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

Thursday, August 14, 2025, 7:00pm

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- (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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1. **Call to order and Introductions:** President Ravi Sankaran called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Secretary Siegal called the roll and quorum was met.

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

Members Absent: NONE.

2. Update on Board activities and announcements

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events
 - i. **Member Sankaran** noted the Culver Median stormwater application was a massive undertaking with Heal the Bay staff, Ballona Creek Renaissance and CD11. **Sankaran** stated they won't hear about it until January or February but will continue to do outreach.
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. Mar Vista Gardens Back to School event, Saturday, August 16, 10am-12pm
Member Sankaran stated the \$500 funding was approved and people need school supplies as times are tough right now. **Member Hoffman** noted pens, pencils, notebooks, highlighters and whiteout were items given out.

- ii. Del Rey Day, Sunday, October 26, Bill Rosendahl Park (subject to board approval)

Member Sankaran stated Del Rey Day will be from 12 to 4 p.m and **Connor Treacy** led the first committee meeting without former board chair Daniel Perez, and they are off to a good start.

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

- i. **Halden** stated they are excited about the Del Rey Culver Median stormwater capture application. **Halden** noted there has been progress in CD11 but not the 90 Freeway, Inglewood and Mesmer regarding homelessness and Bird Island has become a large encampment with operations disrupted due to city budget cuts. **Halden** stated Braddock, the 405 Freeway and Sawtelle are areas of concern as well with vehicles.
- ii. **Halden** stated LAUSD began their first day of school with **4118** keeping schools as safe places and to inform the office about any ICE activity around schools. **Halden** stated there are 47 trees on Mesmer that need to be addressed and two that need removal but they need \$28,000 to make it work. **Halden** noted since the LAPD is no longer on tactical alert, neighborhood watch meetings are being planned.
- iii. **Member Sankaran** asked how many people are camping around the 90 Freeway. **Halden** stated Inside Safe has done several rounds of outreach but needs documentation to offer housing. Member **Rosenthal** asked if Bird Island is organized, **Halden** stated it is a difficult, massive population in a high severity fire zone. Member
- iv. **Hoffman** noted a demolition sign in Area E, **Halden** stated they reached out to building and safety with no response. Member **Damata** stated they don't think Inside Safe is adequate and asked how the DRNC can help. **Halden** stated they don't have any other good options and have to play by a strict set of rules but can lobby government officials Isaac Bryan, Lola Smallwood-Cuevas and Governor Newsom.

- c. LA Mayor's Office: Marian Ensley, West Area Representative,
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- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@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, Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov

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

Friedman stated there is a service academy event at Da Vinci schools in El Segundo on Aug. 23. **Friedman** noted the 90-year anniversary of social security and the **H.R.1**. bill will affect health insurance for 2 million people in California. **Friedman** stated residents can inquire the office regarding ICE raids in the area.

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

Gatica stated they are in the evaluation phase post election, there is a Congress of Neighborhoods network event on Sept. 27th from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the bylaw application has opened.

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

Kalani Whittington noted the danger of E-Bikes, stating a nine-year-old boy died and his brother got injured recently. Whittington stated the need for mandating treatment for homeless individuals.

Melanie stated their five-year-old neighbor approached them and asked if Del Rey would hold a Del Rey tour de France bike race sometime.

Edwina stated they are trying to find more about the Vista community.

Jeffrey Tropp stated it is not a great idea to blast music at homeless. The people on Bird Island were promised housing and want to be indoors but don't have anywhere to go.

Alexis clarified to the audience it is only time for public comments and no questions will be answered immediately.

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 July 10th, 2025 General Board Meeting.

b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the July 2025 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER).

c. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional

Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports [CF 25-0002-S19](#) to oppose CA State Senate Bill 79 (Weiner) and calls on the City Council to add to its State Legislative Program for 2025-26 opposition to SB 79 unless amended to exempt municipalities with a state-approved and compliant Housing Element.

- d. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports changing the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15 BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read:

“No person shall ride, operate or use an e-bicycle on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles.”

The DRNC requests that Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and Raman who represent WRAC neighborhoods submit a motion to amend LAMC 56.15 to ban e-bicycles (e-bikes) from sidewalks and boardwalks in the City of Los Angeles to address public safety concerns and rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians.

The DRNC requests that the Mayor of Los Angeles suggest and/or approve a new ordinance banning e-bikes from the sidewalks or boardwalks and to enforce such new City ordinance.

- e. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Hernan Martinez as its representative to the WRAC Homelessness Committee.
- f. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Kevin Forsberg as its representative to the WRAC Transportation Committee.

Member Sankaran set a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by member Richards.

Motion passed with 11 yeses from members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.

***Member Sanchez cannot add to the vote currently.**

6. New Business:

- a. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):**

WHEREAS, in late July 2025 an access point to the Marvin Braude Bike Path and Yvonne B. Burke Park in Marina del Rey was blocked by construction of a cinderblock wall in the lot adjacent to the Ralph’s grocery store at 4311 Lincoln Blvd.

WHEREAS, this entry point had provided safe access to the Marvin Braude Bike Path for Del Rey residents for decades, and the new wall blocks this entry point and renders access to the bike path dangerous for Del Reyans and others, including children and seniors, with higher risk for collision with vehicles and bodily injury.

WHEREAS, cyclists who were once able to utilize the Ralph’s lot access point must now cycle on Lincoln Blvd to Bali Way to access the bike path without designated bike lanes, putting their safety and well-being at risk.

WHEREAS, the DRNC acknowledges the vital importance of maintaining safe and open access to the bike path for both current and future residents.

WHEREAS, the wall was constructed by Bayview Property Management at the direction of the property owner Marina Pointe Commercial, with little to no stakeholder

input taken prior to the decision to build the wall and no consultation with DRNC.

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission provides for public prescriptive right of access across private property in cases where public access has occurred 1) for a period of five (5) years or longer, 2) without asking or receiving permission from the owner, and 3) with the actual or presumed knowledge of the owner. However those public access rights have now been impaired with construction of the wall.

THEREFORE, the DRNC calls on the City of Los Angeles to work with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, who has jurisdiction over the Marvin Braude Bike Path, and the private property owners to immediately restore safe access to the bike path whether at this same entry point or a different location, for the protection of the hundreds of residents who access the bike path on a daily basis, and to restore public prescriptive coastal access rights that have been taken away.

Seconded by member Rosenthal.

Public Comments:

Edwina stated the wall is denying public access for the community.

Jeffrey Tropp stated they work in pet-care and dog-sit near the apartments, and the wall blocks the path they take.

Austin, an avid bike rider, stated they use the access point to get to the marina and it is frustrating to go around and more dangerous with no bike lanes and the wall cuts off half of the city.

Emma stated they use the path to walk their dog, walk to shops and the wall blocks off businesses, a lose-lose for all.

Gabriel stated they walk across every single day, many people use the bike path, it is a necessity for the community, and they find it utterly offensive.

Manuel stated they are pro wall, it is a dangerous place for people to be walking through and unhoused people near Ralphs has decreased since the wall was put up.

Lily stated they are working with organizations for a petition and the letter will be sent out on Friday to city/county officials.

Kalani stated they were disappointed the public was not given an option to voice before the wall went up and if the Berlin Wall can be taken down, we can do this one. **Kalani** stated this highlights other issues such as the need for better sidewalks and that homeless are not outside but inside Ralphs now.

Mandy, a frequent walker, stated the wall adds 26 minutes to their path to the shops and they will have to drive now.

Heather stated there was a fence 25 years ago that was reopened and asked who is going to maintain it since there is already graffiti, a hole in the wall and it is not solving any problems but more of a burden to the community.

Mike's wife, a Del Rey Resident, stated their kid goes to the daycare near Ralphs and the monthly walk to the library has now ceased with more homeless near the daycare.

Justin stated for safe access to the bike path, a reasonable fence can stay with small opening for bikes to safely pass but school kids cannot take the path to library now.

Luke stated they live on Lincoln and Maxela and enjoy walking to the marina and asked what is the next step to cause action to have the wall taken down.

Board Comments:

Member Sankaran stated anyone can access the meeting folder through the agenda or online calendar to view the documents and permits for the wall.

Matthew Halden stated the wall is privately owned, the community is clear they don't like the wall and hopes to find a happy median.

Member Rosenthal stated they should get together to sign a petition and present it to Marina Point.

Member Damata stated it is going to be in violation of codes if it's still up and continues to be vandalized.

Member Siegal asked if no gates or doors prevent it from being a public space.

Halden stated access issues are where the coastal commission comes through.

Member Sankaran set a motion to **amend** "impair" to "improve." **Seconded** by member Siegal.

Public Comments:

Kalani Whittington stated it should say improve.

Gabriel stated it should say rights prevented, removed or impaired.

Harry stated Bayview Management is the owner of the wall and a letter from the Dept. of Beaches and Harbor stated the wall was built without authorization.

Luke stated public foot traffic on the path is a deterrent to homeless activity.

Amendment approved with 11 yeses from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.**

Motion passed with 11 yeses from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.**

- b. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran/Kevin Forsberg):** The DRNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) opposes the two proposed Monorail Options (Alternative 1 and Alternative 3) of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) project due to their significantly lower ridership projections and capacities, and their significantly slower speeds and longer travel times, and supports the proposed underground Heavy Rail subway mode of transportation through the Sepulveda Pass because it will carry significantly more passengers and operate at higher speeds. The Heavy Rail mode of transportation is described in the STC project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), released by Metro on June 2, 2025, in the discussion of Alternatives 4, 5 and 6. Comments on the STC DEIR are due August 30, 2025. **Seconded by member Sankaran.**

Member Sankaran stated once the RAC board and eight member councils approve, then it becomes an official RAC position.

Member Forsberg stated they are close to eight and the reason is just to get more cars off the road, move people quicker and suggested heavy rail options.

Member Siegal stated they are getting a lot of emails about it, it is the most environmentally friendly option, and they support it.

Kalani Whittington stated they support a mixed monorail above ground and subway through the mountains on the other side and a monorail would attract more people to use it.

Motion passed with 11 yeses from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.**

- c. **Motion (Executive Committee/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Doug Barish as Land Use Officer. **Seconded by member Hoffman.**

Barish stated they served as the Land Use Officer from 2019-21, have been a decade long Del Rey homeowner, was born in LA, went to UCLA, USC, and feel strongly about the job and will do their best, try to be fair.

Member Sankaran stated Barish handled tough situations, projects in their one year of working together.

Member Damata stated they spoke with Barish and noted their sensible approach and how it is refreshing and will bring a little bit more advocacy to land use.

Barish stated back in 2019, they had a lot more umph, a lot of developers came through and they had a good relationship with the city council. **Barish** stated they brought beneficial things to the community, greenspace, aesthetics, transportation, and helped create the Green Committee and got a lot of good work done.

Member Sankaran stated Barish will help the DRNC pivot to advocacy, policy and state legislation.

Edwina stated Barish has a strong sense of community and wants to be really involved in Del Rey.

Motion passed with **11 yeses** from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez** and **Bell**.

d. **Motion (Executive Committee/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Devora Rogers as Area E Director. **Seconded by member Richards.**

Rogers stated they grew up on the westside and love the neighborhood as it is very dear to them. **Rogers** stated they are a writer, work in marketing and hope to have conversations about important things and make things better.

Member Richards stated they spoke at length with Rogers and think they're well briefed on issues and endorse the candidacy.

Member Hoffman stated they are a resident of Area E, "the wild westside," and hope to help clean up the area.

Rogers stated they are really good at writing letters.

Motion passed with 11 yeases from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.**

- e. **Motion (Executive Committee/Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Sue McGinley as Area H Director. **Seconded by member Siegal.**

McGinley stated they missed the candidacy filing period but has stayed in touch since then and the meeting has made them more excited. **McGinley** stated they've lived in Del Rey for 18 yrs, talk to a lot of people, see a lot of things, very observant, and all about beautifying the area as a green space environmentalist. **McGinley** stated they are excited about the opportunity to better the community.

Member Sankaran stated it is not an easy area with Bird Island, Mesmer, the 90 Freeway.

Motion passed with 11 yeases from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.**

- f. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC appoints Alexander Bell as chair of the Green Committee. **Seconded by member Hoffman.**

Jeffrey Tropp stated Joana Reynolds should be appointed co-chair for the committee as they co-chaired the Green Committee last term.

Member Sankaran stated they can put them in touch with Joana Reynolds. Members **Damata** and **Kroskrity** expressed the same sentiment.

Motion passed with 11 yeases from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Treacy, Forsberg, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez and Bell.**

- g. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman) -** The DRNC approves an event budget of \$10,000 for Del Rey Day 2025 on Sunday, October 26, at Bill Rosendahl Park. **Seconded by member Richards.**

Kalani Whittington stated they would like to see more outreach on community events, yard signs and appeal to adults as well as children.

Member Sankaran stated the DRNC had their first Del Rey Day committee meeting last Tuesday.

Motion passed with 11 yeases from members **Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez** and **Bell**.

- h. **Discussion and Motion possible (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC plans for in-person and virtual board meetings for the rest of 2025:

September 11, 2025	In-person
October 9, 2025	Virtual
November 13, 2025	In-person
December 11, 2025	Virtual

Public Comments:

Jeffrey Tropp stated they don't think they should have in-person meetings because of respiratory illnesses but talked to those who's only access would be in-person only for participation.

Kalani Whittington stated they appreciate the reasoning to have online meetings but also the need to meet the public.

7. Area Director Reports

A Damata stated the stop sign on Ida and Moore still needs work and to watch out for coyotes and skunks running around.

B Rosenthal stated they had a coyote in the area recently.

C Kroskrity stated a property on Louise has been an issue, more people want neighborhood watch and there have been skunk sightings.

D Martinez stated they've been speaking with stakeholders, picking up bulky items with Joana and Jeffrey and hope to build a community run club and promote beautification of the bike path.

F Bell stated SoCal Gas has been jackhammering in the area.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran)
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) **Glad to have a full board again.**
- c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman) **Budget restoration in effect.**
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy)
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg)
- g. Land Use Officer (Vacant)

9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use and Planning Committee – TBD
- b. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, August 27, 7pm, Zoom
- c. Green Committee – Tuesday, September 2, 7pm, Zoom (tentative)
- d. Education Committee –Thursday, September 4, 7pm, Zoom **Row club, Venice Arts.**

10. **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, September 11, 2025, 7pm, Marina del Rey Middle School Library

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** **President Sankaran adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.**

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