

# **General Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 6:00 P.M. Agenda

Philip Armstrong, President | Ronnie Reece, Vice President Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Mohammad Sufian, Secretary Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep Kahlinah Garrett, Resident Tenants Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep Gaines Newborn, Business Rep | Mujibar Badal, At-Large Rep Shafi Ahmed, Community Based Organization 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.

#### **Physical Meeting Access Information**

If the gate to St. Anne's parking lot is not open when you arrive, please use the intercom to contact the building's gate opener to let you in. If the front door to St. Anne's is locked when you arrive, please use the intercom there to gain admission. Then, take the elevator or walk up the stairs to the second floor.

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

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial 669.900.6833, and enter 843 9934 5554 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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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 (0 Min.)

A. Presentation for the Letter of Support for the Rise Kohyang Elementary School's charter renewal.

VI. Announcements (0 Min.)

- A. As a courtesy, on July 21, the LAHD Occupancy Monitoring (OM) Section reviewed the leasing status for the low-income units in the following two density bonus/Transit Oriented Communities projects. The following information is shared with the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee:
  - 1. 200 N. Vermont Avenue has started their initial lease-up process. LAHD has received 13 income certification package review requests for this property that are pending determination.
  - 2. 235 N. Hoover Street has started their initial lease-up process. LAHD has received 26 income certification packages review requests for this property, 19 of which have been determined to meet the property's covenanted eligibility requirements.
- B. 2025 Congress of Neighborhoods: Join us for an unforgettable celebration at the 2025 Congress of Neighborhoods! We're happy to share that this year's Congress of Neighborhoods, "LA Strong", will take place on Saturday, September 27th! We look forward to having our stakeholders 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: <a href="https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/">https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/</a>

#### **Old Business**

A. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the August 19 General Board meeting to approve any aspects of how the meetings will be run.

#### **New Business**

- B. Discussion and possible action to APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2025.
- C. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Google One account for data storage for Philip for up to \$19.99/year.
- D. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Zoom license payment for up to \$200 for FY 2025-2026. We authorized this payment last year but we didn't pay it in the required time frame.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve a new lease or contract with St. Annes for office space.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve a new lease or contract with St. Annes for meeting space.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve working with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and City vendors to translate RVNC outreach materials into Spanish and any other languages that the Community Relations, Outreach & Social Networking (CROSN) Committee deems appropriate.
- H. Discussion and possible action to authorize the CROSN Committee to research, study, and report on the advisability of Spanish interpretation at RVNC meetings.
- I. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation (PSHT) Committee, discussion and possible action to approve a Letter of Support for the Rise Kohyang Elementary School's charter renewal.
- J. Discussion and possible action to consider creating or activating our Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to focus on a thorough review of our bylaws. The application period for Neighborhood Council Bylaws Amendments and Board Structure Changes opens on August 1, 2025, and closes on April 1, 2026. EmpowerLA will host a virtual session on September 11 to review the Neighborhood Councils Bylaws template.
- K. Accept applications for any vacant board seats (in case anyone resigns prior to the meeting) and make selections.
- L. Discussion and possible action to appoint liaisons for homelessness, the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, Alliance of River Communities, and Regional Grievance Panel.
- M. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to consider approval of certificates of appreciation for the sponsors of the RVNC's June 27 CPR class conducted by Healing Urban Barrios at Bresee Youth Center.
- N. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to approve an RVNC community cleanup day with the Mayor's <a href="ShineLA">ShineLA</a> program and save the date of Saturday, October 25, for this event. At the August 6 PSHT Committee meeting, Susana Cervantes took the committee's input and she said she would get her office's approval for a proposal. If we get the proposal in time, we will be able to bring it to the board for approval.
- O. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to consider approving another Letter of Support for the Central City SRTS Safety & Climate Resilient Neighborhood Network Project to be sent to LADOT General Manager Laura Rubio-Cornejo and to Dr. Rocio Rivas, Board Member, LAUSD District 2. On July 23, Randy Chan told us the SRTS Center City Schools Neighborhood Safety & Climate Resilience Project is currently in the environmental clearance phase and he is anticipating completion of design by 2028. This Letter of Support would formalize our request to know to what extent the project schedule has slipped, whether the project scope has changed, and when we could expect community outreach and engagement and detailed design to begin. We also asked him to please provide a project webpage on the https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/ webpage that would: 1) provide a context for the community to engage with this project; and 2) emphasize its synchronicity with other projects, such as LADOT's Stress-Free Connections, People St project, and Wilshire Center-Koreatown NEN Project, and LA Metro's Vermont Transit Corridor Project.
- P. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action: 1) to consider reviewing and supporting LAPD's Immigration Frequently Asked Questions handbook in English and Spanish titled "The Los Angeles Police Department: Community Policing and Immigration: A guide to LAPD's policies;" and 2) to consider approving a proposed community impact statement for Council File 25-0697, Law Enforcement Agency / Assistance Request / Los Angeles Police Department Response / Angeleno Constitutional Rights.

- Q. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File <u>23-1134</u>, Economic Roundtable / Economic Study / Annual Rent Increase / Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Sole-Source Contract.
- R. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to agendize for the May 20 General Board meeting 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.
- S. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File <a href="23-1210">23-1210</a>, Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) / Vision Zero Safety Study / Signal Phasing and Timing / Traffic Violence. Motion passed on January 10, 2024, City Council to INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation to report back, within 120 days, with draft updated guidelines for the use of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI), scramble crosswalks, and NO RIGHT TURN ON RED restrictions, taking into account the appropriateness of longer LPI duration, a more liberal set of criteria for scramble crosswalks, and increased usage of restricting right turns on red to reduce vehicle-pedestrian conflicts.
- T. As recommended by the PSHT Committee, discussion and possible action to agendize for the May 20 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File 25-0481, Bicycle and Multi Use Paths / Maintenance Responsibility / Department of Public Works / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Amendment. The Council to REQUEST that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and its bureaus, to prepare and present an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to assign the responsibility for maintaining City bicycle and multiuse paths to the Department of Public Works and INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, with the cooperation of DPW and the Department of Transportation, to provide recommendations regarding alignment of staffing and funding to provide an adequate level of maintenance for bicycle and multi-use paths, at least equal to that provided to streets and sidewalks.
- Discussion and possible action to agendize for the August 19 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File 25-0558, Bicycle Lane / Parking Violations / Cameras / Automated Technology / Pilot Program / Hollywood Boulevard / Council District 13. Council to instruct the Department of Transportation to report on the feasibility of implementing a pilot project that would utilize cameras and related technologies for the enforcement of parking violations in bicycle lanes, along Hollywood Boulevard in Council District 13, in accordance with the California Vehicle Code Section 40245.
- V. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- W. 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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#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

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