



# General Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:00 P.M.

## Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President  
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Hector Quezada, Secretary  
Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep  
Shafi Ahmed, At-Large Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep  
David Hourin, 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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- 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

- A. Presentation: LA Metro is in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and will provide a project at tonight's General Board meeting. The session aims to provide insights into project goals and benefits and address questions.

## VI. Announcements

(0 Min.)

- A. **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. To sign up for the training, please use the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-los-angeles-tickets-863843929447?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
- B. Please join us on Saturday, April 20, when the RVNC is partnering with KYCC and Caltrans to conduct a cleanup event as part of Caltrans' Clean California Community Days of Action. This statewide call-to-action event will include community cleanups, and family-friendly educational and entertaining festivals.
- C. **Hire LA Day Job Fairs:** The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with the Economic & Workforce Development Department and LACCD campuses, will be hosting several Hire LA Days to connect young Angelenos, aged 16-30, with meaningful work experiences that contribute to their personal and professional growth. During these events, prospective worksites from the public and nonprofit sectors will be present to promote their work opportunities directly to interested youth. Additionally, on-site assistance will be provided to eligible youth in filling out the Hire LA application, ensuring a smooth and efficient process. Eligible Youth are residents of the City of Los Angeles (required), Ages 16 to 30 with work authorization (required), Low-to-moderate income (required). Time: 4:00 - 8:00 PM;  
Where:  
[Los Angeles Valley College \(April 11\)](#)  
[Los Angeles Trade Tech College \(April 24\)](#)  
[Los Angeles Southwest College \(May 2\)](#)
- D. **Bresee Community Center Grand Re-opening Celebration:** In recognition of the over \$1.75 million in facility upgrades Bresee has made in 2023-24 to their aging, 23-year-old, 15,000 square foot Community Center and adjacent Bimini Slough Park they'd like to invite you for a firsthand visit, to see all of the beautiful building upgrades, room remodels, new murals, and celebrate all of their partners who've made this possible. Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Bresee Community Center, 184 S. Bimini Place Los Angeles, CA 90004, includes Tours of the center, Scavenger hunt, Raffle, Presentation, & Lunch.

## 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 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. Authorization to conduct the inventory is discussed in Item VII.U under New Business.
- F. 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.

- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. 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 (please see the linked data visualization: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#)) 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. Philip heard back from Celeste Nguyen of LADBS on December 22 and, in his response, he included copies for all three City Departments in order to get everyone on the same page. Philip participated in the Budget Advocates' meeting with LADBS on January 30. At that meeting, the LADBS reps agreed to consider giving us a spreadsheet for 1649 project submittals received by their Affordable Housing Section, having a performance metric for Permits Issued for Housing Projects with Low Income Housing Units, and possibly having the section chief over their Affordable Housing Section provide the response that Philip would need. 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\\_55Lxq6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxq6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing)
- K. 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. Philip said he understands that Occidental is included along with the medians on Verdugo in one of the city departments' contracts. Philip said he understands that Occidental is included along with the medians on Verdugo in one of the city departments' contracts. Philip said we learned from Javier Solis, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Maintenance Operations, 213-485-4809, that the Occidental medians belong to Public Works/Bureau of Street Services/Urban Forestry Landscape Div. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.

- L. 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.
- M. Accept applications for the vacant board seats and make decisions.
  - a. At-Large Rep: 2

### New Business

- N. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2024.
- O. Discussion and possible action to adjust the RVNC budget, approve up to \$250 for office and/or meeting space rent for 2023-2024, and add a line item for up to \$2000 for interpretation/translation.
- P. Discussion and possible action to accept applications and make a selection for co-chair of the Community Relations, Outreach and Social Networking Committee, such co-chair to be responsible for the RVNC's social media.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to support LA Metro in the early planning phase of the Vermont Transit Corridor Project. Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and will provide a project briefing at our March 19 General Board meeting. The session aims to provide insights into project goals and benefits and address questions.
- R. Discussion and possible action to support the LADOT People St Plaza located at Bimini Place between 1st Street and White House Place (Plaza Location).
- S. Discussion and possible action to send a letter of support to LADOT, CD 13, LAUSD, and/or other parties to advocate for implementation of temporary safety measures and infrastructure to ensure a safe route to school from the Vermont/Beverly Metro Station for students and the safe passage of other pedestrians and users of the public right of way during the weeks-long closure of the sidewalk on the east side of Vermont Avenue between Council Street and the Citibank at 270 N Vermont Avenue. Also, at that meeting, Michael Batistick of CD 13 reported they were waiting on a response from LADOT and they had elevated the service request at Street Services Department. Laila Molina subsequently informed us that Bureau of Street Services and LADOT coordinated to implement a traffic control to ensure everyone's safety.
- T. Discussion and possible action to approve an announcement and a flyer, the sign-up link (<https://forms.gle/6UeVteeXbKUNdxDw8>), and any needed funding for the flyer or the training, for a CERT training for the RVNC. We are expecting LAFD to give us the Eventbrite registration form, then we will send it out to those who have signed up so far, and then LAFD will make it available to the public.
- U. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$200 for food and drinks on April 20 and to partner with Caltrans on its Clean California Community Days of Action, a statewide call-to-action event, that will include community cleanups, and family-friendly educational and entertaining festivals. Please find here the link to sign up to volunteer: <https://forms.gle/CWxVEcxSjZrccxbv8> At the February 7 meeting of the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, Alin Rangel of KYCC offered their support for a community cleanup on Saturday, April 20. She told us they can provide tools in advance and pick up the trash we collect, plan the area to cover and which routes, and assist with outreach to get volunteers, including by publicizing our cleanup in their newsletter. We need a location,

- possibly in the Bresee parking lot, for the volunteers to meet and receive tools and supplies and information about routes and where to leave the trash collected
- V. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-1027 regarding City Charter Reform, currently in the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform. Please see DONE'S report on City Charter amendments at the following link: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-1027\\_rpt\\_DONE\\_01-22-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-1027_rpt_DONE_01-22-24.pdf). Is anyone available to take the lead on this?
  - W. 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 March 19 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.
  - 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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