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## Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 at 6:00pm  
Vermont Square Branch Library  
1201 W. 48th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90037

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### ***Call to Order (time):***

#### **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.

**Presenters have 10 minutes with 5-minute Q&A**

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1	0113-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:</b> <b>Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.</b>
2	0113-02	<b>Announcements</b> A. LAPD B. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updates C. Mayor's Office D. Elected Representatives E. USC F. NHS G. Community Coalition
3	0113-03	<b>Augustus F. Hawkins High School Safety Symposium NPG Request:</b> Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) application

		<p>submitted by Augustus F. Hawkins High School in the amount of <b>\$5,000</b> to support a community safety symposium. Funds would be used for outreach and event-related expenses, including printing of flyers and door hangers, folders and supplies, snacks and refreshments, coffee service, and volunteer shirts and sweaters. The Board may vote to approve, deny, or request modifications to the application based on compliance with NCFP requirements.</p> <p><i>(10 minutes)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Cynthia Castillo (Community School Coordinator)</p>
4	0113-04	<p><b>Neighborhood Awareness Banner Update:</b> Provide an update on the 311 Awareness Banners, including outreach objectives, banner design and messaging, proposed locations or placement strategy, timeline for deployment, and next steps. Follow up discussion in February with possible voting to approve actionable items.</p> <p><i>(10 minutes)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Javonne Sanders (At-Large) and Sidney Thomas (Area 2)</p>
5	0113-05	<p><b>OneLAClean Introduction:</b> Joe Shawver is a community volunteer dedicated to helping keep the streets of LA clean. He will introduce himself and the clean up projects he's successfully completed. Currently, he buys most of the cleaning materials and tools and oftentimes does the clean-ups himself. Other times, volunteers help with clean-ups and donate cleaning materials.</p> <p>Presenter: Joe Shawver</p>
6	0113-06	<p><b>City Fabrick Introduction and Los Angeles Charter Reform Discussion:</b> City Fabrick is a nonprofit design studio for restoring, reshaping and empowering communities through public interest in design, planning, policy development, and advocacy. City Fabrick is contracted by the City of Los Angeles to lead the Los Angeles Charter Reform engagement across the city. Fabrick is collecting feedback to report back to the city.</p> <p>The Charter Reform covers various areas for reforming the current structure of the city government, like the Mayor's role/influence, expansion of City Council representation, the city employee hiring process, and the neighborhood council's influence on land use opportunities in their respective districts. The last time any reform occurred was almost 30 years ago.</p>

		Presenter: Esequiel Ramirez (Planner)
7	0113-07	<p><b>Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Update:</b> Provide updates and information relevant to Neighborhood Councils.</p> <p><i>(10 minutes)</i></p> <p>Presented by Daniel Johnson (DONE representative)</p>
8	0113-08	<p><b>Adoption of SB 707 Teleconference Meeting Procedures:</b> Discussion and possible action to approve the use of teleconference meetings pursuant to <b>Senate Bill 707 (SB 707)</b>, effective January 1, 2026, and to adopt the updated teleconference agenda and meeting notice language in compliance with the Brown Act. Approval is required for the Neighborhood Council to conduct virtual or hybrid meetings when not previously authorized under SB 411. Adoption requires an affirmative vote of <b>50% + 1 of the total board seats</b>. If approved, the Board will utilize the SB 707 agenda template for all future virtual or hybrid meetings in accordance with state law and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment guidance.</p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia (Chair)</p>
9	0113-09	<p><b>MERs review, discussion, and approval: December 2025</b> <i>(2 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Presented by: Melvin Rivas, Treasurer</i></p>
10	0113-10	<p><b>Community Empowerment Workshops Discussion Only</b> <i>(continue conversation)</i>: Discussion and coordination regarding the implementation of an already-approved Community Empowerment Workshop Series focused on empowerment, health, financial literacy, safety, and healing. Workshop topics include Civil Rights, Self-Defense, Know Your Rights, Healing Circles, Health/Nutrition/Exercise, Investing and Saving, and Mental Health. This item is to request Board assistance, ideas, partnerships, facilitators, outreach strategies, and logistical support for each workshop. <b>No new funding action is requested</b>, as the previously approved funding amount remains unchanged.</p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia (Chair)</p>
11	0113-11	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” 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. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Council, and given to the first 10 persons who submit Speakers Cards to the Recording Secretary.

### **Connect with Voices Neighborhood Council**

You can reach Voices NC at different addresses depending on your needs:

- [info@voicesnc.org](mailto:info@voicesnc.org) — Use this email for general questions about Voices NC, events, or partnership opportunities.
- [support@voicesnc.org](mailto:support@voicesnc.org) — Use this email if you need help with Neighborhood Planning Group (NPG) activities, have a complaint, or need assistance with meetings, reports, or any technical issues.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
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If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org).

### **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact 213-305-0472 or email at: [Ana.Campos@voicesnc.org](mailto:Ana.Campos@voicesnc.org)

### **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

For information on the Voices NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org).

### **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION**

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Giovanni García, Chair, por correo electrónico a [support@voicesnc.org](mailto:support@voicesnc.org) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

### **RULES REGARDING ONLINE MEETINGS:**

If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations.

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.