP told us: Most of the opportunities that we are anticipating involve private infrastructure and that's the vast majority of the infrastructure that LADWP tries to build in the City. LADWP's Electric Transportation Programs Team runs a rebate program and they've been authorized by their Board to offer up to \$40 million per year. That's probably the best place where we want to start and the role that the RVNC could have is in connecting to LADWP the owners of those properties that we've identified or whoever is paying the electrical bill there. They would be the ones who would apply for LADWP's rebate. The way the program works is there is a space for the owners to say they will assign the rebate over to a third-party. There are multiple companies in Los Angeles that will prepare a design and they'll say if you assign the rebate over to them then they'll install the charging stations free of charge to you.
- K. Discussion and possible action on the HCID rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives. In response to our analysis showing some building permits being issued to projects that ostensibly did not appear on LAHD's list of covenanted projects, LAHD completed a review of those projects with final permits issued and asked LADBS to provide information regarding LADBS' receipt of LAHD clearance for low income units. On June 21, 2023 Building and Safety Commissioner Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal forwarded to the General Manager of LADBS an email message from Philip and the General Manager said he would check with Celeste Nguyen who told Philip on June 27 that she requested their Systems Group to expand the existing report based on his email request. On September 1, Philip provided to CD 13 the following data visualization and asked for their feedback: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#). At the June 3 LANCC meeting, the LANCC voted to send a letter of support to the Mayor's Office. Philip has raised this issue with the Budget Advocates Building and Safety Team and plans to discuss it at their January 18 meeting. Philip heard back from Celeste Nguyen on December 22 and, in his response, he included courtesy copies for all three City Departments in order to get everyone on the same page. For the slides from LAHD's April 19, 2022, presentation to the committee, please see the following link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw\\_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGg/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGg/view?usp=sharing)
- L. Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. What was once a beautiful block with flowers planted on the rounders by RVNC, now looks like a slum. Weeds have grown as tall as a person in the island, and homeless encampments have taken over. There is trash everywhere. She has reported through My311, but nothing has been done. In addition, the alley between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street has deep potholes that have gotten worse since the rains. She has requested repairs since November, but nothing has been done. This was discussed as a non-agenda item at the May 16 General Board meeting. At the May 23 PSHT Committee meeting, we discussed that we will wait for the Council Offices for CD 1 and CD 13 to respond before we take any action. In the meantime, Carmen Medina and Hector Quezada will discuss a proposal for a plan that our stakeholders would like to pursue. Hector said he has spoken with Carmen and he will provide an update.
- M. Discussion and possible action regarding safety around the Value charter schools located at 240 N. Madison Avenue and 221 N. Westmoreland. At the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, David Nguyen from the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement and Nick Marcone

from the Mayor's Office of Housing and Homelessness Solutions reported that over 100 people were relocated from encampments to interim housing through Inside Safe, a citywide, voluntary, proactive housing-led strategy to bring people inside from tents and encampments, and to prevent encampments from returning, on October 11 and 12. To prevent repopulation of encampments after an Inside Safe operation, Nick said they try to keep a footprint in the area and monitor. If they see tents going up, they will continue to outreach to those individuals because once one tent goes up it can be a domino effect. So service providers and the Mayor's outreach team keep an eye out and, if tents pop up, get an idea of who those individuals are and see if they can offer them something to mitigate repopulation.

- N. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make decisions.
  - a. At-Large Rep: 3

### New Business

- O. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Reports for September 2023, November 2023, and December 2023.
- P. Discussion and possible action to reimburse Ronee for purchases that he made for pizza for RVNC meetings in the amount of \$26.26 on December 19 and in the amount of \$26.26 on January 9.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to approve re-opening nominations and making selections for the Secretary position and Board Representative position on the Executive Board.
- R. Discussion and possible action to designate homelessness liaisons for the RVNC. Once appointed, please fill out the linked form so DONE can follow up:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_zAzCScKictspBOv\\_kSvmM0oqnaQRfdDq1KGoi\\_xjHQ9FOkA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_zAzCScKictspBOv_kSvmM0oqnaQRfdDq1KGoi_xjHQ9FOkA/viewform)
- S. Discussion and possible action to approve an announcement (please see Item VI.B above) and a flyer for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for the RVNC. For more information about CERT training, please see the following link:  
<https://www.lafd.org/join/volunteer/cert>
- T. Discussion and possible action to support follow-up to the first Play Street event, which occurred on September 9 as part of the 100-year anniversary of Commonwealth Avenue Elementary in Historic Filipinotown. There's more about Play Streets here:  
<https://laplaystreets.com/> Let's discuss possibly having the next Play Street event at St. Anne's. Ronee said he would alert Jennifer Quinones that St. Anne's Winterfest is scheduled for 10 AM to noon on January 27.
- U. Discussion and possible action to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the upgradation of Shatto center Badminton court (uphill). Ronee said he would reach out to Jai I Chung, the stakeholder who raised this issue.
- V. Discussion and possible action to approve a plan for board meeting set up and take down, including inviting guests, interpretation (include in outreach whether Spanish interpretation will be provided for the November 21 General Board meeting), printing the agenda and other documents, sound system, video system, Zoom and recording (including a return to Zoom or hybrid meetings), and ordering and picking up food and beverages and eating utensils. As requested by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, we will notify them of our decision if we will be using Zoom as well as how many licenses the RVNC plans on purchasing through the Department's account at approximately \$200 per license. In addition, Hector may provide an update on how we can work with City vendors to provide simultaneous interpretation, Spanish to English and English to Spanish, for our board and stakeholders in order to provide a linguistically inclusive venue for our majority monolingual Spanish-speaking community.
- W. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-0731, Rental Unit / Tenancy Termination Notices / Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Just Cause Ordinance (JCO) / City Filing Requirement (Hernandez – Hutt – Soto-Martinez): Introduced June 28, 2023 and referred to Homelessness Committee. Motion is requesting that the City Attorney's office, with the assistance of LAHD, to prepare and present a draft ordinance that would require all notices to terminate a tenancy for any rental unit subject to the RSO, JCO, or other applicable laws in the City of Los Angeles be filed with the LAHD, Mayor's Office, and Council District three business days prior to the service on the tenant.
- X. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- Y. Consider whether any of the items on the Board meeting agenda (such as the minutes and MER) could be added to the consent calendar.

## VIII. Adjournment

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