



# Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee Meeting

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



**Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 2:30 P.M.**  
**Agenda**

Philip Armstrong, Chair | Vice Chair, Vacant  
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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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(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** (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. 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. On November 20, Neha Chawla, Senior Manager, Metro Transportation Planning, informed us that: 1) the MAT Program can only fund capital projects, so a study would not be eligible; 2) Metro will, however, be developing a First/Last Mile Plan for the Vermont Transit Corridor Project, and the area of 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue may be assessed for proposed improvements/projects; and 3) they are currently developing Metro’s Street Safety Program, and this corridor may be included in their data assessments.**
    - 2. **Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. At our community cleanup of the Occidental Parkways on December 7 with Councilmembers Hugo Soto-Martinez and Eunisses Hernandez, we observed a need for green infrastructure improvements there. Diana Vicente, CD 1 Field Deputy, informed us at the time that she is looking for grant funding to replant those parkways. CD 1 is also**

looking at options for planting native plants in the Occidental Parkways and maintaining them since the climate fellows are no longer available.

3. 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 at the RVNC's liaison.
4. Discussion and possible action to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the renovations at Shatto Park. Park Director Ana Valdez is forming a Parks Advisory Board (PAB) to partner among staff community members, and other stakeholders to advocate for Shatto Park. On November 25, Ana shared with us the information she received from Anna Apostolos at LANI about the 2019 community visioning exercises, including the two community meetings held on June 22 and July 13, 2019. This information may be found in the supporting documents folder for our RVNC December 17 General Board meeting which may be accessed at <https://www.rvnc.org/> Based on that information, the RVNC asked Alan Antonio of CD 10 for support regarding: 1) getting picnic benches and tables installed under the trees next to the basketball court; and 2) improving planting/landscaping in front of the tennis courts to stop encampments there. 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>
5. Discussion and possible action to approve a plan for PSHT Committee meeting organization and scheduling. On February 7, 2024, the PSHT Committee approved moving our meetings to the first Wednesday of the month and having the meetings on Zoom unless an item comes up where we want to meet in-person.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the formation and leadership of the RVNC Neighborhood Team. To request the six NTP training classes, the LAFDCERT Battalion 11 Coordinator recommended that we email Patrick Botz-Forbes and Chin Thammasaengsri and they told Philip on November 20 that they will get back to us. For more information, please see the following link to the CERT participant manual: [https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019.CERT\\_Basic\\_PM\\_FINAL\\_508c.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019.CERT_Basic_PM_FINAL_508c.pdf)
7. Discussion and possible action to focus our attention on getting street trees replanted in the 545 vacant street tree wells in the Rampart Village and identifying neighbors to maintain them. Please see the following link for details: <https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Rampart%20Village%2020220812.pdf>

#### B. New Business

8. Discussion and possible action to support the Bimini Plaza People Street Plan and recommend agendaizing a presentation for the February 18 General Board meeting. This plan was approved by the City Council Transportation Committee and the full City Council in December. On February 8, at 3554 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, there will be an open house meeting about Bimini Plaza, with a lunch and open house at noon and a presentation and Q&A at 1 PM.
9. As a courtesy to the PPPWLU Committee (since they can't meet due to not having any committee members approved by the board), discussion and possible action to recommend to the Executive Committee to approve a presentation on the updated design for 550 Shatto Place and any questions at our February 18 General Board meeting. Please find linked here the developer's presentation to the Hearing Officer on December 10, 2024: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y4sXthQEbb2pPcPRG5I7TTZJ1FnIcMjo/view?usp=sharing> According to Timothy Moran, Principal Project Manager, Irvine & Associates, Inc., "This shows the current design and programming of the Project that makes it possible to deliver an attractive development with high density housing and an enhanced pedestrian experience while maintaining the same percentage of affordable housing as in prior iterations."
10. Discussion and possible action to address the assault on November 8 of a student and a community member at Bimini Place and Whitehouse Place on November 8. At our December 17 General Board meeting, Laila said she spoke with their LAUSD liaisons regarding safety in that parking lot. She will get back to RVNC when she has more information. At our January 21 General Board meeting, in Q&A following his report, Jack Linares, Community Affairs Deputy for Dr. Rocio Rivas, Board Member,

LAUSD District 2, asked us to provide more details on the matter, which we did on January 22.

11. Discussion and possible action to address the matter of a pedestrian throughway at 200 N Vermont Avenue. On November 20, Jane Choi, Principal City Planner, Central Project Planning at LA City Planning, told us they are happy to look into this issue for us. It may take a couple of weeks for her to get back to us. In a November 22 call, David Burkhead, Senior Building Inspector at LADBS, explained that: 1) the 200 N Vermont Avenue project has a temporary certificate of occupancy (issued 7/31/24) to move tenants in; and 2) because they don't have a certificate of occupancy issued, it's still an open permit which allows him to conduct an inspection and issue a notice of correction to remove the gate or return to Plan Check to address the issue. On January 15, Inspector Burkhead said he issued a Correction Notice to the ownership on November 22 to remove the gates which blocked the required public access through the site. The ownership says they had numerous cars broken into and someone also entered into an apartment which caused security concerns from many of the tenants. They installed the gates to provide more security to the site, but he told them they need a different solution and the public is allowed access as per the DIR. They will not get their Final approval and Certificate of Occupancy until the conditions are met in the DIR.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the HCID rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives. At our September 17 General Board meeting, we passed a motion to approve a community impact statement for [Council File 23-0426](#), Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application. On November 9, Philip attended the PlanCheckNC meeting and connected with Saad Tariq. Mr. Tariq informed Philip that although permit data itself is not available as a standalone layer in their [new Atlas database](#), they will overlay the [Controller's covenant layer](#) with LADBS' address and parcel layers. This approach will allow users to identify parcels associated with the covenant layer, and from there, related permit information can be researched manually based on the identified location. In their submission for the Budget Advocates 2025 White Paper, the LADBS Team made recommendations:
  - a. To ensure that identifying Housing Department project information is captured in the Plan Check and Inspection System and the new LA City Permitting System.
  - b. To include in those systems data for when LAHD approved the housing clearance for the low-income units, whether the projects received Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) or Density Bonus incentives, whether the projects were mixed-income projects, and which of the three types of review was needed for projects that fall under LAMC Section 12.22.A.25.
  - c. To require the Structural Plan Check staff to inform permit applicants of the requirement to record a covenant with LAHD for the low-income units in by-right mixed-income projects.

Philip also met with Sonia Nanda in the Bureaus of Engineering who told us the Affordable Housing Tracking System (AHTS) includes a field that allows the LAHD staff to enter the covenant HIMS number, potentially linking LAHD's covenant file to the LADBS permit file. After the emergency, we understand she will get the relevant stakeholders together on a call to discuss a request to enhance AHTS to include covenant tracking. 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)

13. At our September 17 General Board meeting, we passed a motion to participate in the research study with the caveats that the RVNC acts as a conduit and does not take a major role or take the lead for hosting the workshop. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action to approve RVNC participation in a research project and 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 they could use with the following caveats. The RVNC acts as a conduit and does not take a major role or take the lead for hosting the workshop. Dr. David Johnson told us on January 16 they are still waiting on IRB approval for their next round of surveys, but regardless, this is simply not an

appropriate time to ask of people's time or to think about another potential hazard. His plan is to continue moving forward with the survey development, translation, and approval processes that they can manage on our own there at Purdue, but they don't anticipate trying to collect survey responses until summer at the very earliest. They can of course share drafts of the survey with us when we're available, as originally discussed, but they do not want to be a burden during what they imagine will be an exceptionally busy time for CCNP. They'll be in touch as the situation evolves and a clearer picture emerges of what recovery will mean.

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](#) [Editor's note: if you look at the link, the proposal is from tenant advocates, including Beverly-Vermont Community Land Trust] 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. We understand the City Attorney's interpretation is that Measure HLA doesn't apply to projects that are not led by the City. On February 12, there will be a joint Transportation Committee and Public Works Committee meeting to consider the draft ordinance to implement Measure HLA. At that meeting, it's likely that there will be an amendment to have Measure HLA apply to Metro projects.
16. Discussion and possible action 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. 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" (CIS), 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 accomplish this.
17. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File [21-1230-S8](#), Citywide Code Amendment (CA) / Environmental Clearance (EIR) / Resident Protections Ordinance (Los Angeles City



Planning Commission): Introduced October 17, 2024 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Los Angeles City Planning Commission report is relative to the Citywide Code Amendment and Environmental Clearance for the proposed [Resident Protections Ordinance](#).

18. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding Council File 24-1341, Distinction in Rules / Remodel / Major Renovation / Demolition Project / Los Angeles Municipal Code (Blumenfield – Price): Introduced October 25, 2024 and referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Motion is instructing the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the Planning Department, the Bureau of Engineering, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations that explains the differences between a remodel; major renovation, and a demolition project, and which reviews the existing practices and ordinances of other cities in Los Angeles County; and enforcement/compliance with the existing provisions in Municipal code Section 12.23 (Non-Conforming Building and Uses), which already requires that remodels maintain at least 50 percent of an original structure’s footprint to maintain any non-conforming rights, improve notification requirements to neighbors, and review all applicable building loopholes in the City’s Municipal Code (Zoning and Building Codes). This council file is related to Council File [18-0406](#) regarding which the RVNC submitted a community impact statement on August 30, 2024.

C. Set agenda and day and time for next PSHT Committee meeting. Next meeting: 2:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

V. Stakeholder Suggested Future PSHT Agenda Items.

(0 Min.)

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

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