



# General Board Meeting

## Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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  
Gaines Newborn, At-Large Rep | Alberto Veloso, 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. **Presentation led by LADOT to present the plan and respond to questions for both the Bimini Plaza People Street Project and the Central City SRTS Safety & Climate Resilient Neighborhood Network Project. Some community members have expressed concerns about advance notification and transparency, the science behind the Safe Routes to School Plan, and the impacts of the project on traffic safety and congestion, including on student drop-offs at Virgil Middle School and Bresee Youth Center, ingress and egress to Whitehouse Place under different scenarios (including a past one-day closure of 2nd Street), air quality from vehicle emissions, and elimination of 10 parking spaces.**
- B. **Presentation regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$500 for the PATHfinder Club at New Village Girls Academy.**
- C. **Presentation regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1000 for the Bangladesh Day Parade and Festival.**
- D. **Presentation regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1000 for Parents Educators Teachers and Students in Action (PESA).**

## VI. Announcements

(0 Min.)

- A. The RVNC is seeking stakeholders to vote in the Neighborhood Council 2025 elections to fill our RVNC board seats. Voting and running for this office is open to documented and undocumented residents alike. To apply, residents are required to provide any utility bill or invoice that shows their name and that they live within the Neighborhood Council boundaries. Neighborhood Council board members do not get paid but they are considered City of Los Angeles elected officials. Interested stakeholders may complete a Vote-By-Mail ballot application online using the [NC Portal](#) or complete and download a fillable paper application [here](#). We have additional voting resources available here. The date to apply to run for a board seat has already passed and the deadline to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the RVNC is April 21, 2025. If you know of any stakeholders who need assistance completing their application or have questions, they can contact Musa Khan at [Musa.Khan@lacity.org](mailto:Musa.Khan@lacity.org) or call him at (213) 978-0444.

## 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. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action on the matter of a pedestrian throughway at 200 N Vermont Avenue.
- C. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) 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 another community impact statement for [Council File 23-0426](#), Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application. For the slides from LAHD's April 19, 2022, presentation to the PSHT 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)
- D. Discussion and possible action to follow up on an action plan for the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. Javier Solis, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Maintenance Operations, 213-485-4809, informed us that the Occidental Parkways belong to Public Works/Bureau of Street Services/Urban Forestry Landscape Division. Please see the following link:  
<https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.
- E. Discussion and possible action to address resumption of PATH Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. We will invite Zeke Sandoval of PATH to our meeting. In the meantime, Jennifer is attending the Community Police Advisory Board for the LAPD Rampart Division as the RVNC's liaison.
- F. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action on the ongoing renovations at Shatto Park. 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>
- G. Discussion and possible action to review and implement our plans for follow up to the CERT training for the RVNC. For more information, please see the following link to the CERT participant manual:  
[https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019.CERT\\_Basic\\_PM\\_FINAL\\_508c.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019.CERT_Basic_PM_FINAL_508c.pdf)
- H. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to address the assault on November 8 of a student and a community member at Bimini Place and Whitehouse Place.
- I. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible to approve a presentation on the updated design for 550 Shatto Place and any questions for our April 15 General Board meeting. Please find linked here the developer's presentation to the Hearing Officer on December 10, 2024:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y4sXthQEbb2pPcPRG5I7TTZJ1FnIcMjo/view?usp=sharing>  
According to Timothy Moran, Principal Project Manager, Irvine & Associates, Inc., "This shows the current design and programming of the Project that makes it possible to deliver an attractive development with high density housing and an enhanced pedestrian experience while maintaining the same percentage of affordable housing as in prior iterations."
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve any aspects of how the meetings will be run.

- K. Discussion and possible action to focus our attention on getting street trees replanted in the 545 vacant street tree wells in the Rampart Village and identifying neighbors to maintain them. Please see the following link for details:  
<https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Rampart%20Village%2020220812.pdf>
- L. Discussion and possible action to approve a proposed letter of support to the council district requesting that they introduce a Council motion for the City of Los Angeles to include in their 2024-2025 State Legislative Program support for legislation that would amend the 1973 Dymally-Alatorre Language Services Act to include Bengali as a language in which DMV would offer written driver's license tests.

### New Business

- M. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2025.
- N. Accept applications for the vacant RVNC board seat and make decisions. If you are interested in being considered for an RVNC board seat, please complete the RVNC board application form at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eM644gB6lQv1Z33h6p3lQ9-BkXf8r0nNSZC00wtYsRk/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eM644gB6lQv1Z33h6p3lQ9-BkXf8r0nNSZC00wtYsRk/viewform?edit_requested=true)
  - a. One At-Large Rep.
- O. Discussion and possible action to nominate and approve the selection of a chairperson and any applicants to the Parks, Planning, Public Works and Land Use (PPPWLU) Committee. Alberto told Philip he's interested in the chair and that he reached out to two of the recent applicants to the committee who wish to be considered on March 18.
- P. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$200 per license for renewal of the Zoom license for 2025-2026, including the account and account holder.
- Q. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of up to \$3000 in RVNC election and/or outreach funds to support an election event to be sponsored by the RVNC. Marilu Guevara told us on March 4 that she could invite Michael Lektorich from the City Attorney's Office to do NC election voter registration on the spot during the event.
- R. Discussion and possible action to approve conducting one or more Know Your Rights workshops related to the red card during the meet and greet before our March 18 and/or subsequent General Board meetings and, once it is approved by the board, to pay the Spanish interpreter to provide interpretation during that time.
- S. Consider approving a motion to inquire to Councilmember Heather Hutt regarding the status of the Little Bangladesh Sign and dedication.
- T. Discussion and possible action to approve a new rent amount of up to \$670 per month for meeting space.
- U. Discussion and possible action to approve a new rent amount of up to \$578 per month for office space.
- V. Discussion and possible action to approve a revised budget. In addition to stating the need to move funds from other budget categories into classroom and office rent, Lara requested that Philip contact Tom Suzuki at KTI Translations to find out whether going forward we can guarantee for interpretation only the first hour of the meeting unless there's a need to continue into the second hour and also ask that the Spanish interpretation be recorded so that we can post it to our website.
- W. Discussion and possible action to amend the RVNC annual budget to move up to \$2500 in funds between budget categories to allow approval of additional funding for Neighborhood Purpose Grants.
- X. Discussion and possible action to consider approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$500 for the PATHfinder Club at New Village Girls Academy.
- Y. Discussion and possible action to consider approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1000 for the Bangladesh Day Parade and Festival.
- Z. Discussion and possible action to consider approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1000 for the Parents Educators Teachers and Students in Action (PESA).
- AA. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) Committee, consider approving a Letter of Support for the for the Central City SRTS Safety & Climate Resilient Neighborhood Network Project to be sent to LADOT General Manager Laura Rubio-Cornejo and asking for a status update, with a copy to Dr. Rocio Rivas, Board Member, LAUSD District 2. Please find here a link to an August 29, 2023 Inter-Departmental Memorandum on Fiscal Year 2023-24 Streets and Transportation Project Oversight Committee - LADOT - Grant Funded Capital Projects List, which includes this project as DOT214:  
<https://cao.lacity.gov/capital/stpoc20230907i.pdf>

- BB. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding [Council File 23-1134](#), Economic Roundtable / Economic Study / Annual Rent Increase / Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Sole-Source Contract. At the February 5 PSHT Committee meeting, Philip said the Housing Department has now presented their report and the next step is for the Housing & Homelessness Committee to recommend exact policies for the full City Council to vote on.
- CC. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding the draft ordinance and design guidelines or clarifications to implement Measure HLA. This community impact statement will address three council files related to implementation of Measure HLA: Council File [15-0719-S26](#), Council File [24-0131](#), and Council File [24-0173](#). Council File 15-0719-S26 began as an effort to pre-empt the proposed Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure and has evolved with the passage of Measure HLA into the proposed mechanism to allow City Departments to implement Measure HLA. Council File 24-0131 requests a list of corridors that would necessitate the removal of parking spaces and vehicle travel lanes to implement Measure HLA. Council File 24-0173 advocates a three-prong implementation approach for Measure HLA: 1) Adopting a City implementation ordinance to clarify decision-making processes, promote thoughtful project planning, and minimize legal exposure related to noncompliance with the Measure's requirements; 2) Aggressively pursuing the development of a 5-year Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) to better align resources with projects that would achieve the City's policy goals; and 3) Aligning maintenance programs with policy goals and Measure HLA requirements. Council File 24-0600-S43, Budget Recommendation relative to developing an implementation plan for Measure HLA will leverage existing funds, attract new grant funding, and determine least-cost/best-fit street interventions for the mandated elements of the Mobility Plan.
- DD. 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.
- EE. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File [21-1230-S8](#), Citywide Code Amendment (CA) / Environmental Clearance (EIR) / Resident Protections Ordinance (Los Angeles City Planning Commission): Introduced October 17, 2024 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Los Angeles City Planning Commission report is relative to the Citywide Code Amendment and Environmental Clearance for the proposed [Resident Protections Ordinance](#).
- FF. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File 24-1341, Distinction in Rules / Remodel / Major Renovation / Demolition Project / Los Angeles Municipal Code (Blumenfield – Price): Introduced October 25, 2024 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Motion is instructing the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Planning Department, the Bureau of Engineering, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations that explains the differences between a remodel; major renovation, and a demolition project, and which reviews the existing practices and ordinances of other cities in Los Angeles County; and enforcement/compliance with the existing provisions in Municipal code Section 12.23 (Non-Conforming Building and Uses), which already requires that remodels maintain at least 50 percent of an original structure's footprint to maintain any non-conforming rights, improve notification requirements to neighbors, and review all applicable building loopholes in the City's Municipal Code (Zoning and Building Codes).
- GG. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File [25-0207](#), Bureau Creation / Los Angeles Housing Department / Homeless Services System Oversight / Resources / Staffing Plan. According to the Council Motion, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) is preparing a report in response to Council File [24-0330](#) that will outline how the City can create a department to develop and manage the City's homelessness programs.
- HH. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- II. 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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