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BOARD OF THE WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Meets third Monday's each month & fourth Monday's in February, January and June
Vineyard Recreation Center
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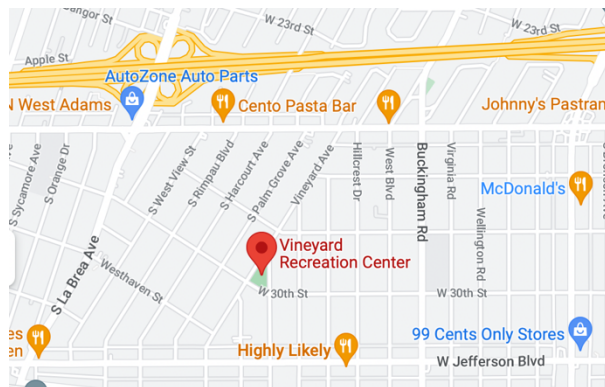
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West Adams Neighborhood Council HYBRID Board & Stakeholders Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 19, 2025 (6:30pm)

Vineyard Recreation Center - 2942 Vineyard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90016



In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 and LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, this West Adams Neighborhood Council subcommittee meeting will also be conducted virtually. **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86110028308>



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AGENDA *(Please note: All items may be discussed in a different order than how they are listed on the agenda on the day of the noticed meeting. The order of business may be changed without notice).*

1. **Call to Order:** Welcome and Roll Call of Board Members
2. **General Public Comment:** Public comments on non-agenda items (2 min max per person)
3. **Reports from Government Officials & Representatives**
4. **WANC Activity Reports, including but limited to subcommittees and individual board member activities**
 - a. Board member standing (incomplete trainings and renewals listed in attachments – Appendix, page 8). See <https://neighborhoodempowerment.lacity.gov/wanc/>
 - b. Announcement **to fill WANC Board vacancies** at June 16, 2025 Board & Stakeholders Meeting: **Education Representative.** expiring 2027; **Business Representative.**, expiring 2027.



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- c. Subcommittees: **Executive** (Jett, Lynch, Piatek), **Finance** (Piatek, Williams), **Land Use** (Meeks, Piatek, Williams), **Outreach** (Dawson, Gilbert, Jett), **Public Safety** (Stakeholder Co-chair Simonson, board member Valdez), **Rules** (Dawson, Lynch, Thomas), **Youth & Education** (Jett). For questions about, report from, or to be a stakeholder member or participant on any committee: **email westadamsnc.org**.
- d. Reports on prior and upcoming **WANC events**.
 - 1. Saturday, May 10 (10am-2pm). Neighborhood Wellness Fair/ Fire Service Day, hosted by Empowerment Congress West NC and Fire Station 94 on MLK Blvd.
 - 2. Saturday, May 17. 33rd annual Malcolm X celebration and festival (i.e., Malcolm X corridor) Malcolm X Day.
 - 3. Saturday, May 31 - POSTPONED. Disaster Preparedness for Stakeholders
 - 4. Saturday, June 7 (morning). WANC Board Retreat. Vineyard Recreation Center

5. Old Business

- a. Consent Calendar – **Approval of minutes of prior Board & Stakeholder meetings**. The following items are considered routine and non-controversial by the Board and will be approved with a single motion unless a Board Member or stakeholder requests to pull an item for separate discussion and vote.
 - 1. Approve the minutes of January 29, 2024 6:30 pm Special Meeting
- <https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2024-01-29/minutes?locale=en>
 - 2. Approve the minutes of October 17, 2024 6:30 pm
- <https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2024-10-17/minutes?locale=en>
 - 3. Approve the minutes of October 21, 2024 6:30pm
- <https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2024-10-21/minutes?locale=en>
 - 4. Approve the minutes of November 18, 2024 6:30pm (no quorum)
- <https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2024-11-18/minutes?locale=en>
 - 5. Approve the minutes of April 21, 2025 6:30pm
- <https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2025-04-21/minutes>



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6. Approve the May 7, 2025 6:30pm Special Meeting (no quorum) -
<https://ncmanager.org/nc/wanc/board/meetings/2025-05-07/minutes>

Motion: Motion to approve Consent Calendar items 1-6 as listed

b. Treasurer Report

1. Discussion and possible action to approve **April 2025 MER**
2. Discussion and possible action to have a **WANC board retreat on Saturday, June 7, 2025**, NTE \$1,000 to include FY24-25 Board Members and FY25-26 Board Members.
3. Discussion and possible approval of \$3,000 additional funds for **marketing sundries and giveaway items**, such as but not limited to pens and brochures.
4. Discussion and possible action to obtain **branded shopping bags as give-away**, with the unit price NTE \$5 with a budget of \$3000.
5. Discussion and possible action to fund the **June movie night at the Vineyard recreation center** NTE \$900.
6. Discussion and possible action to purchase a **high brightness (4000Lumens+) computer projector** NTE \$1400.
7. Discussion and possible action to purchase **an additional OWL microphone** NTE \$300.
8. Discussion and possible action to purchase **West Adams NC branded Polo Shirts for Board use** NTE \$25 each – total NTE \$450



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6. New Business

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action for a CIS supporting the **establishment of the Los Angeles Public Bank** ([Council File: 19-1235](#)).
 - Trinity Tran, Executive Director, [California Public Banking Alliance](#), [Public Bank LA](#), linktr.ee/trinitytran)
 - <https://westadamsnc.org/information-on-the-municipal-bank-of-los-angeles-mbla/>
 - See attached sample CIS letter (Appendix, pages 8-9).
- b. Discussion and possible approval of a **CIS opposing the Neighborhood Council's annual budget allocation reduction to \$25,000 in the Mayor's Proposed '25-'26 Budget** (Council File, 25-0600)
 - See attached (Appendix, page 10)

7. Upcoming public business meetings and agenda

- a. Saturday, June 7 Board & Stakeholders Retreat
- b. Monday, June 16 Board & Stakeholders public-business meeting

8. Adjourn

SB 411 Updates:

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



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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.

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT - 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 contacting Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by email, NCsupport@LACity.org or by telephone 213-978-1551.

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS – 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



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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 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS – WANC agendas are posted for public review as follows:

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ATTACHMENTS



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AGENDA ITEM 4A

Incomplete trainings and renewals (as of Friday, May 16); completion of all trainings required for voting on any business matter

Dujon (Ethics), Dawson (Funding), Meeks (Funding; Gender Expression and Gender Identity)

AGENDA ITEM 6A

Sample customized for WANC - Community Impact (CIS) to support the Los Angeles Public Bank:

RE: Fund the Los Angeles Public Bank Plan

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

On behalf of the **West Adams** Neighborhood Council, we strongly support the establishment of the Los Angeles Public Bank ([Council File: 19-1235](#)). With our city facing wildfires, unaffordable housing, and crumbling infrastructure, redirecting public funds from the [\\$1.4 billion we currently pay to private banks annually](#) is critical. That money can rebuild neighborhoods, strengthen disaster resilience, and support local small businesses.

The Los Angeles Public Bank—a nonprofit, city-owned institution—will reinvest local dollars into affordable housing, modern infrastructure, and small business development. Its primary goal is to keep funds within our local communities by providing low-cost loans for projects that benefit our neighborhoods, rather than redirecting public funds to prioritize the interests of private commercial banks. It will prioritize equity and ensure that profits benefit Angelenos rather than shareholders.

Public banks are governed by an independent Board of Directors, run by experienced bankers and financial experts. This structure ensures transparency and accountability in decision-making, as the board operates autonomously from political influences. LA's public bankers will make investment and lending decisions based on the mission and mandates set by the City and stakeholders to meet the needs of LA projects.



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We applaud the City Council unanimously approving a feasibility study for the public bank in June 2023 and in [May 2024](#). Now, we urge you to take the next crucial step: allocate the \$460K needed to fund the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City's consultants to begin developing the bank's feasibility study and business plan. This modest investment will save millions in the short term and lay the foundation for a resilient financial infrastructure before the next crisis strikes.

The Los Angeles public bank offers many advantages including:

1. Saving money. LA currently spends over \$1 billion a year in fees to Wall Street. A public bank would significantly cut borrowing costs and put those savings back into local projects, ensuring every public dollar benefits our community instead of lining private pockets.
2. Community development. When funds stay local, they work harder for us. Deposits in a public bank create local loans that boost affordable housing, improve infrastructure, and support small businesses, all vital for building stronger neighborhoods.
3. Ethical investment. A public bank is more than just a bank; it's a long-term, community-rooted source of capital that targets the structural inequalities affecting generations. It's about investing in initiatives that genuinely uplift LA residents and local businesses.
4. Democracy and transparency. A public bank puts financial control in the hands of Angelenos. It gives our community a real say in where our money goes, ensuring investments reflect our shared values and priorities instead of private profit.

We respectfully request that the City Council consider our Community Impact Statement in support of the Los Angeles Public Bank.

Thank you for standing with our communities as we work to build a Los Angeles where every dollar truly serves its people.

Sincerely, **West Adams Neighborhood Council**



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AGENDA ITEM 6B

Motion: To oppose the Neighborhood Council's annual budget allocation reduction to \$25,000 in the Mayor's Proposed '25-'26 Budget (Council File, 25-0600)

- According to Article IX in the City Charter of Los Angeles, Neighborhood Councils have two purposes: (1) To promote more citizen participation in government, and (2) make government more responsive to local needs.
- Annual budget allocations per Neighborhood Council are small, relative to the scope of mission and the high numbers (and complexity) of stakeholders in each NC area (i.e., those who live, work, own property, own businesses, and/or are members of a community-based organization).
- A Neighborhood Council board, its members serving as volunteers and citizen officials, allocate these scarce budget allocations under City regulation and oversight, while being forbidden to solicit products or services of monetary value for public-business meetings and events.
- The original Neighborhood Council budget was \$50,000. Over time, the NC budget has been reduced, and inflation has increased costs. When the Covid-19 lockdown took effect, Neighborhood Council budgets were reduced to \$32,000. When the City recovered its footing and the department cuts were reversed, the Neighborhood Council budget was not.
- We are asking the Mayor and City Council to preserve the Neighborhood Council budgets of \$32,000, because the pattern is for annual budget allocations to always go down and never up.
- We also ask for a full rollover of what remains of funds from this fiscal year (FY24-25).