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

Thursday, February 12, 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 7:00 p.m. Member Connor Treacy called the roll and quorum was met.**

Members Present: Sankaran, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

Members Absent: Richards, Siegal, Rogers, Barish and Bell.

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

- a. Update on prior motions and/or events
 - i. LAHSA Homeless Count Thursday, January 22
Member Treacy stated all the districts were covered and they didn't see too many folks on their route. **Member Sankaran** stated each year they are seeing fewer hot spots. **Ron Kato** stated they had five groups to cover two areas, and the data will come out in April.
 - ii. CIS for [CF 25-1484](#) regulating sober living home density
Member Sankaran stated the council file passed committee this week.

- iii. 5000 Beethoven private street application- [DRNC letter sent January 28](#)
Member Sankaran stated they sent a proposal for private street app. and are waiting to hear back,
- b. Upcoming events
 - i. Community Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, Culver Slauson Park (subject to board motion)
Member Treacy stated they had a phone call today to go over the matter.

Member Sankaran stated they are trying something different this year as the park approached the DRNC for partnership.
 - ii. Earth Day Tree Adoption event, Saturday, April 18, MDR Middle School (subject to board motion)
Member Sankaran stated they do this every year and it was a big success last year as they gave away 120 trees and hosted a resource fair on sustainability.
- c. Performance from Del Rey Community Jazz Band
Danny and the Del Rey Jazz Band gave a live performance at the meeting.

3. Government Reports and Presentations

- a. LAPD Pacific Division: Captain Eric Eppolito and SLOs Aceves & Ramirez
Cpt. Eppolito stated Del Rey crime stats: burglaries are about even compared to last year, aggravated assault is down 16%, robberies are up from 21 to 28 this year and violent crime is down nine percent. **Eppolito** noted issues with the unhoused population are a constant challenge as there are six to eight cleanups a week in connection with CD11 and areas repopulate. **Eppolito** acknowledged they still have work to be done in the 27 miles of allocated cleanup.

Member Comments:

Member Sankaran stated **Area E** and **H** are hotspots.

Member McGinley stated cars and windows were smashed in a burglary on Mesmer and Margaret Ave.

SLO Ramirez stated cleanups are taking Feb. 4th and 11th on Culver and the 90 Freeway, Culver loop, Culver and Inglewood, Washington Blvd. through CALtrans cleanup, Care Plus and voluntary cleanups.

Member McGinley asked if displacements lead to other things such as crime. **Ramirez** stated it is a byproduct of cleanups and they have a plan for that. **Eppolito** stated it is important to report any crime and call, take pictures, videos. **Ramirez** added videos helps with detective work.

Member Rosenthal stated it is a great idea to put fences on Del Rey Ave. as people are blowing through stop signs everywhere.

Member Sankaran asked about volunteer cleanups. **Ramirez** stated care plus operations take place before full closure or full cleanup.

Member Sankaran asked about the Inlay Ave. alley. **Ramirez** stated an arrest was made in the area and it was an isolated incident. **Eppolito** stated someone was arrested at McDonalds and houseless individuals will set fires in colder weather and they are aware of that.

Member Kroskrity asked if **4118** applies to arts centers with young kids. **Ramirez** stated it should apply and signage may go through Matthew Halden.

- b. LAUSD: Allison Holdorff, allison.holdorff@lausd.net, Senior Advisor and District Director

Holdorff stated Venice Rising is a Feb. 7th comeback movement to reinvent Marina Del Rey Middle School, and in the fall will have Spanish, IB programs to meet the demands of enrollment up 50%. **Holdorff** noted Braddock Elementary is in its ninth year with a greening project ribbon cutting in the next few months and Grandview and McBride are merging through a facilities construction project.

Holdorff stated a screen time issue resolution is in the works and they are looking to fill underutilized assets across 10,000 properties and 1,000 schools. **Holdorff** noted the DRNC grants were greatly appreciated and a total of \$602 million was given to rebuild schools. Palisades students returned Jan. 27th and Marquez students opened 9 months after the fires.

Ron Kato noted the Palisades marching band practiced at the Sears building on asphalt and placed second in the division. **Holdorff** noted the football team did well, also and their coach won the coach of the year award.

- c. LA City Council District 11: Matthew Halden, Field Deputy, Matthew.Halden@lacity.org
Halden clarified what care vs. care plus operations entail and the causes why people are displaced. Additional signage for the arts center is coming in weeks and they will ask for more **4118** designations. **Halden** noted they are tracking Area H and looking to

add additional safety measures with LAPD including streetlights. Braddock and the 405 Freeway has been a hotspot but **4118** signage has worked well.

Halden stated the density motion is a step in the right direction with a fire code among other things. The Culver Median beautification team is active Tuesday through Thursday landscaping, weeding, and will be maintained by street services through a contract with a new vendor. **Halden** noted the LAPD Pacific Division celebration 100 anniversary on Feb 26th, the egg hunt and tree adoption event.

Member Sankaran noted the Sober Living facilities were labelled as senior living but changed and **Halden** stated conversions change with zoning and the planning team is looking into it.

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

e. LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell: Tracy McGee, Constituent Engagement Deputy, tmcgee@bos.lacounty.gov or Irma Galicia, IGalicia@bos.lacounty.gov

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

Calderon stated bi-monthly jurisdictional meetings are being held to make sure they are all on the same page. **Calderon** noted cleanups and brush removal due to fire concern near the 90 freeway which is a CALtrans priority and hoping to have a contract for hazmat crew by March for more rapid responses.

Calderon stated the team looked into licenses of Sober Living facilities and noted the difference between sober living and licensed treatment facilities as they are looking at Medi-Cal billing. **Member Rosenthal** asked if anyone is talking to the owners of the sober living facilities and **Calderon** stated they were made aware.

Calderon noted the California Art Preservation Act will allow previous artists to repaint a mural through a bidding process and they will notify the community when applications begin.

Calderon noted they have until Feb. 20th to introduce new legislation, **AB1661** is a follow up to **AB2716** which shut down the Inglewood oil field and the first five million of fines are being redistributed to families affected with lung issues.

Calderon noted a tacos and taxes event will be March 14th with Golden State Opportunity and Black Women for Wellness with 50 slots available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with certain income requirements.

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

Penilla stated the senator was able to designate the 28th District as a Black cultural district just approved for the 2028 Olympics and brought 100 million for Exposition Park, BMO stadium, the Coliseum, museums and streets suitable for all athletes. **Penilla** stated they want cameras in the park and the senator is putting together a legislative package and symposium for procurement and employment opportunities.

Penilla stated the Culver City CHP office has had multi-jurisdictional meetings with the county, public works, police, CALtrans, senate office and assembly office in approach of the homeless problem. **Penilla** stated they took a tour of Sober Living facilities and will forward email conversations with the council.

Member Comments:

Member Rosenthal asked about the observation of Sober Living facilities.

Penilla stated they were surprised by how many people were in one location, the problem was seen in other cities before but when insurance runs out they get kicked out to the street.

Member Sankaran asked about possible state legislation to impose more regulation in the current legislative session. **Penilla** stated they didn't talk about it during the tour. **Penilla** noted **SB569** by Sen. Blakespear would allow local cities to go in and clean up camps themselves and get reimbursed ahead of CALtrans.

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

Friedman stated community project funding is in progress and goes through Councilwoman Parks. **Friedman** stated the congressman is in D.C. speaking out against ICE, the LA housing department received \$850,000 for hotels to homes conversion, the telephone town hall is posted on youtube and the congressional art competition deadline is March 6th.

Member Comments:

Member Damata asked if there are any other celebration events for America's 250-year anniversary, updates on the LA Olympics and government shutdown.

Friedman stated they are not aware of any and it varies city by city, the government shutdown impacts TSA agents the most and ICE officers still receive funding but they are advocating for more body cameras and banning masks.

Member Sanchez asked what the congressman is doing in respect to public housing projects. **Friedman** stated they are aware of the issue, Janet Turner handles housing in the district and they need to organize meetings with residents.

Member Martinez stated they spoke with veterans and asked if the congressman has anything planned for recognition. **Friedman** stated Janet Turner handles housing and veterans, education, transportation and judiciary related issues.

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

Gatica stated the department held a virtual session on how to write a persuasive community impact statement which will be posted on the website. **Gatica** stated **SB707** gives a new deadline for submitting agendas by 2 p.m. on Mondays before meetings in accordance with the Brown Act and they will be in and out of meetings due to the workload of managing 15 NCs.

Marilu Guevara extended their support and urged constituents to reach out to help amplify efforts on social media and newsletters.

- j. 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.

Ankur Patel, candidate for LAUSD Board District 4, advocacy stated they want to emphasize engagement, music and organizing in more than one language.

Kelsey Knox from Friends of Marina Middle School, thanked the DRNC for family movie night and stated they are working with the new principal to organize a special announcement for prospective parents.

Mitsu Patel, wife of Ankur Patel, stated there needs to be better food in schools, less technology, more hands-on learning in community and noted there has never been an Asian member in the LAUSD Board of Education for representation.

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 January 8th, 2026 General Board Meeting.
- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves the January 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Sankaran set a motion to approve the **Consent Calendar**. **Seconded by Member Hoffman**.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from **Members Sankaran, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy,**

Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

6. New Business:

- a. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a \$2,000 payment to the Del Rey Community Jazz Band to support performances at Del Rey events. **Seconded by Member Sankaran.**

Motion passed with 10 yeses from Members Sankaran, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

- b. **Motion (Kevin Hoffman):** The DRNC approves a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to the LAPD Boosters to provide new flagpoles for the LAPD Cadets. **Seconded by member Rosenthal.**

Ron Kato stated the cadets are very supportive of Del Rey Day and requested a new flagpole for safety reasons.

Motion passed with 10 yeses from Members Sankaran, Hoffman, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

- c. **Motion (Connor Treacy):** The DRNC proposes to hold a Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at Culver Slauson Park in partnership with the Recreation and Parks Department, with a budget of up to \$1,000. **Seconded by Member Sankaran.**

Motion passed with 9 yeses from members Sankaran, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

Member Hoffman left the meeting prior to the vote.

- d. **Motion (Connor Treacy):** The DRNC approves up to \$1,250 to purchase promotional giveaway items including coffee mugs, drawstring bags, and tennis balls. **Seconded by Member Damata.**

Member Sankaran stated it is to replenish merch supply for the egg hunt and movie night as they flew off shelves at Del Rey Day.

Motion passed with 9 yeses from Members Sankaran, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

- e. **Motion (Ravi Sankaran):** The DRNC approves up to \$600 to purchase DRNC-branded sweatshirts for current board and committee members for identification purposes in the community. **Seconded by Member Damata.**

Member Sankaran stated it is helpful in identifying board members in community.

Motion passed with 9 yeses from Members Sankaran, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

- f. Motion (Ravi Sankaran/Alexander Bell):** The DRNC proposes to hold an Earth Day Tree Adoption event on Saturday, April 18, at MDR Middle School to give away trees and set up a sustainability resource fair. **Seconded by member Kroskrity.**

Member Sankaran stated they will do budget approval at a later time.

Public Comment:

Mitsu Patel stated they love the idea of tagging trees with microchips, tracking.

Motion passed with 9 yeses from members Sankaran, Forsberg, Treacy, Damata, Rosenthal, Kroskrity, Martinez, Sanchez and McGinley.

7. Area Director Reports

A Damata: Area has become a hotspot, Culver and Moore Street speed bumps needed.

B Rosenthal: Clean all around, cops with coffee event went well.

C Kroskrity: Homeless around 90 freeway and Sanford, issues with speeding, neighborhood watch groups forming

D Martinez: Beautification on Culver Median, people running stop signs on Kensington and Washington, Del Rey run club on pause until after daylight savings, attended Westside Regional Alliance of Councils meeting, unhoused individuals in area and no coyotes recently.

G Sanchez: Workshop campaign for residents on immigrant protection.

H McGinley: Unhoused gentlemen in Mesmer Park, offer help and resources.

8. Executive Committee Member Reports:

- a. President's Report (Ravi Sankaran) **More NPGs, Culver Median stormwater capture project meeting March 3rd to determine funding.**
- b. Vice-President (Quenton Richards)
- c. Treasurer (Kevin Hoffman)
 - i. Budget link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>
- d. Secretary (Sara Siegal)
- e. Outreach Officer (Connor Treacy) **Egg hunt and movie night.**
- f. Communications Officer (Kevin Forsberg) **Earth Day event, run club, newsletter.**
- g. Land Use Officer (Doug Barish)

9. Committee Reports

- a. Green Committee – Tuesday, March 3, 7pm, Zoom
- b. Education Committee – Thursday, March 5, 7pm, Zoom **Kroskrity: Changing name to**

Education and Cultural Affairs.

- c. Land Use and Planning Committee – Thursday, February 19, 7pm, Zoom
- d. Executive/Outreach/Budget & Finance – Wednesday, February 25, 7pm, Zoom

10. **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, March 12, 2026, 7pm, Zoom

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** **President Sankaran set a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.**

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