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Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 6:00pm
Vermont Square Branch Library
1201 W. 48th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Call to Order (time):

Roll Call

Action Item

All items listed are designated for discussion and possible action by the Voices Neighborhood Council. Council items identified as presentations may be proposed for action by the Council and will be reflected as such in the meeting minutes.

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1	0909-01	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.
2	0909-02	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. LAPDB. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updatesC. Mayor's OfficeD. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVESE. USCF. NHSG. Community Coalition

3	0909-03	<p>SAJE Presentation: NOlympics LA Campaign Discussion and Possible Action on Submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) Opposing City Council Motion 15-0989-S47. The motion seeks to exempt self-designated “Olympic-related” development projects from planning and zoning regulations, bypassing community input and oversight. Concerns have been raised that this would negatively impact Los Angeles neighborhoods, increase displacement, and incentivize unchecked development. Several Neighborhood Councils, including Historic Cultural North, Lincoln Heights, Los Feliz, Palms, Sherman Oaks, and Studio City, have already submitted opposition letters.</p> <p>Presented by Chris Tyler, Communications Manager</p>
4	0909-04	<p>LAANE Presentation: LAANE will present on their work advocating for unionization and support for El Super workers and will request a letter of support.</p> <p>Presented by Grace Huynh</p> <p>LAANE Presentation: Presentation about FairGames.</p> <p>Presented by Laane Representative</p>
5	0909-05	<p>Ultimate Restorations Unlimited (URU): Provide a report back on the recent Earth Day event, including highlights, community participation, and outcomes.</p> <p>Presented by Teresa McDonald</p>
6	0909-06	<p>Los Angeles Community Garden Council: Representatives from the Los Angeles Community Garden Council will present on the work they do to support and expand community gardens across the City of Los Angeles, including opportunities for collaboration with neighborhood councils and local residents.</p> <p>Presented by Omar Brownson, Executive Director</p>
7	0909-07	<p>Beautify LA: Beautify LA will provide unhoused people with an abundance of resources to allow them to move off the street and into housing. Trash cleanups will brighten the neighborhood and provide a more beautiful place to live.</p> <p>Presentation and Discussion of NPG and Potential approval of 4,950 funds.</p> <p>Presented by Beautify LA representative</p>
8	0909-08	<p>Better Neighbors LA: Presentation on regulating short term rental units.</p> <p>Presented by Noah Suarez-Sikes</p>

9	0909-09	<p>Flood plane Management Plan: Flooding affects homes, neighborhoods, and daily life across Los Angeles. Every five years, the City of Los Angeles updates its Floodplain Management Plan, and we need your input to build a stronger, more flood-resilient Los Angeles. The Floodplain Management Plan helps LA better prepare for and reduce the impacts of flooding. The 2025 Update will identify both short- and long-term solutions—like policy updates, projects, and programs—to make Los Angeles more flood-resilient for years to come.</p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia</p>
10	0909-10	<p>Resolution declaring Voices Neighborhood Council a Safe Haven for immigrants: A resolution declaring the Voices Neighborhood Council a Safe Haven for immigrants. The resolution reaffirms the Council’s commitment to protecting immigrant communities, denounces discriminatory enforcement practices, supports recent federal court rulings and Mayor Karen Bass’s Executive Directive, and urges the City of Los Angeles and LAPD to expand sanctuary protections and ensure compliance with constitutional standards.</p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia</p>
11	0909-11	<p>Appointment of Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaison: The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) established the Homeless Advocate Program. Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaisons serve as the bridge between their councils and broader City/community efforts to address homelessness. Their roles include attending bi-monthly Speaker Series presentations, collaborating with City Departments and service providers, coordinating local outreach, and bringing back action items and policy recommendations to their councils.</p> <p>Interest -Robert Boerner Any other interest?</p>
12	0909-12	<p>Outreach Materials – Approval of Purchases: Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of outreach materials, may include T-shirts, tote bags, water bottles, first aid kits, and stress-relief squish balls and or other similar items, in an amount not to exceed \$2000 to support community engagement and visibility.</p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia</p>
13	0909-13	<p>Planning a Board Retreat: To begin discussing the possibility of organizing a board retreat, including goals, potential dates, locations, budget considerations, and desired outcomes. Input from all board members will be encouraged to help shape the retreat’s purpose and format.</p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia</p>

14	0909-14	Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Provide updates and information relevant to Neighborhood Councils. Presented by Daniel Johnson
15	0909-15	Public Works Town Hall: Announcement of the upcoming Public Works Town Hall on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Community members will have the opportunity to share concerns and hear updates on City efforts to improve quality of life in our neighborhoods, including infrastructure, cleanliness, and related issues. Voices Tabling: Require 3 people (everyone should attend very important) Presented by Giovanni Garcia
16	0909-16	Minute Approvals: Discussion and possible approval of the following Agenda Minutes: 08/12
17	0909-17	Minute Approvals: Discussion and possible approval of the following Agenda Minutes: 08/26
18	0909-18	ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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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.

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. 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.

(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 , 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.