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**NORTHRIDGE WEST
NEIGHBORHOOD
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General Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 8th, 2026
at 6:15 PM

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE NORTHRIDGE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Call to Order by Presiding Officer
- b) Roll Call
- c) Pledge of Allegiance

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Speakers will be allowed up to 2 minutes to speak and there will not be any Q&A

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a) Resignation of Board member Kevin Herzberg
- b) Empower LA Brown Bag Lunches-
 - Wednesday September 9, 12noon to 1pm-Discussion-Leveraging the City of Los Angeles transit public services announcement program (PSA).
 - Wednesday October 14, 12 noon to 1pm-Discussion-Planning community clean-ups to increase neighborhood engagement
- c) Thank you to everyone who participated in National Night Out
- d) Training update

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Motion to discuss and possible approval of applications submitted for board seats:
 - 1. Motion, discuss and possibly approve Lopsie Schwartz for one NWNC open Board seat
 - 2. Motion, discuss and possibly approve David Uranga for one NWNC open Board seat
 - 3. Motion, discuss and possibly approve Peter Lasky for one NWNC open Board seat

*Current vacant seats include 4 At-Large Representatives expiring 2027, 1 At-Large Representative expiring 2029, 1 Community Interest Stakeholder Representative expiring 2029.

- b) Nominations and selection of 2026-2027 NWNC Executive Officers-President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Outreach, Secretary, Treasurer, 2nd signer, alternate signer, 1st card holder and 2nd card holder.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

- a) Approval of June 9, 2026 General Board meeting minutes. Approval of August 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes
- b) Approval of June, July & August 2026 MERs
- c) Motion to approve amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to add \$2,076.13 in rollover funds from the fiscal year 2025-2026
- d) Motion to approve amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to allocate \$2,076.13 from fiscal the year 2025-2026 rollover funds to the Community Improvement Projects (CIP) category.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The 2026 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods, the annual conference for the Neighborhood Council system, will take place on Saturday, September 26 from 8am-5pm at City Hall. The event is free and open to the public.
<https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/> Registration is now open.
- b) Per the Bylaws, Article V, Section 7: Absences - "Any NWNC Board Member who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meetings {GBMs} or, optionally, four (4) total Governing Board Meetings during any twelve (12) month period, shall be automatically removed from the Board."

VII. GOVERNMENT REPORTS (due to meeting time constraints please limit yourselves to 5 minutes)

- a) Public Safety LAPD Devonshire Division. (non-emergency number 1 877-ASK LAPD)
- b) CD 12 City Council Representative
- c) Other Government Departments/Agencies
- d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- e) Budget Advocate, www.budgetadvocates.org

VIII. FUNDING MOTIONS

- a) Review, discuss and vote to approve 2026 YMCA NPG for Thanksgiving baskets for up to \$5,000. Funding will be used to support the annual YMCA Thanksgiving Basket's Program. Funds are used to purchase needed food items to distribute meals to low-income families and individuals in the NWNC community through Nobel, Calahan, and Darby schools. Each meal provided to families contains a Happy Thanksgiving flyer listing generous supporters who make this program possible. The NWNC funded a \$2500 NPG in 2025. Speaking on behalf of the North Valley YMCA is Interim Executive Director Junaid Rasul.
- b) Motion to review, discuss and vote to approve up to \$500 for an NPG application submitted by OneGeneration for their 3rd. Annual Fall Senior Center Health Fair on Friday, November 6th from 9am to 12noon. The Fair will be at the Robert M. Wilkinson Senior Center at 8956 Vanalden St. in Northridge. This is a free event that has welcomed more than 300 attendees, providing an opportunity for older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers and community members to connect with local vendors and organizations that offering support, services and lunch, etc. NWNC can also have a booth at the event if any board members would like to volunteer.
- c) Motion to review, discuss and vote to approve up to a \$2000 NPG request application as requested from SOLID to purchase new furniture for record's room for the Devonshire LAPD.
- d) Motion to approve hiring Sheryl Akerblom to do NWNC bookkeeping through At Work Personnel Services at an amount not to exceed \$200 per month.
- e) Update: We have been in board discussions regarding Limekiln Canyon with the following Motion: Discussion, motion and vote to approve up to \$2500 in CIP account for deadwood and brush removal at Limekiln Canyon. Funds must be kept in CF account established by CD12 for matching purposes. Jeff Diamond has been in contact with Rec and Parks and they are looking into the clean-up of the area, including the gully, being their responsibility. We will table the CF as Rec and Parks said they will follow-up with Jeff in late September.
- f) Discussion, motion and vote to approve up to \$300 for paper, and printing flyers for the 9/29 Alzheimer's Community Forum.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a) "Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in the Community" with the Alzheimer's Association and partnership with the Valley Alliance of NCs (VANC) virtual session to be held September 29, 2026, 7:00 p.m. REGISTER AT: 800-272-3900 OR <https://alz-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ge7gZhJZRC6xl-Hs18s7vw#/registration>
- b) Motion and possible vote to name 3 NC Homelessness Liaisons to attend quarterly meetings held through DONE.
- c) Discussion and selection of NWNC Committee Members and Committee Chairs

X. NWNC Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee (Janis Kraft)
- b) Public Safety (Jeff Diamond)
- c) Government Affairs ()
- d) Planning and Land Use (Sam Dulys)
- e) Elections (Janis Kraft).

- f) Homelessness (Nathan Lichtman)
- g) Beautification (Sam Dulys)
- h) Budget (Sam Dulys)
- i) Outreach (Nathan Lichtman)
- j) Education (Krystal Sims)

XI. ADJOURNMENT (End time is 9:15PM or shortly thereafter)

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