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

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 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 Ravi Sankaran** called the meeting to order at **7:04 p.m.** **Secretary Sara Siegal** called the roll and quorum was met.

Members Present: Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Bell, Kroskritt.
***Rosenthal and Martinez** arrived late.

Members Absent: Barish, Damata, Rogers, Sanchez, McGinley.

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

a. **Update on prior motions and/or events**

- i. **Earth Day Tree Adoption, Saturday, April 18, MDR Middle School**

Member Sankaran stated the DRNC kind of invented the event in 2021 and has improved it every time with free food, plant-based vendors, the jazz band, and they had several government representatives in attendance there.

Member Bell stated it was a big success, really happy with the organization and the only thing they could have asked more of were attendees, but they gave away 75 trees and recommend coming next year.

- ii. Del Rey Run Club, April 23
Member Sankaran stated they meet in the Culver Median by Mad Lab coffee, run 1.6 miles every fourth Thursday of the month with half a dozen attendees so far.
 - iii. 5000 Beethoven private street application- [Letter of Determination issued April 24](#)
Member Sankaran noted the property otherwise known as Bird Island is privately held with opposition to development because the environmentally sensitive area. The DRNC and orgs. opposed the bridge built to get to the site, NGO's and nonprofits appealed and the land is now on sale to the public for \$80 million and they are waiting to see the appeal and disappointed with conditional approval.
 - iv. Culver Median stormwater capture Technical Resource Program (TRP) application
Member Sankaran noted surface level improvements, last month's meeting approved for \$400,000 technical feasibility study but it won't start until Aug. 2027.
- b. Upcoming events
- i. Primary Elections: Ballots mailed May 4, last day to vote or return ballots June 2
Member Sankaran stated they should have received ballots if registered and everything is on the primary election.
 - ii. Del Rey Run Club, Thursday, May 28, 6pm, Culver Median
 - iii. Mar Vista Gardens Community Day, Saturday, May 30, 11am-5pm
Member Sankaran stated the DRNC is going to the sponsor event.
 - iv. Movie Night, Saturday, June 13, 6pm, Bill Rosendahl Park
Member Treacy stated they just need city approval and the movie to be determined, and they will have giveaways at the event.
- Member Sankaran** stated they haven't done a movie night at Rosendahl Park in their DRNC tenure.
- c. Performance from Del Rey Community Jazz Band

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division: SLOs Aceves & Ramirez
Ramirez stated crime stats and noted they were significantly down overall in property and violent categories with a decrease in robberies, burglaries, thefts. Ramirez noted they are still seeing some challenges in aggravated assaults around the homeless population near Biona Creek, Washington and Lincoln.

City cleanups will encompass Biona Creek, Overland to Inglewood, the 90 Freeway and Lincoln. They are within the 14-day grace period of new **4118** signage areas but will enforce after. **Ramirez** noted a slight spike in burglaries near Lincoln and Washington and shared tips to avoid individuals loitering, circling vehicles and to call in anything suspicious. **Ramirez** thanked those who participated in the pancake breakfast as they had a lot of community engagement.

Board Comments:

Member Sankaran asked about burglaries at the Marina Marketplace garage and if cars are being broken into. **Ramirez** stated motor vehicle burglaries are more prevalent around winter and Christmas time in that area.

Member Kroskritt stated unhoused individuals are locking themselves in the dog park. **Ramirez** noted they are able to put out extra patrol requests at night and weekends 5 and 8 a.m. and by foot, but haven't found anyone as of late.

Member Rosenthal asked how they get people out. **Ramirez** stated they request assistance from parks and rec, calling them out as authority, and most times people come out.

- b. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, Matthew.Halden@lacity.org

Halden noted two major items in the last month on homelessness as Beach and Del Rey Ave. has **4118** signs up with full enforcement since May 19th and activity near the Regency lot near Culver at the 90 Freeway. Building and safety has an active enforcement code on the private property. **Halden** stated the Bird Island bridge would have been difficult to block due to other legal factors at play regarding legal land. **Halden** noted events including community day in Mar Vista Gardens and the LAPD hosted carnival May 23rd near Beethoven at 10 a.m. and flyer will be sent in newsletter.

Member Sankaran stated Bird Island has been on environmental review since 1998. **Halden** stated they don't disagree and as the city gets urbanized, it is imperative to protect sensitive areas and they are glad the city spoke up about it.

Member Kroskritt asked about dog park improvements, the addition of benches, lighting and removal of plants. **Halden** stated according to RAP, it will take eight to ten months for lighting, four to six months for benches, and they will update the council.

- c. LA Mayor's Office: Jennifer Hull, West Area Representative, jennifer.hull@lacity.org

- d. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Bennie Williams, Constituent Engagement Deputy, bewilliams@bos.lacounty.gov or Irma Galicia, IGalicia@bos.lacounty.gov

Williams stated recent motions: reclaiming wages for workers as LA County has the highest wage theft, harnessing county purchasing power to support local manufacturing, promoting innovative strategies to fund public health services.

Williams noted an arts and cultural access initiative which gave out 1,000 one-dollar tickets to Hollywood Bowl's programming. **Williams** stated the office hosts a monthly racial justice learning exchange as 2nd district is very diverse, with the topic on social media, technology and AI.

Member Sankaran asked about cluster reviews and who got Hollywood Bowl tickets. **Williams** noted the cluster review process will allow two weeks for drafted motions to be reviewed before a board meeting and most Hollywood Bowl tickets are sold out already but they have a few left.

- e. CA Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: Karen Calderon, Senior Field Representative, karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov

Calderon stated it was a busy day at the Capital as the governor released the May revision of the state budget which was different from what was expected through July 2028. **Calderon** noted it was suspense file day in assembly appropriations committee and out of 637 bills on expense file, 169 did not make it out and they will have more updates on bills in June.

Calderon noted **AB1573** - survivors of domestic violence will retain priority status with city's housing element for access to permanent supportive housing. **ACR 31** was introduced as concurrent resolution for restoration for Voting Rights Act of 1965. The office held two Earth Day events in partnership with CALtrans and Friends of Biona.

Member Sankaran asked if they had trained volunteers. **Calderon** stated they gave training to Friends of Biona to pull invasive species for the cleanup.

- 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 noted it was great seeing everyone at the Earth Day event. They will host the youth town hall Sat. June 6th from 2:30 p.m to 4 p.m. on Zoom and applications for the youth advisory council are due Fri. June 26th. **Friedman** stated \$13.7 million was secured for community project funding for the 2026 fiscal year and \$850,000 will go to city of LA's housing department.

Friedman stated the congressman introduced **HR 856** American Leadership AI Act to measure and evaluate AI safety practices, along with a bipartisan resolution for National Space Day the first Friday in May, and introduced **HR 8451** which prevents misuse of federal law enforcement.

Member Sankaran asked for any updates on the federal study of coastal areas. **Friedman** stated they did additional outreach and submitted a letter to extend the comment period.

Member Martinez asked about the Veterans Day event. **Friedman** stated their colleague **Janet Turner** handles the event.

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

Gatica noted Wed. May 20th from 12 to 1 p.m. on Zoom they will host a brown bag office of the city clerk's funding and policy guidelines update – city clerk's office concluded one year work group to update program policies and guidelines from community improvement projects to training compliance, consent calendar. **Gatica** stated the next brown bag event will Wed. May 27th from 12 to 1 p.m. on Zoom for agenda writing and the NC's budget day Sat. June 27th 7:30 a.m. to noon at city hall.

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

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

A Del Rey Resident stated the new speed camera pilot program by LA City Council in April has put up 125 speed cameras with more tickets expected to be given out and noted Florida's Broward County's use of cameras to ticket drivers was ruled unconstitutional and this would go against California constitution's right to privacy.

Mary Ann stated the house next to them on Stewart got sold to a developer and there have been issues such as parking, driveway damage from debris, code violations, pedestrian safety concerns and they are unable to get homeowner's insurance.

A Del Rey Resident stated the park has been occupied by homeless people and it is a real problem they've seen many times but they saw parks and rec enforcement out there and the phone number to contact them is **(310) 391-5451**.

Teri, from Glen Alla Small Dog park group, stated last week a light fell down between the pickleball court and small dog park with glass everywhere and in the astroturf. **Teri** stated fences and locks haven't been removed so kids and dogs are jumping over it.

Jess from Land Use and Planning committee, a local parent and part of Friends of Marina Middle Booster club, stated they are building momentum through expanding programming, community engagement, Spanish immersion, accelerated math, arts enrichment, inter-baccalaureate and SAS programming. **Jess** noted when community invests in local schools and resources, we all grow stronger together.

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 April 9th, 2026 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the March and April 2026 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER).

Member Sankaran set a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskitty, Martinez, Bell.

6. New Business:

- a. **Motion (WRAC/Ravi Sankaran):** The Del Rey NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly urges the City to restore and maintain full funding for Neighborhood Council elections in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget. The City Clerk’s proposed elimination of \$915,000 in funding, which would likely result in the postponement of the 2027 NC elections until 2029, represents a short-term budget solution with long-term democratic consequences. While fiscal responsibility is critical, the cost savings are marginal when weighed against the erosion of civic engagement, community trust, and local representation. Furthermore, many NC Bylaws do not allow board member terms to extend beyond June 2027 and therefore if NC elections do not occur during FY 2026-2027 these members would term off with no democratic process for choosing their successors. Funding for NC elections in FY 2026-2027 is absolutely critical and cannot be eliminated. **Seconded by Member Richards.**

Member Richards noted the Westside Regional Alliance Council purview was that funding should be restored and maintained.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskitty, Martinez, Bell.

- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a portable battery pack to be used for various events throughout the year. **Seconded by Member Forsberg.**

Member Sankaran noted the previous pack was from Daniel Perez who no longer serves on the board and they support this.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskritt, Martinez, Bell.

- c. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves up to \$60 to purchase a replacement carrying case for the DRNC-branded canopy tent. **Seconded by Member Bell.**

Member Sankaran stated they normally wouldn't put a small dollar amount on the agenda but new rules state they must put it on for any dollar amount.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from Members Sankaran, Richards, Hoffman, Siegal, Forsberg, Treacy, Rosenthal, Kroskritt, Martinez, Bell.

- d. **Discussion and Motion Possible (Jackie Kroskritt):** Discussion about contractor issues in Del Rey and possible construction violations and enforcement.

Member Kroskritt asked what constitutes code and what can come to the NC.

Member Sankaran pointed to connect with **Member Barish** and land use committee.

7. Area Director Reports:

B Rosenthal: Park beautiful, restrooms cleaned every day, 4118 signs up Beach & Del Rey.

C Kroskritt: Neighborhood watch meeting and signs from CD11 coming, coyote problem.

D Martinez: Crosswalk on Luis and Centinela approved in 2024 but not constructed yet. Del Rey Run Club May 28th at 6 p.m. and social after.

F Bell: Area looking good, no problems, city and utility maintenance going on streetlights.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) **Last meeting of fiscal year. Thank members for full year of service. All virtual meetings in summer.**
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards) **End of semester, see everyone at movie night.**
- c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman) **Have to put together budget for next year.**
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal) **Work on Zoom translation settings for meeting.**
- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy) **Movie night approval details.**
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) **Making fliers for next social events.**
- g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish)

9. Committee Reports

- a. Green Committee – Tuesday, June 2, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Education Committee – Thursday, June 4, 7pm, Zoom **Grant ICFE for new preschools.**
- c. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, May 21, 7pm, Zoom

d. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, May 27, 7pm, Zoom

10. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2026, 7pm, Zoom

11. Motion to Adjourn: **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.**

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