

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS of
the CITY OF LOS ANGELES present the**



2019 CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Saturday, September 28, 2019 - L.A. City Hall

EFFECTIVE CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

A day of education & networking for Neighborhood Council leaders



NCCongressLA.com
LA City Hall

7:45 am-5:00 pm
200 N. Spring St. LA



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to the Neighborhood Councils that voted to support the 2019 Congress

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Valley Village

Northridge West

West Hills

Greater Wilshire

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Chatsworth

Northwest San Pedro

Echo Park

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Sunland-Tujunga

Thank you to the Neighborhood Councils who voted after the printing deadline.

Welcome to the 2019 Congress of Neighborhoods

GREETINGS FROM RAQUEL BELTRÁN GENERAL MANAGER DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT



Thank you for joining us today for the 2019 Congress of Neighborhoods!

Although this is my first time attending the Congress of Neighborhoods as General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, this is not my first time at this event. I had the pleasure of meeting some of you when I co-facilitated a workshop on parliamentary procedures at the 2018

Congress. The annual Congress represents an opportunity for Neighborhood Council leaders to meet and share their experiences and successes. Welcome to all the newly elected board members and first-time participants in the Congress of Neighborhoods. I look forward to meeting many more of you, and hearing your stories.

I congratulate the 2019 Congress Planning Committee, who dedicate endless hours throughout the year planning and developing a program that supports the important work of the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system. The program's success is made possible by the numerous civic leaders who donate their time and expertise to lead the educational sessions and workshops. The presence of the City's elected officials and City departments, who will be sharing info and resources as speakers and at exhibit tables, is testimony to the important contribution you make to the fabric of civic engagement life in Los Angeles.

I would like to share special thanks for the staff of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. They work hard to support the Neighborhood Council Congress Planning Committee and its preparations as thought partners and supporters of their vision for the 2019 Congress. The NC Congress is supported entirely by donations from Neighborhood Councils who understand the value of coming together to share best practices, and the power of this event to amplify community voices by creating connectivity between local leaders, and increasing the tools they have at their disposal.

Whether you're a seasoned board member or brand new to Neighborhood Councils, what you'll learn here today will help you and your board achieve more on behalf of your community.

Raquel Beltrán,
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment



GREETINGS FROM CINDY CLEGHORN CHAIR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CONGRESS 2019



Welcome to the 2019 Neighborhood Council Congress. On behalf of the Congress Planning Committee we thank you for stepping up to serve your communities. Congratulations to all of the newest board members.

We hope the Workshops that you have chosen today will aid you in understanding the purpose of Neighborhood Councils (NC's) and

its' importance to our communities and how best you can participate. Also, how to interact with community members and be the liaison between the community and public officials which is the responsibility of Neighborhood Councils.

Neighborhood Councils are an independent part of the City of Los Angeles that came into being and was implemented by a Los Angeles City Charter Amendment in 1999. The Amendment gives community members the ability and the right to have a voice and weigh in on issues directly affecting our communities through the Neighborhood Council system. The following is a sample list of major accomplishments by our Neighborhood Councils since they became part of the city family:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NCs and the LADWP
- Early Notification to NCs from City Planning regarding land use applications
- NC ability to submit Community Impact statements regarding issues in our community
- NC's are guaranteed a "seat at the table" with 5 minutes to address issues during all city hearing/meetings
- NC's also are part of the L.A. City Budget where select community members represent them through the NC Budget Advocates who present priorities to the Mayor
- The establishment of Regional and Citywide NC Alliances who are able to network together to discuss issues, polices and procedures.

NC's have made major contributions and impacts in improving the quality of life in our communities. There is much yet to be done and we can do it by working together, which is the purpose of our Congress of Neighborhoods: to share successes, ideas, experiences and learn from each other.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your Neighborhood Council. Your Congress is supported by Neighborhood Councils throughout the city through financial support and volunteers. Special thanks to our DONE staff, our elected city officials, our dedicated volunteers and you, our attendees. Without the help of everyone, this event could not happen.

Thank you for participating in the 2019 Congress. We hope you have a great day.

Cindy Cleghorn, Chair
Neighborhood Council Congress 2019

OPENING SESSION: Keynote Speaker



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.

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

- ARC – 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

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Planning for this Congress began in November 2018 with a team of dedicated Neighborhood Council, City Staff and Stakeholder volunteers who have spent hundreds of hours in committee meetings to plan every detail for today's Congress. We always welcome volunteers at every step of the way. Please get to know the volunteers and DONE staff involved if you would like to plan the 2020 NC Congress or send an email to nccongressla@gmail.com

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Daniel Perez, Del Rey NC

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Reuben Martinez, Atwater NC

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(both Daniel & Ryan are board members on Foothill Trails District NC)

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Thank you to all who may not be included in the program.

2019 Congress of Neighborhoods Program

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 to help increase your knowledge on how to take local action. Audio from all these sessions will be available on the NCCongressLA.com website. A link to this resource will be available on the EmpowerLA website at empowerla.org in the near future.

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

8:30 – 9:35 am **OPENING SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / COLOR GUARD / FLAG SALUTE** **City Council Chambers**

Cindy Cleghorn, Sunland-Tujunga NC, Chair NC Congress Planning Committee

INTRODUCTIONS

City Elected Officials, City Department Managers, Commissioners
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
Neighborhood Council Alliances
Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates
2019 NC Congress Planning Committee

CONTRIBUTORS to the 2019 NC CONGRESS

WELCOME/KEYNOTE: Mayor Eric Garcetti

WELCOME: Rachael Rose Luckey, President, Rampart Village NC

9:35 – 9:55 am **BREAK**

9:55 - 11:25 am **SESSION ONE**

MEET YOUR CITY OFFICIALS

City Council Chambers

Speakers: City Controller Ron Galperin, City Attorney Mike Feuer

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

HOT LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

3rd Floor Public Works Room

Coordinator/Speakers: Elise Ruden, Steve Houchin, Ruth Kwon, Deputy City Attorneys with the Neighborhood Council City Attorney Advice Division

Feeling overwhelmed by all the legal requirements you need to follow? This session is an opportunity to discuss legal issues and concerns facing your neighborhood council. From the Brown Act to social media, the Neighborhood Council Advice Division, Elise Ruden, Steve Houchin and Ruth Kwon will help to simplify and explain many of the common legal issues that affect NC's day to day operations. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and seek general advice from your legal representatives in the City Attorneys Office. The City Attorney's Labor Relations Division will also present an overview of their operations when NC's face issues concerning threats, discrimination and sexual harassment.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS / RYLAN PROGRAM

4th Fl Media Room

Coordinator: Dave Brown, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, SCPF

Presenters: Bob Gelfand, Coastal San Pedro NC Conrad Starr, Greater Wilshire NC Dave Brown, North Hills West NC

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Presentation of an editable template that all Neighborhood Councils can "brand" as their own Community Emergency Plan. Description of topics and "personalized" information sources each NC can use to fill out their own plan. Examples of several NC's that are well involved in doing so.

RYLAN (READY YOUR LA NEIGHBORHOOD)

Coordinator: Crisanta Gonzales, Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept

Presenters: Emergency Management Dept.: Carol Parks, Community Preparedness Division Chief; Crisanta Gonzales, Emergency Management Coordinator

A free service offered by the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept. that empowers neighborhoods to be more prepared for the next big disaster.

MOVING FROM CONFLICT TO COLLABORATION**Room: 1010**

Speaker: Emily Williams, Senior Deputy, Child Welfare, Education, Human Services, Veterans & Workforce Development for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

In this workshop, participants will learn how to implement strategies and coping mechanisms to more effectively interact with people who are perceived as “difficult.” Participants will also build awareness of their own emotional triggers that can lead to ineffective behaviors and make conflict difficult to manage.

PUBLIC SAFETY: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS & SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS**Room: 1020**

Moderated by: George Francisco, Vice President, Venice, former Public Safety Chair, Pacific Division CPAB

Presenters: Commander Gerald Woodyard, LAPD Community Engagement Group; SLO Adrian Acosta (PAC); SLO Paul Jordan (HWD); CRO Robert Figueroa (HWD); Chief Robert Arcos, LAPD

The panel will present informational segments concerning: the history of LAPD’s SLO (Senior Lead Officer) Program; Understanding the job of a SLO; and Best Practices for Increasing Partnership with your SLO. There will be question and answer sessions after each segment and a final, round-robin brainstorming segment. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from and engage with select representatives from LAPD’s Senior Lead Officer and Community Relations programs to better understand what goes into their jobs. We hope through your comments that we can help enhance LAPD policies to create stronger partnerships with communities.

RESILIENCYLA: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLANNING FOR AN EMERGENCY WITH LAFD CERT**Room: 1025**

Presenters: Cody Weireter, Captain I, LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Homeland Security Division and Terrence Gomes, Battalion 18 Coordinator, LAFD

In 2018, Mayor Garcetti introduced Resilient Los Angeles, a program designed as a commitment to a thriving future for all Angelenos. The Neighborhood Councils have been asked to create an emergency plan to incorporate the goals and actions of the chapter, Prepared and Responsive City. A program for the Neighborhood Council system utilizing the concept of Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) Planning was created under the leadership of Cody Weireter and Terrence Gomes. In this session you will learn to develop an emergency plan for your Neighborhood Council and community and greatly assist in building situational awareness and an operational picture for the Los Angeles Fire Department during an emergency to increase survivability outcomes.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL’S ROLE IN THE CITY BUDGET**Room: 1035**

Presented by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

Panelists: Barbara Ringuette, SilverLake NC; Jack Humphreville, Greater Wilshire NC; Ben Ceja, Asst. CAO, City of L.A.; Diana Mangioglu, Asst. GM Finance & Admin LA Dept. of Convention & Tourism

Speakers will describe the City Budget Process and timing, issues facing the City, the role of Budget Advocates and their interaction with City Hall and City Departments, and how all can work together to highlight issues and implement improvements. To receive the vital services our neighborhoods need, those services must be provided for in the City Budget. NC Budget Advocates make recommendations to address issues and identify efficiencies to improve City operations as well as to bring transparency to the City’s budget and finances.

TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**Room: 1040**

Coordinated by: Glenn Bailey

Panelists include: Metro (rail and bus projects), LA Department of Transportation (DASH buses and scooters), LA Walks (pedestrians), NC traffic/transportation committee chair(s).

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.

POWER OF COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS
Impacting Decisions from City Hall to Sacramento

Room: 1060

Facilitator: Lydia Grant

Presenters: Debra Bowen, Former CA Secretary of State; Jill Stewart, Executive Director, Coalition to PreserveLA and Dallas Fowler, Principal of Daltek Global, LLC

In this workshop you will learn the importance of Community Impact Statements (CIS), how to use them for additional speaking time, and how to use them for lobbying elected officials and others. Learn the who, what, when, where, how, and why of going to Sacramento to speak on issues that are important to you.

HOW TO RUN A PLANNING COMMITTEE

Room: 1070

Coordinator: Cindy Cleghorn, Chair, PlanCheckNCLA

Speakers: Ron Ziff, Past President & Land Use Committee Chair, Sherman Oaks NC; Kevin Davis, President, Foothill Trails District NC

This workshop will include the history and overview of the Planning Pilot Program with City Planning; Planning & Land Use Committee member certification, sharing land use committee best practices including NC board approval.

11:25 – 1:00 pm **LUNCH – City Hall Forecourt — Please have your RED lunch ticket.**

1:00 – 2:30 pm **SESSION 2**

NC: A SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS

City Council Chambers

Coordinator: Angie Aramayo, Central Area, Mayor Garcetti

Panelists: Deputy Mayor; Andrew Silver, Secretary, Board of Directors, NoHo Home Alliance; Brenda Shockley, Deputy Mayor; Tamar Galatzan, Asst. Supervisor Neighborhood Prosecutor; Amber Sheikh Ginsberg, CD15 Working Group on Homelessness; Thomas Booth, LCSW, West Hills NC; Emily Uyeda Kantrim, Assoc. Director, Safe Parking LA

This workshop will explore what different neighborhood councils are doing to help confront the City's homelessness crisis. It will start with an overview of what the City is doing to address and prevent homelessness and improve public health for everyone. Panelists will provide a list of referrals that neighborhood council leaders can use to serve their communities. This workshop will then segue into a series of presentations on different ways neighborhood councils have augmented what the City is doing to address homelessness and culminate in a discussion and brainstorm by attendees and panelists about additional ways the City and Neighborhood Councils can partner to solve homelessness in Los Angeles.

PLANNING FOR LA PROJECT REVIEW & POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

4th FI Media Room

Coordinator: City Planning Department / Fabiola Inzunza, External Affairs Liaison

Speakers: Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner, Project Planning, Los Angeles City Planning Department; Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner, Project Planning; Ari Briski, City Planning Associate, Citywide Policy

How are the zoning code and other planning policies implemented in Los Angeles? What kind of review process do development projects undergo? Join the City Planning Department to learn about how the project review process implements development regulations and policies. The Department will also go over how it receives, processes, and reviews proposed entitlement applications, prepares recommendations to decision makers, and issues determinations. The session will conclude with a tutorial on how to best access project information online.

HOW TO INTERACT WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

3rd FI Public Works Room

Moderator: Joy Atkinson, Commissioner, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)

Panel: Commissioner Mike Davis, President Pro Tem - Dept. of Public Works, Steve Bae, Wilshire Center Koreatown, Dina Andrews – Senior Field Deputy to Marqueece Harris Dawson

As stated in the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils one of the goals and objectives is to promote public participation in City governance and decision making processes so that government is more responsive to local needs and requests and so that more opportunities are created to build partnerships with government to address local needs and requests. Another goal is to facilitate the delivery of city services and city government responses to NC problems and requests for assistance by helping NCs to both identify and prioritize their needs and to effectively communicate those needs. This workshop will discuss how to accomplish these goals and objectives and to relate concerns to city departments and agencies.

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

PLEASE, name badge needed for all events and meal tickets for breakfast & lunch.

**BRINGING L.A.'S GREEN NEW DEAL TO
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS: SUSTAINABILITY / RESILIENCY**

Room: 1010

Coordinator: Glen Bailey, President, Northridge East NC; Conrad Starr, Greater Wilshire NC; Ernie Hidalgo, Chair, NCSA

Presenters: Jacquelyn Badejo, co-leader, Watts Clean Air & Energy Committee; Joanne D'Antonio, Trees Committee Chair, NCSA; Lauren Faber O'Connor, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Los Angeles; Lisa Hart, Steering Board Member, NCSA; Dan Kegel, Advocacy Committee Chair, NCSA; Rachel Malarich, City Forestry Officer, City of Los Angeles; Conrad Starr, Area 11 | Transportation Chair | Resilience Liaison, Greater Wilshire NC; Jessalyn Waldron, Co-Chair, Palms NC Green Committee

In April of this year, Mayor Garcetti announced a refresh of LA's sustainability pLAn, LA's Green New Deal, to address the climate crisis. What can Neighborhood Councils do to support LA's Green New Deal at the hyperlocal level while increasing civic engagement? We will talk about how to create actionable goals that are aligned with the Green New Deal and will also provide participants with tools for effecting change in urban forestry, decarbonizing buildings, addressing extreme heat, and more!

CREATING & ENHANCING PUBLIC SPACES

Room: 1020

Coordinator: Scott Epstein, Board Member, Mid City West Community Council

Presenters: Kevin Taylor, Past President Reseda NC; Doug Fitzsimmons, Board Member SORO

This workshop will explore how neighborhood councils can create and enhance public space in their communities. Scott Epstein, Chair of the Mid City West Community Council, Kevin Taylor, former President of the Reseda Neighborhood Council, and Doug Fitzsimmons, former President of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council, will share their experiences working on public space projects. Strategies, challenges, and potential partnerships will be discussed.

CITY PROGRAMS: FORUM A

Room: 1035

Coordinator: Semee Park, NC Operations, DONE

The following Departments will be speaking about their role with the public:

- Mayor's Office - Census 2020
- Ethics Commission
- Bureau of Engineering - Sidewalk Repair Program
- Department of Aging
- Department of Building & Safety
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
- LA Sanitation
- Los Angeles World Airport - Capital Improvement Program
- Department of City Planning
- LADWP
- Personnel Department

WORKING COMMITTEES MAKE GREAT COUNCILS

Room: 1040

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; Carolyn Casavan, Casavan Consulting

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. Committees are where people of passion and special skills work with the public to create action recommendations for a Neighborhood Council Board. Great committees make great Boards. Committees are also places where people can have real conversations. They engage stakeholders, give the community a voice, and spend the time needed to research issues and craft workable solutions. Running a committee is like building a small club. 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.

HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL MEETING**Room: 1050****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.

DIGITAL OUTREACH FOR NCS: SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSLETTERS, NEXTDOOR & MORE**Room: 1060****Coordinator/Speaker:** Ann-Marie Holman, Public Information Officer, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

While social media and email might be a part of your everyday personal life, it's different using these tools as an elected public official, or on behalf of a government agency such as an NC. Learn best practices for creating content and graphics to engage and educate your stakeholders through your NC newsletter and Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor accounts, while meeting standards for accessibility and transparency.

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE EVENT APPROVAL PROCESS**Room: 1070****Coordinator:** Janet Hernandez, City Clerk Funding NC Funding Division

During the workshop, NC funding Reps will work through each step of the event approval process. Board members will be given hands-on training on how to submit an Event Request to the NC Funding Program. NC board members will have an understanding of what documents are needed from vendors, what vendors will require a contract and when an event request is not needed. We will also provide a Q&A session to address any questions related to events.

2:30 – 2:40 pm**BREAK****2:40 – 4:10 pm****SESSION 3****HOMELESS ISSUES ROUNDTABLE****City Council Chambers****Coordinator:** Lydia Grant, Vice President, Sunland-Tujunga NC**Facilitator:** Terrence Gomes, President, LANCC

On January 3, 2015, when the Homeless Crisis was just a problem, the Neighborhood Councils got together and strongly advised Mayor Garcetti and the City Council to declare a "State Of Emergency" and implement the Neighborhood Council created Three Point Plan. The Mayor and the City Council ignored the problem for almost three years until it became a national disgrace.

It is time for the Neighborhood Councils to roll up their sleeves and come together to create tangible solutions that will effectively end the crisis as well as fulfilling our Charter Mandate.

UPDATING COMMUNITY PLANS AND THE ZONING CODE**3rd Floor Public Works Board Room****Coordinator:** City Planning Dept.: Fabiola Inzunza, Neighborhood Liaison**Panelists:** Shana M. Bonstin, Deputy Director, Community Planning; Phyllis Nathanson, Senior City Planner, Code Studies; Erick Lopez, City Planner, Code Studies

How will Community Plans use the City's new zoning code? How can Neighborhood Councils get involved? The City Planning Department will provide an overview of the current effort to comprehensively update and modernize the zoning code, focusing on how it will be implemented through the Community Plan update process. The Department will also provide an overview and current status of the Community Plan Update Program, which is underway in 16 of the City's 35 Community Plan Areas. The session will include information on how to get involved.

**PREPARATION, PRESENTATION, AND PERSUASION
PUBLIC SPEAKING THAT MAKES AN IMPACT**

4th Floor Media Room

Facilitator: Lydia Grant, Vice President Sunland-Tujunga NC, Former BONC Commissioner

Presenter: Debra Bowen, Former California Secretary of State and California State Assemblymember; Karen Foshay, Executive Producer of So Cal Connected; Lisa Miller, Education Representative, Neighborhood Council Valley Village; Dallas Fowler, Former Los Angeles City Commissioner

This workshop will take you on a journey from how to speak to public officials, how to prepare and present the information and everything in between. Have you ever tried to speak in Public Comment only to have your time shortened throwing off your speech? You will learn how to recover making sure the important points are covered and many other tips to help build your confidence. There will also be information on how to work with the media.

OUTREACH STRATEGIES: ENGAGING AND CONNECTING WITH YOUR STAKEHOLDERS Room: 1010

Coordinators/Speakers: Thomas Soong, Director Outreach & Communications DONE; Suzanne Lewis, Board member NC Valley Village

OUTREACH ~ Best Practices - Learn different strategies to engage your stakeholders. Tools such as asset mapping, commitment cards, sign-ups, and Swag will be discussed. There will be an opportunity to share and learn the Best Practices from each other and see how different regions throughout the City are engaging their stakeholders

PRESIDENT'S AND VP'S ROUNDTABLE

Room: 1020

Coordinator: Glenn Bailey, President, Northridge East NC

Presenter: George Francisco, Vice President, Venice NC

This is an open discussion for Presidents and Vice Presidents to ask questions of one another, share challenges, make suggestions, and otherwise support one another in leading the city's 99 Neighborhood Councils. We ask you to come ready to share, learn, and ask the tough questions.

CITY PROGRAMS: FORUM B

Room: 1035

Coordinator: Semee Park, NC Operations, DONE

The following Departments will be speaking about their role with the public:

- Controller Ron Galperin
- Department of Cannabis Regulation
- Emergency Management Department
- Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)
- LADOT
- Office of Finance
- Office of Community Beautification
- City Attorney Office - Victim Assistance Unit
- EWDD - Economic and Workforce Development Department
- Department on Disability

IF YOU ARE NOT LGBTQ THEN THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU

Room: 1040

Coordinator: Rachael Rose Luckey, President Rampart Village NC

What is the alphabet soup all about? How can I be a better ally? Are pronouns really that important? In what ways can my NC be more inclusive? What are some of the best practices for outreach? Answers to these questions, your questions and more!

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Room: 1050

Presenter: Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian

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.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS**Room: 1060****Coordinator/Presenter:** Jill Banks Barad, Founder and Chair Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC); 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.

SECRETARY’S ROUNDTABLE: ADMIN ISSUES FOR NC’S**Room: 1070****Coordinator(s)/Presenter(s)/Panelists:** Sarah Ramsawack, David Levine, Wendy Moore, Dave Brown

While every NC is unique in a variety of ways, all share a common need to be organized. The role of the NC Secretary is like Mission Control, with fault warnings, last minute drama and outside vagaries. Join us as we share tips & tricks to being organized, consistent and reliable in your operations, while saving valuable time, before, during and after meetings. Topics include tracking: attendance and compliance trainings, public requests for information (PRA’s), NC approved items, particularly NPG’s, to conclusion, an easy way to track Board votes for fast reference, to collecting legible sign-in information & adding it to your NC database. Session highlights include the critical importance of accurate and timely meeting minutes and incorporating professional (paid) expertise to ensure this. As well as leveraging your NC website to be an effective bi-directional window to your Stakeholders. Bring your questions and an open mind. All tales of tragedy will be assumed to be from some other NC, not yours.

4:20 – 4:45 pm**CLOSING SESSION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY****City Council Chambers****Raquel Beltrán, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment****5:00 pm****CONGRESS CONCLUDES**

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THANK YOU to all who participated in the 2019 Congress.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2020 Congress.



2019 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods

Meet Your Speakers, Panelists, and Coordinators



Debra Bowen – Former California Secretary of State

Debra Bowen received her law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. She began her accidental political career by joining her neighborhood watch. She learned the ropes of local government through volunteer work with various Venice groups,

and was a co-founder of PLAN-LA, a coalition of community groups from every council district that made it easier for citizens to collaborate. In 1992, Bowen was elected to the State Assembly followed by two terms in the State Senate.



Sarah M. Ramsawack – Congress Planning Committee

Nine years as a board member of the NHNENC and participant in serving the Neighborhood Council system.



Daniel A. Perez – Del Rey NC, Central Hollywood NC, Congress Planning Committee
LGBTQ, 24 year old activist with a passion for elevating marginalized communities, civic service, and improving communities.



Semee Park – serves as the Director of Neighborhood Council Operations for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. With over a decade of experience working for the City, Semee enjoys working with Neighborhood Councils and being of assistance. Semee also enjoys driving across the City, shopping at the Hollywood Farmer's Market, and good music.



Grayce Liu – is the City Engagement Officer for the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department. This newly created position oversees the recruitment, selection, onboarding, engagement, and training of the City workforce. Grayce is the former General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. She is looking forward to applying her experience with engaging

Neighborhood Councils for the past 12 years to her work with City employees.



Colette Amin – Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, Congress Planning Committee, JADV, CASFAA

I am eager to live my life to the fullest and to offer something of importance to the lives of others. My volunteerism nourishes my soul!



Raquel Beltrán – General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

A native of San Diego, Raquel Beltrán's professional experience includes over 35 years of public administration, community organizing, and non-profit management. Prior to joining the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment as General Manager, Raquel

had already spent 11 years supporting and partnering with the Neighborhood Council system, in her two previous roles as Associate Director of Cal State LA's Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs—which produces the Civic U training series—and Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles.



Joy Atkinson – Commissioner, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Congress Planning Committee

Joy is a private consultant specializing in developing and implementing community outreach programs, with a client list that includes former members of the California State Assembly and Fortune 500 companies.

A delegate to the California Democratic Party, she chairs a committee of the LA African American Women's PAC, and is Executive Director of the LA African American Women's Public Policy Institute.



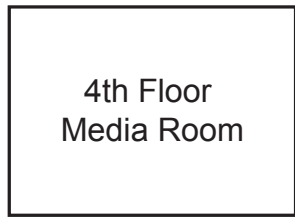
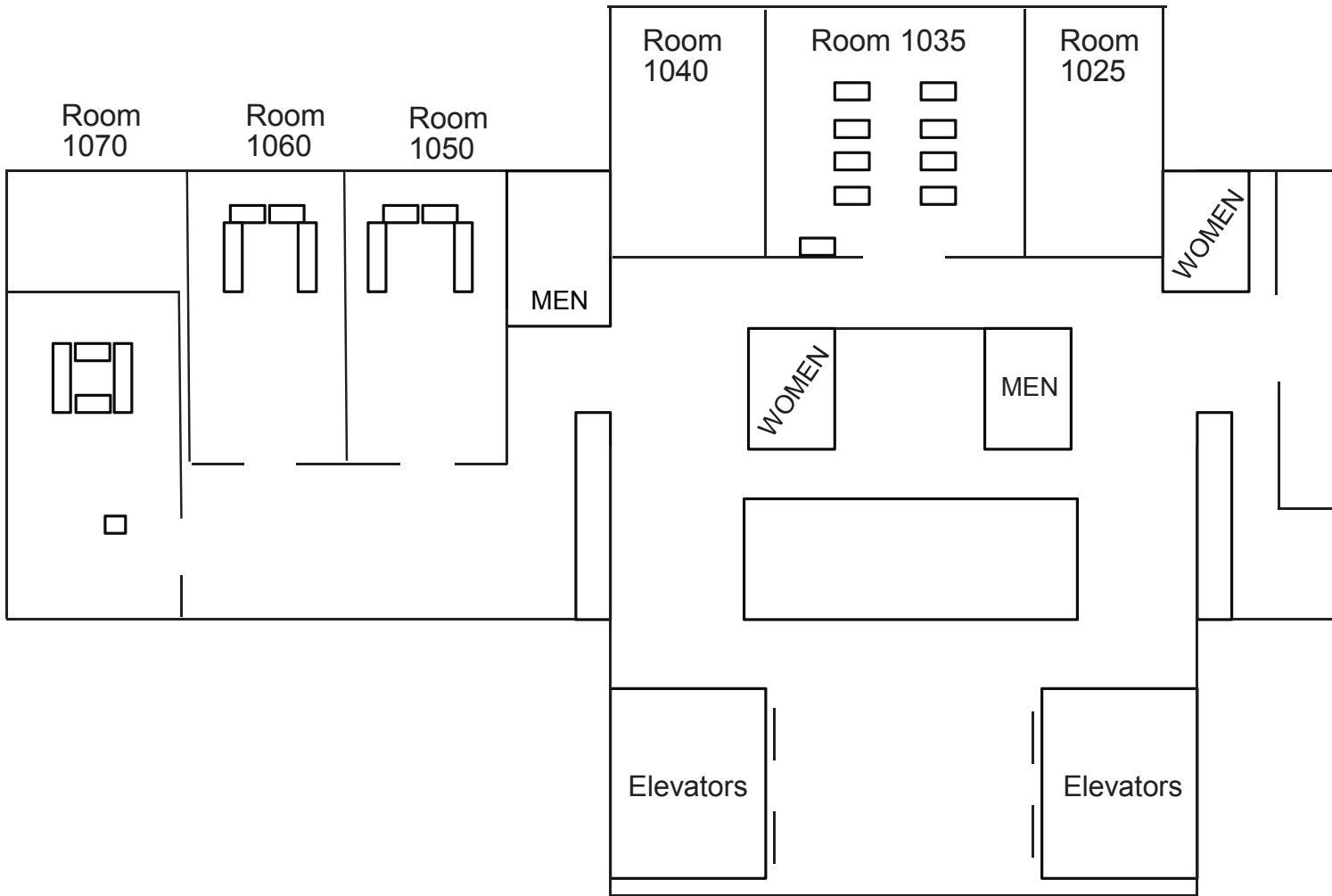
Tony Wilkinson – Panorama City NC - Chair, Land Use Committee, Congress Planning Committee

Tony Wilkinson is a founder and former President of the Panorama City Neighborhood Council and the current Chair of its Land Use Committee. He is also Past President and current Alternate Board member of the

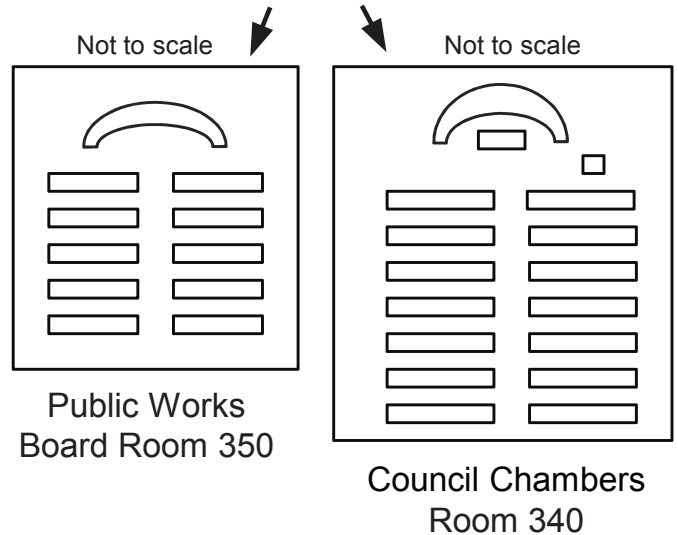
North Hills East Neighborhood Council. Tony is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), Chair of the citywide Neighborhood Council - LADWP MOU Oversight Committee, and a member of the Congress Planning Committee.

Map to Workshop Sessions

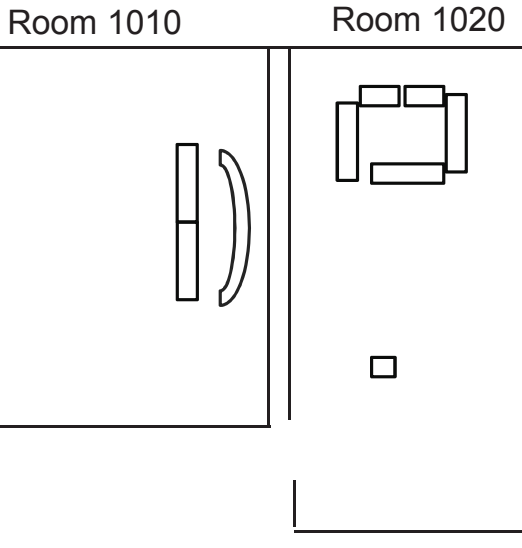
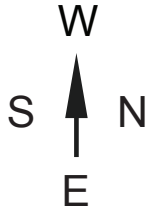
10th FLOOR ROOMS



3rd FLOOR ROOMS



The Media Room is on the 4th Floor.
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 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!



EMPOWER LA

Department of
NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

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

Meal tickets required
Breakfast = Yellow
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Pick up at Registration

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WORKSHOP SESSION	ROOM
REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS / NETWORKING • 7:45 am - 8:30 am	City Hall Rotunda
OPENING SESSION • 8:30 am - 9:35 am	City Council Chambers
BREAK • 9:35 am - 9:55 am	
SESSION 1 • 9:55 am - 11:25 am	
Meet Your City Officials	City Council Chambers
Hot Legal Issues Affecting Neighborhood Councils	3rd Fl Public Works Board Room
Emergency Preparedness/RYLAN Program	4th Floor Media Room
Moving from Conflict to Collaboration	1010
Public Safety: NCs & Senior Lead Officers	1020
ResiliencyLA: Neighborhood Council Planning	1025
NC Role in City Budget	1035
Transportation Opportunities & Challenges	1040
Board Basics & Effectiveness	1050
Power of Community Impact Statements	1060
How to Run a Planning Committee	1070
LUNCH • 11:25 pm - 1:00 pm	
SESSION 2 • 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	
NC: A Solution to Homelessness	City Council Chambers
How to Interact with City Departments & Agencies	3rd Fl Public Works Board Room
Bringing L.A.'s Green New Deal to Our NCs	4th Floor Media Room
Planning for LA Project Review & Policy Implementation	1010
Creating & Enhancing Public Spaces	1020
City Programs: Forum A	1035
Working Committees Make Great Councils	1040
How to Run A Successful Meeting	1050
Digital Outreach for NCs	1060
How to Navigate the Event Approval Process	1070
BREAK • 2:30 pm - 2:40 pm	
SESSION 3 • 2:40 pm - 4:10 pm	
Homeless Issues Roundtable	City Council Chambers
Community Plans & Zoning Code	3rd Fl Public Works Board Room
Prepare, Present, and Persuade	4th Floor Media Room
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CLOSING SESSION • 4:20 pm - 4:45 pm	
Closing Speaker: Raquel Beltrán, General Manager	City Council Chambers
CONGRESS CONCLUDES • 5:00 pm	

All workshops may be audio/video recorded.



Freddy Cupen-Ames – Los Angeles native, Freddy Cupen-Ames received his B.A. in Philosophy from Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and his MPA from the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy with a focus on Local Government. Freddy serves the City of Los Angeles as a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). As a

past Board Member for the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council along with his continued engagement with the Congress Planning Committee, Freddy seeks to assist the various neighborhoods he administers while utilizing available L.A. City resources to create a more self-sufficient public. Recently transitioning as a Housing Navigator II from L.A. Family Housing, his work in helping individuals experiencing homelessness attain housing is a driving force in Freddy's work with other Neighborhood Councils to address this issue by providing a service provider's perspective.



Cindy Cleghorn – Chair, Neighborhood Council Congress Planning Committee, Chair, PlanCheckNC, Secretary, Sunland-Tujunga NC, Executive Board, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Business Owner and advocate for planning and land use education for neighborhood councils and stakeholders. Active in the

improvement of Historic Olde Towne, Tujunga



Kevin Davis – President, Foothill Trails District NC, Congress Planning Committee
Long-time member and current president of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council



David Levin – Neighborhood Councils Services Provider, Approved Services

Mr. Levin is a Minutes Writer, Administrative Assistant and Office Manager for NCs and other organizations.



Lydia Grant – Vice President Community Improvement, Sunland-Tujunga NC, Former Commissioner, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Congress Planning Committee

Lydia has been active on land use and educational issues citywide, countywide, and even statewide. Lydia has fought for safety

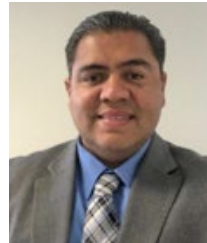
issues at local schools, and has helped parents navigate LAUSD for 30 years. She trains people on how to advocate on behalf of their children, schools and their communities.



Bob Gelfand – Chair, Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety, Coastal San Pedro NC, Founder, Coastal San Pedro NC, Congress Planning Committee

Bob Gelfand is a practicing molecular biologist working on cancer and stem cell science. He is one of the founders of the

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition. He has been involved in the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance since its inception more than three years ago and currently chairs his neighborhood council's committee on Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety.



Ben Ceja – Assistant City Administrative Officer (CAO), City of Los Angeles

Ben is responsible for the development and monitoring of the City's \$10 billion budget and oversees various fiscal matters including pensions and debt management. In Ben's 20 years of public sector experience, he has served in several management and

leadership positions for the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. Ben has a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University and a Masters of Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of Berkeley.



Glenn Bailey – President, Northridge East NC

Glenn Bailey is a founder and past president of the Encino NC. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), an officer of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Coalition (LANCC), and is currently serving as a NC Budget Advocate. Glenn is Vice Chair of L.A. City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, a representative on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, which is advisory to the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, and also serves on the boards of other community, civic, and non-profit organizations.



Jill Stewart – Executive Director, Coalition to PreserveLA

Coalition to PreserveLA is a movement of several thousand concerned residents who believe in open government, people-oriented planning, equitable housing and environmental stewardship of Los Angeles through advocacy and empowering communities.

*Thank You to the 2019
Speakers, Panelists & Coordinators*



Jack Humphreville – Co-chair of Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

Jack has been a Budget Advocate for eight years. He also serves as chair of the Neighborhood Council DWP Committee. Jack is a long-time contributor to City Watch where he comments on the finances of the City and DWP. His concerns are the City's

Structural Deficit, Service Deficit, and Intergenerational Theft as well as DWP rates.



Barbara Ringuette – Vice Chair – Development, Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

Barbara has 10 years experience in the NC system, currently serving on the Governing Board of the Silver Lake NC, Co-chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, representative to both PlanCheckNC and

the Alliance of River Communities, and on the Urban Design and Preservation Committee. Also, Barbara is appointed to the City Revenue Commission and serves as Secretary for the Silver Lake Improvement Association. Her interests to improve her community include addressing land use issues and homelessness.



Crisanta Gonzalez – Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Los Angeles, Emergency Management Department

Crisanta is the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department's Disaster Manager over the San Fernando Valley Bureau. In her current position,

she is responsible for promoting and facilitating emergency preparedness efforts for over 2 million residents in this region of the city. This includes individual, family, neighborhood, community and business preparedness. She has a Master's in Public Administration for Emergency Management from Anna Maria College, and has a certificate from Harvard University for a Fellowship in Leadership. Her career as a Civil Servant spans 18 years over various governmental organizations including California Department of Water Resources, California State Controller's Office, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department.



Dave Brown – Secretary & Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Chair, North Hills West Neighborhood Council, Congress Planning Committee

Amateur Radio, CERT, PADI, SoCalPrep, and a multitude of certifications and endorsements provide a unique perspective to promote and present Emergency Preparedness for our

community as a full time volunteer.



Rachael Rose Luckey – President, Rampart Village NC, Congress Planning Committee

Rachael Rose Luckey is a community rights activist, with special emphasis on housing and tenant justice, living in Los Angeles. As President of the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council, she is the first openly

transgender person to become president of an NC. Also Vice-Chair of one of LA Care Health Plan's Regional Community Advisory Committees (RCAC 4), on the Steering Committee of the Alliance of River Communities, lead organizer for the Trans Leadership Summit 2020, and a member of the LAPD LGBT Working Group. Her passionate galvanized desire to see ALL Americans living free with dignity and having the opportunity to prosper in this new millennium are the defining factors in her continued commitment to giving it her all.



Terrence Gomes – President, Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

Terrence Gomes is President of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department CERT Call-out team. He is also a Boardmember of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council as a business

representative who during his tenure has developed the concept for Neighborhood Councils to increase environmental awareness for their communities 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. His latest endeavors for the last four years include working on practical solutions on the homeless crisis, emergency preparedness for communities, and is a first responder that works in the film industry.



Conrad Starr – Transportation Chair | Resilience Liaison, Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

Conrad Starr is Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association President; CERT Battalion 18 member and neighborhood team lead; Wilshire Community-Police Advisory Board Secretary; and Transportation Chair,

Assistant Secretary, Resilience Liaison, and Sycamore Square Representative for the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council. Conrad co-presented on Emergency Radio Communications at the 2018 Congress of Neighborhoods.



Lauren Faber O'Connor – Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Los Angeles

Lauren Faber O'Connor is the Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Los Angeles. In her role she is driving the implementation of Mayor Garcetti's newly released LA's Green New Deal, a global model for local action to confront the climate crisis.



Emily Williams – Emily C. Williams works as a senior policy deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who represents the Second District. In her role, she shapes his policy agenda in the areas of Aging, Child Welfare, Early Childhood Development, Education, Fire & Emergency Response, Gender Equity, Intimate Partner & Domestic Violence, Public Social Services,

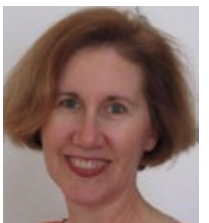
Veteran & Military Affairs, and Workforce Development. One of her primary responsibilities is to articulate and implement the Supervisor’s multi-faceted approach to ending the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).



Lisa Hart – Steering Board Member, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Lisa Hart is an organizational development consultant who helps organizations create initiatives that leverage diversity and empower communities to address systemic problems. She is a founding board member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability

Alliance and served as chair of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee in 2014 and 2015.



Wendy Moore – Principal, Moore Business Results

An expert marketing and information organization. Wendy Moore has been working with Neighborhood Councils for 14 years restructuring website content to improve user experience, planning communications

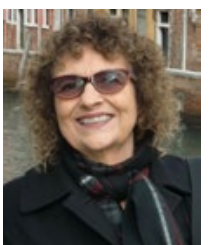
strategies, giving voice to NC successes and maintaining contact with stakeholders via websites, eblasts, social media and news articles.



Jacquelyn Badejo – Co-leader, Watts Clean Air & Energy Committee

Jacquelyn Badejo is a leader of the Watts Clean Air & Energy Committee, whose mission is to empower the Watts community to achieve environmental justice by improving air quality and facilitating access to careers in the green energy industry. She

has also served on (and led) the Watts Neighborhood Council.



Joanne D'Antonio – Trees Committee Chair, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Joanne D'Antonio, a Greater Valley Glen Council board member, founded the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee. She served on the Urban Forestry Management Plan Working Group,

which produced the Dudek Report. Joanne has been appointed to the Community Forest Advisory Committee by Council District 2 and is awaiting confirmation.



Jessalyn Waldron – Co-Chair, Palms Neighborhood Council Green Committee

Jessalyn Waldron has been an engaged community member and ocean advocate for as long as she can remember. Having experience researching corals, interning with Mayor Garcetti and working with non-profits on plastic pollution solutions, she now serves

as the co-chair of the Green Committee in the Palms Neighborhood Council.



Elise Ruden – is the Managing Deputy City Attorney in the Neighborhood Council Advice Division (NCAD). She joined the unit in 2017.

Prior to joining NCAD, Elise served as a prosecutor in the Central Trials, Criminal

Division and thereafter, she was assigned to the City Attorney’s Environmental Justice and Protection Unit where she prosecuted environmental crimes and litigated unfair business practice civil enforcement actions against Fortune 500 companies. She is the regional attorney for the entire San Fernando Valley (Regions 1 through 4).



Steve Houchin – is a Deputy City Attorney with the City Attorney’s Neighborhood Council Advice Division. Steve joined the City

Attorney’s Office in 2014 and previously served as the Neighborhood Prosecutor

assigned to LAPD’s Olympic and Hollywood Divisions, where he worked to solve quality of life issues including narcotics crimes, gang activity, and illegal dumping. Prior to joining the City Attorney’s Office, Steve worked as a civil litigator and Deputy District Attorney in Ventura County. He is currently the assigned regional attorney for neighborhood councils in the West, Central, and Harbor areas.



Ruth Kwon – is a Deputy City Attorney with the City Attorney’s Neighborhood Council Advice Division. Ruth joined the City Attorney’s Office in 2017 as a litigator for the Business and Complex Litigation Division.

Prior to joining the City Attorney’s Office, Ruth served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California, handling a variety of civil litigation matters on behalf of the federal government. Ruth started her legal career at the San Francisco office of Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, where she was a managing associate. Ruth is the regional attorney for the neighborhood councils located in Regions 7 (East), 8 (North East LA), 9 (South LA 2), 10 (South LA 1), as well as Los Feliz, North Westwood, and Porter Ranch neighborhood councils.



Brenda Shockley – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Brenda Shockley was appointed as the Deputy Mayor of Economic Opportunity for the City of Los Angeles by Mayor Eric Garcetti in July 2016.



Dan Kegel, Advocacy – Committee Chair, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Dan Kegel is a software engineer with degrees in engineering and biology from Caltech. He's a member of Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council's sustainability committee, chairs the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance's [NCSA's]

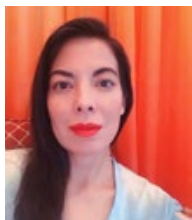
advocacy committee, is an NCSA representative on LADWP's 100% renewable energy advisory group, and contributes to the Larchmont Buzz.



Suzanne Lewis – Neighborhood Council Valley Village [NCVV], current Chair, City Services, Co-Chair Communications, Congress Planning Committee

Past Chair, Events & Outreach that was Honored by NC Congress in 2014 for "Light Up Valley Village." NC Budget Representative, NC Emergency Preparedness

Alliance Representative, LA Homeless Liaison, FilmLA Liaison, Sustainability Alliance Representative. LA Native, UCLA graduate and small business owner of a Publicity and Special Events company with 25 years experience from The Walt Disney Concert Dedication to a 5K Run for Cedars-Sinai Hospital.



Ann-Marie Holman – Public Information Officer for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, managing their public relations, social media and weekly newsletter, as well as educating Neighborhood Council Members on branding, outreach and social media.



Emily Uyeda Kantrim – Associate Director, Safe Parking LA

Emily Uyeda Kantrim creates programs that harness underutilized parking lots for Angelenos experiencing homelessness and sleeping in their vehicles at night. Emily previously managed a research program in archaeology at UCLA. She chairs the Midtown

Los Angeles Homeless Coalition and has previously served on the Mid City West Community Council.



Thomas Booth – LCSW, West Hills Neighborhood Council, Homelessness Committee Co-chair

I am a founding member of the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness which includes 14/16 West San Fernando Valley NCs. I currently work at LAC-DMH as a Psychiatric Social Worker II. And serve on the

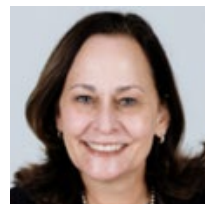
Canoga Park Bridge Housing Community Input Board



Thomas Soong – Director of Outreach and Communications for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Prior to coming to the Department, Tom was a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) Americorp member, a voter engagement specialist with the City of Los Angeles City Clerk, and a field deputy for a Councilman in

the City of Los Angeles. Currently, he is also on a team with the Fellowship Monrovia & Center for Racial Reconciliation that tackles the difficult conversations of race and reconciliation on individual and systemic levels. Tom earned his B.A. in Sociology with a Specialization in Education from the University of California, Los Angeles and his M.A. in Executive Masters in Leadership from the University of Southern California. He and his wife live in Altadena and are parents to three pugs.



Carol Parks – Community Preparedness & Engagement Division Chief, City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department

Carol is one of four senior emergency managers at the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. She

leads the Community Preparedness & Engagement Division to prepare residents and communities for all hazards.



Nina Womack – Founder, Let's Be Whole & At-Large Rep & Co-Chair of Homeless Committee for NANDC [North Area Neighborhood Council]

North Area Neighborhood Council Board Member, Mental Health and Homeless Advocate, Nina Womack founded Let's Be Whole, a holistic wellness program and

organic food bank for underserved communities. Having recovered from homelessness personally due to domestic violence, Nina is very proactive in providing real solutions for those without a home.



Erick Lopez – City Planner, Code Studies, Los Angeles City Planning Department

Erick Lopez is a City Planner with the Los Angeles City Planning Department with over 16 years of experience. Erick is working on the comprehensive rewrite of the City's Zoning Code.



Tamar Galatzan – Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Tamar Galatzan is the Assistant Supervisor of the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program. Tamar joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's office in 2002 as the Neighborhood Prosecutor assigned to Van Nuys Division. During her 17 years with the program, she's

also been assigned to North Hollywood, Hollywood and Northeast Divisions.



Amber Sheikh Ginsberg – CD15 Working Group on Homelessness

Amber serves on the Mayor’s Harbor-area Homelessness Organizing Committee and coordinates the Council District 15 Working Group on Homelessness. In 2019, Amber was appointed the Harbor Area Planning Commission. She currently serves as a

board member of Social Venture Partners LA and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. In 2019 Amber was chosen as LA City Council District 15’s Pioneer Woman of the Year for her work on homelessness and gender equity.



Shana M. Bonstin – Deputy Director, Community Planning, Los Angeles City Planning Department

Shana M.M. Bonstin is the Deputy Director for the Community Planning Bureau with the Los Angeles City Planning Department. Shana manages Community Plan Updates and targeted geographic policy initiatives at the

neighborhood and community level in the City of Los Angeles.



Phyllis Nathanson – Senior City Planner, Code Studies, Los Angeles City Planning Department

Phyllis Nathanson has worked in the Los Angeles City Planning Department for 16 years. Phyllis manages work in the Code Studies Division, which includes the comprehensive rewrite of the City’s Zoning

Code and targeted amendments to the current Zoning Code. zoning code.



Michelle Singh – Senior City Planner, Project Planning, Los Angeles City Planning Department

Michelle Singh is a Senior City Planner with the Los Angeles City Planning Department with over 15 years of experience. Michelle manages a team of planners responsible for processing community plan implementation

overlay district, specific plan compliance, zone change and general plan amendment applications in the South, Harbor and West section of the Project Planning Bureau.



Debbie Lawrence – Senior City Planner, Project Planning, Los Angeles City Planning Department

Debbie Lawrence is a Senior City Planner with the Los Angeles City Planning Department with over 13 years of experience. Debbie manages the West and Coastal Project Planning section of the Department’s

Project Planning Bureau. Debbie currently manages a large caseload for projects in the City’s coastal and west side hillside community plan areas.



Scott Epstein – has served as a board member on the Mid City West Community Council since 2012 and as Chair of the board since 2014. Under Scott’s leadership, Mid City West has twice won the EmpowerLA award: once for winning \$2.3 million in Metro grant funding to build two neighborhood greenways, and once for revitalizing the Rosewood Garden pocket park. Scott

believes neighborhood councils can be a powerful force for improving the city’s streets, parks, and other public spaces.



Ari Briski – City Planning Associate, Citywide Policy, Los Angeles City Planning Department

Ari Briski has worked in the Los Angeles City Planning Department for 4 years. Ari started her city career in the Department’s Office of Historic Resources and currently works on long-range policy planning.



Andrew Silver – Secretary, Board of Directors, NoHo Home Alliance

After retiring from an insurance career analyzing and consulting with businesses, Andrew set about learning best practice solutions for the homeless crisis. As Chair of the Studio City Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee, Andrew seeks to

implement solutions that benefit the community and our homeless neighbors.



Carolyn Casavan, P.E. – Chief Engineer, Casavan Consulting

Casavan Consulting is a sustainability and environmental consulting company. She is a former Board Member of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, where she served as both Board Secretary and Chair of the Green Committee. She has also been active on the

Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.



George Francisco – Vice President, Venice NC

George Francisco is the current Vice-President of the Venice Neighborhood Council. This is his third term of Board tenure during which he has chaired 4 committees, been a member of 9 and overseen an annual roster of around 15 committees each year.

George also serves as the President of the Venice Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Pacific Division’s Community Police Advisory Board where he chairs their Events Committee.



Dallas Fowler – Proud Los Angeles native and graduate of the School of Business and Industry at Florida A & M University. She is the Principal of Daltek Global, LLC a boutique digital and print media firm specializing in outreach, diversity, political and business development consulting. She served in Mayor Eric Garcetti’s cabinet as Commissioner on the LAPD Police Permit Review Board and the

Commission on the Status of Women. Her career began in construction where worked on over 20 publicly funded projects and transitioned to supplier diversity for a top 5 bank. A life-long Democrat, Dallas has been actively working on campaigns for over 20 years. Her recent victory was serving as SoCal Director for Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis’ campaign. Dallas believes her experiences will lead her to higher service to the City of Los Angeles.



Jesse N. Marquez – Executive Director, Coalition For A Safe Environment

Jesse N. Marquez is the executive director of the non-profit community based Environmental Justice Organization the Coalition For A Safe Environment [CFASE]. CFASE was established in April 2001 in Wilmington, California to eliminate, reduce and mitigate the environmental, public health, public safety and community socio-economic impacts caused by International Trade Marine Ports, Freight Transportation Corridors, Petroleum Industry and Energy Industry. CFASE recently has completed writing a Wilmington Community Emergency preparedness plan.



Ivan Spiegel – Parliamentarian/Election Chair, Venice Neighborhood Council, Congress Planning Committee

Ivan has worked as an Independent Election Administrator for numerous Neighborhood Councils and as the Election Chair in Venice he has consistently had some of the largest turnouts in the NC system.



Rachel Malarich – City Forestry Officer, City of Los Angeles

Recently appointed to serve as the City of Los Angeles’ first City Forest Officer, Rachel Malarich has over 12 years of experience in Southern California urban forestry with a focus on urban forest management, strategic planning, and community engagement.



Steve Bae – Steve is a long-time resident of Los Angeles and has served on WCKNC for just over a year. He looks forward to serving the diverse community he represents and is looking forward to making Los Angeles a better community for all.



Doug Fitzsimmons – served as President of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council from 2008 to 2018.

Doug is proudest of the Board’s efforts to build pride and identity within the community, its strengthening of ties to the Neighborhood Associations and local organizations; its fight for Police and Fire resources; its involvement in City regulation of marijuana dispensaries and billboards; its work in transportation planning for SORO; and its revitalization planning for the Robertson, Venice, and Pico business corridors, the latter culminating in South Robertson’s designation as one of LA’s Great Streets. Doug also served as Chair of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, a consortium of all thirteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside.



Dr. Mike Davis – currently serves as President Pro Tem of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, his work centers on assisting minority-owned businesses in obtaining construction and personal service contracts in the City of Los Angeles.



Captain Cody Weireter – is the Los Angeles Fire Department’s Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] Unit Commander. Captain Weireter is tasked with the coordination and facilitation of community based preparedness training throughout the entire City of Los Angeles as well as the coordination of CERT disaster response. Captain Weireter’s experience

spans across several areas of emergency management including Wildland Fires, Incident Command, and Emergency Public Information.



Jill Banks Barad – Founder and Chair Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils [VANC], Past President Sherman Oaks NC, LADWP Commissioner

Jill has been a civic leader in Los Angeles for over 38 years. She founded VANC now in its 17th year and the oldest and largest alliance of Neighborhood Councils in the City, and is the “model of regional governance” and is a model for other alliances throughout the City. Jill serves on the Board of Commissioners for LADWP, appointed by Mayor Garcetti. She was recently named by The San Fernando Valley Business Journal as one of the most Influential Leaders in the Valley Area 2019.



Amy Perkins – MSW, is the Director of Interim Housing Strategies for the Office of Mayor Garcetti, overseeing crisis housing interventions, including the A Bridge Home project. Amy came to the city from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), where she was the Associate Director of the Access & Engagement Department, overseeing the training and

develop of over 100 street outreach workers and aligning the department's operations and strategic vision.



Diana Mangioglu – is the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Administration with the Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development (CTD). Diana's spectrum of duties includes oversight of Administration, Human Resources, Management Information Systems, and Financial Management for the CTD. In addition, Ms. Mangioglu assists the CTD

Executive Director with the management of the City's contracts with AEG Facilities and the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board (LATCB), focusing on marketing, operational policy and budget review.

Thank you to speakers who are not listed in the program.

The Congress of Neighborhoods is designed by neighborhood council leaders with “how to” sessions that cover both basic information and more advanced topics of interest. There is sure to be something for all 99 certified Neighborhood Councils.

This is an opportunity to join an energized team of key Neighborhood Council leaders from across the city working together with positive energy, respect, and commitment.

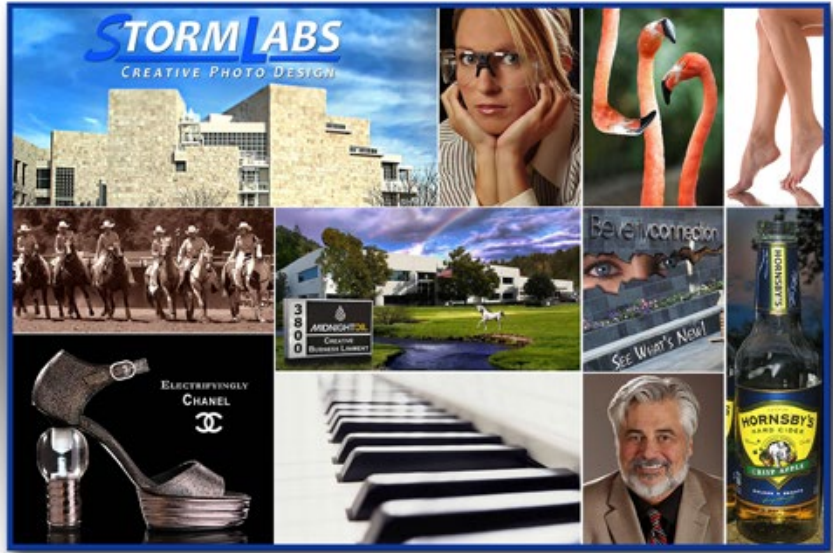
Planning Committee meetings will be held monthly to plan Congress details, including:

- Theme, workshops, and speakers
- Exhibitors
- Outreach: getting 100% participation by the Neighborhood Councils
- Dignitaries: Mayor, City officials, City departments, and others
- Congress Day Program
- Logistics
- Registration
- Web presence and social media
- News media and public relations
- Volunteer recruitment and management
- Fundraising and budget
- Catering
- Surveys before and after the Congress



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The Waller Award

Tribute to Randy Waller, Congress Planning Committee

The Waller Award, named for long-time Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Council supporter Randy Waller, is being introduced at this year's Congress of Neighborhoods. Randy tirelessly supported the Congress Planning Committee as Registration Chair. He created, printed and organized the team of volunteers at each Congress event. Randy wanted the NC Congress experience to be memorable. He made sure first impressions were lasting by creating the name badge so everyone you meet would get to know you.

Because the annual Congress of Neighborhoods is the city's largest annual gathering of Neighborhood Council leaders and stakeholders, this award is being introduced to carry on the legacy of Randy Waller and his drive to engage all Neighborhood Council leaders to participate in the annual Neighborhood Council Congress. It is the goal of the Congress Planning Committee that each year a Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Council leader will be recognized for their work to advance civic engagement and participation in local government.

In Memoriam

The Neighborhood Council Congress 2019 recognizes the passing of Neighborhood Council leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Neighborhood Council system and their communities.

Caney Arnold [Harbor City]

DeDe Audet [Venice]

Sharon Blackburn [Zapata-King]

Joe Hoffman [Greater Wilshire]

Edward Hunt [Hollywood Studio District]

Eric Manskire [Granada Hills South]

Ramon Montoya [Harbor Gateway North]

Keith Schwalenberg [Studio City]

Randy Waller [Westlake North and Westlake South]



Breakfast Buffet

Assorted Breakfast Burritos - Eggs with Country Potato, Sausage, Bacon and Veggies

Breakfast Platter - Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Country Potatoes, and Toast

Assorted Morning Pastries, Assorted Croissants, Fruit Platter, Yogurt Parfait

Build your own Oatmeal with Walnuts, Cranberries, Brown Sugar

Beverages - Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Tea

Regular & Decaf Coffee and Water

Lunch Buffet

Italian Style

Chicken Parmesan, Lemon Chicken, Rotelli Pasta Alfredo,

Vegetarian Choice - Pasta Veggie al Pomodoro, Grilled Veggies, Garlic Mashed Potato

Salads - Caesar Salad, House Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing

Garlic Bread

Dessert - Lemon Cello Cake, Tiramisu

Beverages - Assorted Sodas

Mexican Fiesta

Chicken Fajitas, Chili Verde Carnitas

Rice, Beans, Flour Tortillas, Sour Cream, Guacamole

Vegan Choice - Veggie Fajitas, Pico de Gallo, Red & Green Salsa

Dessert - Flan

Beverages - Agua Fresca - Horchata, Jamaica, Watermelon and Lemon

Regular & Decaf Coffee, Tea and Water

Yellow Ticket = Breakfast

Red Ticket = Lunch

Notes

RESOURCE FAIR

INFORMATION / EXHIBIT TABLES

Mayor Eric Garcetti - Census 2020 Initiative & Office of Public Engagement

Controller Ron Galperin

City Attorney Mike Feuer

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Bureau of Engineering

Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification

Bureau of Street Lighting

City Clerk - Outreach & Public Affairs Administration

Department of Aging

Department of Disability

Department of Cannabis Regulation

Department of City Planning

Ethics Commission

Emergency Management Department

Economic and Workforce Development Department

FilmLA

Office of Finance

Rocket Rules

LA EOO Village

Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department

ITA - 311

Department of Building & Safety

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Department of Transportation

Los Angeles Public Library

LA Sanitation & Environment (LSAN)

Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA)

LA Zoo

Personnel Department

StreetsLA - Public Works Street Services

Air Quality Management District

Amateur Radio + Emergency Preparedness

KCET

PlanCheckNCLA

Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight

Urban Strategy Group

NC Sustainability Alliance

MOA Wellness

Vision of Health

The NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS of the CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Arleta
3rd Tuesday
Osborne Neighborhood Church
13501 Osborne Street
Arleta, CA 91331

Arroyo Seco
4th Monday
Ramona Hall
4580 Figueroa, L.A., 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 Room
2130 East First St., L.A., CA 90033

CANNDU
4th Thursday
Los Angeles Ascot Public Library
120 West Florence Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90003

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 Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90011

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

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

Chatsworth
1st Wednesday
Lawrence Middle School
10100 Variel 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 Boulevard
Del Rey, CA 90066

Downtown Los Angeles
2nd Tuesday
Los Angeles Theatre
615 S. Broadway, L.A., 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
www.echoparknc.com/

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

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

**Empowerment Congress
North Area**
1st Thursday
www.nandc.org

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

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

**Empowerment Congress
West Area**
Community Town Hall Meeting:
1st Saturday

Board Meeting: 3rd Monday
Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
Community Room (near Sears)
3650 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90008

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

Foothills 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., L.A., 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 School,
Rawley Hall
10535 Zelzah Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Greater Cypress Park
2nd Tuesday
Cypress Park Recreation Center
2630 Pepper Ave., L.A., CA 90065

Greater Toluca Lake
3rd Tuesday
Toluca Lake Elementary School
Auditorium
4840 Cahuenga 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)
General Membership Meeting, 7 pm
135th St. Elementary School
801 W. 135th St.
Gardena, CA 90247

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

Hermion
The Second Thursday of Odd
Numbered Months
The Hermon Fellowship Centre
5800 Monterey Road, Los Angeles
(unless otherwise noted)

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

Historic Cultural North
1st Tuesday
Varies

Historic Highland Park
1st Thursday
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 Corner of
Hollywood and Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Hollywood United
3rd Monday (except for Jan./Feb.
when it is held on the fourth)
Fire Station 82 Annex, Second 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
17000 Gault Street
Lake Balboa CA 91406

Lincoln Heights
3rd Thursday
Lincoln Heights Senior Citizens Cntr
2324 Workman St.
Los Angeles, CA 90031

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

MacArthur Park
1st and 4th Monday
The Seven Maples Community Room
2618 W. 7th Street, 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 Room
4849 Venice Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019-5664

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

Mission Hills
1st Monday
Mission Community Police Station –
Falco Room
11121 Sepulveda Blvd.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

NoHo
2nd Monday
East Valley High School
5525 Vineland Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601

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

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

North Hollywood North East
3rd Thursday
LA Fire Station 89
7063 Laurel Canyon
North Hollywood, CA 91605

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

North Westwood
1st Wednesday
UCLA Weburn Commons, 4th Fl
11020 Weyburn Dr., LA 90024
empowerla.org/nwnc

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

Northridge South
4th Thursday (3rd Nov & Dec)
Northridge Middle School
17960 Chase Street
Northridge, CA 91325

Northridge West
2nd Tuesday
Northridge Christian Church
18901 Chatsworth St.
Northridge, CA 91326

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

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 in Nov & Dec)
Mission Community Hospital
Medical Office, 2nd Floor
14860 Roscoe Blvd.
Panorama City, CA 91402

Park Mesa Heights
2nd Saturday
YES Academy
3140 Hyde Park Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

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

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

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 Monday 3rd Monday
Reseda Neighborhood Council
Community Space
1818 Sherman Way
Reseda, CA 91335

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

Silver Lake
1st Wednesday
Ivanhoe Elementary School
Auditorium
2828 Herkimer Street
Los Angeles, CA 90039

South Central
3rd Tuesday
All People Community Center
822 E 20th St., LA, 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
Varies
stnc.org

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

Tarzana
4th Tuesday
Tarzana Elementary School
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 Avenue
Valley Village, CA 91607

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

Venice
3rd Tuesday
Westminster Elementary Auditorium
1010 Abbott Kinney Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

Voices of 90037
2nd Tuesday
Vermont Square Library
1201 W 48th St., L.A., CA 90037

Watts
2nd Tuesday
St. John's United Methodist Church
1715 Santa Ana Blvd. North,
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 Street
West Hills, California 91307

West Los Angeles Sawtelle
4th Wednesday
Felicia Mahood Center
11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Westlake North
2nd Thursday
Central City Neighborhood Partners
(CCNP)
501 S. Bixel Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Westlake South
4th Wednesday
MacArthur Park Community Room
2230 W 6th Street (3rd Floor)
Los Angeles, CA 90057

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

Westwood
2nd Wednesday
Westwood Presbyterian Church
10822 Wilshire Boulevard,
Hoffman Hall
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 Center
4920 South Avalon Blvd.

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in the City of Los Angeles