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

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 7:00pm

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<http://tinyurl.com/DRNCdocsJanuary2026>

Spanish translation is available for this meeting through Zoom captions.

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Vice-President **Quenton Richards** called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** Secretary **Sara Siegal** called the roll and quorum was met.

Members Present: Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Kroskrity, Rosenthal, Rogers, Bell.

Members Absent: Barish, Sanchez, Martinez, McGinley.

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events
 - i. Ralphs wall motion- City Council passed [CF 25-1330](#) revoking the Coastal Exemption permit for the wall
 - ii. Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade, Saturday, December 13
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. LAHSA Homeless Count, Thursday, January 22, 2026, 8:00pm, Culver City

Presbyterian Church, 11269 W. Washington Blvd

- ii. LAPD Pacific Division 100th Anniversary celebration, February 2026 (date TBD)

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez
- b. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, Matthew.Halden@lacity.org

Halden stated the city council asked for the coastal exemption to be revoked regarding the Ralphs wall, operations on Culver and Inglewood, and the Vista School have cleared the area and next are hot spots on Del Rey and Beach Ave. **Halden** stated the area is covered by **4118** protections and they have asked for protections on other areas but areas of concern include Sawtelle, Braddock, the 405 Freeway, Sober Living facilities, the 90 Freeway and Culver Median are targets for operations.

Halden stated the councilwoman is meeting with Villa Marina homeowner's association board on fire safety, the council is drafting a third letter to Gov. Newsom on needs, Bill Rosendahl Park had a possible pipe mainbreak, the metro is planning a bike terminal station at the corner of Dawes and Culver and the Sepulveda Channel is scheduled to be completed in May.

Board Comments:

Member Rosenthal stated Beach Ave. And Del Rey Ave. been cleared before and repopulated. **Halden** stated people move around but they are working with neighbors and the office to make sure the spot is clean and clear once they start construction.

Member Sankaran stated they didn't know Del Rey Ave. would qualify for **4118**. **Halden** stated the Morning Glory preschool is within 500 ft. of the sensitive use area. **Member Sankaran** asked about the letter to Gov. Newsom. **Halden** stated they are in contact with higher ups on the situation.

Member Rogers thanked Halden for help with Area E street cleaning and noted the greenway not being mowed. **Halden** stated a lot of services have been cut as a result of the budget.

Member Damata thanked Halden for their help and asked about street cleaning on Beach Ave. and Del Rey. **Halden** stated it should have already been done. **Member Damata** noted Short Ave. does not have speed bumps and cars are speeding past. **Halden** stated there has been no request for a specific spot and the department of transportation is not accepting speed bump application requests due to the budget.

Member Kroskirty thanked Halden for meeting with the Kevins and dealing with

encampments.

- c. LA Mayor's Office: Jennifer Hull, West Area Representative, jennifer.hull@lacity.org
Hull stated it is getting closer to budget season and to please send comments they want the mayor to know of as the mayor puts out suggested budget and work from there for approval. **Hull** stated a Shine LA event in Marina Middle School with CD11 and Biona Creek took place and provided 1,000 toys and food for families affected by ICE along with support for nearly 3,000 Angelenos in December. Hull noted there are two new deputy chief of staffs along with a new deputy mayor of comms.

- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@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 stated the legislative session has begun with committee hearings to begin in March with bills on foster youth, environmental justice, criminal justice reform and Gov. Newsom's state of the state address. **Calderon** noted the Crenshaw Christmas with Crenshaw family YMCA, distributed over 4,000 gifts, distributed thousands of diapers, 500 pantry food boxes from LA Food Bank and had 200 volunteers. **Calderon** noted a tacos and taxes event in March, an opportunity to help income-eligible folks to file taxes for free.

Member Rogers asked about the status of the DMV mural and stated the community is owed an update and should be involved in any decision to repaint. **Calderon** stated they can check on the current status of the project but budget constraints prevented from repainting the mural due to graffiti damage and wood rotting but they have shared the arts committee formation with the DMV.

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

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

- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Erica Gatica, erica.gatica@lacity.org
Gatica stated the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners presents its charter reform recommendations Jan. 21st in a public meeting, an empowering communities understanding neighborhood councils and stakeholder's role in city budget advocacy virtual event Jan. 29th from 6-8 p.m. and a workshop on etiquette, communications and creating healthy board dynamics on Jan. 31st from 10 a.m. to noon. **Gatica** stated the **SB707** update to the Brown Act teleconferencing meetings will prompt

updates to the NC system as a whole.

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

Johnson, the new director since May 2025, noted an adopt a park initiative to strengthen local connections, city pride, support and engage volunteers, identify youth and find funding for opportunities. **Johnson** noted city events including the April 4th Easter egg hunt, a back-to-school event giving out backpacks Aug. 8th, a Halloween event Oct. 31st and a Dec 19th holiday event.

- j. LAHSA: Matthew Mitnick, matthewm@lahsa.org. Report on Homeless Count January 22, 2026.

Mitnick, the government affairs and community relations for LAHSA, gave a slide deck presentation on the Homeless Count: **Mitnick** noted it is to get an estimate on the homeless population, there was a slight reduction in unsheltered homelessness, slight uptick in sheltered homelessness, and the Sepulveda Basin is an area of concern as they counted over 300 individuals last year.

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

Ron Kato stated the Homeless Count came quick and people can sign up through the LAHSA website and they are short of volunteers this year and need constituents from areas A-H in Del Rey. The LAPD Pacific Division 100th anniversary is on Feb. 26th.

Terry Danz, from the Glen Alla small dog park group, stated the locked park gates make people jump over to get in and they want the fences taken down for the safety of dogs and people along with more lights in the park, walkways and benches.

- 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 December 4th, 2025 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the December 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Motion passed with 11 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskirty, Rogers, Bell, Damata.

- 6. **New Business:**

- a. **Presentation:** Michael Hidalgo, Victim Service Coordinator from the LA City Attorney's office will give a presentation on services offered to victims of crimes.

Hidalgo stated they work in conjunction with LAPD Pacific Division and manage situations involving crime, provide updates on criminal case statuses, get in touch with

whoever is looking into case and help people become familiar with the process.

Hidalgo stated they help file for victim compensation and you don't need to be a citizen to qualify, the crime just has to be in California's jurisdiction with a police report filed and it is within seven years of the incident. They offer therapy, help cover income loss, funeral, burial expenses, loss of support for dependents of a deceased victim and help with relocation up to \$3,400. The website can be found at HelpLACrimevictims.org

Member Rosenthal asked what the total budget for their department is. **Hidalgo** stated it comes through the state of California, CalVCB state program.

- b. **Motion (Green Committee/Alexander Bell):** The DRNC supports [CF 25-0002-S89](#) in which the Los Angeles City Council expresses its opposition to any action by the United States Department of the Interior to open or expand oil and gas exploration, leasing, or drilling in federal waters off the California coastline, and the Atlantic coastline. **Seconded by member Siegal.**

Member Hoffman stated they agree with the motion as there is a a lot of offshore drilling and beaches are covered with tar.

Member Bell stated they don't need more offshore drilling and destruction of habitat.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskirty, Rogers** and **Bell**.

Member **Damata** left the meeting prior to the vote.

- c. **Motion (LUPC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC supports the requested vested zone change at 12910 Culver Blvd from PF-1XL to M2-1 on condition that the applicant consider the addition of trees around the perimeter of the lot. **Seconded by member Richards.**

Motion passed with 10 yeses from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskirty, Rogers** and **Bell**.

- d. **Motion (Devora Rogers):** The DRNC supports [CF 25-1484](#) which seeks to regulate sober living density in Del Rey and beyond. Currently homeowners and residents have experienced the effects of a documented pattern of over-developing properties intended as "senior living" and then filing a change of use and converting them to un-regulated sober living homes with between 22 and 48 residents. Repeated requests by the community to abide by "good neighbor norms" have gone unaddressed.

Research and findings from prior communities who have experienced this demonstrate that the best way to resolve many of the problems now stemming from these largely

unregulated sober living facilities is by establishing minimum spacing requirements between facilities and to create thresholds based on facility size, modeled on the Costa Mesa ordinance upheld by the courts. This motion seeks to allow the City to preserve the benefits of recovery housing while avoiding the drawbacks of excessive clustering. **Seconded** by member **Richards**.

Public Comments:

Member Siegal asked if would it make sense to not allow intended use.

Lil Gimori stated they live right next to Sober Living and they have over 100 people walking up and down the street doing mischievous acts and are not against people getting care but there should be permits for single-family dwellings.

Andrea stated they agree with the previous speaker as they find needles, bottles, spoons and noted the the neighborhood is unrecognizable after 30 years. **Andrea** stated rehab was permitted as two houses but now it is more than that and affects everything as kids were chased by guy from there and person lived in someone's house when they weren't home.

Stacey Kovits stated they have lived here for 20 years and urged to look into investigating the building permits and not allow them to change building permits.

Joanne Laipson stated they support the sober living motion and there needs to be an investigation of the re-issuance of building permits as it was approved for senior living but they changed it and the owner brings in people from the deep south to the area.

Kim Ryan stated they lived here for almost 40 years, used to let their kids run around the block but not anymore. **Ryan** stated they are in favor of this motion going through.

Maltish stated they have lived in the neighborhood for six years and ever since Sober Living people moved in it has destroyed the neighborhood. **Maltish** stated drug use has been rampant and they choose their newborn over these people any day of the week as any parent would and there needs to be regulation or it will get worse.

Kris, who grew up in the neighborhood for 30 years, echoed the comments of their neighbors and stated they are all for second chances but the system is not working and hope they can do something about this.

Board Comments:

Member Rosenthal stated they don't mind a small population of Sober Living but not 48 people and would like to know who's running the business, where are the areas

affected and if they can ask the city council to help.

Member Hoffman stated they live right behind Sober Living and see what's going on.
Member Rogers thanked all the folks who came to speak and will put together all the data on this.

Member Richards stated it is not an isolated incident and not just Sober Living but interconnected issues from unregulation.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskirty, Rogers and Bell.

7. Area Director Reports

- B Rosenthal:** Beach Ave. and Del Rey. Will create unofficial homelessness task force.
- C Kroskirty:** Homelessness issue near 90 Freeway.
- E Rogers:** Shooting at 7/11 on Washington and Sawtelle. Raves being held on apartments.
- F Bell:** Encampment on Inglewood and Culver cleaned up.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) **Homeless Count Jan. 22nd need volunteers.**
One year since Palisades fire, grants for relief helped provide for schools.
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) **Volunteer for Homeless Count.**
- c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman) **Underspent and worked within budget.**
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy) **Working with Ron Kato for homeless count.**
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) **Publicize holiday events.**
- g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish)

9. Committee Reports

- a. Green Committee – Tuesday, January 6, 7pm, Zoom **Forsberg: Westwood Greenway speaker to help with Culver Median project. Next meeting first Tuesday of month.**
- b. Education Committee – TBD, 7pm, Zoom **Kroskirty: working with Halden on 4118 protections. New member in committee. Next meeting Feb. 5th. Changing name to incorporate arts and culture.**
- c. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – Wednesday, January 14, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, January 15, 7pm, Zoom
- e. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – January 28, 7pm, Zoom

10. **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7pm, Marina del Rey Middle School, 12500 Braddock Blvd.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Vice President **Richards** set a **motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**

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