



# General Board Meeting

## Tuesday, September 17, 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  
Jason Gamez, At-Large Rep | Gaines Newborn, At-Large Rep  
Vacant, At-Large Rep

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council  
St. Anne's, Anne Floto Classroom  
155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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#### **SB 411 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.

(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 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.

(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.

- 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. **CD 10 and the Department of Recreation and Parks were invited to provide an update on the establishment of a Park Advisory Board and the timeline for additional community input for and implementation of the renovations at Shatto Recreation Center.**
- B. **What we know about Purdue University’s proposal for the RVNC to participate in a research project funded by the National Science Foundation studying the risks associated with concrete buildings in Los Angeles constructed prior to modern seismic building codes.**

**VI. Announcements** (0 Min.)

- A. **51st Los Angeles Korean Festival: On September 26-29, starting at 10 AM, you are invited to join us in celebrating the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival. Please visit the RVNC’s table from 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday, September 29. For over fifty years, the festival has been dedicated to its mission of providing the community with an event that is an instrument of inclusivity and an advocate of cultural diversity awareness, providing not only the sharing of Korean culture but also bringing together the numerous ethnic groups in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Korean Festival at Seoul International Park is not only the heart of Koreatown, but a testament of support from its vibrant and dynamic Korean community. The Korean American community is driven by diverse personal and collective experiences of various ethnic communities around us. This event has only further enhanced the development and richness**

of the community as everyone comes together for the largest four-day Korean American festival in the nation.

- B. **2024 Congress of Neighborhoods: Join us for an unforgettable celebration at the 2024 Congress of Neighborhoods!** This year marks a special milestone as we return to City Hall for our 13th convening, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the establishment of our Neighborhood Council system. We're happy to share that this year's Congress of Neighborhoods, "Neighborhood Power, Citywide Impact: The Next 25 Years Start Now", will take place on Saturday, September 28th! We look forward to having our stakeholder join us as we celebrate this significant moment in our history. Don't miss out on insightful workshops, engaging activities, and networking opportunities with fellow residents, local officials, and community leaders! For more information, please see the following link to sign up: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>

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

**(0 Min.)**

**Old Business**

- A. 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>
- B. 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.
- C. 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. At LA Metro's presentation at our July 16 General Board meeting on the Vermont Transit Corridor Project, Philip asked Metro to consider a scramble crosswalk at 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue in their planning for the Bus Rapid Transit which has a proposed station at that intersection. Philip said on August 22 he attended the Metro Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 workshop and submitted a question requesting feedback regarding whether a study of crash patterns and volume threshold requirements at Vermont Ave/3rd St and investigation of appropriate countermeasures, potentially including a scramble crosswalk, would be eligible for and potentially a priority for MAT Cycle 2.
- D. Discussion and possible action to follow up on an action plan for the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. At our March 19 General Board meeting, Diana Vicente, CD 1 Field Representative, told us that they want to bring to us a proposal for their Climate Fellows to plant native vegetation in the Occidental medians and they will convey this to CD 13. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.

**New Business**

- E. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Reports for August 2024.
- F. Discussion and possible action to revisit a funding contribution of up to \$1000 for the 2024 Congress of Neighborhoods, to ensure required specificity, and to complete and submit the Neighborhood Council Funding Contribution Form, Congress of Neighborhoods/Budget Advocacy Special Accounts.
- G. Discussion and possible action to nominate and approve the selection of Gaines Newborn and any other applicants to the Parks, Planning, Public Works and Land Use (PPPWLU) Committee.
- H. Discussion and possible action to approve a specific BAC listing St. Anne's as meeting space for \$3900 and office space for \$6645, the amounts of rent approved by the RVNC. Please note that we are no longer able to use the BAC approving the Admin Packet for this purpose.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure of \$440 to relocate the RVNC banners on Temple Street before March 31, 2025. We can leave them down at no cost, or schedule to relocate them.
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve an amount up to \$250/month for our meeting note-taker (currently Emily Atalay) to take the minutes for the Executive Committee meetings in addition to the General Board meetings. Lara said she would gather the documentation needed to add At work Personnel Services as a vendor so we could pay their invoices. According to DONE's June 18, 2024 Neighborhood Council Monthly Update, a contract may be required with the vendor since DONE apparently allowed the City-wide contract to lapse.

- K. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action regarding the HCID rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives, including consideration of approving a community impact statement for Council File 23-0426, Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application. On July 2, Emma Howard, CD 13 planning deputy, told us she would follow up with LAHD and LADBS on this issue in depth. On August 21, she told us the context is the affordable housing registry motion: [Council File 23-0426](#), their colleagues at CD 4 are lead on this effort and she believes that the city is in process in terms of hiring the team that will create the system. Also, she notes that the Housing Element Update would include some registry requirements as part of the [Resident Protections Ordinance](#). On September 9, Philip had a call with Mashael Majid, CD 4 Deputy Chief of Staff - Planning, Housing, and Community Development, to discuss these issues. 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\\_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing)
- L. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action regarding approval with the following caveats for the RVNC to participate in a research project and in finding residents that will be willing to participate in these workshops, collaborators to help host a workshop, and a community center or another local venue to use for the workshop. The RVNC acts as a conduit and does not take a major role or take the lead for hosting the workshop. If the motion passes, the RVNC would participate in a research project funded by the National Science Foundation studying the risks associated with concrete buildings in Los Angeles constructed prior to modern seismic building codes. Purdue University wants us to help them organize a community workshop at Rampart Village where they have identified a high density of concrete buildings constructed prior to modern seismic building codes. The project goal is to understand:
1. the value of retrofits that would allow buildings to be immediately reoccupied and minimize disruptions to public services after a major earthquake;
  2. how these benefits vary depending on the building's function, like whether the building is residential, an office, a school or a grocery store;
  3. how people interact with structures, and the impacts a community would experience if different buildings were damaged in an earthquake; and
  4. how seismic retrofits should be evaluated and prioritized to develop guidance for public officials.
- M. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of support to LA Metro as it completes the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and the project briefing at our July 16 General Board meeting provided insights into project goals and benefits and addressed questions. On July 30, Philip observed a Metro bus hit a bicyclist as it was approaching the southbound bus stop at Vermont and Beverly. The bicyclist was transported by LAFD. Consequently, this gives added emphasis to our need to understand Metro's plans to accommodate bikes on the portion of the Vermont Transit Corridor Project north of Gage Avenue.
- N. Discussion and possible action to approve our following up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the establishment of a Park Advisory Board and the timeline for additional community input for and implementation of the renovations, including that we will consider any requests of our stakeholders for the RVNC to make recommendations to the Park Director for them to be included on the Park Advisory Board. On August 30, Ana Valdez, Shatto Park Director, told us they are definitely working on getting a Park Advisory Board at Shatto up and running by mid-September. They will be reaching out to interested patrons and community members and then holding interviews to see if it's a good fit all around. We understand that the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative has furnished to CD 10 and the Department of Recreation and Parks the complete results of the two community meetings held on June 22 and July 13, 2019. Please see the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report No. 24-064, Shatto Recreation Center Park Renovation Project, at the following link:  
<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2024/apr04/24-064.pdf>
- O. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement for Council File [24-0867](#), Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth. This motion requests the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney to report to Council on potential options to amend Neighborhood Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members in order to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.

- P. Discussion and possible action to add language to be provided by Ronee Reece to our meeting agendas going forward. This language will be available for review in the supporting documents for today's meeting. Ronee will be listed as the contact for any additional requests for interpretation.
- Q. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- R. 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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