



## Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee Meeting

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



**Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 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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### 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** (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 our February 5 PSHT Committee meeting, Philip reported that we were told by LADOT that the project manager for the Central City SRTS Safety & Climate Resilient Neighborhood Network Project, awarded \$32 million in CALTRANS ATP Cycle 6, left LADOT in December. Please find here a link to an August 29, 2023 Inter-Departmental Memorandum on Fiscal Year 2023-24 Streets and Transportation Project Oversight Committee - LADOT - Grant Funded Capital Projects List, which includes this project: <https://cao.lacity.gov/capital/stpoc20230907i.pdf>**
    - 2. **Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burluson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. Diana Vicente, CD 1 Field Deputy, informed us that she is looking for grant funding to replant those parkways.**
    - 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. 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.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the formation and leadership of the RVNC Neighborhood Team. We're still trying to find the six NTP training classes. 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>
8. Discussion and possible action to address the matter of a pedestrian throughway at 200 N Vermont Avenue.
9. As recommended by the Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee, discussion and possible action regarding 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. Dr. David Johnson told us on January 16 they are still waiting on IRB approval for their next round of surveys. 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.

**B. New Business**

10. Discussion and possible action regarding conducting a CPR/AED/First Aid class for the RVNC. At our April 15 General Board meeting, the board passed a motion to organizing and implementing a CPR class at no cost. Philip said the PSHT Committee will coordinate the training with Healing Urban Barrios and find a venue. During an April 13 CERT drill, Philip connected with Healing Urban Barrios Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Diane Valero who offered our community free CPR training. On April 29, she said they could provide CPR/AED/First Aid training in a 5-hour class for certification, all free, or a 2-hour class for a skills certificate. The class could be in May or June for 12, 24, or 36 people. We would need to provide sufficient space, a projector, a television monitor, or a wall for their projector, and tables and chairs.
11. 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. On March 5, at Jack Linares' request, Estela Moreno-Lee of LAUSD contacted Philip to tell us she would reach out to the staffs at Virgil Middle School, Dr. Sammy Lee Magnet School, and Rise Kohyang High School (RKHS) to ensure that the LAUSD parking lot is monitored. On April 30, RKHS Principal Cynthia Juarez-Trigueros told us that their Dean of Operations, Gaby, did reach out to Lori Pawinski but they have not heard back yet. She asked whether we would like to set up a phone meeting to discuss how we can work together here.
12. Discussion and possible action to consider the need for a special RVNC board meeting in conjunction with the May 13 Executive Committee meeting to timely address issues related to the Mayor's [proposed budget](#) for 2025-2026, given that the City's Budget Committee will discuss and make changes to the budget through May 21, and a full City Council vote is expected by May 23.
13. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Executive Committee to agendaize for the May 20 General Board meeting to approve partnering with Council District 13 on a winnable campaign-driven initiative that will get our stakeholders excited, such as community beautification or immigration rights training. For example, Laila Molina said CD 13 could do mass mailers to stakeholders in targeted areas.
14. Discussion and possible action to approve one or more community impact statements for Council Files [25-0600](#) and [25-0314](#) regarding the Mayor's proposed 22% reduction in annual funding for Neighborhood Councils and the proposed creation of a five-person advisory group on the City's finances and budget.

15. 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 and consideration of approving a community impact statement for Council Files [23-0426](#), [24-0124](#), and [25-0600](#). At our April 15 General Board meeting, we passed a motion to approve sending a letter 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 was made to the 2025 NC Budget Advocates White Paper and our previous CIS for Council File 23-0426. The purpose of submitting this community impact statement is to raise the visibility of the issues raised in our letter to the City Administrative Officer and the Deputy Mayor of Finance, Operations, and Innovation as we have not received a response to that letter. 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)
16. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of 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. Parallel to the consideration of the creation of a Department, which can take significant time and resources, the CLA should consider recommending the creation of a time-limited Bureau inside the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), as their purview already consists of managing the City's contracts with LAHSA for outreach and shelter and managing the City's investments in permanent supportive housing. This Bureau, which will be tasked with performance management, should be staffed at least in part by existing department staff that will be temporarily appointed who are already working on homelessness, who have decision making authority, and who will serve as liaison between the Bureau and their department.
17. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement regarding the draft ordinance and design guidelines or clarifications to implement Measure Healthy Streets LA (HLA) while prioritizing a number of items in this year's budget process. This community impact statement will address four council files related to implementation of Measure HLA: Council File [15-0719-S26](#), Council File [24-0131](#), Council File [24-0173](#), and Council File [24-0600-S43](#).
18. 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.
19. 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](#).

- C. Set agenda and day and time for next PSHT Committee meeting. Next meeting: 2:30 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

## V. Stakeholder Suggested Future PSHT Agenda Items.

(0 Min.)

## VI. Announcements

## VII. Adjournment

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