



Regular Board Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00PM  
Toluca Lake Elementary School – Auditorium  
4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601



*Supporting documents available at [GTLNC.org](http://GTLNC.org).*

For public comments, please fill out a separate speaker card for each agenda item on which you wish to be heard. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker.

1. Call to Order. Roll call. Announcements.
2. Update from Community, City, Regional and State Representatives.
3. Approve February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
4. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only. Please fill out a speaker card.
5. California Assemblymember Nick Schultz addresses GTLNC Board.
6. Appointment of Outreach and Elections Committee Chair. Nominee: Kelly Cole
7. Committee Reports.
  - 7.1 Treasurer’s Report. (Federico Figus)
  - 7.2 Government Affairs. (Doug Hamblin, Chair)
  - 7.3 Outreach and Elections. (Kelly Cole, Chair, as appointed by the President)
  - 7.4 Public Safety. (Shawn Besharaty, Chair)
  - 7.5 Planning and Land Use. (Paul Hartel, Chair)
8. Consent Calendar.
  - 8.1 Support Council File 24-1586 (Nazarian, Soto-Martinez: Single-Family Housing / Corporate Ownership / Limited Liability Company Ownership / Housing Market Exacerbation / Tax Imposition) with amendment. GTLNC requests vacancy tax be imposed, that “institutional investor” be defined, and that this apply to foreign as well as “institutional” investors.
  - 8.2 Oppose [Senate Bill 79](#) (Wiener: Planning and zoning: housing development: transit-oriented development) in its entirety as currently written.
  - 8.3 Oppose Senate Bill 677 (Wiener, Wicks: Housing development, streamlined approvals) in its entirety as currently written.
  - 8.4 Oppose CF 25-0247 (Raman, Yaroslavsky): City Building Code / Multifamily Unit Residential Buildings / Six Stories / Single-Exit / Single-Stairway / Modification. Attachment 1.

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- 8.5 Approve GTLNC Monthly Expenditure Report, 2025 January. Exhibit 1.
- 8.6 Approve amendment to GTLNC 2024/25 Budget and Administrative Packet to include line item of up to \$250 for snacks for GTLNC Regular Board Meetings under Office / Operational Expenses. (NOTE: These funds have already been GTLNC-approved and allocated. This is a re-labeling from “Outreach” to “Office / Operational” expenses approved by the GTLNC Board on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.)
- 8.7 Approve request for cost adjustment for drinks, snacks and related incidentals for GTLNC Regular Board meeting at which Assemblymember Nick Schultz will address the GTLNC Board, scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for a total of \$999.00.
- 8.8 Approve amendment to February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board Action Certification for GTLNC Public Safety Event on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 authorizing up to \$5,000: “Approved funds will also purchase any permits and insurance required by the City of Los Angeles.”
- 8.9 Approve cost adjustment up to \$51.20 for AppleOne Employment Agency invoice #S9904992 for period ending June 22, 2024. Exhibit 2.
- 8.10 Approve \$7.00 reimbursement to Federico Figus for two (2) GTLNC Board Members Tess Taylor and Federico Figus to meet with California Assemblymember Nick Schultz, 44<sup>th</sup> District, at his Burbank office to on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Attachment 2.
- 8.11 Approve up to \$200.00 for annual GTLNC Zoom license per EmpowerLA Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 email notification.
- 8.12 Approve up to \$50.00 for two (2) Greenbox printer cartridges for use by GTLNC’s Tess Taylor (price includes tax and shipping). Exhibit 3.
9. Consideration of proposed applications – for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) or sponsorship - for receiving taxpayer funds. The Board may consider approving some, all or none of the requested taxpayer funds, and condition its possible approval. 3 minutes per speaker.
  - 9.1 Up to \$2,500.00 sponsorship of Los Angeles Fire Department 86. (Irene Birmingham). Exhibit 4.
  - 9.2 Up to \$5,000.00 to support Rio Vista Elementary School: projects and materials including a nurse treatment cart for the nurse’s office (\$1,500), an 8-foot metal rectangle table (Model H-10003) (\$1,200) and eight-drawer multimedia / card file black cabinet (\$2,064.46). (Camelia Yates). Exhibit 5.
  - 9.3 Up to \$2,000.00 to support Toluca Lake Elementary School for materials needed by Health (Nursing) Office. (Paul Hartel). Exhibit 6.

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9.4 Up to \$5,000.00 to sponsor one or more local youth for California YMCA Youth and Government Program. (Anthony Cruz). Exhibit 7.

9.5 Up to \$5,000.00 to support Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce Pancake Breakfast on Saturday May 10th, 2025 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Fire Station #86 at 5405 Vineland Avenue, Toluca Lake. (Brian Veskosky). Exhibit 8.

10. Information Items:

10.1 GTLNC's Coffee With A Cop on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 2:00PM to 4:00PM at Red Maple at 10123 Riverside Drive in Toluca Lake. Refreshments provided.

10.2 GTLNC's Public Safety Roundup on Saturday, June 7th, 2025 from 9:00am to 12:00noon at North Weddington Park Rec Center at 10844 Acama Street, Studio City.

10.3 GLTNC Candidate Filing deadline: Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. EmpowerLA.org

11. Old Business.

12. New Business.

13. Next meeting date on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Meetings take place at 7:00PM at Toluca Lake Elementary School, Auditorium, at 4840 Cahuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood CA.

14. Adjournment.

**2025 GTLNC Meeting Schedule**

1st Monday at 6:00PM - Public Safety  
1st Tuesday at 6:00PM - Government Affairs  
2nd Monday at 7:00PM - Planning and Land Use  
2nd Tuesday at 7:00PM - Outreach  
3rd Tuesday at 7:00PM - Regular Board Meeting

All meetings take place at Toluca Lake Elementary School at 4840 Cahuenga Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601. Committee meetings are in Room 17, regular board meeting in the auditorium and may take place from time to time via Zoom. Check Web site for current details.

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Attachment 1 (Item 8.4)  
Community Impact Statement

To: City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee:  
Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, Chair, Council District 3  
Councilmember Heather Hutt, Vice Chair, Council District 10  
Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, Council District 2  
Councilmember Nithya Raman, Council District 4  
Councilmember John S. Lee, Council District 12

cc: Council File 25-0247 (Raman, Yaroslavsky): City Building Code / Multifamily Unit Residential Buildings / Six Stories / Single-Exit / Single-Stairway / Modification  
Mayor Karen Bass  
Joey Freeman, Deputy Mayor, Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Mayor  
Mark Edwards, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of Mayor  
Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Council District 5

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council opposes [Council File 25-0247](#) (Raman, Yaroslavsky): City Building Code / Multifamily Unit Residential Buildings / Six Stories / Single-Exit / Single-Stairway / Modification.

Beware of bad ideas being passed off as “Reforms.” This motion seeks to extract yet more entitlements for those already benefiting from subsidized Density Bonus housing, by dramatically reducing accepted, common sense national public safety protections for all residents of multi-family structures. The gratuitous proposed removal of double stairwell egress for emergency evacuation in such projects would delight real estate developers and investors as they look towards the eventual deregulation of rent-suppressed units and windfall revenue increases when the enlarged units are restored to full market value.

It’s always troubling (and telling) when proposals such as this are not straight forward in their presentation of basic facts. For example: The proponents suggest that essential safety protections for all residents are somehow old-fashioned and obsolete, and that the California Legislature has already followed their lead and passed enabling legislation. However, the California statute cited is not what they imply – but merely a study authorization, for which no conclusions have been made, published, or further acted upon. So, the instant Motion is precipitous, and at best premature. In the meantime, the City’s building codes are in compliance with both State and Federal law, and not in need of being tampered with.

The Motion ignores that forced height and density are confining and compressing our already fully built-out neighborhoods – indiscriminately lowering property values and livability for those who have sacrificed, often for decades, to achieve it. Apparently, the latter group of residents and voters are the ‘people who don’t matter’, except to be subjected to more charming “motel-like” congregate housing.

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Currently, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires two-exit stairwells for buildings over four (4) stories in height, while the State of California requires two stairway routes in multi-unit residential buildings above three (3) stories in height.

In 2022, according to NFPA, a space heater in a New York City 19-story apartment building caused a fire that killed 17 people. The two exit stairwell requirement recognizes the importance of providing a secure means of egress in the event of a fire or other emergency. A second stairwell is vital.

In summary, it isn't broken and doesn't require fixing. Why indiscriminately sacrifice public safety? If you want more green space (which is ironically not legitimately implicated by this Motion), why not simply... STOP BUILDING!?

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Attachment 2 (Item 8.10)

Approve \$7.00 reimbursement to Federico Figus for two (2) GTLNC Board Members Tess Taylor and Federico Figus to meet with California Assemblymember Nick Schultz, 44<sup>th</sup> District, at his Burbank office to on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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