

Winnetka Neighborhood Council GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 6:30 PM



Best Western Hotel - Winnetka Convention Center
20122 Vanowen St. Winnetka, CA 91306
(Located in the Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

With Live Streaming Teleconference using Zoom

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[1] going to **WNC Zoom** Password: WNCBOARD

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<mark>Mihran Kalaydjian</mark>	Samantha Ludwig	Elizabeth	Roy Hadavi						
		<u>Chapman</u>							
Vice-President									
Erick Lace									
Board Members									
David Uebersax	Peggy White	Roy Hadavi	Open Seat – Term 2025						
Jonathan Vickburg	Irma Ramirez	Anthony Zepeda							
Victor Lerma	Judith Giglio	Vacant - Youth Representative							

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act.

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 $Every\ person\ wishing\ to\ address\ the\ Neighborhood\ Council\ may\ join\ \textbf{IN\ PERSON}\ or\ by\ going\ to\ \underline{WNC\ Zoom}$

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PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, or per the following:

[1] emailing mihran@winnetkanc.com, [2] by clicking the 'raise hand' button via Zoom during the period allotted for public comment, or [3] by dialing *9 (if joining the meeting via telephone) to 'raise hand' during the period allotted for public comment when prompted by the presiding officer, 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 when the respective item is being considered.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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 prevented1 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 Board. AB 361 UPDATES: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS

The agenda for a regular or special meeting is posted for public review within Winnetka, 91306, at the following location: Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at www.winnetkanc.com. Additionally, supporting documents distributed to Board Members pertaining to Agenda Items will be posted for Download as well. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at the website: https://www.lacitv.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils

1) GENERAL WELCOME [5 min]

2) CONVENE MEETING and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [1 min]

3) BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL [2 min]

BOARD MEMBER	11/14/23	12/12/23	2/13/24	3/12/24	4/9/24	5/14/24	6/11/24	8/13/24	9/10/24	10/8/24	12/10/24
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Victor Lerma	Α	Χ	Χ	Χ	Α	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Elizabeth Chapman	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Judith Giglio	Α	Χ	Online	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Mihran Kalaydjian	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х
Roy Hadavi	Х	Α	Х	Χ	Е	Χ	Χ	Α	Χ	Χ	L
Anthony Zepeda	/	/	/	/	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	L
Peggy White	/	/	/	/	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Irma Ramirez											Х

X/V = Present/Virtual, A = Absent, E = Excused, /=Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early, $\dagger = Special$ Meeting

4) <u>Secretary:</u> Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Winnetka NC January 13, 2025 Minutes. (WNC-2025-0113-4A)

5) GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Updates/reports from officials/representatives of the offices of Mayor Bass, City Council District 3
Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, State Senator Caroline Menjivar, State Assembly Jesse Gabriel, US
Congressmember Brad Sherman, LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, LAUSD Board Members Scott
Schmerelson and/or Nick Melvoin, LAPD and/or CPAB, LAFD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE),
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA), Congress
Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, other local, state, or federal agencies.

6) Officer Reports (3 minutes)

President – Mihran Kalaydjian Vice President – Erick Lace Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig Parliamentarian – Roy Hadavi Secretary - Elizabeth Chapman

7) PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members should not address or discuss these comments other than to direct matters to the appropriate Winnetka NC committee or other agency. [2 min each]

Youth Election Board Seat:

8) Discussion and possible action to fill the Youth Representative on Winnetka NC board. We have two candidates applied for the Vacant Youth Seat. (Mihran)

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- 9) TREASURER'S Action Item's (Ludwig)
 - A) Discussion and possible action to approve January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow treasurer to submit.
 - B) Discussion and possible action regarding supporting the amended Stanley Mosk Elementary NPG for to cover the registration fee for "Rally in the Valley Robotics Competition" for two teams of 30 in an amount of \$1,200.

Public Safety: (Jonathan)

10) Discussion & Possible action to conduct a safety panel workshop with the budget up to \$300 to include for refreshments and snacks, with a date TBD.

Public Works: (David)

11) Discussion & Possible Action to conduct a spring cleanup at Winnetka Recreation Center on Saturday, April 26 or Sunday, May 4th at the Assemblymember Jessie Gabriel day of service at Pierce College and a Budget request up to \$400 to include supplies, snacks, soft drinks and Pizza.

Action item - Community Impact Statements (CIS)

12) Discussion and possible action to support Council File: <u>24-0600-S36</u> the midyear budget request from the Los Angeles Fire Department to restore 16 positions in the supply and maintenance division.

Here is the support language for the motion:

Winnetka Board Meeting February 11 Page 3 of 6 In the wake of a devastating wildfire that has destroyed nearly an entire City neighborhood, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) expresses strong and urgent support for all three budget requests by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

According to the requests, LAFD's reduced fleet availability rate has hit 78%, far below the 90% goal. The reduced fleet availability is directly caused by the elimination of 16 maintenance positions in the FY 24-25 budgets.

Elimination of the positions has exacerbated backlogs and delays, which is unacceptable during the heart of fire season. WNC also supports LAFD's request for six Fire Boat Captain positions.

The Fire Boats provide fire suppression, medical care, and technical rescue support in the City's Harbor District. Finally, LAFD is only as good as the people who make up the department.

Without sufficient professional, administrative and clerical human resources support, critical needs related to hiring, promoting and evaluating firefighters will go unmet. We must prioritize the men and women of LAFD who are first responders putting their lives on the line for the City.

It is essential that the Council approves all mid-year budget requests by LAFD, which are reflected in Council File 24-0600-S36.

13) Discussion and possible action to support <u>CF21-1395-S1</u> in having the city develop policies for addressing issues that arise with the reuse of oil fields.

Here is the support language for the motion:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) supports Council File 21-1395-S1. The Council File will push forward the process of addressing the environmental and public health risks associated with abandoned, uncapped and active oil wells in the City of Los Angeles. These sites remain a source of methane leaks and toxic emissions that pose severe health risks to residents, particularly those living near the wells.

If the Council File is implemented, the City will identify actions to improve City enforcement practices related to oil well site redevelopment, identify regulations to mitigate exposure to hazardous substances such as methane and benzene, and identify policies that ensure proper remediation of abandoned and uncapped oil well sites.

The Council File would also establish a process to inform residents about oil-related hazards and involve the community in decision-making, identify a process for tracking and addressing newly discovered historic oil wells, and investigate what steps the City must take to avoid unsafe development over old oil wells.

Oil exploration and extraction is an important part of Los Angeles history, however, measures to better protect the Public Health and safety need to be identified and implemented. The WNC supports Council File insofar as it will push That long-overdue process forward.

14) Update Ad Hoc Election Committee: Update on the efforts for the coming elections.

Committee Reports:

- Education & Youth Committee Report (Samantha)
- Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods
- > LA Neighborhood Council Coalition Report (LANCC) David Uebersax
- Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) (David Uebersax)
- Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report David Uebersax)
- > NOTICE: Meetings as needed currently on the 3td Wednesday of each month at 7:00
- Public Safety Committee Report (Jonathan Vickburg / Judith Giglio)
- Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates
- Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)
- > By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)
- Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)
- Updates to any budget report.

15. <u>LIAISONS REPORTS</u>

- LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (David)
- LANNC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition)
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Mihran)
- Sustainability Alliance (Mihran, Sam)

16. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

17. MEETING ADJOURNED

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 the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by email: NCSupport@lacity.org or phone: (213) 978-1551 and/or either: The Winnetka NC President via email at mkalavdiian@winnetkanc.com

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 Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at www.winnetkanc.com 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 the Winnetka President NC via Winnetka Board Meeting February 11

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad-hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days, for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board's Rules or Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, state law, and/or federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE AVISAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. POR FAVOR CONTACTE VICTOR LERMA AL (818) 314-0333 O POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO Presidente mkalavdiian@winnetkanc.com PARA AVISAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL O SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA,

Notice to Paid Representatives

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