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CONGRESS of NEIGHBORHOODS

Saturday September 9th
Los Angeles City Hall
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GREETINGS FROM CINDY CLEGHORN, NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CONGRESS CHAIR



Welcome to the 2017 Congress of Neighborhoods and Celebrating Our Diversity.

We are excited to see you and look forward to an outstanding day. Your Congress Planning Committee is grateful for all your support and enthusiasm for

the 97 Neighborhood Councils from across the City of Los Angeles. We hope you will think about the theme and talk about it with your fellow board members and stakeholders. What does diversity mean to your Neighborhood Council, to you and to your stakeholders. We look forward to sharing with you throughout today and into the future. When Neighborhood Councils were certified it involved broad outreach, geography and participation. Today each of our Neighborhood Councils has grown in participation and its exciting to see so many involved in working to make their communities better with an empowered strong voice for their communities.

Thank you to a great committee, EmpowerLA as well as City staff and the 97 Neighborhood Councils for making today possible. We look forward to Celebrating our Diversity today and always.

Thank you for your participation today!

*Cindy Cleghorn, Chair
Neighborhood Council Congress 2017*

PURPOSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS:
To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

— Los Angeles City Charter, Article IX

Neighborhood Council Alliances

- ARCLA – Alliance of River Communities
- HANC – Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
- LANCC – Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
- SLAANC – South Los Angeles Area Neighborhood Councils
- VANC – Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
- WRAC – Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
- DWP Committee – DWP Memorandum of Understanding
- PlanCheckNC – Land Use & Planning Education
- NC BUDGET ADVOCATES
- NCSA – Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
- Hollywood Coalition
- NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance

GREETINGS FROM GRAYCE LIU, GENERAL MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT



I am so pleased to welcome you to the 2017 Congress of Neighborhoods! Thanks in large part to the amazing work of the Neighborhood Councils these past 15 years, the City recognized September as Civic Engagement Month for the first time. It is because of Neighborhood Council members like you, who take the time to spend an entire Saturday at City Hall networking and learning how to more effectively advocate for their communities,

that such recognition is possible and well deserved.

HUGE thanks go to the Herculean efforts of the Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee, chaired by the wonderful Cindy Cleghorn, who was still working on getting ready for the Congress even as she was forced to evacuate from her house during the largest fire in LA's history last weekend! Cindy and the committee's dedication are really unprecedented in the scope of workshops and speakers (and food, too!) they have pulled together this year. Please take the time to personally thank them today. The Congress would not be possible without them as well as our awesome EmpowerLA staff, particularly Jasmine Duckworth and Mary Kim, along with the volunteers, speakers, City electeds and department heads, their staff and the Neighborhood Councils who contributed to the Congress. Thank you all so much!

Because most of the Neighborhood Councils have or are celebrating their 15 year anniversary this year, we've created a special Neighborhood Council display in the bridge between City Hall and City Hall East to coincide with the 2017 Congress of Neighborhoods' theme of "Celebrating Our Diversity. The display will be up for the entire month of September. Please take the time to take it in today. You will see just how fantastic our Neighborhood Council movement is and why so many people nationally and internationally are wanting to know more about the largest grassroots civic engagement system of any city. Much appreciation goes to the outstanding work of the Neighborhood Council Bridge Display Planning Committee: Arin Abedian, Ann-Marie Holman, Suzanne Lewis, Armando Ruiz, Stephen Box, Sevak Paramazian, Jose Galdamez and Kathleen Quinn. They spent many hours going through years of history to showcase the Neighborhood Councils' advocacy and effectiveness.

I hope you enjoy your Congress in our beautiful City Hall and have an excellent day!

Grayce Liu
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment aka EmpowerLA



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NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST: YOUR VOICE, OUR CITY

HOSTED BY THE 96 CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Saturday, September 9, 2017 • 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM • City Hall • 200 N. Spring Street • Los Angeles

Planning for the 2017 Congress of Neighborhoods began January, 2017, with a team of dedicated neighborhood council and stakeholder volunteers. Within each task area are hundreds of details and as a committee we also work together to bring together those details, helping each other, supporting each other. It's a great committee and you are encouraged to get involved. Special thanks to EmpowerLA staff who also gave of their time, patience and support for this important annual event for Neighborhood Council leaders.

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Department of City Planning

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Bureau of Street Lighting

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Department of Recreation & Parks

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department

Los Angeles Police Department

Office of Community Beautification

Department of Transportation

Department of Convention & Tourism

City Ethics Commission

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THANK YOU to all who may not be included in the program.

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The different programs offered at this Congress have been designed by neighborhood council leaders to be practical how-to types of sessions. You will receive a broad overview for each subject along with a hand-out referring to resources you can use, that will help increase your knowledge on how to take local action. Audio and video from all these sessions will be available on the NCCongressLA.com website.

7:45 am – 8:30 am REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, CITY DEPARTMENT EXHIBITS, NETWORKING
City Hall Rotunda

8:30 am – 9:10 am OPENING SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / COLOR GUARD / FLAG SALUTE – City Council Chambers
Cindy Cleghorn, Sunland-Tujunga NC, Chair NC Congress Planning Committee

INTRODUCTIONS

2017 NC Congress Planning Committee
City Elected Officials Departments

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

NC Alliances

NC Budget Advocates

Contributors To The 2017 NC Congress

WELCOME: Grayce Liu, General Manager,

Lily Larsen, Civic Youth Graduate and MidCity NC Youth representative

WELCOME: Mayor Eric Garcetti

KEYNOTE: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

9:10 am – 9:25 am BREAK

9:25 am – 10:40 am SESSION ONE

BOARD BASICS & EFFECTIVENESS - ROOM 1050

Coordinator/Presenter: Ivan Spiegel

Joining a Neighborhood Council board makes you part of a dynamic system in a dynamic City, a system that is both changing the City of Los Angeles and being changed by the People of Los Angeles. This workshop will help you gain a deeper understanding of: how to build strong Neighborhood Council boards, how to work with your partners in the Neighborhood Council system, and what all those “policies and procedures” really mean for you. This workshop is not a repeat of the EmpowerLA Orientation and will cover many other topics.

MEET YOUR CITY OFFICIALS – Council Chambers

Coordinator/Moderator: Sarah Ramsawack, NC Congress Planning Committee

Speakers: Capri Maddox, Special Assistant City Attorney; Paul Krekorian, Council District 2; David Ryu, Council District 4; Curren D. Price, Jr. Council District 9; Jan Perry GM EWDD

A favorite of Congress attendees! A panel of City Elected & Appointed Officials with Q&A session for 40 minutes, then one on one time.

BEST PRACTICES FOR LAND USE COMMITTEES - CONTROLLER’S CONFERENCE ROOM

Coordinator: PlanCheckNCLA

Moderator: *Sharon Commins*, reCode Advisory Committee member

How to make Neighborhood Councils Land Use committees more effective

VISION ZERO - ROOM 1020

THE ETHICS COMMISSION’S LOBBYING REVIEW - ROOM 1025

Presented by: *Arman Tarzi*, Director of Policy

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - PUBLIC WORKS ROOM

Coordinated by: *Patti Berman, Past President, DLANC*

Panelists: Jose Egurbide, Supervising Attorney, Neighborhood Justice Program; Will Sheffie, Administrative Coordinator, Neighborhood Justice Program Project Intercept; Geoffrey Carlson, Associate Professor Criminal Justice, University of Antelope Valley; Peter Tulagan, Officer Los Angeles Police Department; Andrew Said, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor – Rampart Division, Safe Neighborhoods & Gang Division.

There is probably no neighborhood in Los Angeles that does not consider crime a serious issue. In this workshop, we will define the basics of Restorative Justice, an approach to justice that personalizes the crime by having the victims and the offenders mediate a restitution agreement to the satisfaction of each, as well as involving the community. The result can significantly reduce the number of repeat offenders. We will hear from persons who have participated in Restorative Justice panels and introduce you to programs in your area.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS - ROOM 1060

Coordinated by: **Cindy Cleghorn**

Presented by: **Linda Gravani, President**, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

What is a CIS? What is it good for? How does it help anyone? Who can start the process? This workshop will cover the basics from initiating a Community Impact Statement to the submittal, pitfalls and follow-up. A test will be given to thoroughly review the steps involved and the long term benefits. This workshop is for NCs not submitting CIS's and those who are submitting regularly. Detailed handouts will be provided.

DIVERSE OUTREACH IN A DIGITAL WORLD: SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES - ROOM 1010

Coordinators/Speakers: **Freddy Cupen-Ames and Ann-Marie Holman**

(Coursework prepared with assistance from Deputy City Attorneys Carmen Hawkins, Elise Ruden & Dania Minassian)

Social media is vital for Neighborhood Council outreach and community engagement. But there are also important legal considerations when using social media, such as Public Records Act requests, or the potential for Brown Act violations. In this workshop, you will learn to create and use NC-appropriate accounts on popular social outlets like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Learn how to:

- Set up accounts on different social media platforms
- Identify and grow your audience
- Use hashtags effectively and correctly
- Tailor posts to different audiences and outlets
- Use free tools to create quality graphics sized correctly for each platform
- Schedule posts to make updating easy
- Create and share engaging event invites
- Decide how and when to respond - or not respond - to questions and comments

Any NC member will benefit from this class, whether a social media novice or experienced social media user.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR OUR DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS - ROOM 1070

Coordinated by: **Dave Brown**, North Hills West NC

Moderator: **Len Shaffer**, BONC Commissioner, Tarzana NC President, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance

Panel: Janet Gibson – Financial Preparedness; Bill Hopkins, MYN, Neighborhood Preparedness Strategy; Linda Pruett, CERT, Erin Huey, Pet Emergency Preparedness is Great Outreach

Steps Neighborhood Councils can realistically do now to achieve a degree of Emergency Preparedness among themselves and their diverse stakeholder populations.

GETTING OUR WHEEL IN THE DOOR AND AT THE TABLE - ROOM 1035

BEYOND THE ADA: ENGAGING YOUR DISABLED STAKEHOLDERS

Coordinator/Speaker: **Andy Griggs**, At Large Board of Governors member, Echo Park NC

Emma Rosenthal, Writer/Photographer/Disability Rights Activist

Panel: Janet Gibson – Financial Preparedness; Bill Hopkins, MYN, Neighborhood Preparedness Strategy; Linda Pruett, CERT, Erin Huey, Pet Emergency Preparedness is Great Outreach

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Do you want to reach out and get a significant part of your community involved in your council committees, activities and decision-making? Though they are a significant percentage of our population, these individuals are almost always the most difficult to engage, because they are often ignored, taken for granted, or because of past experience, have given up on trying to be involved. As a part of city government, Neighborhood Councils are required to meet ADA accessibility requirements for our meetings and events, but we still run into problems.

In this workshop you will learn about local, community, and regional resources to assist in providing support. Templates, tactics and techniques for action that will engage this population and encourage your local venues, presenters, and service establishments to do the same will be provided.

A WIN-WIN FOR ALL NEIGHBORHOODS: BUILDING COALITIONS TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE - 4th FLOOR MEDIA ROOM

Coordinator/Moderator: **Lisa Hart**, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Speakers: **Tamika Butler**, Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Mark Lopez, Executive Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

Kent Minault, Community Organizer, Sierra Club

Did you know that your zip code predicts how long you will live? We don't all have the same access to clean water and air; parks; safe, walkable, and bikeable neighborhoods; tree canopies that reduce the urban heat island effect; and healthy food; and these differences take their toll. Inequities are sometimes inadvertently perpetuated within the environmental movement as we struggle to be inclusive and achieve environmental equity for everyone. We will explore environmental justice efforts in Los Angeles, how environmental advocates can best work with each other and others, and why this matters to every Neighborhood Council in the city.

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10:40 am – 10:50 am **BREAK**

10:50 am – 12:05 pm **SESSION TWO**

FUNDING MECHANICS - ROOM 1020

Coordinator: EmpowerLA

Speakers: Mario Hernandez / Mr. Chavez - Office of the City Clerk

ORGANIZING DIVERSITY OUTREACH THROUGH THE ARTS - ROOM 1060

Coordinator: **Dorsay Dujon**

Panelists: **Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones**, Director of Programs, Arts for LA, Karen Mack, Founder & Executive Director, LA Commons, **Leticia Rhi Buckley**, Director of Communications and Marketing, Los Angeles County Arts Commission

This workshop is designed to enrich the human experience, reinforce neighborhood identity and civic pride through arts and culture, and to recognize the importance of arts to our quality of life and to the local economy. This is accomplished by consciously integrating arts and culture into the daily life of stakeholders through urban design, planning, economic development, education, and culturally mapping neighborhood assets.

HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL MEETING - ROOM 1035

Presenter: **Ivan Spiegel**, Parliamentarian

Running an effective meeting is an art, not a science. The group must accomplish real work, participants must have an opportunity to be heard, and they should believe that the process is fair. That's a tall order for a meeting chair, especially if you have never managed a large public meeting. Nevertheless, these are essential skills for board presidents as well as committee chairs. Learn how to create a clear, descriptive agenda with time targets and ways of keeping your stakeholders aware of the procedures. Where does the Brown Act come into play and how does it help to ensure the integrity of your meetings? Robert's Rules of Order is only one framework for fair meeting control; there are other options that can sometimes be more effective. Learn what role a parliamentarian can play to help plan a meeting. Tips and best practices on how to run a more effective meeting, most of which you can't learn in a textbook.

LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS - CONTROLLER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Coordinator/Speaker: **Carmen Hawkins**, Deputy City Attorney

This workshop presents an overview of state and city laws pertaining to Neighborhood Councils, and tells you how to successfully navigate legal matters commonly arising in Neighborhood Councils, and where to seek appropriate advice. This workshop will also include how to avoid going into "exhaustive efforts" or the "freezing of funds". Who has access to a City Attorney when you need one and when to ask? This is also the workshop where you'll see the top Neighborhood Council inquiries both inside and outside the Neighborhood Council system that the City Attorney receives with thought provoking conversation on how to avoid obstacles to your Neighborhood Council's success. The City Attorney's advice is advice. The actions of the board member and the board responsibilities. What happens to the advocacy when your Board takes a position and who carries it through.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS - ROOM 1010

Coordinator/Presenter: **Jill Banks Barad**, Founder and Chair Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; Past President Sherman Oaks NC (SONC); Commissioner LADWP

What are the traits that make a successful leader? This workshop is a MUST for Neighborhood Council presidents, board members and committee chairs to develop the know-how and confidence to effectively lead their councils, conduct successful meetings, and motivate their boards and committees to be functioning and effective. Also included, how to create and work with an Executive Committee and how to organize a meaningful Board Retreat to build rapport and work as a team. The topics will also include: Developing the social skills necessary to be a leader; how to put together a meeting that will ensure action, attract the public and keep within time constraints; how to maintain control at meetings and still be fair; how to create leadership in others; and how to deal with public comment and controversial issues.

HOW TO WORK WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS ROOM

Coordinator/Moderator: **Marlene Savage**, NC Congress Planning Committee / Former Board Member, Del Rey, Mid City West NCs

Speakers: **Daniel Hackney**, Environmental Affairs Officer, Clean Up Green Up Ombudsman, NC Liaison, LA Sanitation; **Khalil Garios**, P.E., Manager, Solid Resources Processing & Construction Division, LA Sanitation; **Greg Spotts**, M.P.P., Assistant Director, Chief Sustainability Officer, LA Bureau of Street Services

Discussion with key staff from the City's largest departments: L.A. Sanitation and Bureau of Street Services.

L.A.'S BUMPY ROAD TO BILLBOARD RECOGNITION - ROOM 1025

Coordinator: **Barbara Broide**, WRAC

The good, the bad and the ugly and the outcome is important to your Community.

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WHO LIVES HERE? FINDING OUR UNDERREPRESENTED STAKEHOLDERS - ROOM 1050

Coordinator/Speakers: **Jay Handal**, Treasurer, West Los Angeles NC

Speakers: **Luz Castillo**, Data Dissemination Specialist, Office of the U.S. Census; **Jeronimo Garcia**, Oazacan Federation of Indigenous Communities in California; **Milagros Lizarraga**, Peru Village Representative and former chair of Central Hollywood NC; **General Jeff**, Skid Row Advocate; **Rosa Max**, Urban Sustainability Urban Farms

There are tens of thousands of stakeholders in your NC's boundaries. Do you know who they are and how to find them? Come and hear first hand about how individual board members helped their NC make a difference by searching out and promoting groups within their district that previous boards had not served, nor in many cases, did not know they existed in their district. Learn how you can reach out, touch, and engage the diverse and under represented in your neighborhood.

NO MORE STUPID BOXES: HOW TO BUILD GOOD APARTMENTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - ROOM 1070

Coordinator/Moderator: **Jay Ross**, Stakeholder / Real Estate Developer

Panelists: **Martin Leitner**, AIA, Perkins+Will, Tom Steidl, AIA, Gensler

Neighbors complain that many new apartments are ugly stucco boxes with no articulation, little green space, and amateurish designs that result in fortresses disconnected from the street. But that does not need to be the case! Two architects explain what other cities have done to raise the bar for design and neighborhood compatibility. Looking from the outside in, the panel explores how new apartment buildings can contribute to neighborhood vitality. The panel will also explain how construction and financial considerations influence design decisions. The panel will provide real-world benchmarks that NCs can use to evaluate if a project will better their neighborhood. This is how your Los Angeles NC can do it -- and YOU can demand that developers build better housing in your community.

THE CIVICS OF WATER AND POWER - 4TH FLOOR MEDIA ROOM

Coordinated by: **Tony Wilkinson**

Speakers: **Jack Humphreville**, President, DWP Advocacy Committee, 2017 Budget Advocate, DWP and Budget Representative, Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, Columnist for CityWatch

Perpetual drought and environmental issues like global warming make dinner table conversations about water and power. The people of LA own their utility. It is a \$7.5 billion business, the biggest 'muni' in the US. Unlike investor-owned utilities and the state Public Utilities Commission, LADWP engineers often speak plain English. If you want to know what is going on and want to have some input into water and power choices, you only need to know where to look. This workshop explores the special relationship between Neighborhood Councils and DWP called an MOU, the work of the Ratepayer Advocate, and the work of the Mayor, DWP Board and City Council. The focus is on YOU, and how you can be part of the process.

LADWP senior management and technical specialists will present most of the material in this workshop. An effort will be made to touch on all of the work at DWP that attracts public interest, along with ways to get more information. A full list of the speakers will be available before the Congress.
build better housing in your community.

YOUR DREAMS FOR A LIVABLE LA: THE GENERAL PLAN - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Panelists: **Jill Stewart**, Coalition to Preserve LA; Ileana Wachtel, Coalition to Preserve LA; Dick Platkin, City Watch LA columnist; **David Wolf**, MyCity.Is planning organization

The panel will explain the importance of robust political participation in the entire General Plan update process based on the following: A successful General Plan is a bottoms-up document, not a top-down one; State of California has recently issued its General Plan Guidelines 2017, the first update of these guidelines in 14 years; The State Guidelines stress the importance of public participation in all aspects of preparing, adopting, implementing, and monitoring the entire General Plan, which in Los Angeles means all of the Citywide elements and all of the Community Plans. While City Planning, has updated several of each in recent years, they, too, will need to be amended to be fully consistent with the new citywide elements, whether mandatory or optional, as well as the new Community Plans updates.

12:05 pm – 1:20 pm LUNCH – City Hall Forecourt

1:20 pm – 2:35 pm SESSION THREE

ETHICS – PART 1 OF 2 - CONTROLLER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Coordinator: **EmpowerLA**

Presenter: **Elise Ruden**, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division General Counsel Division

As elected public officials, Neighborhood Council board members are required by the State of California to take an Ethics training course, and renew that training every 2 years. If you haven't taken your Ethics course yet - or if your Ethics certificate is expired - take this two-part workshop series to fulfill that requirement.

IMPORTANT: You must take both workshops in the series to get your Ethics certificate.

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MANAGING AND SPENDING NC (TAXPAYER) FUNDS - 4TH FLOOR ROOM

Coordinators: **Corinne Ho**, Past President, Canoga Park NC

Moderator: **Corinne Ho**, Canoga Park NC

Panelists: **Jay Handal**, Treasurer, West LA NC & Chair Budget Advocates; **Brian Allen**, Treasurer, Granada Hills North NC; **Garry Fordyce**, Past Treasurer, North Hills West NC

Ninety-Seven Neighborhood Councils, representing roughly 1870 Duly Elected City Officials, are charged with proper, prudent fiscal stewardship of Public Funds.

The Workshop Panel will discuss best practices in seeking acceptable ROI (Return On Investment) in administering accountability to equitably and responsibly accomplish Stakeholder Participation and make Government More Responsive. Then, best practices to avoid traditional year end giveaways to NPGs. Fiscal timeline management in Board event planning can avoid this and refocus Our City Charter Mandate.

CHANGING PUBLIC PERCEPTION ABOUT HOMELESS ISSUES - PUBLIC WORKS ROOM

Coordinator: Ivan Spiegel

Speakers: **Robert Newman** - V.P. of Administration, Downtown LA Neighborhood Council; Founder of the Community Policy Network; **Robert Bullard**; **Kevin Murray**; **Chana Grace**

Everyone agrees that one of the ways to reduce homelessness is to build affordable housing. Programs are in place and the money is there (Measure HHH), so why isn't the housing construction moving forward? The biggest obstacle is that the people in the neighborhoods don't want it near them and in several cases are suing to prevent it from happening. The homeless population is growing every year and we're all going to have to be part of the solution. People are afraid of attracting the homeless to their neighborhoods but if they look out their window they will see that they're already there. Neighborhood Councils can play a pivotal role in educating and changing public perception about housing homeless Angelinos. This workshop will give you some of those tools.

WORKING COMMITTEES CREATE GREAT COUNCILS - ROOM 1070

Coordinator: **Tony Wilkinson**, Panorama City & North Hills East NC

Speakers: **Tony Wilkinson**, Land Use Chair, Panorama City NC, Vice President North Hills East NC, Executive Board, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Interactive Panel Discussion with topics that will include the role of committees in Board operations, subject areas for committees, committees as vehicles for outreach and dialog, and the practical mechanics of running a committee. This workshop will give you tips on how to make your committee effective, share some best practices, and help you to build your committee into a community resource. When the Board approves your recommendation, your committee becomes a working team to carry it out. If you want to be a thinker, a collaborator, AND a doer, committees are the place for you.

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION! FILM LIAISONS - ROOM 1060

Coordinator: **Colette Amin**

Speakers: **Eva Bitar**, Mayor's Office of Film and TV – Citywide Filming Coordinator; **Edgar Garcia**, Mayor's Office of Film and TV Arts and Entertainment Deputy; **Arturo Pena**, FilmLA Outreach & Education, **Linda Alexander**, Film Liaison

How to make your neighborhood the next rising star! Best practices for filming in your neighborhood. Neighborhood Councils as conduits of information, resource referral. What is the role of the NC Film Liaison. Best practices from current and established film liaisons. Sometimes it's a delight sometimes it's a curse! Resources referral for conflict resolution. Who to contact FilmLA, the Production, your Councilperson? Location Location Location ! Categorize and encourage film friendly locations in your NC. How can you highlight the fascinating places, building, houses, cars in your NC. Example of a Film Brochure. How and Where to promote your neighborhood so that your local community benefits from filming. Its a win-win opportunity!

PRESIDENTS & VPS ROUNDTABLE - ROOM 1010

Coordinator/Moderator: **Mike Newhouse**, President, Venice NC, San Pedro Chamber of Commerce

There is much more to being a President and Vice President of a Neighborhood Council. This is an important networking workshop for presidents and vice presidents of certified Neighborhood Councils. Opportunity to share best practices and challenges. contact FilmLA, the Production, your Councilperson? Location Location Location ! Categorize and encourage film friendly locations in your NC. How can you highlight the fascinating places, building, houses, cars in your NC. Example of a Film Brochure. How and Where to promote your neighborhood so that your local community benefits from filming. Its a win-win opportunity!

CITY PROGRAM FORUM #1 - ROOM 1035

Coordinated by: **EmpowerLA / Mayor Eric Garc**

Speaker: **Chelsea Ursaner**, Office of the Mayor

Open Data – What is it and how to use it.

2017 Congress of Neighborhoods Program

PRESENTING & SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE - ROOM 1050

Coordinator/Presenter: **Lydia Grant**, Former Board Member & BONC Commissioner

Learn what to include, what to say. How to put the presentation together including what facts to include, documentation to support your facts, copies of your presentation, tips and tricks you need to speak with confidence. What do you do when you think you have three minutes and suddenly you are only going to have one minute? A detailed handout will also be provided.

DIVERSITY TOOL KIT - ROOM 1025

Coordinator: **Dorsay Dujon**, Making MusicLA

Panelists: **Michael Whitehorse Aviles**, Artist/Musician; **Gerald Ishibashi**, Musician; **Dr. Brandon Bernstein**, Entrepreneur/Educator/Musician; **Hans Johnson**, president, Progressive Victory

The Diversity Toolkit is a guide to discussing, identity, power, and privilege. This is a participatory workshop that is intended to help guide all participants to better understanding and to address difficult issues. The objective is to help participants take stock of the multicultural diversity in their lives.

OUR LA 2040 – THE GENERAL PLAN - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Speakers: **Claire Bowen & Ken Bernstein**, LA City Planning

During this session, the OurLA2040 team will provide an update on proposed General Plan Elements and topics to be covered, engage the audience in a lively discussion about the future of the City's Open Space network, and provide a preview of new tools to help Neighborhood Councils engage in this important Citywide discussion.

HARNESSING THE POWER OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS - ROOM 1020

Coordinator/Moderator: **Terrence Gomes**, President, Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

We are elected officials. We aren't given power, we have to take it. How to use the tools at our disposal to get the most out of the Neighborhood Council system. How to keep your Neighborhood Council from being controlled by others.

2:35 pm – 2:45 pm BREAK

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm SESSION FOUR

ETHICS – PART 2 OF 2 - CONTROLLER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Coordinator: **EmpowerLA**

Presenter: **Elise Ruden**, Managing Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division General Counsel Division

As elected public officials, Neighborhood Council board members are required by the State of California to take an Ethics training course, and renew that training every 2 years. If you haven't taken your Ethics course yet - or if your Ethics certificate is expired - take this two-part workshop series to fulfill that requirement.

IMPORTANT: You must take both workshops in the series to get your Ethics certificate.

THE CITY BUDGET: IT STARTS AND ENDS HERE - ROOM 1060

Coordinator: **Jay Handal**, Treasurer, West Los Angeles NC

Speakers: **Jack Humphreville**, Board Member, Greater Wilshire NC, NC Budget Advocate; **Bridgette Kidd**, NC Budget Advocate, **Brian Allen**, NC Budget Advocate

Lack of Services? Lack of Funds? Lack of Citizen Oversight!!!!

Why you should know about and weigh in on the annual city budget...

The city spends more than 8 BILLION dollars a year, yet the citizens receive less and less services annually. Are you tired of pot holes, broken sidewalks, falling trees, black outs in your neighborhood, city staff failing to return your calls promptly, rising crime, ??? Then you MUST come to this session and hear why it is important to have your NC involved in the city budget process and how you can actually have a voice in formulating the annual budget.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY PLANS + RECODELA - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Coordinated by: **Department of City Planning**

Speakers: **Tom Rothmann**, Principal City Planner, Code Studies Division

Craig Weber, Principal City Planner, Community Planning Division

Zoning has long been the primary means of implementing the goals and policies of the City's 35 Community Plans. However, for years, the City's zoning code has lacked nuanced tools to address the diversity of needs across our many communities. The Department of City Planning has carried out a multi-year effort to create a more sophisticated zoning code to better address contemporary issues such as neighborhood compatibility, pedestrian orientation, and quality urban design. The Department intends to use these new zoning tools as it updates all 35 Community Plans during the next several years. This session will introduce stakeholders to the new zoning tools, will convey the general approach to comprehensively updating our Community Plans, and will provide ways for neighborhoods to begin to identify where the range of new zones may be implemented across communities.

All workshops will be video/audio taped. Please complete evaluation forms for each workshop you attend.

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NEW CONCEPTS IN OUTREACH - ROOM 1010

Coordinator: *Ivan Spiegel*, NC Congress Planning Committee
Speaker: *Lisa Cahan-Davis*, Studio City

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE - 4TH FLOOR MEDIA ROOM

Presenter: *Ivan Spiegel*, NC Congress Planning Committee

Parliamentarians are an essential component of Neighborhood Council meetings, but what exactly do they do? Actually, most of a Parliamentarian's duties happen outside of meetings. Why does a Neighborhood Council Parliamentarian need a different skill set from those who work with other kinds of organizations? Why doesn't Robert's (and Rosenberg's) Rules apply in many situations? This is a workshop for "would-be" Parliamentarians, meeting chairpersons, board members who have been asked to assume this role but really have no clue, and all those who would like more information about this exciting and necessary position. NOTE: Although we will cover some aspects, this is not a class on basic parliamentary procedure.

INSIDE TRACK: HAVING A REAL IMPACT ON THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS - PUBLIC WORKS ROOM

Coordinators/Speakers: *Carolyn Casavan*, Former Sherman Oaks NC Board Member
Tony Wilkinson, Land Use Chair, Panorama City NC / Vice President, North Hills East NC

The goal of this workshop is to give Neighborhood Council participants an understanding of how the city's legislative process really works. It will include the roll of council staff in helping elected officials to develop policy positions and legislative proposals. An understanding of the Council File management system and how legislation proceeds through committees to the council floor (or not) will be part of the toolkit. Ways for Board Members to get involved in the process will also be discussed.

A better understanding of the process will enable neighborhood leaders to get involved sooner, when legislative options are being considered giving them the ability to have a real impact on the outcome.

SECRETARY'S ROUNDTABLE - ROOM 1035

Coordinator/Moderator: *Sarah Ramsawack / Marlene Savage*
Speakers: *Dave Brown, David Levin, Melissa Diner, Jennifer Corral*

Be the Star of your Neighborhood Council with your multi-skills, and duties for making your NC accountable. There is much more to being a good secretary than just taking notes, transcribing into factual description of the meetings, and having copies of Minutes for board members and for Stakeholders in an orderly and timely record.

A better understanding of the process will enable neighborhood leaders to get involved sooner, when legislative options are being considered giving them the ability to have a real impact on the outcome.

PUBLIC SAFETY - 1070

Check back for confirmed speakers

CITY PROGRAMS FORUM #2 - 1050

Coordinators: *Mary Kim, EmpowerLA*
Speakers: *One WaterLA, LADOT, Safe Sidewalks*
Check back for confirmed speakers

HOMELESS ISSUES ROUNDTABLE - 1020

Coordinator: *LAANC, Terrence Gomes*, Chair

Every NC has issues with the homeless crisis. Join this roundtable discussion as we learn what NC's are doing and could be doing to eliminate homelessness in Los Angeles

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CIVIC YOUTH: ENGAGING FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS - ROOM 1025

Coordinator: **Empower LA**

Speakers: **Civic Youth Leadership Academy Participants**

Learn how best to engage youth in the Neighborhood Council system by hearing from young people that participated in this summer's inaugural class of the Civic Youth Leadership Academy (CYLA.) The youth panelists will be discussing their experience and lessons learned, and will cover topics such as:

- Attracting youth to your Neighborhood Council
- Meaningful modes of participation for youth in NCs
- Community involvement in neighborhood service projects (i.e. cleanups)
- The value of youth presence in NCs

4:05 pm – 4:30 pm CLOSING SESSION

Joy Atkinson, President, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and Grayce Liu, General Manager, EmpowerLA / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

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Celebrating Our Diversity and 15 Years of Neighborhood Councils



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Glenn Bailey, President, Northridge East NC

Glenn Bailey is a Board member of the Northridge East and Encino NCs, an Executive Committee member of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), Treasurer of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), and served as a NC Budget Advocate for four terms. Glenn is Chair of L.A. City's Bicycle Advisory Committee and also serves on the boards of other community, civic, and non-profit organizations.



Patti Berman, Board Member, DLANC

Patti Berman is a 17 year resident of Downtown Los Angeles and has served on the DLANC Board for 13 years. She is also a panelist for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Justice Program. She has been with the program from its inception.



Greg Spotts

Assistant Director and Chief Sustainability Officer for the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services. As Assistant Director, Greg oversees 430 city employees who respond to more than 80,000 service requests received from the public every year, including pothole repairs, tree emergencies, and palm frond removals. As Chief Sustainability Officer, Greg is leading the

Bureau's Cool Pavement pilot program which launched in May of 2017. Greg's educational background includes a BA in Political Science from Yale University and a Masters in Public Policy from UCLA.



Khalil Garios

Division Manager for LA Sanitation's Solid Resources Processing & Construction Division. His primary responsibilities include determining the policies, budget requirements, engineering, planning and operations and maintenance of five Solid waste landfills, three yard trimmings processing and composting facilities, and a solid waste recycling and transfer station. Mr. Garios

has been with LA Sanitation for 25 years, 22 of which have been in the Solid Resources Program.



Michael Whitehorse Aviles

Artist, musician, event producer, historian, archivist, owner of M. A. Art Works Screen Printing and Graphics is a descendant of the Southern Paiute and Shoshone tribes from the Mojave River in California. He is a member of the Gabrieleno Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians. The California Indian Heritage Center Foundation has commissioned Mr. Aviles fine art.

In addition his work was on display at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Mr. Aviles is on committees to promote and organize pow wows throughout Southern California and Oregon. The pow wows have been Hart Park, Ridgecrest, Acton, UCI, Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, and the Native American Veterans Association (NAVA).



Gerald Ishibashi

Since his first professional performance as front man and leader of Stonebridge Band at the age of 13, the name Gerald Ishibashi has been synonymous with entertainment. His early enthusiasm for musical performance led him to the promotion of concerts and events all throughout high school. His childhood dream was to work with his music hero's which included: Three Dog

Night, Tower of Power, The Temptations, The Righteous Brothers, and the Beach Boy's. Ishibashi's 8th grade band (still called Stonebridge) has evolved into the world of promoting and producing concerts through his company Ishibashi Entertainment/Foxhole Buddy Inc. the leading entertainment production company in Southern California. Ishibashi's commitment to excellence has moved him to tackle and excel in a multitude of different areas including, but not limited to: motivational speaking, acting, a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, and a Certified Sound System Design Certificate from SynAudCom.



Dr. Bandon Bernstein

Entrepreneur, educator, musician, and social activist. Br. Bernstein is a published author and a TED Talk speaker. Bernstein was a professor at USC, University of Louisville, Pasadena City College, Musicians Institute, Cypress College, and Chaffey College where he lectured undergraduate and graduate students since 2003. In 2015 Bernstein founded the social enterprise

Music Lifeboat following his passion to make high quality education more accessible. Bernstein is a director of jazz for the nonprofit Street Symphony, Advisory Board Member for the Harmony Project of America, Board member for Make Music LA and on the Education Committee for the Midnight Mission. His passion is to work with and empower marginalized communities.



Hans Johnson

President of Progressive Victory, a consultancy based in Washington, D.C. He has advised organizations and campaigns in every state of the union, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia and Canada. He has a winning record in coordinated, community-based action fueled by knowledge of the local and national political landscapes, Congress, and state legislatures. He

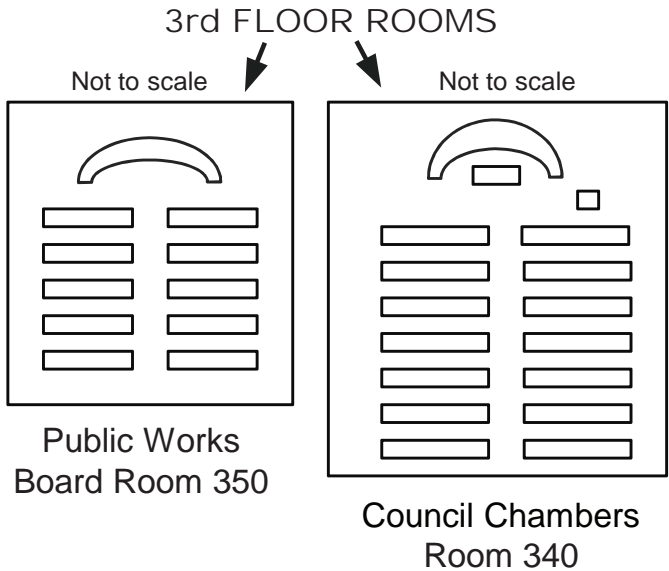
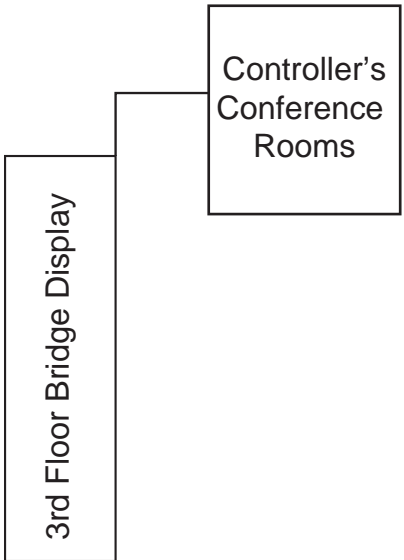
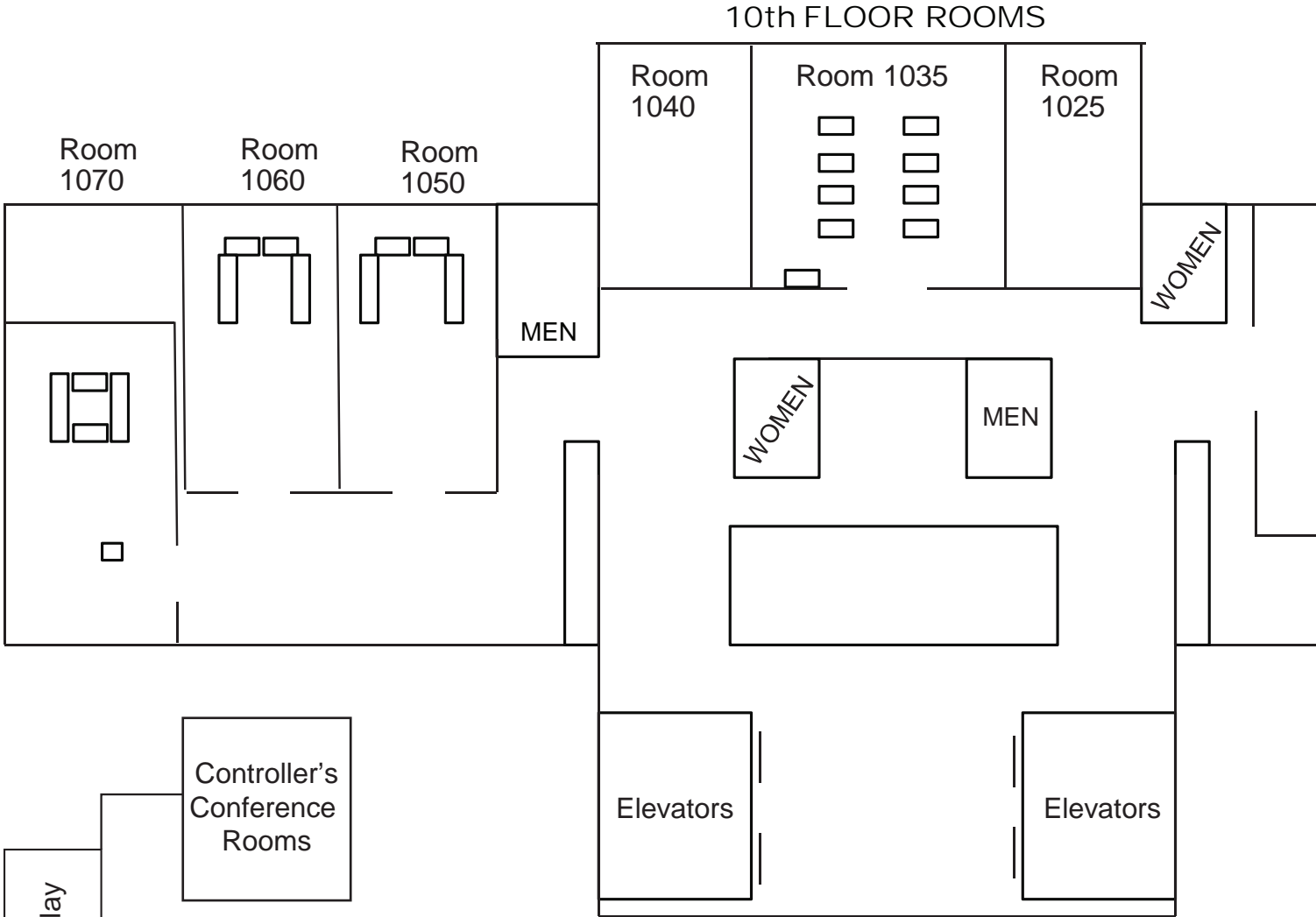
has worked closely with leaders of nearly every constituency in civil society, including labor, business, banking, consumer advocacy, transportation, environmentalism, immigrants, good government, disability, civil rights, education, philanthropy, media, arts, and moderate and progressive religious institutions. He is an expert on labor, gay rights, religious extremism, and trends in state politics, ballot measures, and strategies of absentee and precinct voting.

Dave Brown North Hills West Neighborhood Council

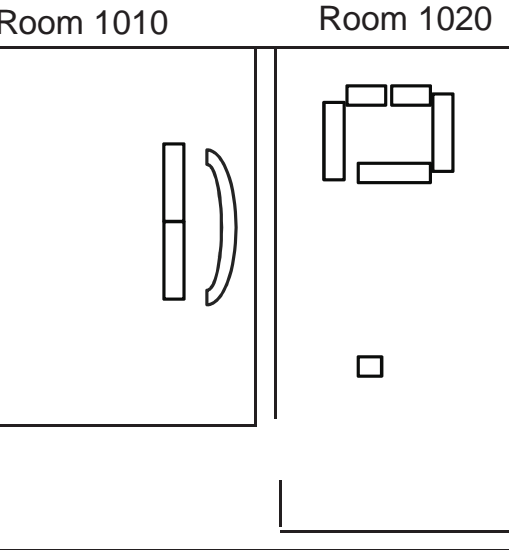
A Founding member and Director of Logistics for the Southern California Preparedness Foundation (a 501c3). The foundation administers the Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair and facilitates CERT training, Map Your Neighborhood programs, and is a Certifying Organization for the Presidential Volunteer Awards Program, North Hills West Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Chair, LAPD Devonshire Community Police Advisory Board, CERT 3, and Ham Radio and Technical Specialist supporting global live events. Backgrounds in Astrophysics, Engineering, Security, Finance and Martial Arts.

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Map to Workshop Sessions



Please Note the Media Room is on the 4th Floor.
 Please look for signs directing you to the various workshop sessions.
 Check signs for latest updates.
 Name badges needed for all events and lunch.
 Volunteers will be available to direct you to meeting rooms on the 3rd, 4th and 10th floors.
 And be sure to visit the Exhibit Tables in the Rotunda and Hallways — over 40 tables this year!



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PURPOSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS:
To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

— Los Angeles City Charter, Article IX

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 All workshops will be videotaped.*

WORKSHOP SESSION	ROOM
REGISTRATION / BREAKFAST / EXHIBITS / NETWORKING • 7:45 am - 8:30 am	City Hall Rotunda
OPENING SESSION • 8:30 am - 9:10 am	City Council Chambers
BREAK • 9:10 am - 9:25 am	
SESSION 1 • 9:25 am - 10:40 am	
Meet Your City Officials	Council Chambers
Restorative Justice and Your Neighborhood	PW Boardroom
Best Practices for Land Use Committees	Controller's Conference Rm
Diverse Outreach in a Digital World: Social Media Strategies	1010
Community Impact Statements: Writing For Success	1060
Vision Zero	1020
Board Basics & Effectiveness	1050
Emergency Preparedness for Our Diverse Neighborhoods	1070
Building Coalitions to Advance Environmental Justice	4th Floor Media Room
Getting Our Wheel in the Door and at the Table	1035
The Ethics Commission's Lobbying Review	1025
BREAK • 10:40 am - 10:50 am	
SESSION 2 • 10:50 am - 12:05 pm	
Your Dreams for a Livable LA: The General Plan	Council Chambers
How to Work with City Departments	PW Boardroom
Legal Issues Affecting Neighborhood Councils	Controller's Conference Rm
Leadership Skills	1010
Organizing Diversity Outreach Through the Arts	1060
Funding Mechanics, New NC Funding Portal & Special Funds	1020
Who Lives Here? Finding Our Underrepresented Stakeholders	1050
No More Stupid Boxes: How to Build Good Apartments in Your Neighborhood	1070
The Civics of Water and Power	4th Floor Media Room
How to Run a Successful Meeting	1035
L.A.'s Bumpy Road to Billboard Regulations	1025
LUNCH • 12:10 pm - 1:10 pm	
SESSION 3 • 1:20 pm - 2:35 pm	
OurLA2040 - The General Plan	Council Chambers
Changing Public Perception About Homeless Issues	PW Boardroom
Ethics - Part 1 of 2	Controller's Conference Rm
Presidents & Vice Presidents Roundtable	1010
Lights, Camera, Action – Film Liaisons	1060
Harnessing The Power of Neighborhood Councils	1020
Presenting & Speaking with Confidence	1050
Working Committees Make Great Councils	1070
Managing & Spending NC (Taxpayer) Dollars	4th Floor Media Room
City Programs Forum 1 – Open Data, Census	1035
Diversity Toolkit 20	1025
BREAK • 2:35 pm - 2:45 pm	
SESSION 4 • 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	
NC Involvement in Community Plans & ReCodeLA	Council Chambers
Having a Real Impact on the City's Legislative Process	PW Boardroom
Ethics - Part 2 of 2	Controller's Conference Rm
New Concepts in Outreach	1010
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Parliamentary Procedure	4th Floor Media Room
Secretary's Roundtable	1035
Civic Youth: Engaging Future Board Members	1025
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Closing Speakers: Joy Atkinson & Grayce Liu	Council Chambers
CONGRESS CONCLUDES	

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Trevor Davis

Co-Chair, Empowerment Congress Arts & Culture Committee

Trevor is an arts advocate and civic leader dedicated to using arts and culture to catalyze social and economic renaissance. He serves as Co-Chair for Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Empowerment Congress Arts & Culture Committee, and on the Leadership Council for that body.

He is currently on the Program Advisory Board for Arts for LA, the premiere arts advocacy organization in LA County, which is using his "REACH for Community" advocacy framework as the theme for their 2017 Convergence. Trevor is also on the Advisory Board for the Ate9 Dance Company, having previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the company. He previously served as Executive Director for Imaginese Productions, where he co-founded an arts education program to develop civic leadership with at-risk youth in LA County. Trevor was recently recognized as one of "40 Under 40" Emerging Civic Leaders by L.A. County, the CA State Assembly and the Empowerment Congress. He has been involved in his Echo Park Neighborhood Council and is passionate about helping provide resources for grassroots leadership as exemplified in the NC system.



Danielle Brazell

General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs

Danielle is the General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs; she is a Strategic Partner of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. Danielle is a keen strategist and an exemplary arts leader, of one of the most vibrant, growing arts communities in the world.

With a budget of approximately \$9.5 million the DCA oversees the city's grants to artist, art groups and cultural festivals, and operates such landmark sites as the Watts Towers, Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House, and the neighboring Municipal Art Gallery, Vision Theater in Leimert Park and Warner Grand Theater in San Pedro. The DCA oversees the commissions of public artworks funded by real estate development fees and an array of city-owned arts centers and theaters, including the downtown Los Angeles Theater Center, whose operations are often contracted to nonprofit operators.



Carolyn Casavan

Former Board Member, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Carolyn Casavan has been active in the Neighborhood Council system for many years. She served on the Board of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council from 2012-2016, where she started the Green & Beautification Committee and she has been on the NC Congress Planning

Committee for the past 2 years. In her professional life, Carolyn provides consulting services in energy, water, and sustainability. She also started and managed an environmental consulting and engineering firm for 20 years and helped establish and manage the San Fernando Valley Green Team.



Karen Mack Executive Director, LA Commons

Karen Mack is the founder of LA Commons. LA Commons engages communities in the creation of art for public spaces that tells their unique stories and serves as the basis for dialogue, interaction, and a better understanding of Los Angeles. LA Commons is a project of Community Partners, works in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles, facilitating artistic processes open to all,

that result in highly visible public art projects that tell dynamic neighborhood stories. LA Commons builds community by validating the importance of local narratives, enhancing the sense of belonging felt by a broad range of stakeholders and encouraging stronger ties between the people and places of Los Angeles.



Leticia Buckley Acting Executive Director, Los Angeles County Arts Commission

The Arts Commission provides leadership in cultural services for Los Angeles County, encompassing 88 municipalities, and nearly 140 unincorporated areas. The Arts Commission funds 400 nonprofit arts organization through a two-year \$9 million grant program, runs the largest arts internship program in the country, coordinates the LA County Arts Education

Collective, and manages the County civic art policy. The benefits of the arts are many, and everyone deserves to have equal access to them. From arts education for young people to arts programming for senior citizens, the arts have been proven to make individual lives better and to strengthen communities. Executive Summary, LA County Arts Report Cultural Equity & Inclusion Initiative.



Cindy Cleghorn, Chair, NC Congress, Sunland-Tujunga NC Land Use Chair

Cindy has served two terms as President of the Sunland-Tujunga NC, current Land Use Committee chair, Executive Board for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and Chair of PlanCheckNC -- an alliance of Neighborhood Councils dedicated to education in planning and land use. She served on the Neighborhood Council Review Commission representing the

North Valley. Cindy is a small business owner in Tujunga and serves on the boards of the Sunland-Tujunga and United Chambers of Commerce and executive board of the California Small Business Association (CSBA).



Sharon Commins, reCodeLA Advisory Committee

Learned basic land use and planning ropes first job out of UCLA with a BA in Anthropology. Did three years worth of ZVs, CUs, NDs. Definitely an artist [Art Center College of Design training]. Discovered fiberart; had works in multiple prestigious shows; works in permanent collection of UNICEF and Bernina of Switzerland. Back to planning as a volunteer MVCC PLUM Committee

member. Co-Chair Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Land Use and Planning Committee. Member, PlanCheckNC Steering Committee. AYSO Section 1 volunteer: advocates more playable field space for youth sports as an important potential community benefit in land use planning. And, Co-chair, Zoning Advisory Committee, ReCodeLA.

The best urban planning solutions are not imposed from the top, but generated through civic engagement from the grassroots up.

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Freddy Cupen-Ames

Los Angeles native, Freddy Cupen-Ames received his B.A. in Philosophy from Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and is a current USC Sol Price School of Public Policy MPA candidate with his studies focused on Local Government. Freddy still serves the City of Los Angeles and his immediate neighborhood as an elected At-Large Representative Board Member for the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council

where he seeks to engage others in developing their neighborhoods and utilizing available L.A. City resources while striving to create a more self-sufficient public.

Recently finishing his summer internship at the Los Angeles City Controller's Office Ron Galperin, Freddy is still developing skills and institutional knowledge through his research on current audits that aim to increase governmental efficiency while improving all city departments, offices, and program operations. Previously, Freddy was a full-time Career Development Coordinator at Musicians Institute in Hollywood, who assisted students and alumni to realize their potential within the music/entertainment industry. In his past work experience, he also served as an LMU Special Games Committee Member for three years and was a Judicial Extern for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District in Santa Ana.

Karen Louis Deputy Director, Arts for LA

With a strong background in fundraising and development in the arts, advocacy and education, Karen recognizes that art, education and communication are integral to a civil and constructive culture and possess the tools to unlock a greater conversation within the larger architecture of our society. Through first-hand experience in the classroom, community and arts landscape, Karen understands the critical need and advocates for accessible arts education and experiences for all communities and considers it her great privilege to work to help identify, guide and create access for the artists' voices in every community to be heard, amplified and woven into the fabric of our society.



Garry Fordyce Board member of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council serving as Founder & Chair of the Education Committee.

Garry is an Active member of: 1) The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC). 2) Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee. 3) Plan Check NC. 4) Past Second Signatory. 5) 2017-2018 Budget Representative actively attending all Budget Advocate

meetings. 6) ADVOCATE FOR PRUDENT, ETHICAL, RESPONSIBLE FISCAL STEWARDSHIP OF TAXPAYERS DOLLARS.



Daniel Hackney

Is an Environmental Affairs Officer for LA Sanitation (City of Los Angeles). He is the Clean Up Green Up Ombudsman and Liaison to Neighborhood Councils. Prior to his current assignment, Daniel served as Senior Environmental Policy Analyst for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and, prior to that, Mayor James Hahn. Daniel holds a degree in Public Policy from

Duke University, a Master's in Communications Management from The Annenberg School at the University of Southern California, and a certificate in Public Dispute Resolution from Harvard Law School.



Dorsay Dujon

Dorsay is currently Vice President of the Silver Lake Improvement Association and on the Advisory Board of the iMusic Foundation. Dorsay produced articles for Gentlemen's Quarterly Magazine and was a featured presenter/author of education modules Communicating with Exhibitors, Project Management for the Exhibition Industry, and Cultural Diversity – Organizational Learning for the Tradeshow Industry.



David Wright General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

David H. Wright is the General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Mr. Wright provides leadership for the utility in providing reliable and competitively priced water and electricity while continuing to maintain and implement environmentally conscious policies and priorities. Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Wright worked at the Las Vegas Valley Water District as Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer. He also worked at the City of Riverside, California, as the Public Utilities General Manager, Deputy Public Utilities Director and Public Utilities Chief Financial Officer for nearly 12 years. He holds both a bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration, conferred upon him by California State University, Fullerton.



Eva Bitar City of Los Angeles Motion Picture and Television Manager

Eva is the dedicated Citywide Filming Coordinator and Industry Liaison for the past 10 years. Eva serves as the single point of contact to address production needs of the Film Industry. Eva has created a comprehensive program to support and encourage motion picture and television production in the Los Angeles area, and advises the Mayor and City Council on film related matters. Eva is the FilmL.A. Contract Administrator and heads the Citywide Film Task Force, a body that creates a forum for the film industry to communicate their needs to the City. Eva teaches Computer Science and E-Commerce at the Los Angeles Community College District and serves on the Cinema and Television Advisory Board. She is a motivational speaker and a professional development instructor providing job readiness training, direction, and mentoring to Film, Paralegal, and Computer Science students.



Donna Jones Film Liaison Historic West Adams

Donna grew up in the Historic West Adams Area and though not born here, has spent most of her life in this community. She is a distinguished graduate from the University of Southern California, and has dedicated the entirety of her collegiate and professional career to special education. Her illustrious career in education has spanned over the course of three decades.

Donna was awarded the Pioneer Woman of the year award in 2008 by Council District 10 by Council President Herb Wesson. She was also a recipient of the award, given to her by Assemblyman Curren Price.

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Fred Pickel Ratepayer Advocate & Executive Director, Office of Accountability, City of Los Angeles

Dr. Pickel has over thirty years of experience in the gas and electric utility industries, as well as with government, in the United States and abroad. He was confirmed as the first Ratepayer Advocate and Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability for the City of Los Angeles in February 2012. His extensive career included founding Wilshire Energy Consulting Group Inc. and serving as Vice President at Tabors Caramanis & Associates as well as working with a variety of other organizations. Dr. Pickel holds a Ph.D. in engineering/economic systems analysis, an M.S. in operations research, and an M.S. in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received a B.S. in engineering and economics from Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California.



Linda Alexander Film Liaison - San Pedro Chamber of Commerce

At one time, filming in San Pedro was a contentious activity. Once appointed as liaison, Linda began educational forums and individual discussions with stakeholders to increase understanding of the filming process and requirements. Downtown San Pedro has unique conditions required of filmmakers and improved communication has created a more friendly and positive filming experience. She compiled the Hollywood in San Pedro booklet, as a handy reference, which is available on the Chamber website. A background of customer service has been helpful in this role. Linda was Director of In-Flight Service for a major airline and when that airline was absorbed, she became the Development Manager of a local domestic violence agency. Currently, in addition to working for the Chamber, she has been very active with her neighborhood council, including terms as Treasurer and President. In addition, Linda is on the Board of the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District and serves as Secretary.



Arturo Piña Community Outreach Liaison, FilmL.A.

After 20 years of service to the City of Los Angeles, Arturo transferred his experience in nonprofit management and community engagement to a new role at FilmL.A. Immediately prior to joining FilmL.A. in 2012, Arturo served as district director for late L.A. City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl. Today, Cheviot Hills, Downtown Los Angeles, Angelino Heights, Highland Park and other neighborhoods Arturo represents are thriving as film-friendly communities. His goal is to ensure that all filming stakeholders are properly engaged, informed and involved. Applying that objective, he works passionately to balance the needs of filmmakers and the communities they film.



Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Eric Garcetti is the 42nd Mayor of Los Angeles. His "back to basics" agenda is focused on job creation and solving everyday problems for L.A. residents.

Garcetti was elected four times by his peers to serve as President of the Los Angeles City Council from 2006 to 2012. From 2001 until taking office as Mayor, he served as the Councilmember representing the 13th District which includes Hollywood, Echo Park, Silver Lake, and Atwater Village – all of which were dramatically revitalized under Garcetti's leadership.

Garcetti was raised in the San Fernando Valley and earned his B.A. and M.A. from Columbia University. He studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and the London School of Economics and taught at Occidental College and USC. A fourth generation Angeleno, he and his wife, Amy Elaine Wakeland, have a young daughter. He is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy reserve and is an avid jazz pianist and photographer.



Terrence Gomes, MBA, President of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

Terrence Gomes is a Los Angeles native, born in the Mar Vista area. He is currently the Chair of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) which includes the membership of the ninety-six neighborhood councils for the last three years. Terrence also mentors councils on funding and leadership issues and is a founding member of Council4Councils (C4C) which was created to help the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) with training needs to the Neighborhood Council (NC) system during the budget crisis of 2009-2010. He is a founding member of the SORO NC's Green Team (GT). The GT has been used as a model for best practices by the DONE and many NCs have implemented the concept to increase environmental awareness for their community and policy development. In addition, he has been called upon as a guest speaker to speak on environmental awareness and best practices in an urban environment for the City of Los Angeles.



Lydia Grant, Former North Valley Commissioner, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Lydia Grant is a former board member on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. She has been active on land use and educational issues citywide, countywide, and even statewide, as a board member for Parent Revolution - an organization which advocates for expansion of the Parent Trigger laws across the country. Lydia has fought for safety issues at local schools, and has worked to organize communities and to empower them with information and training on how to advocate on behalf of their children and their schools. Lydia is a mother of three and a grandmother. She loves cooking, rock collecting and scrapbooking. lydiajeangrant@gmail.com

Edgar Garcia Arts and Entertainment Deputy

Edgar Garcia is Arts & Entertainment Deputy for L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti. With extensive experience in arts administration, cultural resource management, and historic preservation, he is committed to expanding and supporting the cultural life of Los Angeles. A former Neighborhood Council Board Member for Lincoln Heights in the early 2000s, he credits his time with the neighborhood council for this commitment to public service.

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Jay Handal, Former Citywide Elections Manager

Jay Handal is the former Citywide Elections Manager for Los Angeles' Neighborhood Councils. He currently chairs the West LA Neighborhood Council; and co-chairs both the City Budget Advocates and the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils. Jay is also a hearing examiner for the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Luz M. Castillo

Data Dissemination Specialist
Data Dissemination Branch
Customer Liaison & Marketing Services Office
U.S. Census Bureau

Adam Robinson Location Manager - Scorpion - CBS Television Studios

Adam Robinson has been in the Location Department for 15 years, the last 9 as a Location Manager. He is a member of Teamster Local #399 & Location Guild International. He has managed Television shows such as & , and various Commercials for companies like HP & Comcast. He is best known for his 8 seasons on CSI: Miami Most recently, he has worked on Seasons 2, 3, & 4 o for which his team won the 2016 California on Location Award for Location Team of the Year, Television. Adam graduated from California State University, Northridge in 2002 with a BA in Cinema & Television Arts. Adam Robinson Location Manager <#scorpion> CBS Television Studios, a division of CBS Studios Inc. Manhattan Beach CA



Martin Leitner

Martin Leitner is an architect who cares deeply about how we live, in our homes and in our communities. He has a track record of re-imagining auto-oriented development and designing human-scaled neighborhoods with a sense of place and history. His portfolio spans a spectrum of project types and scales spanning from individual buildings to public streets and from large

master plans to community development guidelines. Since making Los Angeles his home, Martin has been involved in innovative design projects for public and private clients nationally and internationally. He has led large, complex assignments such as a master plan for a new downtown on a former mall site in Westminster, Colorado, and urban design guidelines for Los Angeles' iconic Hollywood Boulevard District. In his work, Martin believes that community involvement enriches the design process and leads to better outcomes. Martin Leitner is a senior associate and practice leader at Perkins+Will. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects where he chairs the Urban Design Committee of the Los Angeles Chapter. He is licensed as an architect in California. Martin holds a master's degree in architecture from Bauhaus University Weimar, Germany. He studied Economics at University College London.



Lisa Hart

Lisa Hart is an organizational development consultant who helps organizations and communities design, implement, and evaluate initiatives that leverage diversity, empower communities, and engage employees to advance the social sector's leaders, networks, and organizations and address systemic problems. She serves on the board of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.



Carmen Hawkins, Assistant Supervising Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division

Ms. Hawkins serves as the legal advisor for the City, including each of the City's 96 Neighborhood Councils. Advises the South, Central, Harbor and West areas.



Corinne Ho, President, Canoga Park Neighborhood Council

I am a working mom, a wife, and a public servant serving my community. I am fascinated by the great potential of the Neighborhood Council system and am watching it grow stronger each day.

My interest is focused upon responsibly monitoring and spending taxpayers funds.

Brian Gallagher P.E., Acting Principal Transportation Engineer, Bureau of District Operations, Department of Transportation

Principal Transportation Engineer for the Bureau of District Operations; including six district offices citywide. He is responsible for constituent services, approving traffic control devices, and developing standards and policies for their use. He is a licensed Traffic Engineer and has worked for LADOT for 32 years. Graduate of UC Irvine



Colette Amin Wilshire Neighborhood Council Non-Profit Alternate & Lead Film Liaison

Colette Amin is an alumna of Pepperdine University Malibu and LACC. She holds degrees in Cinema Production and Liberal Arts Humanities. Colette's love of the Italian language and culture took her to Rome Italy where she worked in the Entertainment Industry for more than 10 years. Colette has created and produced several Italian

Industrials for the hospitality industry. During her time in Italy you could find Colette promoting African Culture and Art on major Italian television channels like RAI-1, RAI-2, Canale-5, and TeleMonteCarlo and on the Italian Sunday show, Domenica, appearing as one of the Foreigners of Success in Rome. Upon returning to the United States she had the unique opportunity to manage a successful young actor (her son) in the entertainment industry. Colette serves on several nonprofit boards and is the co-founder with her son of J.A.D.V. a 501(c)3, for domestic violence victims. Colette currently works in her parallel career with the LACCD.

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Ann-Marie Holman

Ann-Marie Holman is a brand management and publicity consultant, and former NC board member and Land Use Committee chair. She created the website, graphics, newsletter articles and souvenir pin for this year's NC Congress. She also recently served on the Marketing team for the 2016 Neighborhood Council elections. Holman got her start as in-house publicist to one of the world's first e-commerce enterprises, and

has taught her PR workshops at locations across the United States..



Emma Rosenthal The WE Empowerment Center

Ms. Rosenthal is an artist, writer, educator, reiki practitioner, and human rights activist whose work combines art, activism, education and grassroots mobilization. As a person with a DISability she is confined, not by her condition but by the narrow and marginalizing attitudes and structures of the society at large. She is a founder of The WE Empowerment Center and Director of

several of its projects including Cafe Intifada, Emma Rosenthal Studios, Radical DISability, and Visiting Hands & Hearts. A retired social justice educator, she has worked for a variety of local and international causes in both leadership and rank and file capacities.

Daniel A Perez Treasurer, Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Daniel A Perez has been living in the Los Angeles area for the entire 22 years of his life, having attended Loyola High School in the Pico-Union NC and, as of May 2017, a business management graduate of Loyola Marymount University in the Westchester/Playa NC. Daniel has been passionate about social justice issues his entire adult life, now working at the Los Angeles LGBT Center as the Coordinator of Models of Pride, the world's largest free conference for LGBTQ youth & allies, as well as volunteering to support causes such as homelessness and youth sports. Daniel currently serves as the Treasurer of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council and enjoys baking and reading the Harry Potter series in his free time.

Anne Haley

Anne Haley graduated cum laude from Brown University in 1984 with a B.A. in Cognitive Science. In 1987 she earned a J.D. from Stanford Law School where she was an editor for The Stanford Law Review. Anne began her career as a litigator at the Los Angeles law firm of Wyman, Bautzer, Kuchel & Silbert, then at The Law Offices of Johnnie Cochran. In 1996, Anne was invited to lecture for a semester at Australia's Bond University on alternative dispute resolution and on her Uncle Alex Haley's novel, Roots. Since joining the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in 2001, Anne has managed an annual budget averaging \$20 million for the City's engagement of outside counsel. In addition, she now serves as General Counsel to the City Attorney's Dispute Resolution Program.



Tamika Butler Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood

Tamika Butler serves as the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, a non-profit organization that addresses social and racial equity, and wellness, by building parks and gardens in park-poor communities across greater Los Angeles. Tamika has a diverse background in law, community organizing and nonprofit leadership.



Suzanne Lewis, Neighborhood Council Valley Village (NCVV) Board Member since 2008. Current NCVV Chair of Communications

Past Chair of NCVV Events & Outreach that was Honored at NC Congress in 2014 for "Light Up Valley Village". NC Budget Representative, NC Sustainability Alliance Representative and NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance Representative.

Suzanne is an LA Native, UCLA graduate and small business owner of a Publicity and Special Event company with 25 years of experience.

John S. Rodriguez City of Los Angeles Department On Disability

With over 20 years experience with the disability Community and issues, Mr. Rodriguez is currently ADA Project Coordinator for Los Angeles, with expertise in ADA Title I and II. Additionally, he has been a certified mediator since 1992 and conducted mediation for the U.S. Department of Justice, and is currently a contract mediator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He was the Director of the Disability Mediation Center at the Western Disability Law Center at Loyola Law School and a Senior Conflict Resolution Associate at the Center for Conflict Resolution at Loyola Law School for 12 years.

Andy Griggs Echo Park Neighborhood Council

Mr. Griggs chairs the Immigration Subcommittee of EPNC and serves on its Outreach Committee, working on disability awareness, advocacy and involvement. He is a certified tax preparer, management consultant, and is Community Outreach Coordinator for DragonflyHill Urban Farm. A retired social justice educator, he was on the Board of Directors of United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA). From 2011-15, he was Program Director for Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace (ICUJP), a social justice and peace advocacy organization. He is a founder of WE Empowerment Center and two of its projects, If The SHU Fits Collaborative and LA Laborfest.



Andrew Choi

Andrew Choi is the Office of the City Clerk, Neighborhood Council Funding Program Accounting and Administrative Supervisor. He was previously a Project Assistant for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Operations Division. He has studied English Literature and Accounting at UCI and UCLA, respectively. Before working for the City of Los Angeles, Andrew worked in the fashion industry and the non-profit sector. More information about the Neighborhood Council Funding Program is available at clerk.lacity.org.

Elise A. Ruden Deputy City Attorney

Is a Deputy City Attorney in the Neighborhood Council, General Counsel Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Elise represents 48 Neighborhood Council Boards. Elise represents Neighborhood Council areas that include the San Fernando Valley and East Los Angeles. She has worked in the City Attorney's Office for over 25 years. During her tenure she has also developed expertise in the many areas of criminal and civil litigation including Environmental Law, 17200 Unfair Business Practice litigation, Law and Motion and Code Enforcement.

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Grayce Liu, City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Grayce is the General Manager for the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, which supports Los Angeles' 96 Neighborhood Councils in meeting their mission to increase civic participation and make government more responsive to local needs via the EmpowerLA movement. She is responsible for the overall management of the department, including

development of the budget, strategic planning, programs and services, policies, personnel and constituent and City government relations. Prior to working with the City, she was the Community Program Director for the Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF) and the co-chair of the Asian and Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Task Force in the San Gabriel Valley. She continues to teach classes on domestic violence, sexual assault, compassionate communication and self-defense in her free time.



Lisa Cahan Davis

Lisa Cahan Davis is a 20-year digital marketing and communications professional with Fortune 500, local nonprofits and government agencies overseeing strategic planning, message development and campaign management. She has dedicated her passion and profession to generating outcomes that inspire and trigger a reaction. As a change agent with a mind for innovation and

collaborative problem-solving, Lisa has proudly partnered with community members to elected officials in her eight years with the Studio City Neighborhood Council. Ms. Cahan Davis ran and won two Board Member terms (2012-2016), Chaired Outreach (2010-2015) and founded and currently Chairs the Sustainability Committee (2015-Present). Lisa's volunteer efforts also include her role as Chair of FilmLA's Communications and Marketing Committee and is a Los Angeles Valley College Citizen's Building Oversight Committee Member.

Milagros Lizarraga Former President of Peru Village LA & Former Chair of CHNC.

Past President of CHNC, Past President & CEO of Peru Village Los Angeles, Member of CHNC Outreach Committee. First generation Peruvian American, migrated to the US in 1990. Inclusion has always been my passion, being the mother of a young adult with autism has brought even further that passion. I know by experience that welcoming diversity is the key to enrich the quality of life in a society, in a community, in a neighborhood. I see the US not as a Melting Pot, I see it as an amazing Kaleidoscope, where every piece brings color and is constantly re-shaping our society. To me, there are two options: We welcome diversity and learn from each other, or we live like people stranded on islands in the middle of one of the most diverse cities of the world.



Kent Minault Community Organizer, the Sierra Club

Kent Minault is working with the Sierra Club and allies in communities impacted by pollution to push LADWP to replace the electricity from three gas plants with renewables and energy storage. Kent also works hard supporting the electrification of our transportation system, the source of over 40% of our climate-disrupting emissions.

Cindy Cleghorn Chair, NC Congress,

collaborative problem-solving, Lisa has proudly partnered with community members to elected officials in her eight years with the Studio City Neighborhood Council. Ms. Cahan Davis ran and won two Board Member terms (2012-2016), Chaired Outreach (2010-2015) and founded and currently Chairs the Sustainability Committee (2015-Present). Lisa's volunteer efforts also include her role as Chair of FilmLA's Communications and Marketing Committee and is a Los Angeles Valley College Citizen's Building Oversight Committee Member.



mark! Lopez Executive Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

mark! Lopez comes from a family with a long history of activism, and is the Executive Director of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. He organizes in the area where he was born, was raised, and continues to live. He is the 2017 North American recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize.



Ryan Allen

Ryan Allen serves as Chair for the Community Forest Advisory Committee helping Los Angeles City residents and City staff work together in creating a healthy urban forest. Ryan has worked for the last nine years in community based urban forestry and is an ISA Certified Arborist.

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Michael R. Newhouse, Esq.

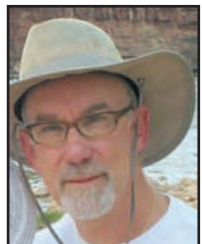
Mike is the principal of Newhouse Law Group PC, a full-service law firm in Los Angeles, CA, and President Emeritus of the Venice Neighborhood Council, where he has served on its Board for the past decade. Mike also Chairs the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), a collaboration of all 13 Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles.



Sarah Ramsawack, North Hollywood Northeast NC

Sarah Ramsawack has enjoyed a multi-faceted career capped by many years of teaching, and her various roles include licensed Casualty Insurance Underwriter, vocal soloist and organizer of musical groups, and devoted parent and homeowner. An organizer and first facilitator of the Strathern Neighborhood WATCH in her community, she has been a member of the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council since March 2007. Sarah says that being a coordinator of two workshops at the CONGRESS 2015 is an honor, as it has given her the opportunity to share her enthusiasm for this great experiment in democracy.

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Dick Platkin

Dick Platkin is a City Watch LA columnist who covers planning issues and controversies in Los Angeles. He previously worked as a city planner for the a City of Los Angeles and taught planning courses at USC and CSUN. He can be reached at rhplatkin@gmail.com



Lenise Marrero, P.E.

Senior Civil Engineer / Assistant Division Manager
Wastewater Engineering Services Division

Lenise Marrero is a Senior Civil Engineer with L.A. Sanitation, and her experience ranges from sewer infrastructure and facilities planning to policy development. Ms. Marrero leads the development of the City's One Water LA Plan which is a collaborative, integrated approach to managing the watersheds, water resources, and water facilities.



Linda Pruett

Linda Pruett is a founding member of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and has served on the Board since its inception. The Emergency Preparedness Committee was the first standing Committee formed, and she has chaired it since its beginning. Monthly meetings are held with mini classes, speakers, and presentations. They have formed their own weekly ham radio net with participants from the Valley and far beyond, and

a weekly FRS/GMRS net. The Committee conducted the largest (at that time) CERT class (154 graduates in one weekend), and continues to promote CERT and Map Your Neighborhood. MYN presentations are made throughout Los Angeles. Linda is a Director on the Board of Southern California Preparedness Foundation and serves as its Corporate Secretary. The Foundation sponsors the largest Emergency Preparedness Fair in Los Angeles, coming up on October 1st.



Agnes Copeland

My name is Agnes Copeland. I came to LA by way of a very small town in Georgia in 1980. Although I was not born and raised in LA, I love this city! I also love my neighborhood and have resided in the same home for 34 years. I am the Representative for Pico Park, one of 11 neighborhood associations in our NC. I serve as the Treasurer for P.I.C.O. NC, Chair of the



Tony Wilkinson

Tony Wilkinson is Chair of the Land Use Committee of the Panorama City Neighborhood Council and Vice President of the North Hills East Neighborhood Council. His is also Chair of the NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee, a formal information-sharing agreement between Neighborhood Councils and LADWP. He has been active in planning and presenting workshops at

the Congress of Neighborhoods since 2011. He has also served twice as an Independent Election Administrator, for West LA Region NCs in 2012 and Southwest Valley NCs in 2014. Most recently he served as Community Liaison for Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. in Council District 7, when the vacant district was conducting its recent election.

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Marlene Savage

Marlene Savage is former First Vice President of Del Rey and Mid City NCs. She has been involved in the Neighborhood Council system for 11 years serving as Outreach Chairperson and liaison to city departments. Marlene is currently co-chair for the Western Region Alliance of Councils / Land Use and Planning Committee, which involves the 13 Neighborhood Councils and community councils on the Westside. She is

also on the steering committee for PlanCheckNC. This is Marlene's sixth year on the NC Congress Planning Committee.



Leonard Shaffer, Past President-Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Leonard is on the board of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and a past president. In February 2005 he participated in the formation of what eventually became the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition, a group that he chaired until January 2012. In 2006 he was appointed to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission where he served as a member of the Commission's Executive Director Search Committee, as chair of the Budget Committee and a member of the ad hoc committee on grievances. He is a participant in the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and has been a member of its executive committee. Leonard retired from the practice of law after 35 years as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney. He keeps active in the law field by helping fellow ham radio operators as a Volunteer Council for the American Radio Relay League. He has taught several classes concerning criminal justice at the University of Phoenix.

Linda Gravani President, Lake Balboa NC

Linda is the current President of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and is a member of the Executive board for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC). As LBNC 2014 Election chair, voter participation increased 246%. When her mother became a resident of a convalescent facility she discovered the level of care was not as it should be. She took a leadership role on the Family Council and became an advocate for the seniors and their families. As a small business owner, Linda protects the rights of families and small businesses and serves the community as a Business Representative. She has three daughters and one granddaughter.



Chelsea Ursaner Open Data & Solution Architecture, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Chelsea's focus is making data accessible to city employees and the public. She holds a Master of Science in Business Analytics from USC Marshall School of Business. Prior to becoming an Angeleno, she worked at Epic, a healthcare software company in Madison, Wisconsin. There she developed a core belief that software should be a delight to use and a

passion for implementation and training. As such, she loves receiving input to improve the open data portals, data.lacity.org and geohub.lacity.org. Please reach out!



Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian

Ivan currently serves as a bi-coastal Parliamentarian working for both the Venice and Downtown LA Neighborhood Councils and he has extensive experience in parliamentary procedure as it applies to Neighborhood Councils. His years of experience in creating organizational bylaws led him to join the BONC/DONE Bylaws Task Force. He was co-chair of the DONE Bylaws Resource Team, which worked with NCs to

help revise their bylaws into the new Table Of Contents format. A designer of the Councils 4 Councils Peer Mentoring program, he trains NC participants in a wide range of topics.

Ivan became involved in the L.A. school system as a parent/volunteer with a focus on putting technology into classrooms. He chaired several school and district councils, and was chosen as a member of the Superintendent's Focus on Achievement Council, which advised the Superintendent on setting LAUSD policy.

Ivan relocated to L.A. from Brooklyn, NY, and spent 25 years as the Artistic Director of a nonprofit performing arts organization. He produced, directed, and/or designed over 300 theatrical productions. As a service to the LA Theatre community he taught grant writing and was a peer panelist for the California Arts Council. He works as a Poll Inspector for the City Clerk and the County Registrar of Voters in his spare time.

He is currently serving as the co-chair of the Workshop Committee of the 2016 Congress Of Neighborhoods and would like to applaud all the committee members who worked their butts off to make this event possible.



Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Second District

Since he was overwhelmingly elected in 2008, and reelected in 2012 and 2016 to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Mark Ridley-Thomas has distinguished himself as an effective leader for more than two million Second District residents. He presently serves as

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and is a board member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission and LA Care (the nation's largest publicly operated health plan).

Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas served the 26th District in the California State Senate where he chaired the Senate's Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. While in the Senate, he served as Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus in 2008 and led the Caucus in unprecedented levels of cooperation and collaboration with counterparts in the Latino and Asian-Pacific Islander Legislative Caucuses.

He is widely regarded as the foremost advocate of neighborhood participation in government decision-making. By virtue of his founding of the Empowerment Congress, arguably the region's most successful 25-year experiment in neighborhood-based civic engagement.

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Vivienne A. Swanigan, Deputy City Attorney

Vivienne A. Swanigan is a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office with extensive expertise in employment law, human resources, and workplace violence prevention. After nine years as a criminal prosecutor, she joined the Employee Relations Division, where she handled employment litigation and advice. Upon transitioning to the Labor Relations Division, she chaired the L.A. Citywide Threat Assessment

Team, established the City Attorney WV Unit, provided human resource and employment advice and training, and handled employment litigation. Currently, as Managing Assistant City Attorney of the Labor Relations Division, she supervises a team of attorneys who provide labor, human resource, employment, and workplace violence prevention advice to the City. Ms. Swanigan has trained hundreds of employees, supervisors, and HR professionals on dealing with challenging people, WV prevention, and EEO issues at the local, state and national levels. She holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice, and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law.

Bill Hopkins

Bill Hopkins is an elected Board member of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, Chair of Emergency Preparedness, and Vice Chair of Public Safety. Bill is President, Director, and Founder of the Southern California Preparedness Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that, among other programs, sponsors the Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, the largest such Fair in Los Angeles. He also instructs residents in the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program that prepares neighbors to save lives, reduce severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage immediately after an earthquake or calamity. Bill serves on the LAFD CERT callout team, is a licensed amateur radio operator (Ham) and Volunteer Examiner, a member of Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), LAFD Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), Los Angeles County Disaster Communication Service (DCS), and a Red Cross volunteer. Bill received the George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Los Angeles Chapter, in 2016.

THANK YOU!

Workshop Coordinators & Speakers

Speaker and bios received after printing deadline will be on the NCCongressLA.com website.

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To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

— *Los Angeles City Charter, Article IX*



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THANK YOU to all speakers for your participation and presentations.

THANK YOU to the many volunteers and Empower LA for providing photos. To those whose photos and bios arrived after our deadline, we will include them on the nccongressla.com website.

Video and resources from most workshop sessions will be available on the NCCongressLA.com website.

See you at the 2018 Congress of Neighborhoods Fall 2018.



CIVIC YOUTH SPEAKERS

EmpowerLA Department
City of Los Angeles, City Hall
Saturday, September 9th, 2017

Lily Larsen, grew up in a socially engaged family, and saw the issues her neighborhood friends faced, big and small, and decided to do something about it, by creating an AdolescentActivist.com a website that provides a space for young people to organize and bring about solutions to their problems. From a young age, she has worked tirelessly to bring a youthful voice to the landscape of her neighborhood and Los Angeles. She was also part of the first EmpowerLA Civic Youth Leadership Academy and is focus on creating meaningful engagement opportunities for young people, especially in the areas of civic engagement and the arts.

Ashley Neyra attends the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and is a big advocate for the Latino Community, as a first generation Angelino she is passionate about impacting the lives of young people who struggle with the immigration system. She works to make sure they are informed and aware of the resources available to them through private and public entities. She hopes that these young Dreamers become civically engaged and drive solutions to their unique issue forward.

George Varela is a former Mayor's Council Youth participant. George is passionate about access and equity and is passionate in creating a more diverse and inclusive Neighborhood Council system that welcomes all voices especially those from the most vulnerable members of his community. Promoting educational programming is a key component of his work within his Neighborhood Council, as well as the youth leadership programs he is involved with.

Alisha Hacker volunteers at the Reseda Neighborhood Council and is an advocate for people experiencing homelessness. She co-founded the first homeless committee in her council's history and is focused on providing key educational services to address the problem and these resources include: career training events, legal aid work, large food donation events, and our own homeless resource fair. She believes that by taking ownership of the issue and implementing a bottom-up approach to support this vulnerable population it can bring about positive change for all community members.

Special Thanks to Our Youth Volunteers



The West LA Cadet Post is designed to prepare our youth for the future by incorporating discipline, leadership, academic excellence and life-skills into our program. The West LA Cadet Post also seeks to empower our youth to maximize their personal, scholastic, and life potential. West LA Cadets are dedicated and active in the community by volunteering in events such as Dodger games, LA Marathon, National Night Out, and many more. Many of our current and former Cadets have been accepted or are enrolled in some of the top universities like MIT, UC Berkeley, Cal State Northridge.

IN MEMORIAM

The Neighborhood Council Congress 2017 recognizes the passing of neighborhoods Council Leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Neighborhood Council system and their communities

Stacie Vernon - Voices, NC

Carolyn Meskell Grayson - Northwest San Pedro, NC

Horace Eugene Penman - CANNDU NC

Khalillah Marie Johnston Butler - Park Mesa NC

Gordon Murley, Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

Ken Silk, Encino NC and formerly on Sherman Oaks NC

The above list as of 9-6-17 Any omissions are unintentional

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Arlota
3rd Tuesday
Beachy Elementary School
Auditorium
9757 Beachy St.
Arlota, CA 91331

Arroyo Seco
4th Monday
Ramona Hall
4580 Figueroa
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Atwater Village
2nd Thursday
Christ's Church of Griffith Park
3852 Edenhurst Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Bel Air-Beverly Crest
4th Wednesday
American Jewish University
15600 Mulholland Dr., Rm 223
Los Angeles, CA 90077

Boyle Heights
4th Wednesday
Boyle Heights City Hall Community Rm
2130 E. 1st St.
Los Angeles, CA 90033

CANNDU
4th Thursday
Los Angeles Ascot Public Library
120 West Florence Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90033

Canoga Park
4th Wednesday
Canoga Park Community Center
7248 Owensmouth Ave.
Canoga Park, CA 91303

Central Alameda
1st Saturday
Vernon Branch Library
4504 S. Central Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Central Hollywood
4th Monday
Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall
6501 Fountain Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90028

Central San Pedro
2nd Tuesday
Part of Los Angeles High School
250 W. 5th St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Chatsworth
1st Wednesday
Lawrence Middle School
10100 Varie! Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Coastal San Pedro
3rd Monday
Cabrillo Marina Community Bldg.
Cabrillo plaza Berth 28
San Pedro, CA 90731

Del Rey
2nd Thursday
Del Rey Square
11976 Culver Blvd.
Del Rey, CA 90066

Downtown Los Angeles
2nd Tuesday
Los Angeles Theatre
615 S. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Eagle Rock
1st Tuesday
Eagle Rock City Hall
2035 Colorado Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90041

East Hollywood
3rd Monday
Armenian Youth Center
1559 N. Kenmore Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Echo Park
4th Tuesday
For upcoming meeting info, visit
EchoParkNC.com

Elysian Valley Riverside
2nd Wednesday
Dorris Place Elementary School
2225 Dorris Place
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Empowerment Congress Central
4th Monday
Western Avenue Elementary School
1724 W. 53rd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90062

Empowerment Congress North
1st Thursday
Hebrew Union College
8475 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Empowerment Congress Southeast
4th Wednesday
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Empowerment Congress Southwest
3rd Monday
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Empowerment Congress West
Community Town Hall-1st Saturday
Crenshaw United Methodist Church
3740 Don Felipe Drive LA, CA 90008
Board Meeting: 3rd Monday
DWP Office Community Room
4030 Crenshaw Blvd. LA, CA 90008

Encino
4th Wednesday
Encino Community Center
4935 Balboa Blvd.
Encino, CA 91316

Foothill Trails District
3rd Thursday
Lake View Terrace Recreation Center
11075 Foothill Blvd.
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

Glassell Park
3rd Tuesday
Glassell Park Community Center
3750 Verdugo Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Granada Hills North
1st Tuesday
Saint Euphrasia Parish Hall
11766 Shoshone Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Granada Hills South
1st Thursday
Granada Hills Charter High, Rawley Hall
10535 Zelzah Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Greater Cypress Park
2nd Tuesday
Cypress Park Recreation Center
2630 Pepper Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Greater Toluca Lake
3rd Tuesday
Toluca Lake Elementary Auditorium
4840 Calhuenaga Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Greater Valley Glen
1st Monday
Valley College Cafeteria/Conf. Rm.
5800 Fulton Ave.
Valley Glen, CA 91401

Greater Wilshire
2nd Wednesday
Wilshire Ebell Theatre
743 S. Lucerne Blvd.
L.A., CA 90005

Harbor City
3rd Wednesday
Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Library
24000 Western Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710

Harbor Gateway North
2nd Tuesday
4th Tuesday every 3rd month
(January, April, July, and October)
135th St. Elementary School
801 W. 135th St.
Gardena, CA 90247

Harbor Gateway South
2nd Thursday
Halldale Avenue School Auditorium
21514 Halldale Ave.
Torrance, CA 90501

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TBD

Historic Cultural
2nd Tuesday
Locations rotate between Chinatown
Public Library, Hellman Quon/Pico
House, Japanese American Cultural
and Community Center as announced

Historic Highland Park
1st 83rd Thursdays
Highland Park Senior Center
6152 N. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Hollywood Hills West
Varies
Women's Club of Hollywood
1749 N. La Brea Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90046

Hollywood Studio District
2nd Monday
5500 Hollywood Blvd
(1st floor gallery space)
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Hollywood United
3rd Monday (4th Mon in Jan/Feb)
Fire Station 82 Annex, 2nd floor
1800 N. Bronson Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90028

LA-32
1st Wednesday
El Sereno Senior Center
4818 Klamath Place
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Lake Balboa
1st Wednesday
Gault Street Elementary School
560 N. Western Ave.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Lincoln Heights
3rd Thursday
El Arca
3839 Selig Place
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Los Feliz
3rd Tuesday
Founders Metropolitan
Community Church
4607 Prospect Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90027

MacArthur Park
1st & 4th Monday
Seven Maples Community Room
2618 W. 7th St.
L.A., CA 90057

Mar Vista
2nd Tuesday
Mar Vista Recreation Ctr. Auditorium
11430 Woodbine St.
Mar Vista, CA 90066

Mid City
2nd Monday
LAPD Wilshire Division Community Rm
4849 Venice Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Mid-City West
2nd Tuesday
National Council of Jewish Women
543 N. Fairfax Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Mission Hills
1st Monday
Mission Police Station - Falco Room
1121 Sepulveda Blvd.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

NoHo
2nd Wednesday
East Valley High School
5525 Vineland Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91601

North Hills East
1st Monday
Penny Lane's Rainbow Room
15314 Rayen St.
North Hills, CA 91343

North Hills West
3rd Thursday
New Horizon Center
15725 Parthenia St.
North Hills, CA 91343

North Hollywood North East
1st Monday
LA Fire Station 89
7063 Laurel Canyon
North Hollywood, CA 91605

North Hollywood West
4th Wednesday
Satcoyoo School
7850 Ethel Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91605

Northridge East
3rd Wednesday
Northridge Woman's Club
18401 Lassen St.
Northridge, CA 91325

Northridge South
4th Thursday (except Nov/Dec mtgs)
Northridge Middle School
17960 Chase St.
Northridge, CA 91325

Northridge West
2nd Tuesday
Calahan Elementary School
18722 Knapp St.
Northridge, CA 91324

Northwest San Pedro
2nd Monday
Peck Park Auditorium
560 N. Western Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90732

Olympic Park
1st Monday
Union
4067 W. Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019

P.I.C.O.
2nd Wednesday
Claude Pepper Senior Citizen Center
1762 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Pacoima
3rd Wednesday
Pacoima City Hall
13520 Van Nuys Blvd.
Pacoima, CA 91331

Palms
1st Wednesday
Iman Cultural Center
3376 Motor Ave.
Palms, CA 90034

Panorama City
4th Thursday
(3rd Thursday in Nov & Dec)
Mission Community Hospital
Medical Office, 2nd Floor
14860 Roscoe Blvd.
Panorama City, CA 91402

Park Mesa Heights
2nd Saturday
Angels Mesa Elementary Auditorium
2611 W. 52nd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Pico Union
1st Monday
Kolping House Auditorium
1225 S. Union Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Porter Ranch
2nd Wednesday
Porter Ranch Community School
Multipurpose Room
12450 Mason Avenue
Porter Ranch, CA 91326

Rampart Village
3rd Tuesday
St. Anne's
155 N. Occidental Blvd. #236
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Reseda
1st & 3rd Mondays
Reseda Community Space
18118 Sherman Way
Reseda, CA 91335

Sherman Oaks
2nd Monday
Sherman Oaks Elementary School
14755 Greenleaf St.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Silver Lake
1st Wednesday
Michellorena Street Elementary
1511 Michellorena St.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

South Central
3rd Saturday (odd numbered months)
3rd Tuesday (even numbered months)
All People Community Center
822 E. 20th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90011

South Robertson
3rd Thursday
Simon Wiesenthal Center
1399 S. Roxbury Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Studio City
3rd Wednesday
BLDG. 8 MPR-3
4024 Radford Ave.
Studio City, CA 91604

Sun Valley Area
2nd Tuesday
Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale St.
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Sunland - Tujunga
2nd Wednesday
North Valley City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd
Tujunga, CA 91042

Sylmar
4th Thursday
Sylmar High School Spartan Hall
13050 Borden Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91342

Tarzana
4th Tuesday
Tarzana Elementary Auditorium
5726 Topeka Dr.
Tarzana, CA 91356

United Neighborhoods
1st Thursday
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Valley Village
4th Wednesday
Faith Presbyterian Church
Social Hall
5000 Colfax Ave.
Valley Village, CA 91607

Van Nuys
2nd Wednesday
Marvin Braude Constituent Center
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Venice
2nd Tuesday
Westminster Elementary Auditorium
1010 Abbott Kinney Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

Voices
2nd Tuesday
Normandie Ave. Elementary
4505 S. Raymond Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Watts
2nd Tuesday
Watts Senior Citizen Center
1657 E. Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90002

West Adams
3rd Monday
Vineyard Recreation Center
2942 Vineyard Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Westchester / Playa
1st Tuesday
Westchester Municipal Bldg.
Council Community Room
7166 W. Manchester Ave.
Westchester, CA 90045

West Hills
1st Thursday
de Toledo High School
22622 Vanowen St.
West Hills, CA 91307

West Los Angeles - Sawtelle
3rd Monday
Felicja Mahood Center
11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Westlake North
2nd Tuesday
Central City Neighborhood Partners
501 S. Bixel Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Westlake South
2nd Saturday
Esperanza Elementary
680 Little Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Westside
2nd Thursday
Westside Pavilion
10800 W. Pico Blvd., Room A
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Westwood
2nd Wednesday
Westwood Presbyterian Church
Hoffman Hall
10822 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Wilmington
4th Wednesday
Phineas Banning High School
1527 Lakme Ave.
Wilmington, CA 90744

Wilshire Center - Koreatown
2nd Monday
Pio Pico Library
694 S. Oxford Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Winnetka
2nd Tuesday
Winnetka Convention Center
(Next to Canoga Bowl)
20122 Vanowen Street
Winnetka, CA 91306

Woodland Hills Warner Center
2nd Wednesday
American Legion Hall
5320 Fallbrook Ave
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Zapata-King
3rd Wednesday
Avalon Carver Community Recreation Ctr
4920 South Avalon Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 9001

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