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

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 7:00pm

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

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1. Call to order and Introductions: President Sankaran called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Member Richards called the roll and quorum was met.

<u>Members Present</u>: Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Treacy, Forsberg, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez, McGinley.

Members Absent: Siegal, Barish, Damata, Rosenthal.

a. Moment of silence in recognition of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events
 - Mar Vista Gardens Back to School event Saturday, August 23
 Member Sankaran showed pictures from the event and noted it is the DRNC's third year of support for the program.

Member Sanchez stated it was a complete and successful event aimed for students, an opportunity to meet families and provide backpacks. Sanchez stated they are proud to have participation with the youth.

- ii. Ralph's wall motion letter sent
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. Del Rey Run Club inaugural event, Thursday, September 18, 6pm
 - ii. Del Rey Day, Sunday, October 26, 12-4pm, Bill Rosendahl Park

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division SLOs Aceves & Ramirez
- b. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, <u>Matthew.Halden@lacity.org</u>
 - i. Halden gave an update on homeless reports, noting the 405 underpass population has been service resistant, a Care Plus operation is on next Tuesday, a 4118 resolution moved in council for the Braddock underpass, and a letter was sent to Gov. Newsom on the 90 Freeway and taskforce for homelessness. Halden stated Bird Island has been an issue, they are in communication with Inside Safe but they can't help if the 85-100 individuals are not causing an obstruction. Halden noted the wall near Ralphs had an application received for a coastal exemption and the city is figuring whether they will revoke or allow access to the path.
 - ii. Member **Sankaran** asked if they can call on metro to get rid of old trash bins and which areas qualify for 4118. **Halden** stated schools, parks, libraries, day care centers qualify and other critical infrastructure can be deemed special enforcement zones. Member **Rogers** asked if individuals can submit 4118 requests, **Halden** noted they need to be submitted to a legislative team to be agonized for a council resolution and the current admin has added 15 areas in CD11. Member **Richards** stated there are more hot spots and concerns in Area E. **Halden** stated they are seeing more people use the Culver Median after clearing away RVs and vehicles.
- c. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Marian.Ensley@lacity.org
- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcqee@bos.lacounty.gov
- e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Karen Calderon, Senior Field Representative, karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov

- f. CA State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas: Carlos Penilla, District Representative, <u>Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov</u>
- g. US Congressman Ted Lieu: Aurelia Friedman, Senior Field Representative, Aurelia.Friedman@mail.house.gov

Friedman noted there is a Conversations with Veterans event on Sat., Nov. 8^{th.} the service academy nomination applications deadline is Fri., Sept. 19^{th.} the app challenge deadline is Oct. 30 for middle and high school students and the spring internship program deadline is Oct. 31^{st.} **Friedman** stated there was a virtual telephone town hall, congress is back in session making sure the government is funded and the office is troubled by racial profiling and withholding grant funding for UCLA. **Friedman** noted to reach out to the office for casework, postal service.

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

Gatica noted upcoming events including a homelessness liaison meeting Sept. 16th at 6 p.m., Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall Sat., Sept. 27th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the West LA Neighborhood Council summit on Nov. 8^{th.} **Gatica** stated the city clerk's office has \$5,366.07 in rollover funds from the last fiscal year. **Gatica** stated NCs can voice change they would like to see through the Los Angeles City Charter Reform and the commission holds virtual and in-person meetings.

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

Aanya Khattar asked about a potential youth council member. **Member Sankaran** stated it would have to be in the bylaws.

Hirono Garcia stated they volunteer for the West LA Rapid Response network in CD11, a grassroots org that does everything to protect the community. **Garcia** stated the administration has launched attacks on the community and would like the board to take a motion and support the west los Respector Rapida and condemn attacks of the current administration, noting they are stakeholders in Del Rey too.

A **Del Rey citizen** asked for support of the West LA Rapid Response response team as they provide for 200 plus community members and hope to get support from the DRNC for future collaborations.

Ms. Garcia, a community member, stated current events are affecting students and they wouldn't want a child to witness their parents being taken away as Home Depot has been a main target of raids and hope to hear DRNC support for the BIPOC communities.

Ed welcomed Sue **McGinley** as Area H director and noted her neighborhood leadership in spading and neutering stray cats and dogs. **Ed** urged to support the Fixin' Fidos organization and use DRNC rollover funds to oppose animal kill centers.

Jeffrey Tropp stated Charlie Kirk's death was tragic but not to use him as a martyr. **Tropp** shared past personal interactions with Kirk.

Nicole Aniceto from Safe Place for Youth (SPY) stated they provide service for at-risk homeless youth with a new drop-in center, housing, clinical education, employment, navigation services, helping young people and families with pregnant and parenting services, along with hot meals, groceries, laundry and showers,

Kalani Whittington noted we cannot make Charlie Kirk a martyr and stated they are concerned about homeless as they don't have affordable housing, proper mental health care and need to mandate treatment.

Alex stated they made requests to clear away brush near the 90 median, encampments are growing and to continue to put pressure on CALtrans and the state as this beautiful part of LA deserves better than it's getting.

Patty stated there has been ongoing development issues and lack of response from building and safety as they show up too early, stay late and they have not heard back from Councilwoman Park or Matthew Halden.

Halden responded to Patty noting certain streetlights have been out for a year and it has been turning neighbors on neighbors and hope the board looks at these issues.

- **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 August 14th, 2025 General Board Meeting.
 - b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the August 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
 - c. Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran): The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports <u>Council File 25-0848</u> (Park / Yaroslavsky), calling for (among other things) 1) a report back on the status of the City's compliance with AB 747, 2) a list and evaluation of evacuation routes within CD 11, and 3) plans to improve evacuation route infrastructure, signage, traffic control and public education.

The DRNC further calls the City Council's attention to the urgent need for infrastructure funding to absorb the cost of implementing a mitigation plan, including by developing new ingress and egress routes, and calls on the City to proactively and constructively engage with FEMA and OES, by (among other things) expediting

completion of the After-Action Reports by the Office of Emergency Management and LAFD, so that those engaged in evacuation planning and disaster response will have the benefit of these findings **Seconded** by **member Hoffman**.

Motion passed with 9 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy, Kroskrity, Martinez, Bell, Sanchez.

Members McGinley and Rogers recused from the vote.

6. New Business:

a. **Presentation** from LAFD Battalion 4 Chief McCloskey on brush fire preparedness and home hardening.

McCloskey stated the best precautions are to control gas and water, clear brush and harden your home, as well having multiple evacuation plans and emergency contacts not in the area. **McCloskey** noted city communication resources such as KNX radio and Notify LA for alerts and to place flammable items in the center of the house as well as fill buckets with water for the fire department to use.

b. Motion Update (Ravi Sankaran): Update on August 14 Ralph's wall motion and efforts to restore access to coastal resources where a concrete wall was constructed near 4311 Lincoln Blvd.

Member Sankaran noted the coastal commission stated when the owner applied for the wall it showed no opening and needs a passageway to access coastal resources.

Phillip Klein stated they've lived here for 20 years, use the park daily, and noted the area has improved, homeless population and trash has decreased since the wall.

Kalani Whittington stated they view it sort of as the Berlin Wall and would like to see improvements on streets like Lincoln Blvd. and create safer zones for bus stops for those who have to walk around the wall.

Lily Silver stated they got 808 signatures to get rid of the wall and noted people have to take a 20-minute detour because of it.

Alex thanked the board for their hard work and noted how they have seen how valuable access to park is and the importance to keep equitable access.

Edwina Magana stated they are speaking for other local community members that expressed displeasure with the wall and noted homeless reduction could be contributed to other factors.

c. Motion (Devora Rogers): The DRNC calls on the City of Los Angeles and Council District 11 to work with LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) and LA County Metro to amend the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing maintenance of the Culver Boulevard Median to allow for a single agency to be responsible for trash collection.

While the current MOU assigns responsibility to the City for landscaping and weed abatement, trash collection duties are currently split between LASAN and Metro which has resulted in inconsistent service and an accumulation of litter as Metro-owned bins are serviced far less frequently than those maintained by LASAN.

We request that the City and Metro revise the MOU to assign responsibility for all trash and refuse collection on the Culver Median to LASAN, ensuring a cleaner and more welcoming community space. **Seconded** by **member Sankaran**.

Member Sankaran seconded the amended motion.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington stated it is another department that wastes taxpayer dollars and need to be concerned about fires, public trash cans.

Motion passed with 11 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez and McGinley.

d. Motion (Hernan Martinez): The DRNC proposes to hold a Del Rey Run Club event on Thursday, September 18, meeting at 6pm at the Culver Median near the intersection of Culver Blvd and Inglewood Blvd. Seconded by member Richards.

Member Martinez proposed the run club to promote health and wellness, boost morale within community for about a mile and a half run.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington asked for meeting times to be posted on the DRNC's website.

Member Rogers stated they love the idea and support it.

Member Sankaran stated the information will be sent through blog post and website.

Motion passed with 11 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy, Kroskrity, Martinez, Rogers, Bell, Sanchez and McGinley.

e. Discussion (Connor Treacy): Update on plans for Del Rey Day 2025 on October 26

Member Treacy: Nine confirmed orgs for booths: band, photographer, donations from groups.

Member Sankaran stated Revival is bringing an ice bath.

Member Kriskroty stated Row LA is planning on coming and bringing a row machine.

Member McGinley stated they will reach out to animal rescue for attendance.

Member Martinez stated they are in contact with USC trojan marching band, alumni.

Member Sankaran stated the CD11 foundation invested \$2,000.

Kalani Whittington noted they hope they find good bands and suggest a banner to remind people of the date.

7. Area Director Reports

C Kroskrity: Louise property, coyote problems, homeless along 90 freeway, fires.

D Martinez: Trash pick up on Culver, pile up on Kensington.

E Rogers: Garbage, painting over historical Chicano painting, Tenino Ave. issue next to DMV, magnolia trees

F Bell: Construction on Culver and Inglewood, Venice buddhist temple rummage sale Saturday. First Green committee meeting, local architect gave presentation.

G Sanchez: Monthly food bank no longer in public because of ICE raids, moved to community center in Mar Vista Gardens, Sept. 25th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

H McGinley: Annual Juliet St. block party, a lot of construction going on in the community, street repaving, filming on Jefferson and Mesmer strip mall movie production scene.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) Great to have first in-person meeting.
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) Have a full board now.
- Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman) No budget committee meeting.
 - Budget link: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy)
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) Business cards coming next week.
- g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish)

9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee Thursday, September 18, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance Wednesday, September 24, 7pm, Zoom
- c. Green Committee Tuesday, October 7, 7pm, Zoom

- d. Education Committee –Thursday, October 2, 7pm, Zoom Motion for Venice Park NPG grant, Venice Arts for students, CEF taken over Animo High School. Row LA.
- 10. **Next Board Meeting**: Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7pm, Zoom
- 11. Motion to Adjourn: President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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