



General Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Agenda



Philip Armstrong, President | Ronee Reece, Vice President
Lara Morrison, Treasurer | Hector Quezada, Secretary
Quazi Huda, Community Interest Rep | Jennifer Quinones, At-Large Rep
Shafi Ahmed, At-Large Rep | Amy Lee, Student Youth Rep
Gaines Newborn, At-Large Rep | Alberto Veloso, At-Large Rep
Mohammad Abu Sufian, At-Large Rep

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
St. Anne's, Anne Floto Classroom
155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

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Nota: Esta junta tendrá interpretación simultánea inglés-español y español-inglés a través de Zoom. Los asistentes en persona que deseen escuchar las interpretaciones deberán escuchar la versión Zoom de la reunión a través de sus teléfonos inteligentes o aparatos portátiles con audífonos. Favor de planear con anticipación y traiga unos audífonos si desea escuchar las interpretaciones.

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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.

Physical Meeting Access Information

If the gate to St. Anne's parking lot is not open when you arrive, please use the intercom to contact the building's gate opener to let you in. If the front door to St. Anne's is locked when you arrive, please use the intercom there to gain admission. Then, take the elevator or walk up the stairs to the second floor.

Zoom Meeting Access Information Online or By Telephone

Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84399345554> | Telephone: 669.900.6833 | Mtg. ID: 843 9934 5554 (No Password Required)

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial 669.900.6833, and enter 843 9934 5554 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, 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 only when the respective item is being considered.

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SB 411 Updates:

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, Welcoming Remarks, and Reading of RVNC's Purpose (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. Reports: (0 Min.)

A. Government Agencies, Elected Officials or their Rep, and Candidates for Office

1. NC Election Candidate Forum: All certified 2025 candidates for RVNC board seats are invited to participate (2 minutes per speaker)

B. Community Organizations

C. RVNC Officers

D. RVNC Committee Chairs and Liaisons

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.**

V. Presentations

A. Presentation by Ronee Reece, RVNC Budget Rep, concerning FY 2025-2026 Budget Crisis as well as suggestions, regarding what we as a Neighborhood Council can do about it and what our role should be.

B. Presentation on the updated design for 550 Shatto Place and any questions. 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>

C. Presentation regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$500 for the PATHfinder Club at New Village Girls Academy.

VI. Announcements (0 Min.)

- A. The RVNC is seeking stakeholders to vote in the Neighborhood Council 2025 elections to fill our RVNC board seats. Voting and running for this office is open to documented and undocumented residents alike. To apply, residents are required to provide any utility bill or invoice that shows their name and that they live within the Neighborhood Council boundaries. Neighborhood Council board members do not get paid but they are considered City of Los Angeles elected officials. Interested stakeholders may complete a Vote-By-Mail ballot application online using the [NC Portal](#) or complete and download a fillable paper application [here](#). We have additional voting resources available here. The date to apply to run for a board seat has already passed and the deadline to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the RVNC is April 21, 2025. If you know of any stakeholders who need assistance completing their application or have questions, they can contact Musa Khan at Musa.Khan@lacity.org or call him at (213) 978-0444.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions.

(0 Min.)

Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action to review and implement our plans for follow up to the CERT training for the RVNC. 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

New Business

- B. APPROVE the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2025.
- C. Discussion of options for dealing with the Know Your Rights workshop and possible action to approve conducting one or more Know Your Rights workshops related to the red card during the meet and greet before our May 20 and/or subsequent General Board meetings and pay the Spanish interpreter to provide interpretation during that time. We anticipate that CD 1 will be at the April 15 General Board meeting and we could discuss the options with them then.
- D. Discussion and possible action to adjust the budget and plans for the upcoming RVNC election events.
- E. Discussion and possible action to consider approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$500 for the PATHfinder Club at New Village Girls Academy.
- F. Discussion and possible action to consider approving a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1000 for the Parents Educators Teachers and Students in Action (PESA).
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve sending a letter to Mayor Bass, Council President Harris-Dawson, and Councilmember Yaroslavsky asking for their assistance in prioritizing a number of items in this year's budget process using language available at the following link: [Google Doc](#).
- H. Discussion and possible action to consider approving a Letter of Support for [550 Shatto Place](#). Philip said the RVNC Parks, Planning, Public Works, and Land Use Committee will meet with the developer at 6 PM on April 10.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve a letter to be sent to the City Administrative Officer and the Deputy Mayor of Finance, Operations, and Innovation to raise issues with covenants and permits for Affordable Housing projects in the context of the 2025-2026 City Budget. Reference is made to the 2025 NC Budget Advocates White Paper and our previous CIS for Council File 23-0426.
- J. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement regarding Council File [25-0207](#), Bureau Creation / Los Angeles Housing Department / Homeless Services System Oversight / Resources / Staffing Plan. According to the Council Motion, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) is preparing a report in response to Council File [24-0330](#) that will outline how the City can create a department to develop and manage the City's homelessness programs. Ronee said he would provide a proposed community impact statement.
- K. As a standing agenda item, collect feedback at the end of each meeting as to what worked well and what needed improvement.
- L. Consider whether any of the items on the Board meeting agenda (such as the minutes and MER) could be added to the consent calendar.

VIII. Adjournment

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