



## Executive Committee Meeting

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council  
155 N. Occidental Blvd. Suite 236  
Los Angeles, CA 90026



**Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 P.M.**  
**Agenda**

Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President  
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Hector Quezada, Secretary  
Shafi Ahmed, Board Member Rep

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

### Meeting Access Information

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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.

(C) 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.

(D) 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.

(E) (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 (D), 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.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (00 Minutes)
- II. Review and Adoption of Outstanding Committee Meeting Minutes (00 Minutes)
- III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker) (00 Minutes)
- IV. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary's Reports to the Executive Committee (00 Minutes)
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Placing the following Motions, Resolutions & Presentations onto the next General Board meeting agenda for May 21, 2024: (00 Minutes)
  - A. Presentations.
  - B. Announcements.
  - C. RVNC Committee Chairs

In accordance with the motion passed at the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, all RVNC Committee Chairs are requested to report to the board:

- 1. Who is on the committee;
- 2. What is the committee working on; and
- 3. When is the day of the month for regular committee meetings.

- D. Reports to the Board of Directors:
  - 1. Government Agencies
  - 2. Community Organizations
  - 3. RVNC Officers
  - 4. RVNC Committee Chairs and Liaisons

E. Old Business

- 1. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative and Alliance of River Communities representative and selection of representatives.
- 2. Agendize for the May 21, 2024 General Board meeting board action to recommend one board member to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel. A training for regional grievance panelists will be held in partnership with the Office of City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program. The following is a link to the Neighborhood Council grievance policy in Section 22.818, Article 3 of Chapter 28 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Grievance-Policy.pdf>
- 3. Agendize to have the assigned member(s) present the updated Rampart Village Neighborhood Council Inventory Reports to the General Board for final Board review and approval.

4. Agendize for discussion and possible action at the May 21, 2024 General Board meeting follow-up to the Central LA virtual community workshop to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety focusing on neighborhood schools of Commonwealth Avenue ES, Frank Del Olmo, and Lafayette Park PC. We heard from Margot Ocanas, LADOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Director that the SRTS plan for those schools and a total of 21 schools in the area was funded for \$32 million in CalTrans Active Transportation Program, Cycle 6. Although the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue was removed from the application, it includes a scramble crosswalk during designated hours at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and New Hampshire Avenue. As Philip discussed with Margot on October 4, we understand that she will communicate with the Vision Zero Program to understand why they are saying the scramble crosswalk at Third Street and Vermont Avenue doesn't meet their guidelines.
5. Agendize for discussion and possible action safety around the Value charter schools located at 240 N. Madison Avenue and 221 N. Westmoreland. At the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, David Nguyen from the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement and Nick Marcone from the Mayor's Office of Housing and Homelessness Solutions reported that over 100 people were relocated from encampments to interim housing through Inside Safe, a citywide, voluntary, proactive housing-led strategy to bring people inside from tents and encampments, and to prevent encampments from returning, on October 11 and 12. To prevent repopulation of encampments after an Inside Safe operation, Nick said they try to keep a footprint in the area and monitor. If they see tents going up, they will continue to outreach to those individuals because once one tent goes up it can be a domino effect. So service providers and the Mayor's outreach team keep an eye out and, if tents pop up, get an idea of who those individuals are and see if they can offer them something to mitigate repopulation. However, according to the Chief Legislative Analyst's Overview of the 2024-25 Proposed Budget, the Proposed Budget provides \$950.8M for homelessness-related programs, a 25.6 percent decrease from 2023-24. The main drivers of the reduction are the reduction in the Inside Safe program budget as well as a reduction in Proposition HHH project expenditures.
6. Agendize for discussion and possible action the HCID rollout of database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives. In response to our analysis (please see the linked data visualization: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#)) showing some building permits being issued to projects that ostensibly did not appear on LAHD's list of covenanted projects, LAHD completed a review of those projects with final permits issued and asked LADBS to provide information regarding LADBS' receipt of LAHD clearance for low income units. Philip heard back from Celeste Nguyen of LADBS on December 22 and, in his response, he included copies for all three City Departments in order to get everyone on the same page. Philip participated in the Budget Advocates' meeting with LADBS on January 30. At that meeting, the LADBS reps agreed to consider giving us a spreadsheet for 1649 project submittals received by their Affordable Housing Section, having a performance metric for Permits Issued for Housing Projects with Low Income Housing Units, and possibly having the section chief over their Affordable Housing Section provide the response that Philip would need. When the Neighborhood Council's Budget Advocates 2024 White Paper was published to Council File 24-0600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2024-25, Philip reached out to Kevin Keller in the Mayor's Office to raise these concerns. For the slides from LAHD's April 19, 2022, presentation to the committee, please see the following link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw\\_55Lxg6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing)
7. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the May 21 General Board meeting concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. What was once a beautiful block with flowers planted on the rounders by RVNC, now looks like a slum. Weeds have grown as tall as a person in the island, and homeless encampments have taken over. There is trash everywhere. She has reported through My311, but nothing has been done. In addition, the alley between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street has deep potholes that have gotten worse since the rains. She has requested repairs since November, but nothing has been done. This was discussed as a non-agenda item at the May 16 General Board meeting. At the May 23 PSHT Committee meeting, we discussed that we will wait for the Council Offices for CD 1 and CD 13 to respond before we take any action. In the meantime, Carmen Medina and Hector Quezada will discuss a proposal for a plan that our stakeholders would like to pursue. Philip said he understands that Occidental is included along with the medians on Verdugo in one of the city departments' contracts. Philip said we learned from Javier Solis, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Maintenance Operations, 213-485-4809, that the Occidental medians belong to Public Works/Bureau of Street Services/Urban Forestry Landscape Div. At our March 19 General Board meeting, Diana Vicente, CD 1 Field Representative, told us that they want to bring to us a proposal for their Climate Fellows to plant native vegetation in the Occidental medians. Please see the following link: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/urban-forestry-division>.

#### F. New Business

8. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the May 21 General Board meeting to APPROVE the April 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report.
9. Discussion and possible action to agendize for the May 21 General Board meeting a presentation and consideration of approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$3000 to support the 51st Los Angeles Korean Festival. Funding being requested in the amount of \$3000 may be considered once the Los Angeles Korean Festival Foundation submits the appropriate forms.

10. Discussion and possible action to agendaize for the May 21 General Board meeting to approve how we will incorporate Spanish interpretation into our board meeting set up and take down, including inviting guests, include in outreach how Spanish interpretation will be provided for the May 21 and subsequent General Board meetings), translating and printing the agenda and minutes (and taking the minutes) and other documents, sound system, video system, Zoom and recording (including recordings in English and Spanish), and ordering and picking up food and beverages. Nominate Lara and Hector to work with members of the CROSN Committee to take the lead on a strategy for outreach and implementation for Spanish interpretation and translation.
11. Discussion and possible action to approve agendaizing for the May 21 General Board meeting a presentation and to support LA Metro in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and will provide a project briefing at our May 21 General Board meeting. The session aims to provide insights into project goals and benefits and address questions.
12. In consideration of the lessons learned, actions taken, and solutions found regarding the safe route to school at 200 N Vermont Avenue, the PSHT Committee recommended agendaizing for the May 21 General Board meeting a motion to request: 1) an explanation from the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) investigator of what transpired; and 2) a copy of the traffic control plan that was enforced by the developer. In addition, the PSHT Committee recommended that the motion include a request for a traffic signal and a pedestrian crosswalk across Vermont Avenue at Council Street. On April 4, Laila Molina informed us that CD 13 flagged the issues to BSS. She spoke with the BSS investigator, who went to the site after the issue was brought to her attention and made sure a traffic control plan was enforced by the developer.
13. Discussion and possible action to approve agendaizing for the May 21 General Board meeting a presentation on the May 20 Clean California Community Days of Action event in terms of both its impact on environment of the community and what we learned about engaging the community. Ronee and/or Lara will present.
14. Discussion and possible action to agendaize for the May 21 General Board meeting to review our plans for the ongoing CERT training for the RVNC. On April 16, Vince Ababao, LAFDCERT Battalion 11 Coordinator, told us he'd be there the first day of class to welcome & thank the trainees for taking the CERT class. Also he'll be there the last day of class, Graduation day, to welcome, thank them and as Battalion Coordinator to invite them and get their Info for sign-ups. The RVNC already has a Team, this class. He'll help us to recruit and train a Team Leader and after that, he'll discuss with us the 2015 RVNC Emergency Plan (C. Burleson) that he will send to us to modify and upgrade. And in the NC/Community level, we'll request the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) thru Patrick Botz-Forbes and Chin Thammasaengsri to help our NC to develop our Emergency Plan and build our Emergency Team. Due to scheduling, Vince was unable to attend our May 8 PSHT Committee meeting.
15. Discussion and possible action to agendaize for the May 21 General Board meeting to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the Shatto Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ21768) Project. Please see the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report No. 24-064, Shatto Recreation Center Park Renovation Project, at the following link:  
<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2024/apr04/24-064.pdf>.
16. Discussion and possible action to agendaize for the May 21 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement for Council File 24-0600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2024-25. The Budget Advocates 2024 White Paper was published to this Council File on May 7 (please see the following link: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0600\\_misc\\_NCadvocacy.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0600_misc_NCadvocacy.pdf)) and it addresses how the City of Los Angeles is implementing recordation of covenants for the low-income units in projects with Density Bonus or TOC incentives in the course of delivering permits, covenants, and entitlements for the low-income units. A proposed community impact statement for the board's consideration may be found in the supporting documents. This is a time-sensitive item given that there will be a public hearing on May 22 and discussions on approving the budget will begin on May 23.
17. Discussion and possible action to agendaize for the May 21 General Board meeting to approve a community impact statement for Council File 23-1027 regarding City Charter Reform, currently in the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform. Ronee, as our LANCC representative, said he would review what LANCC has done on this and Lorenzo told us he will check with his leadership on whether DONE currently has the capacity to directly provide administrative support to Neighborhood Councils or whether they would want to ask for that authority through the Charter Reform.
18. Agendaize as a standing agenda item to collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
19. Consider whether any of the items on the Board meeting agenda (such as the minutes and MER) could be added to the consent calendar.
20. Items from the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Member Rep.

## VI. Adjournment

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