



# Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee Meeting

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



**Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 2:30 P.M.**  
**Agenda**

Philip Armstrong, Chair | Vice Chair, Vacant  
Lara Morrison | Lois Arkin | Jennifer Quinones

The Mission of the Public Safety, Housing and Transportation Committee shall be to serve as the primary RVNC entity for Public Safety, Housing and Transportation issues and policies planning. It shall provide assistance to Stakeholders seeking solutions that could mitigate safety issues and will address emergency preparedness, homelessness, housing opportunities, traffic, and transportation issues in the RVNC neighborhood.

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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.

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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 (0 Min.)**
- II. Roll Call and Adoption of Outstanding Minutes (0 Min.)**
- III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker) (0 Min.)**
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions: (0 Min.)**
  - A. Old Business with Follow-up Actions Planned**
    - 1. Discussion and possible action to follow-up on 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.**
    - 2. Discussion and possible action on supporting follow-up to the first Play Street event, which occurred on September 9, 2023 as part of the 100-year anniversary of Commonwealth Avenue Elementary in Historic Filipinotown. There's more about Play Streets here: <https://laplaystreets.com/> Let's discuss having the next Play Street event at St. Anne's.**
    - 3. Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. 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 and they will convey this to CD 13.**
    - 4. Discussion and possible action to address resumption of PATH Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. We've invited Zeke Sandoval of PATH to our meeting. In the meantime, Jennifer is attending the Community Police Advisory Board for the LAPD Rampart Division as the RVNC's liaison.**
  - A. New Business**
    - 5. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Executive Committee to approve agendizing for the October 15 General Board meeting to accept the invitation from CD 1 to partner with them for a community cleanup. Diana Vicente has contacted the RVNC to schedule a collaborative cleanup for us to do with CD 1. Please see the following dates they have available and they say they will take care of everything for these clean ups from coffee, snacks, refreshments, tools and also do their best to have Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez join us for that time. They can host these clean ups anywhere we'd like within CD 1. Possible dates for CD 1 include: 9/26, 10/31, 11/23, or 12/07. Perhaps we could get CD 1 and CD 13 together to work on cleaning up the Occidental medians while CD 1's Climate Fellows plant native vegetation.**
    - 6. Discussion and possible action on the HCID rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives, including consideration of recommending approval of another community impact statement for Council File 23-0426, Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application. On July 2, Emma Howard, CD 13 planning deputy, told us she would follow up with LAHD and LADBS on this issue**

in depth. On August 21, she told us the context is the affordable housing registry motion: [Council File 23-0426](#), their colleagues at CD4 are lead on this effort and she believes that the city is in process in terms of hiring the team that will create the system. Also, she notes that the Housing Element Update would include some registry requirements as part of the [Resident Protections Ordinance](#). At our September 17 General Board meeting, the RVNC board approved a community impact statement for Council File 23-0426. 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\\_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJgNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing)

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training and follow-on to that training. Vincent Ababao, LAFD CERT Battalion 11 Coordinator, asked the CERT graduates to sign up for the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) at [Join.ntp-la.org](http://Join.ntp-la.org). He recommended Sarah Silva as the Team Leader for the CERT class graduates from New Village Girls Academy and Dani Knoll as the Team Leader for the LA Eco-Village CERT class graduates. Dani declined the nomination. To request the six NTP training classes, he recommended that we email Patrick Botz-Forbes and Chin Thammasaengsri and I've sent emails.
7. Discussion and possible action to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the upgradation of Shatto center Badminton court (uphill). At our May 21 General Board meeting, we voted to send a letter of support for the renovations. On August 28, Alan Antonio of CD 10 asked Philip to agendize for our September 17 RVNC General Board meeting a presentation on the Park Advisory Board (PAB) for Shatto Park. We understand the slides for this presentation will include a slide for the timeline for community outreach for and implementation of the park renovations and a slide to explain what is a PAB and the role it will play in the community outreach for and implementation of the park renovations. On August 30, Ana Valdez, Shatto Park Director, told us they are definitely working on getting a PAB at Shatto up and running by mid-September. She requested that we postpone her presentation until October 15. They will be reaching out to interested patrons and community members and then holding interviews to see if it's a good fit all around. 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>
8. Discussion and possible action to review the lessons learned, actions taken, and solutions found regarding the safe route to school at 200 N Vermont Avenue. As approved at our August 20 General Board meeting, we submitted a community impact statement for [Council File 20-1469-S1](#), Temporary Closures / Active Transportation Facilities / Transportation Network Improvement / Public Right-of-Way Reservation System / Proposed Policies and Procedures on August 21.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding a request to contribute to a research project funded by the National Science Foundation studying the risks associated with concrete buildings in Los Angeles constructed prior to modern seismic building codes. Purdue University wants us to help them organize a community workshop at Rampart Village where they have identified a high density of concrete buildings constructed prior to modern seismic building codes. At our September 17 General Board meeting, we approved with the following caveats for the RVNC to participate in a research project and in finding residents that will be willing to participate in these workshops, collaborators to help host a workshop, and a community center or another local venue to use for the workshop. The RVNC acts as a conduit and does not take a major role or take the lead for hosting the workshop. In a September 25 zoom meeting with Dr. Johnson, CD 13, the RVNC, and LADBS, we were asked to help with identifying community organizations that have reach into our diverse community. As the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council, our role would be to find residents that will be willing to participate in these workshops, collaborators to help host a workshop, and a community center or another local venue they could use. The project goal is to understand:
  - the value of retrofits that would allow buildings to be immediately reoccupied and minimize disruptions to public services after a major earthquake;
  - how these benefits vary depending on the building's function, like whether the building is residential, an office, a school or a grocery store;

- how people interact with structures, and the impacts a community would experience if different buildings were damaged in an earthquake; and
  - how seismic retrofits should be evaluated and prioritized to develop guidance for public officials.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council District Street Tree Inventory Summary Report. At our February 7 PSHT Committee meeting, Lois said she will discuss with the Trees Committee and the RVNC's PPPWLU Committee the idea of asking our stakeholders about streets in the RVNC where they could take away one parking lane to allow for planting trees in parking lanes that the community doesn't need. Different cities have tried different options for doing this to mitigate climate change. Jennifer said perhaps, as a way of selling this idea, focus on those streets that have a congregation of RVs and utilize that space differently to curb folks with questionable motivations from parking RVs there. At our March 6 committee meeting, Lois said she will discuss with the Trees Committee the idea of asking our stakeholders about streets in the RVNC where they could take away one parking lane to allow for planting trees in parking lanes that the community doesn't need. Please see the following link for details: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Rampart%20Village%2020220812.pdf>
  11. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of 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. Another possible item for the community impact statement is who should be responsible for assessing and championing the needs of the Neighborhood Councils for funding and resources sufficient to enable them to accomplish their purpose. According to [DONE's About Neighborhood Councils webpage](#), Neighborhood Councils gather, vet, debate, and come to a consensus on matters that impact City life and policy, and deliver their official stance on these issues in letters called "Community Impact Statements", which are shared with City decision-makers, such as the Mayor, City Council, or City Departments such as City Planning. However, there has been no effort to assess or furnish the necessary resources and funding to allow Neighborhood Councils to accomplish this. Please see DONE'S report on City Charter amendments at the following link: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-1027\\_rpt\\_DONE\\_01-22-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-1027_rpt_DONE_01-22-24.pdf).
  12. Discussion and possible action to support LA Metro in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council. Although Metro's plans only call for bike lanes on Vermont Avenue south of Gage, the [Mobility Plan 2035](#) map specifies bike lanes between Los Feliz Blvd and W 60<sup>th</sup> Place. On July 30, Philip observed a Metro bus that was approaching the southbound bus stop at Vermont and Beverly hit a bicyclist who was transported to the emergency room. At LA Metro's presentation at our July 16 General Board meeting on the Vermont Transit Corridor Project, Philip asked Metro to consider a scramble crosswalk at 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue in their planning for the Bus Rapid Transit which has a proposed station at that intersection. Philip said on August 22 he attended the Metro Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 workshop and submitted a question requesting feedback regarding whether a study of crash patterns and volume threshold requirements at Vermont Ave/3rd St and investigation of appropriate countermeasures, potentially including a scramble crosswalk, would be eligible for and potentially a priority for MAT Cycle 2.
  13. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File [19-1020](#), Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness. We were contacted by the Reseda Neighborhood Council: This is a motion that started with Mike Bonin on September 4, 2019, to create a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) called the Commission for Lived Experienced with Homelessness (CLEH). The CLEH would be comprised of former and current unhoused neighbors with the mission of providing a voice for them to discuss/reveal gaps in services and programs, as well as opportunities for increased efficiency and cost savings for the city. This council file will expire in just 8 short weeks on November 18, 2024 if no action is taken by the City Council.
  14. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File [23-1134](#), Economic Roundtable / Economic Study / Annual Rent Increase / Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Sole-Source Contract.

According to a September 21 email from Councilmember Hugo, this motion called for an independent study of our rent control policies in LA so we can make changes to help working Angelenos. Recently, the [Economic Roundtable](#) released their independent report, highlighting how, for decades, LA's rent control policies have favored landlords at the expense of working families. CD 13 says they support a policy proposal [from tenants](#) aimed at creating a more balanced policy for renters while still allowing landlords to turn a profit. Stay tuned: In the coming weeks, the Housing Department will present their report to City Council, where the Housing & Homelessness Committee will recommend exact policies for the full City Council to vote on.

15. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding the draft ordinance and design guidelines or clarifications to implement Measure HLA. This community impact statement will address three council files related to implementation of Measure HLA: Council File [15-0719-S26](#), Council File [24-0131](#), and Council File [24-0173](#). Council File 15-0719-S26 began as an effort to pre-empt the proposed Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure and has evolved with the passage of Measure HLA into the proposed mechanism to allow City Departments to implement Measure HLA. Council File 24-0131 requests a list of corridors that would necessitate the removal of parking spaces and vehicle travel lanes to implement Measure HLA. Council File 24-0173 advocates a three-prong implementation approach for Measure HLA: 1) Adopting a City implementation ordinance to clarify decision-making processes, promote thoughtful project planning, and minimize legal exposure related to noncompliance with the Measure's requirements; 2) Aggressively pursuing the development of a 5-year Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) to better align resources with projects that would achieve the City's policy goals; and 3) Aligning maintenance programs with policy goals and Measure HLA requirements.

- B. Set agenda and day and time for next PSHT Committee meeting. Next meeting: 2:30 PM on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

V. Stakeholder Suggested Future PSHT Agenda Items.

(0 Min.)

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

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