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

Thursday, August 13, 2026, 7:00pm

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<http://tinyurl.com/DRNCdocsAugust2026>

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 **7:02 p.m.** **Secretary Sara Siegal** called the roll and quorum was met.

Members Present: Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Kroskirty, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley. Damata and Rosenthal arrived late.

Members Absent: Barish, Martinez.

2. **Update on Board activities and announcements**

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events
 - i. Del Rey Run Club July 23 event
 - ii. 5000 Beethoven private street application- Appeal hearing on August 5 where appeal was not granted.

Member Sankaran gave a statement during the hearing on behalf of the DRNC. The West LA Planning Commission deliberated over an hour and voted 3-2 to deny the appeal and it is not what they wanted.

Member McGinley, from the affected Area H, stated they were disappointed in how the vote went and it was an anticlimactic ending.

b. Upcoming events

- i. Mar Vista Gardens Back to School event, Saturday, August 15, 11am-2pm
Member Sanchez gave a preview for the event in Spanish. **Member Rogers** gave a recap in English and noted backpacks were given to kids, and it was a nice community event.
- ii. Del Rey Run Club, Thursday, August 27, 6pm, Culver Median
Member Sankaran stated they begin at the Inglewood intersection near Mad Lab coffee as the gathering point and updates are found through posts on social media.
- iii. Del Rey Day 2026, Sunday, October 25, 2026, 11am-4pm, Bill Rosendahl Park
Member Sankaran stated they will have a separate motion to cover the event.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

a. LAPD Pacific Division: SLOs Aceves & Ramirez

Ramirez reported the crime stats west of Centinela: Violent crime is down 25%, there was a 39% decrease in robberies, decrease in property crime, but more vehicle theft. Sanitation cleanups took place at the Culver loop, Beach and Del Rey Ave., Lincoln and Washington. Ramirez noted National Night Out was a good event, coffee with a cop is Mon. Aug. 17th, 10 a.m. to 12 at Venice Whole Foods.

SLO Tolbert reported crime stats east of Centinela: Robberies are down 33%, aggravated assault is down, property crime is down 65%, motor vehicle theft is down 47% and crime overall is down 29%. **Tolbert** noted concerns at the Inglewood Northgate Market along with Culver and Slauson food vendor patrons, but they partnered with CD11 to pressure wash the area. **Tolbert** stated there was a slight uptick in catalytic converter thefts so get your VIN number etched on.

Member Sankaran noted the Beach and Del Rey construction helped drive out people but what now? **Ramirez** stated there is residual effect from the fallout and people will return but they did send services, sanitation, and are getting rid of the unused bus stop on the corner that's become a hangout spot.

Member Rogers stated there is a Culver Green Way woman living out of a shopping cart and individuals in the bushes. **Ramirez** stated they will look into it.

- b. LA City Council District 11: Vicky Hernandez, Field Deputy Vicky.hernandez@lacity.org
Hernandez, the new field deputy for **CD11**, stated they are excited to be part of the community to serve and are a current student at Cal State LA.

Member Rogers stated they will connect to discuss **Area E** issues.

Member Sankaran noted a walking or driving tour would be helpful to bring them up to speed on issues.

- c. LA Mayor's Office: TBD, West Area Representative
- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Bennie Williams, Constituent Engagement Deputy, bewilliams@bos.lacounty.gov or Irma Galicia, IGalicia@bos.lacounty.gov
- e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Karen Calderon, Senior Field Representative, karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov

Calderon noted the legislature is back in session Aug 3rd, they will have until the end of the month to pass bills out of the second house of legislature and the governor will have until the end of September to sign, veto or not sign.

Calderon noted **AB 2286** in which patients in custody of law enforcement or peace officers would still have access to attorneys, and 15 other bills they are working on this year. **Calderon** noted back to school events, a Child's Dream California event at Culver City Teen Center, Think Watts Back to School drive in Crenshaw and LAUSD is back in school session. **Calderon** stated they have no update on the Culver City DMV mural or any sober living update.

Member Sankaran pointed out the last date of legislature last year was in September. **Calderon** stated this year it is a couple weeks earlier.

- f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Carlos Penilla, District Representative, Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov

Penilla stated two bills are going to the governor and seven bills are still alive on the assembly side. **Penilla** stated there is a coffee event at the Westchester YMCA Aug 22nd from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for the community to ask questions to the senator. **Penilla** stated they will be in rotation on the east side of the district Sept. 1st and the next person in rotation will attend next meeting.

Member Kroskrity stated **Area C** has high density buildings going up with no parking and shared concerns on **ED1** and other bills. **Penilla** stated to email them on issues as some bills have already passed and they will prepare for next time. **Member Sankaran** noted they can email questions to reps. ahead of time prior to the meeting.

Member McGinley stated they have the same issues in **Area H**. **Penilla** stated to email questions to them and they will try to answer them all at the same time.

- g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Aurelia Friedman, Senior Field Representative,
Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov

Friedman stated Congress is out on recess. Congressman Nathaniel Moran from Texas introduced a bipartisan bill for an AI kill switch to maintain systems. A bill to prevent fentanyl overdoses moved to the House floor and passed unanimously 46-0. Congressman April McLean-Delaney from Maryland introduced congressional authorization for Federal Building Names Act. **Friedman** stated the office can help with any federal agency issues.

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

- i. Recreation and Parks Department: Devin Johnson, Culver Slauson Rec Center,
devin.johnson@lacity.org

- j. Budget Advocates Representative: Budgetadvocates.org

Jay Handal, treasurer for the West LA Sawtelle NC and co-chair for the NC Budget Advocates, gave a brief on their work for the 36 NCs in the regional area. **Handal** stated they meet with department heads and the community to manage budget, work hard on the stakeholder's behalf and are assigned to make sure constituents are informed of what's happening in the city budget and challenges facing forward.

Handal stated the mayor issued a letter in September on cuts with the next fiscal year union contracts coming in, Olympics coming up and to prepare before it all. They meet on the first Monday and third Saturday of each month and committees meet on a regular basis throughout the month with every single department in city.

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

A call-in resident stated not all of them agree with Matt Halden's work and are hopeful Vicky can help the community. They stated the lack of interest from the city's standpoint with climate change, landscaping, urban forest, buildings, diversity getting paved over and hope public comments get moved to the start so government reps. can hear.

Diana, a Mar Vista Gardens resident, gave support for security door by door, noted vandalism and requests to ACLA were denied and want to make a letter to support for security, metal doors.

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 the July 9th, 2026 General Board Meeting.
Member Sankaran set a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Member Richards.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

6. New Business:

- a. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the amended Fiscal Year 2026-2027 DRNC budget that includes a required budget for Translation Services and shows that all funding has been accounted for in the planned spending. **Seconded by Member Sankaran.**

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the July 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). **Seconded by Member Sankaran.**

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- c. **Motion (Connor Treacy):** The DRNC approves establishment of the Ad Hoc Del Rey Day 2026 Committee, and a \$10,000 budget for Del Rey Day 2026 to take place on Sunday, October 25, 11am-4pm at Bill Rosendahl Park. **Seconded by Member Hoffman.**

Public Comment:

Call-in-resident stated they would like to see more involvement from community organizations like the Japanese Community Center, Mar Vista Gardens, and put up a banner by the bike path for everyone to see.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- d. **Motion (Green Committee/Alexander Bell):** The Del Rey NC supports [CF 26-0925](#), which aims to expand local composting in Los Angeles. Building neighborhood-scale composting capacity will reduce emissions, improve sustainability, and turn organic waste into a valuable resource for our communities. Please vote yes. **Seconded by**

Member Siegal.

Public Comments:

Member Siegal stated they are curious to see how it gets implemented since a lot of green bins are being dropped off for people to use for composting.

Member Sanchez stated composting is really important as it provides vitamins for the Earth and gardens.

Member Forsberg noted they have one bin allocated for multi-unit housing.

Call-in-resident stated they got a bin from LA Sanitation, Trader Joe's, Pavilions and businesses have bins for food waste and noted the can city keep track of recycling by council district or different neighborhoods and can have a friendly count to get people involved.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- e. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves the submission of the 2027 Neighborhood Council Elections Information Worksheet, to be submitted by August 31. (refer to meeting folder for draft worksheet) **Seconded by Member Richards.**

Member Bell asked do people have to re-register to vote? **Member Sankaran** stated they do, just as if they've never voted before.

Call-in resident asked if the board has used election outreach to provide other info to neighborhoods, services and if there is same-day registration.

Motion passed with 13 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

- f. **Discussion and Motion Possible (Ravi Sankaran):** Discuss current status of the 2026 Bylaws amendments approved by the DRNC Board and submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) on April 22, 2026. On July 1 DRNC was notified by DONE that certain proposed amendments are not allowable, but was not given the opportunity to rectify these amendments and resubmit them. **Draft motion:** The DRNC approves the revised Bylaws amendments in response to feedback received from DONE on July 1, and requests that the City process and accept these amendments based on the timing when feedback was received. (refer to meeting folder for redlined documents) **Seconded by Member Richards.** **Member Sankaran** noted stakeholder group clarification for eligibility running for election.

Comments:

Member Richards stated they operated in good faith but feedback didn't come until after they deadline and they shouldn't be punished for it.

Member Kroskrity asked if there are any changes in land use? **Member Sankaran** stated outreach eligibility is different and they are not all the same.

Call-in resident stated they think inviting only people who own property in Del Rey is not a good idea, there are a lot of stakeholders. **Member Sankaran** noted that is not the right interpretation, they are changing it to "live or own property."

Motion passed with 13 yeses from **Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.**

7. Area Director Reports

A Damata: Beach, Del Rey Ave. homeless decentralized but still activity there, Culver, Del Rey on Moore suggested speed bumps rejected. Rest of area great, lot of new construction.

B Rosenthal: Area in pretty good shape, will miss Matt Halden.

C Kroskrity: High density buildings, no parking, homeless near Japanese community center, RVs. Bill Rosenthal dog park getting benches soon.

E Rogers: Statement prepared in Spanish and English on ICE raids in Del Rey community, offer support to create safe space for community.

F Bell: Allen Street repaved, catalytic converter stolen on same street. Northgate shoplifting. Free food market Venice Family Clinic Aug. 27th. People walking through Inglewood Blvd. bike path.

G Sanchez: Statement in Spanish.

H McGinley: Apartment building with no parking on Inglewood and Anetta, owner of property will attend land use meeting.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) Paseo Marina project still in planning process.

Murphy drill site protections process of revoking permit, letter to support permit.

b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) Support for Del Rey Day.

c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman)

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

d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)

e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy) Del Rey Day planning and permits.

f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) Getting word out about Del Rey Day.

g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish)

9. Committee Reports

a. Green Committee – Tuesday, September 1, 7pm, Zoom **Bell:** Clean up of bike path, next run club meet up. Discuss way to get more shaded seating with heat wave.

- b. Education & Cultural Affairs Committee – Thursday, September 3, 7pm, Zoom **Kroskrity: Computer classes at Japanese Community center, interest in Del Rey Day. Hoping to put on art show. Will reach out to Venice Buddhist temple. Venice Arts partnership with LA Unified. Still waiting on Mesmer mural. LAUSD back in session. New signage slower speeds on Glencoe toward park, Short Ave., around school zones.**
- c. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, August 20, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, August 26, 7pm, Zoom **Cancelled.**

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7pm, Marina del Rey Middle School, 12500 Braddock Drive

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.**

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