

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 6:00pm
Vermont Square Branch Library
1201 W. 48th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Join via Zoom (Stakeholder only)

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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	0310-01	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.

2	0310-02	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. LAPD- B. Los Angeles Fire Department - Report, updates C. Mayor’s Office D. Elected Representatives E. NHS- F. Community Coalition
3	0310-03	<p>Lead Free Homes LA: This no-cost program is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in partnership with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA). As part of the County’s effort to protect children from the harmful effects of lead exposure, we have been asked to connect directly with neighborhood councils to help ensure residents are informed about this important public health resource while enrollment remains open. The program will be enrolling residents in the communities of Vermont Square, Harvard Park, Florence-Firestone, Manchester Square, and Gramercy from February 1 through June 30, 2026.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by: Community Engagement Specialist</p>
4	0310-04	<p>Saje (Strategic Actions for a Just Economy): SAJE would like to share with the community, within the NC's boundary, about the new Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance, which sets a new annual rent increase for qualifying rent stabilized units across the City of Los Angeles and provides needed support for working-class residents in South Central Los Angeles. Since the NC area has a significant amount of Rent Stabilized units, this information would be very beneficial to the community.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented: Miguel Montero</p>
5	0310-05	<p>LoveForTheStreets: A nonprofit organization focused on supporting and uplifting underserved communities. The presentation will include the organization’s mission, services, community impact, and opportunities for collaboration and support.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by: Zhane Carter</p>
6	0310-06	<p>Neighborhood Awareness Banner Update: 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.</p>

		<p>Follow up discussion in February with possible voting to approve any additional things needed.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Javonne Sanders (At-Large) and Sidney Thomas (Area 2)</p>
7	0310-07	<p>Resource Fair Event: Entertainment and logistics items were identified for discussion by the board.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia, Chair and Cindy Cox Ucles, Corresponding Secretary</p>
8	0310-08	<p>900 Martin Luther King: Owner will be presenting and providing further information about the project progress and also answering questions the community might have.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Anat Escher</p>
9	0310-09	<p>LANCC + City Fabrics: The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Charter Reform Recommendation committee was created by a vote of LANCC at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 1. They are seeking a response from indicating if we are in favor or not in favor of what they are doing. More details will be provided during the meeting.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presentation: Giovanni Garcia, Chair</p>
10	0310-10	<p>Power2Workers: They are a dynamic nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming Southern California through sustainable employment opportunities in the construction industry. Our mission is to empower local residents by connecting them with rewarding job placements in affordable housing projects, which not only strengthens neighborhoods but also helps reduce unemployment and foster economic growth.</p> <p>NPG: \$5,000</p>

		<p>This grant will be used to directly support community members by providing practical resources that help residents access and succeed in construction employment. Funds will be allocated toward participants.</p> <p>training opportunities, essential work tools, and the hosting of community job fairs that connect local job seekers with employers on active construction and affordable housing projects.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Lauren Todd, Power2Workers Rep</p>
11	0310-11	<p>Civil Rights Workshop: A community workshop, part of the Empowerment Series, conducted in partnership with the Los Angeles Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights) to educate community members about civil rights protections, available resources, and how to report discrimination or access support services. Tentative date: April 15, 2026 Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>(2 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia, Chair</p>
12	0310-12	<p>61st Elementary: Provide updates and request approval to write letters on behalf of Voices to departments, offices, officials, including, but not limited to, city, district, state, and others.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Omar Ramos (Vice-chair)</p>
13	0310-13	<p>61st Elementary: Discuss and seek approval to present some type of award / certificate (to be discussed and determined) to community members that have been extremely helpful in and worked hard to help better 61st Elementary and the community.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Omar Ramos (Vice-chair)</p>
14	0310-14	<p>61st Elementary: Discuss and request approval to hold future community meetings related to 61st Elementary hosted and supported by Voices Neighborhood Council that involve parents, community, and relevant departments, offices, officials, including, but not limited to, city, district, state, non-profits, and others.</p> <p><i>(2 min)</i></p>

		Presented by Omar Ramos (Vice-chair)
15	0310-15	Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Update: Provide updates and information relevant to Neighborhood Councils. (10 minutes) Presented by Daniel Johnson (DONE representative)
16	0310-16	Meeting minutes review, discussion, and approval: 2/11/26 meeting (1 min) Presented by: Ana Campos, Recording Secretary
17	0310-17	MERs: Review, discussion, and approval for February 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. (1 min) Presented by: Melvin Rivas, Treasurer
18	0310-168	ADJOURNMENT:

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 — Use this email for general questions about Voices NC, events, or partnership opportunities.
- 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

The City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure the Voices Neighborhood Council meetings are collaborative, supportive, and respectful of divergent opinions.

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- 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. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or 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 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

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.

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 para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

RULES REGARDING ONLINE MEETINGS:

In conformity with the January 01, 2026, enactment of California senate bill 707 (Durazo) and la city council file 23-1114, the voices neighborhood council meeting will be conducted virtually.

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. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

The 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. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).

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. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),

A 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 paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.
California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).