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Voices Neighborhood Council

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### Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at 6:00pm  
Vermont Square Branch Library  
1201 W. 48th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90037

#### Join via Zoom

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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
<b>Announcements / General Public Comment</b>		
1	0428-01	<b>Announcements</b> A. LAPD B. Los Angeles Fire Department

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C. Mayor’s Office</li> <li>D. Elected Representatives</li> <li>E. NHS</li> <li>F. Community Coalition</li> </ul>
2	0428-02	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
<b>Board Business</b>		
3	0428-03	<p><b>LA28 Community Conversation (Empowerment Series):</b> Voices Neighborhood Council will be hosting an LA28 Community Conversation as part of its Empowerment Series at the Vermont Square Library. This event will provide residents with information on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and their potential impact on South Los Angeles, as well as an opportunity to engage directly with LA28 representatives.</p> <p>In advance of the event, Voices NC is conducting a <a href="#">community survey</a>, open through <b>April 29, 2026</b>, to gather input from residents. Survey results will help inform questions and guide the discussion to ensure community voices are represented.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia, Chair</p>
4	0428-04	<p><b>Neighborhood Street Light Survey:</b> Voices Neighborhood Council announces a citywide <a href="#">Neighborhood Street Lights Survey</a> launched under Karen Bass’s initiative to repair and replace up to 60,000 streetlights across Los Angeles. Community members are encouraged to participate by reporting street light outages in their area. Input may include the location of the outage, whether it has been reported to 311 (and any ticket number), how long the light has been out, and how it has impacted safety and quality of life.</p> <p><i>All information collected through the survey will be shared directly with the Mayor’s Office and will not be distributed beyond that scope</i></p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Giovanni Garcia, Chair</p>

5	0428-05	<p><b>MERs:</b> Review, discussion, and approval for March 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report.</p> <p><i>(1 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by: Melvin Rivas, Treasurer</p>
6	0428-06	<p><b>Meeting minutes review, discussion, and approval:</b> 3/10/26 meeting and 3/30/26 meeting</p> <p><i>(1 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by: Ana Campos, Recording Secretary</p>
7	0428-07	<p><b>Budget Amendment:</b> Review, discussion, and approval for new budget.</p> <p><i>(20 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by: Melvin Rivas, Treasurer</p>
8	0428-08	<p><b>Bylaws and Amendments:</b> Voices Neighborhood Council will review and discuss proposed amendments to the Voices Neighborhood Council Bylaws. Proposed changes may include updates to governance structure, officer roles and responsibilities, committee structure, meeting procedures, and/or administrative processes to improve efficiency, transparency, and compliance with Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners policies and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment guidelines.</p> <p>Board members will have the opportunity to review the proposed language, provide feedback, and suggest revisions prior to taking action.</p> <p><i>(15 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Cindy Cox-Ucles (Corresponding Secretary)</p>
9	0428-09	<p><b>Outreach Materials – Ratification and Additional Funding Approval:</b> Discussion and possible action to ratify prior expenditures and approve additional funding for outreach materials originally approved on September 12, 2025 (Agenda Item 0909-12), which authorized up to \$2,000 for community engagement materials, including but not limited to T-shirts, tote bags, water bottles, first aid kits, stress-relief items, and similar supplies.</p>

		<p>Due to expanded outreach needs, total expenditures exceeded the originally approved amount. An additional \$1,745.78 was incurred to support ongoing community engagement and visibility efforts.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Ana Campos, Recording Secretary</p>
10	0428-10	<p><b>Newsletter Approval &amp; Process:</b> Discussion regarding the approval process for the Voices Neighborhood Council monthly newsletter. The Board will determine whether future newsletters require prior Board approval before distribution, establishing a standard process moving forward.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Cindy Cox-Ucles (Corresponding Secretary)</p>
11	0428-11	<p><b>Area 1 Seat Interest:</b> Discussion and possible action to appoint Juan Escarcega to the vacant Area 1 Representative seat, pending verification of stakeholder eligibility.</p> <p><i>(5 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Juan Escarcega, Stakeholder</p>
<b>Presentations</b>		
12	0428-12	<p><b>Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Update:</b> Provide updates and information relevant to Neighborhood Councils.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Daniel Johnson (DONE representative)</p>
13	0428-13	<p><b>61<sup>st</sup> Street Elementary Safety, Health, Sanitation Crisis Updates:</b> Provide updates on recent developments.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Omar Ramos, Vice-Chair</p>
14	0428-14	<p><b>Children of the Night Introduction &amp; Collaboration:</b> Children of the Night is a privately funded non-profit organization established in 1979. They provide intervention and support to children who are sexually exploited and vulnerable to or involved in prostitution and pornography. Presenting to explore</p>

		<p>opportunities to collaborate, particularly in addressing concerns related to prostitution along Figueroa, including 61<sup>st</sup> Street Elementary School.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Karla Vasquez, Outreach Coordinator</p>
15	0428-15	<p><b>CicLAvia South LA Event (June 28, 2026):</b> CicLAvia will temporarily close streets to vehicular traffic along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Crenshaw Blvd, connecting Exposition Park to Leimert Park, and transforming the corridor into a public, car-free space for walking, biking, and community engagement.</p> <p>The presentation will include details on the event route, street closures (7:00 AM – 6:00 PM), community outreach efforts, and opportunities for stakeholder participation, including a Neighborhood Council booth presence at the event.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by Aerieenne Russell, CICLAVIA</p>
16	0428-16	<p><b>Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Application – EnrichLA:</b> Presentation and consideration of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application submitted by EnrichLA for the current fiscal year.</p> <p>EnrichLA is requesting funding to continue its Garden Ranger Program, which provides hands-on garden-based education, nutrition awareness, and environmental stewardship programming to students at local schools. The organization previously received NPG funding from Voices Neighborhood Council and has submitted a Project Completion Report for that cycle.</p> <p>Supporting documents, including the NPG application and IRS Determination Letter, have been provided for Board review.</p> <p><i>(10 min)</i></p> <p>Presented by EnrichLA</p>
17	0428-17	<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p>

**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**

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.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by emailing [chair@VoicesNC.org](mailto:chair@VoicesNC.org) Note: for TTY/TDD services, please refer to state provided services at <https://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/homepage.aspx>. Zoom meetings feature closed captioning functionality.

### **PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS**

Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Vermont Square Library, 1201 W. 48th St. Los Angeles, CA 90037
- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

### **NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES**

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:**

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).