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**Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC)  
Board of Directors General Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7:00pm**

**In-person meeting location: Marina del Rey Middle School,  
12500 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90066**

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<http://tinyurl.com/DRNCdocsNovember2025>

**Spanish translation is available for this meeting through Zoom captions.**

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** President **Ravi Sankaran** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Secretary Siegal** called the roll and quorum was met.

**Members Present:** Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, McGinley.

**Members Absent:** Rosenthal, Sanchez.

## 2. Update on Board activities and announcements

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events

- i. Del Rey Day, Sunday, October 26

**Member Sankaran** share a Del Rey Day video recap made by member **Rosenthal** which can be viewed on the DRNC website.

- ii. Del Rey Run Club, Thursday, October 30  
**Member Martinez** stated it was a pretty good start with a lot of excitement from members who expressed more involvement in the future. The next meet is Thurs. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and an Instagram account will be created.

b. Upcoming events

- i. LAPD Pacific Division 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Saturday, November 15, 11:00-3:00, 12312 Culver Blvd.  
**POSTPONED** because of rain.

**3. Government Reports and Presentations**

a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez

- i. **Ramirez** stated the LAPD anniversary was postponed due to weather with a tentative future date. **Ramirez** listed crime statistics in Del Rey and noted rapes increased from last year at 10 to 14 this year, robberies are down 13% and violent crime is down overall. There was a reduction in property crime, motor vehicle theft and overall theft is down 15% along with property crime down 18%.
- ii. **Ramirez** noted the 5000 Beethoven property is vacant now, sanitation operations are planned for Sawtelle and Braddock. **Member Sankaran** asked what are steps to keep bird island clear. **Ramirez** noted 24 hr. security, fencing and possible development. Ramirez stated around ten people got services and others relocate on their own.
- iii. **Member Barish** asked what led to the drop in residential burglaries. **Ramirez** stated better follow up on arrests past in the past three years, cameras, social media and facial ID. **Member Damata** asked about LAPD staffing. **Ramirez** stated they have 8,200 but 300-600 officers retire every year and they are doing the best with what they can as the background process takes six months to a year and they are very selective when hiring.

b. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, [Matthew.Halden@lacity.org](mailto:Matthew.Halden@lacity.org)

- i. **Halden** noted 12 people accepted housing from the 5000 Beethoven property and thanked SLO Ramirez for their help. **Halden** stated a fire was started at an encampment under the 90 Freeway median and Tracy Park has requested assistance from Gov. Newsom. **Halden** noted any CALtrans jurisdiction, city crews do not have legal right of entry to clean, clear or do any brush removal and they asked the state to grant legal

- right of entry for sanitation crews to enter but it has not been granted.
- ii. **Halden** stated operations are scheduled for the Beach and Del Rey Ave. encampment, vacant lot and they are pursuing 4118 protections as well as for the Braddock and 405 underpass which qualifies under critical infrastructure. **Halden** noted operations are cut by 80% but they have a CAO operation planned for vehicles on Sawtelle and the office is working with city planning to revoke coastal exemption given to the wall at Ralphs.
  - iii. **Member Sankaran** stated the CALtrans property has been taking a long time and **Halden** noted there are procedural, legal issues. **Member Damata** asked about the population near the 90 Freeway. **Halden** stated it is 75 to 100 folks, a lot come and go, they have requested Inside Safe and urged safety when documenting, photographing near encampments.
  - iv. **Member Treacy** stated a development is planned on the Beach and Washington encampment and **Halden** confirmed a six or seven story building is proposed. **Member Rogers** asked about Sober Living homes and the colored trash bins. **Halden** stated a motion was drafted to restrict density which was reviewed by the city attorney and Culver City drafted a concurrent motion. **Halden** noted the trash bins motion was received, reviewed but there is not enough staffing so put a 311 for it.
- c. LA Mayor's Office: Jennifer Hull, West Area Representative, [jennifer.hull@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.hull@lacity.org)
  - d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, [tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov) or Irma Galicia, [IGalicia@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:IGalicia@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Karen Calderon, Senior Field Representative, [karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov](mailto:karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov)
  - f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Carlos Penilla, District Representative, [Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov)  
**Penilla** noted the senator abstained from measure **SB79** and Sen. Blakespear from San Diego authored a bill which would allow local jurisdictions to enter CALtrans property and clean it.

**Member Sankaran** asked about CALtrans and what the map Penilla mentioned shows. **Penilla** stated the map shows eligible stops for a transit line and they had a zoom call with a CALtrans representative but it is a complicated, laborious process as they have a long list of requests.

**Member Rogers** asked about long term solutions for homeless encampments near the freeways. **Penilla** stated they started the job in 1986 and the problem has been persisting since.

- g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Aurelia Friedman, Senior Field Representative, [Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov)

**Friedman** stated they just got out of a government shutdown, but it does not ensure healthcare subsidies are covered and they were working the entire time with casework, mail issues USPS, passport, social security, VA benefits.

**Friedman** noted three folks from the district are highlighted on their YouTube page along with a talk from the executive director of Covered California and Conversations with veterans event with Janet Turner. **Friedman** noted the app challenge winner will be announced soon and agencies are bringing staff back to full capacities.

- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Erica Gatica, [erica.gatica@lacity.org](mailto:erica.gatica@lacity.org)

**Gatica** offered NC support through canvassing the neighborhood, tabling events and noted DRNC members attended the West LA NC summit. **Gatica** noted the sanitation trash bins can be a community improvement project and if services are not met by the city, NCs can fill in the gap.

**Member Sankaran** noted the county owns the trash bins which makes it difficult.

4. **Public comment on Non-Agenda items** – Members of the public will have 2 minutes to speak on any non-agenda subject.

**Terry** stated they are representing a small dogs group and the issue of fencing at the dog park is not safe for dogs.

**Cindy Harding** from Westwood Greenway stated they got grant from Safe Clean Water Project funded by Proposition W and are trying to do outreach and help people apply for grants. The community garden group can be found at [Westwoodgreenway.org](http://Westwoodgreenway.org).

**Alex** stated issues with the 90 median as a fire was started, vehicles are driving into wild lands, the area is deteriorating and encouraged the NC to do everything in its power to do something about it and proposed a volunteer cleanup.

**Kalani Whittington** stated they would like to see more community participation and urged E-Bike and public transportation safety.

**Edwina Magana** stated they saw the Education committee in Mar Vista have a 2028 cultural program for the Olympics and would like the DRNC to do something similar.

**5. Consent Calendar-** *Items that are routine in nature and do not require debate; any item may be pulled from the consent calendar for debate at the request of any Board Member*

- a. **Approval of Minutes** from October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the October 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
- c. **Moved to 6.g.**
- d. **Motion (Green Committee/Alexander Bell):** The DRNC Green Committee supports [CF 25-1046](#) in which the Los Angeles City Council expresses its opposition to the EPA's proposal to rescind the 2009 Endangerment Finding and to remove Greenhouse Gas regulations for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles. The resolution also asks the LA City Administrative Officer to express the city's position to the EPA.

Rescinding the EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding would have wide-ranging impacts both locally in Del Rey and widely throughout the country. Without the endangerment finding, the U.S. would have fewer tools to curb GHG emissions especially from vehicles, leaving Americans more exposed to climate damages and also poor local air quality, which could mean more cases of asthma, heart disease, higher food prices from climate-stressed crops, and economic losses as U.S. companies fall behind in global clean-tech markets. **Member Sankaran set a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by member Richards.**

**Motion passed with 13 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskirty, Martinez, Rogers, Bell and McGinley.**

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the LAPD Pacific Division Boosters for the Pacific Division's 100th Anniversary celebration. This event will take place on Saturday, November 15th from 11am to 3pm at the Pacific Division Police Station at 12312 Culver Blvd. **Seconded by member Richards.**

**Member Hoffman** stated the NPG will go toward food for the event catered by Casa Sanchez.

**Ron Kato** spoke on details of the proposed event planned for February 2026 with the five NCs in Pacific Division contributing.

**Public Comments:**

**Kalani Whittington** stated they support the motion.

**Member Sankaran** stated they support the motion as well.

**Member Hoffman** noted multiple councils are supporting the event.

**Member Martinez** stated it is great to have local businesses contributing.

**Motion passed with 13 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell** and **McGinley**.

- b. **Motion (Education Committee):** The DRNC approves a \$800 NPG for Friends of Short Avenue to fund the Short Ave Elementary edible garden project. **Seconded by member Richards.**

**Tanya** gave a presentation on the garden and noted it is a big part of the school, kids participate in beautification days and the grant would supply for projects as well as maintain and sustain the garden.

**Public Comments:**

**Kalani Whittington** stated they support the motion and kids might have to grow their own food in the future if tariffs continue.

**Edwina Magana** stated they like the project and think that it fits the idea of a project that benefits and serves the community.

**Member Sankaran** stated they support the motion and the DRNC has given to Friends of Short Avenue in the past.

**Member Rogers** proposed doing this with other schools and partnering with the Verdant Venice group.

**Member Martinez** stated they are an alum of Short Avenue and will reach out to other alum for volunteering.

**Member McGinley** asked if they are looking to local nurseries for donated supplies.

**Tanya** stated they received a few plants but not enough for volume of impact.

**Motion passed with 12 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Martinez, Rogers, Bell** and **McGinley**.

**Member Kroskrity recused** from the vote.

- c. **Discussion and Motion possible (Hernan Martinez):** Discussion and update on the noise complaints from the water treatment plant under construction by LA Sanitation

by the Sepulveda Channel at the end of Avon Way in Del Rey.

**Matthew Halden** stated they have stopped testing at the facility until enhanced sound mitigation measures are installed.

**Public Comments:**

**James** stated they live next to the Avon Way channel and noted sound has stopped at night-time but inspectors noted the machines were not placed correctly and warned the ozone used to treat water can cause respiratory issues for people.

**Matthew Halden** noted security issues were addressed, the engineers ensured no ozone is being emitted into the atmosphere and spring of 2026 is the plan for it to be fully operational.

**Member Rogers** stated they live near the area and noted the plant was sold to the community as a beautification project but it is neither beautiful nor quiet and they need more community input, more transparency from the city.

**Matthe Halden** stated outreach was done by sanitation in 2017-2018, it is still critical to have clean water and the site chosen was the most feasible.

**Member Barish** stated it causes a lot of noise pollution as clean water is important but sleep is also important.

- d. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves up to \$400 to purchase a storage shed to store DRNC meeting and event supplies.

**SKIPPED**

- e. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC establishes an Ad Hoc Community Arts Committee to be co-chaired by Jackie Kroskrity and Jason Damata to explore Del Rey community art installation projects. **Seconded by member Siegal.**

**Member Kroskrity** stated they can use input from artists, resources and funds available through the city and want developments that reflect the culturally diverse artist community.

**Member Damata** stated they want input from local residents on beautification, look where they can apply art to and see how it goes for six months to explore what they can do.

**Ron Kato** asked what constitutes as art installations and posed if the LA 2028 Olympics Committee is interested in a partnership.

**Kalani Whittington** applauded the efforts and noted limited funds, upkeep costs and graffiti.

**Edwina Magana** stated they think it's a great idea, to look into ADF, noted it is a good time to transition from education to the arts committee, and proposed adding "and culture" to the committee name.

**Member Forsberg** stated they have contacts available for arts coalition funds.

**Motion passed with 13 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell** and **McGinley**.

- f. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC establishes an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to be co-chaired by the President and Vice-President to prepare the 2026 DRNC Bylaws and Standing Rules revisions which are due April 1, 2026. **Seconded by member Richards.** **Member Sankaran** stated it could include committee structures if they form new, change scopes of committees, eligibility to run for the board, a youth council seat.

**Member Richards** asked when do bylaws take effect?

**Erica Gatica** stated the start of the fiscal year or immediately after and committee changes can take place any time.

**Member Sankaran** stated standing rules can change internally.

**Motion passed with 13 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell** and **McGinley**.

- g. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves a reimbursement of \$980.37 for emergency food purchases for Del Rey Day since his City-issued credit card was not functioning. (Pulled from Consent Calendar) **Seconded** by member **Damata**.

**Member Sankaran proposed to amend the motion** to include "to Treasurer Kevin Hoffman" after reimbursement of \$980.37. **Seconded** by member.

**Motion passed with 13 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell** and **McGinley**.

**Public Comment:**

**Kalani Whittington** stated they hope it includes a tip and kudos to the treasure for saving the day.

**Amended Motion passed with 13 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Siegal, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Barish, Damata, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell** and

**McGinley.**

**7. Area Director Reports**

**A Damata:** Finally got a stop sign on Ida and Moore. Coyote activity more frequent.

**C Kroskrity:** Community safety meeting, dog park fencing issues.

**D Martinez:** Outreach, handing out business cards. ICE activity in Del Rey, safety concerns. Culver median cleanup, coyote activity. Reckless driving on Kensington and Washington.

**E Rogers:** Sober Living home issues, historic mural covered.

**F Bell:** Streetlight turned purple, Green Committee discussed sustainability, in depth review of Culver median project, moving along as quickly as possible.

**H McGinley:** RV on Centinela and Mesmer. Bird Island.

**8. Executive Committee Member Reports:**

a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) Gave presentation on Culver median project. Received favorably and will hear back in February if feasibility study approved.

b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) Thank everyone for great Del Rey Day. Everyone on the board pulling their weight.

c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman) Spent \$8,478 for Del Rey Day, \$1,500 under budget.

i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>

d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)

e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy) Thank everyone for help with Del Rey Day.

f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) Newsletter recap, run club, movie night.

g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish) Two developers want to come in to present.

**9. Committee Reports**

a. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, November 20, 7pm, Zoom

b. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, November 26, 7pm, Zoom

c. Green Committee – Tuesday, December 2, 7pm, Zoom

d. Education Committee –TBD

10. **Next Board Meeting:** Special Meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2025, 7pm, Zoom

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.**

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