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**Hollywood Hills
West
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COUNCIL**

**Regular Board Meeting Agenda
February 18, 2026
6:00 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 HOLLYWOOD HILL WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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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 by President, Anastasia Mann (@ 6:00 pm).**
- II. **Board Roll Call by Secretary, Christina Michaelis.** All attending board members are appearing remotely.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 21, 2026, Board Meeting.**
- IV. **President's Report, by President, Anastasia Mann**
 - a. **Opening Remarks.**
 - b. **Introduction of LAPD Hollywood Captain Manny Chavez (36033@lapd.online) (15 Min. + Q&A)**
 - c. **SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION, Kathleen Rawson, LPM, President of The Hollywood Partnership (kathleen@hollywoodpartnership.com)**
Hollywood Partnership
Ms. Rawson will provide an update on activities with the Hollywood Partnership and Hollywood Boulevard Ambassadors. (15 Min. + Q&A)
 - d. **LA City Charter Reform Update:** Brion Morrison, Chair of The Ad-Hoc Charter Reform Committee, will provide an update on the committee's discussion of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition's (LANCC) recommendations of the Los Angeles City Charter, discussion (10 Min. + Q&A).

Link to LANCC recommendations.

<http://www.lancc.org/resources/LANCC%20City%20Charter%20mark%20up%202026.01.06%20FINAL.pdf>

Link to Los Angeles Reform Commission Charter Reform Item Tracker.

<https://reformlacherter.lacity.gov/resources-materials/charter-reform-item-tracker>

Presentation by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission. Included as an attachment to this agenda.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13fxb-7SWYI2kSGFUEJ1jwSNYco0mApt/view>

The Ad hoc charter reform committee recommends that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council accept the following motions;

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition's City charter redlines and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners charter reform recommendations.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council takes the position "The failure by the Ad-hoc Reform Commission Committee to provide clear 1/31 meeting agenda notice of its consideration of and subsequent disposal of LANCC Charter markup items without discussion is a potential violation of the Brown Act, and a clear violation of the core principle of civic engagement that underpins the Neighborhood Council system. We respectfully request that the full Charter Reform Commission re-examine the recommendations provided by community groups and disposed of by the Ad-hoc committee, especially those from LANCC."

- e. **Reminder:** Ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee will present recommendations to the Board at the March 18th Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Board Meeting.
- f. **Upcoming Meetings** – We will meet on March 18th at 6pm. Meeting may be on Zoom or in person TBD.

V. Emergency Services Public Officials Report. Due to the need to provide emergency services to the community, both the LAPD and LAFD Public Officials Reports have been moved to this position in the meeting agenda.

NOTE: Officials each allocated 3 minutes to address the Board and Stakeholders; however, no discussion or Q&A will be allowed due enforcement of Brown Act Restrictions. Contact info is provided for Board Member and Public to contact with questions.

- a. LAPD –Hwd Hills, SLO Joe Raviol (40541@LAPDD.online); Hwd Ent, Officer Brian White (38074@lapd.online); HHW Flats, SLO Brian Oliver (37349@lapd.online); LAPD NoHo, Officer Kurtis Delbar (38887@lapd.online)
- b. LAFD –Battalion Chief Mark Schroeder (Mark.Schroeder@lacity.org) Assistant Bureau Commander William Peralta (William.Peraltalacity.org) , Battalion Chief Timothy Ramirez (timothy.ramirez@lacity.org), Deputy Chief Jason Hing (Jason.Hing@lacity.org)

VI. First Vice President / PLUM Report: Stuart Ross

- a. **NO REPORT**

VII. Second Vice President: Jane Crockett

- a. **NO REPORT**

VIII. Treasurer report: Brian Dyer (10 min)

HHWNC Monthly Expenditure reports can be found on the Los Angeles City Clerk’s website at: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/Dashboard.html>. Please adjust the dropdown menu to reflect the HHWNC’s documents/monthly expenditure reports, you will be able to review all the transactions of HHWNC.

- a. Presentation of January 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. Attachments included at the end of the agenda.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves the January 2026 expenditure report as presented.

- b. **Topic Description:** Horowitz invoices 2026-00001, & 2026-00002.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment of the following invoices from David Horowitz:

- 2026-00001for January 2026 Web & Email Administration in the amount of \$300.00,
- 2026-00002 for administering the January 2026 Board meeting in the amount of \$120.00,

the sum of which totals \$420.00.

IX. Board Secretary: Christina Michaelis

- a. **NO REPORT**

X. AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Area 3 Chair, Drake Morton (10 min)**

Presentation by Area 3 Chair, Drake Morton on the possibility of a CD 13 Primary Candidate Forum.

Motion: Pending City Clerk approval, the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council agrees to cohost the CD 13 Primary Candidate Forum, and will allocate a maximum of \$500.00 for food and beverage or outreach, if a date and venue, etc. are confirmed.

XI. ISSUE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Parks and Open Space Chair, Graham Rossmore (5 min)**

1. Dorothy and Benjamin Smith Park (Franklin Avenue) Dog Park Update:

"On January 29th, LA Rec. and Parks, along with Council Districts 13 and 4 provided an update on the ongoing conversion of Smith Park on Franklin Avenue. Permanent fencing will be installed in the next 1-3 months, while the conversion of use from passive park to dog park will take additional time and include further public engagement and comment periods."

2. Installation of Runyon Canyon Bathroom. (5 min)

- b. **Public Safety Chair, Paul Jenkins (10 min)**

1. CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) Meeting on Jan 27 – Link to the Meeting Recap: <https://www.hhwnc.org/news/cpab-meeting-recap-jan-27-2026/>

Link to: LAPD Community Policing and Immigration: A Guide to LAPD Policies
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/95e04c3e-e777-434a-bcc3-51f047b49001>

2. LAPD SLO (Senior Lead Officer) Map

See attached. Link:

http://www.hhwnc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2026/02/SLO_Map_January_2026.pdf

XII. PUBLIC OFFICIALS' REPORTS continued, Time limit – 2-3 minutes each.

NOTE: Officials each allocated 3 minutes to address the Board and Stakeholders; however, no discussion or Q&A will be allowed due enforcement of Brown Act Restrictions. Contact info is provided for Board Member and Public to contact with questions.

- a. CD4 – Bernadette Cronley (bernadette.cronley@lacity.org), Walker King (Walker.King@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman
- b. CD13 – Anais Gonzalez (Anais.Gonzalez@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
- c. Mayor's Office, Central Area NC Rep, Nico Padron (nico.padron@lacity.org)
- d. Mehrnoosh Zahiri, Community Law Corps City Attorney (mehrnoosh.zahiri@lacity.org)

- e. LADOT – Bhuvan Bajaj (bhuvan.bajaj@lacity.org), Brian Gallagher (brian.gallagher@lacity.org)
- f. LADWP – Michael Ventre (michael.ventre@ladwp.com), Senior Public Relations Specialist
- g. 5th Supervisorial District – Natalie Vartanian, Deputy (NaVartanian@bos.lacounty.gov); Office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 5 (kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)
- h. 3rd Supervisorial District - Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Amanda (Mandy) Laflen, Constituent Services, (ALaflen@boslacounty.gov) Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (Lindsey@bos.lacounty.gov)
- i. 51st Assembly District, Robbie Staenberg (Robbie.Staenberg@asm.ca.gov) Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
- j. 24th Senate State District, Samantha Gallegos (Samantha.gallegos@sen.ca.gov), James Reina (James.Reina@sen.ca.gov), Office of Senator Ben Allen
- k. 25th Senate State District, District Representative, Office of Sasha Perez
- l. 30th Congressional District, Maria Sosyan (Maria.Sosyan@mail.house.gov), Luke Klipp (Luke.Klipp@mail.house.gov) Office of Congressman Laura Friedman
- m. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org)
- n. Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Stefanie Smith (Stefanie.Smith@lacity.org), Joe Losorelli (joe.losorelli@lacity.org), Sean Hinton (Sean.Hinton@lacity.org), Jorge De Loera (Jorge.delora@lacity.org)
- o. Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, Ashley Kilian (Ashley.Kilian@lapl.org)
- p. Hollywood Bowl/Consensus, Josh Gertler (josh.gertler@consensusinc.com)

XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (2 min)- Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minute(s).

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION (LANCC) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER REFORM

Submitted to the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission

Better Government Committee

January 21, 2025

The LANCC Committee's Process

- The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Charter Reform Recommendation committee was created by a vote of LANCC at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 1
- During the committee's weekly public meetings, we came up with our own recommendations, including input from the public, that we wanted to see in the Charter. We reviewed 192 Charter Reform related CISs written since October 13, 2022. We considered the recommendations of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.
- We voted on each of the ideas we culled from these sources. Votes went from agreement (yes or no) with no discussion to agreement (yes or no) requiring discussion for a full meeting.
- Every agreed upon item was written into a copy of the Charter
- The marked-up Charter that comes from this process was approved by LANCC January 3, 2026
- Charter numbers referenced in this presentation reflect the LANCC marked-up copy

Neighborhood Councils

- There is no serious discussion of Neighborhood Councils in the Charter. Article IX in the existing Charter, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, is about DONE, BONC, and establishing the NC system.
- If DONE happened to be removed, another support structure could be developed to support Neighborhood Councils. If the Neighborhood Councils happen to be removed, DONE would have no purpose. DONE is not the Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Councils are not DONE.
- To address this, we moved DONE and BONC to Article V, Departments, and renamed Article IX Neighborhood Councils. During this exercise we added NC impacts into the Charter descriptions of the impacted bodies. In this writing, Neighborhood Councils are more directly woven into the fabric of the City.
- We removed language about forming the NC system
- Named ourselves Elected Advisors to the City Government

Neighborhood Councils (continued)

- Neighborhood Councils need codified authority to operate within their lane.
- Recognition of Neighborhood Councils by City Council is essential. We have the right to advise, but are sometimes not given the opportunity to do so.
- Neighborhood Councils shall have the right to speak, in person and telephonically, before all public meetings of the City
- Neighborhood Councils delivering a Community Impact Statement shall be in a separate queue from public comment and shall be given five minutes to speak
 - NCs shall have the right to speak whenever an item appears on an agenda, even in cases where that item has already been heard by a committee
 - Neighborhood Councils, regardless of the City's position, may deliver to any governmental agency a statement passed in a Brown Act public meeting at which there is quorum. The City may create and require language to indicate the NC is speaking for itself and not the City.
- Neighborhood Councils shall be authorized to form Alliances
 - Neighborhood Councils may contribute funds or equivalent (including, but not limited to, websites, licenses, and meeting spaces) for the benefit of the Alliances.

Neighborhood Councils (Continued)

- Neighborhood Councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and the City at-large. City services shall include all departments defined in the Charter and created by ordinance, joint power commissions, and offices of elected officials.
- City Departments, Commissions, and Offices that issue permits, approvals, or regulatory decisions following a public hearing (including but not limited to the City Planning Department, Department of Cannabis Regulation, and any successor or related offices) and ministerial construction projects that bypass City Planning and go directly to the Department of Building and Safety shall give NCs a minimum of 30 calendar days to weigh in
 - The Department of City Planning shall ensure that all documents related to a case before the Department, including ministerial projects that bypass the Department of City Planning and go directly to the Department of Building and Safety are made public and posted to the online case file.
- Even if a board member's economic interest is foreseeable and material, they do not have a legal conflict of interest unless the decision's impact on his or her economic interest is different from the general public's impact
 - [This comes from a finding of City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo](#)

Neighborhood Councils (Continued)

- Updated definition of stakeholder to match the definition voted by City Council
- In the interest of efficiency, Neighborhood Councils may include consent calendars on their agendas. Items on consent calendars may include common agenda items including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and the Monthly Expenditure Report and may include agenda items voted by a committee.
 - Any member of the board shall have the ability, at the meeting, to request an agenda item on the consent calendar be removed from consent and heard on its own. The meeting chair shall remove the requested consent agenda item if requested. Removal shall not be a topic for discussion.
 - The public shall have the opportunity to make public comment on the items on the agenda items in the consent calendar.
- Capitalized Neighborhood Councils throughout
- See marked-up Charter sections 254, preamble to "GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO DEPARTMENTS," Section 550, Article IX

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

- Moved from Article IX to Article V
- DONE must become better at being the source of City information for the NCs. Different Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates have differing levels of knowledge resulting in the same question being answered differently depending on which NEA you talk to
 - We have asked, and we ask again, the Department to maintain a database of knowledge articles for the benefit of the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates and the NCs
- We added a list of items DONE should not do
 - Substitute its judgment for that of elected NCs
 - Use its resources to request NCs advocate for any legislative position
 - Create policies that become de facto regulations

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (Continued)

- Added an employment requirement that the DONE General Manager have public policy experience
- Provided NCs the opportunity to submit questions to ask GM candidates during the employment interview
- See marked-up Charter Section 599

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)

- Moved from Article IX to Article V
- Increased the number of commissioners from seven to nine with the two additional commissioners being at-large and appointed by Neighborhood Councils
- At the same time as departments, Neighborhood Councils shall submit their budget request for the following year. The two at-large BONC commissioners shall be a single point-of-contact and shall organize the requests into a single request for the Mayor's consideration.
- Give BONC oversight responsibilities over DONE
- Make BONC an appeals body for NCs and/or board members seeking redress for actions by DONE and/or the City Clerk
- Members of BONC shall not be permitted to vote at Commission meetings if they have not completed their required training within 30 days of being seated and to be able to continue voting their required training must be current.
- See marked-up Charter Sections 311 and 599

Budget

- The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and LANCC support
 - Transparent labor negotiations where there is public outreach before, during, and after the negotiations so the public can understand the direction of the negotiations and provide public comment
 - The City Council shall not approve labor agreements that would create a current or future deficit
 - As part of budget planning, the CAO shall prepare a four-year budget outlook that reflects realistic anticipated raises for City Employees
 - Two-year budgets. This is also supported by the City Controller and the LA 2020 Commission. See report in [Council File 14-1184](#).
 - Five-year capital infrastructure plan that is updated bi-annually.
 - The reserve fund shall be maintained at a minimum of 5% of the total budget (current City policy). The Reserve Fund shall only be drawn upon during a declared emergency and may not be used to balance the rest of the budget
- During budget challenges, the percentage of Neighborhood Councils budget reductions shall not be greater than that of the office of the Mayor. When the Mayor's office budget is restored after the budget challenge, the Neighborhood Councils budgets are similarly restored.
- See marked-up Charter Sections 219, 291, 312, 321

Office of Transparency and Accountability

- Recommended by the Los Angeles 2020 Commission. See report in [Council File 14-1184](#). Consistently requested by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.
- The Office of Transparency and Accountability would be an independent watchdog. The office serves as the people's financial guardian, reviewing contracts, scrutinizing expenditures and sounding the alarm when the numbers stop adding up. (Some language taken from OJ Oleka, CEO of the State Financial Officers Association. [Article by OJ Oleka](#))
- The Office of Transparency and Accountability is a truth-telling body that operates independently of elected officials and provides unbiased facts to the public.
- See marked-up Charter section 295

City Council Activities

- Update to codify mandatory telephonic public comment. Working people cannot go downtown to get on a queue where they hope to get one minute to speak.
- City Council members shall actively vote yes, no, or abstain and they shall be visible to the public for the vote to count
- Each City Council member shall meet with each NC in its district no less than once a year
- Council members shall file a Form 51 when recusing from a vote
- Members of the City Council and all Commissioners shall not be permitted to vote at City Council and Committee or Commission meetings if they have not completed their required training within 30 days of being seated and to be able to continue voting their required training must be current.
- Limit the ability of the City Council to adopt ordinances impacting the Neighborhood Council Plan to administrative or ministerial actions. Anything else must go to the ballot for the public to decide. Specifically, the City Council may not, through ordinance, change Neighborhood Council composition and terms of board members.
- Each City Councilmember shall, on an annual basis at a minimum, meet with each Neighborhood Council located wholly or partially within the Councilmember's district if the Neighborhood Council desires the meeting
- See marked-up Charter Section 242, 250, 501, 907

Ethics Commission

- Increase the number of Commissioners from five to seven
 - One of the new Commissioners is appointed by the Neighborhood Councils and one is appointed by the Ethics Commission itself
 - City Council does not confirm the selections by the Ethics Commission and NCs
- The Ethics Commission shall have the ability to send items directly to the ballot when the City Council does not advance a recommendation or heavily amends a recommendation
- Increase the Ethics Commission budget to \$9 million, adjusted year-by-year based on the change in the City's revenues
 - Allow the budget not to be increased in the case of a declared fiscal emergency
- Increased the time for adjudication of Ethics complaints from four years to five
- See marked-up sections 470, 700, 703, 711, 803

City Attorney

- Added Neighborhood Councils to the entities to which the City Attorney provides legal advice
- The City Attorney shall give advice or opinion in writing when requested by a Neighborhood Council President or Chair
- The City Attorney shall not limit public interactions for Neighborhood Councils more than it does for City Council
- See marked-up section 271

Ongoing Charter Reform

- We envision a more regular Charter Reform process. Don't wait 25 years or more to review the Charter. No less than every ten years, the City should review the Charter and determine whether or not we need an update.
- The Charter Reform Commissions may send recommendations to the ballot when the City Council does not advance a recommendation or heavily amends a recommendation
- See marked-up Charter Section 130.

Wrap Up

- Thank you for making the time to hear us out. We are greatly appreciative and are looking forward to seeing the Commission's final recommendations.
- If you have any question when you review these materials, feel free to email Kay Hartman, the committee chair, at kay.hartman@palmsnc.la

Presentation by the
Board of Neighborhood
Commissioners
to the
Los Angeles City
Charter Reform Commission

February 18, 2026

Understanding the Neighborhood Council System

The Neighborhood Council System is unique within the structure of the City of Los Angeles. It includes elements of traditional city departments and commissions, but also 99 separate and distinct legislative bodies known as neighborhood councils.

The Neighborhood Council System is defined primarily by Article IX of the City Charter and Chapter 28 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

The components of the Neighborhood Council System and their functions and relationships:

Municipal Departments	Municipal Commission	Neighborhood Councils
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Office of the City Attorney Office of the City Clerk	Board of Neighborhood Commissioners <i>Establish policy for the Neighborhood Council System</i>	<i>Monitor delivery of services, advocate for their communities, advise city officials, and provide outreach to stakeholders</i>
<i>Assist with operation support including outreach, training, legal advice, funding, and elections</i>		

Neighborhood councils are independent legislative bodies whose members are public officials elected by stakeholders to whom they are ultimately responsible.

Neither city departments nor the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners oversees, supervises, or directs neighborhood councils. Their job is to assist the councils with their work.

Charter Reform Outreach to Neighborhood Councils and Response

Congress of Neighborhood Councils

Upcoming Changes to the L.A. Charter: Threat or Opportunity? workshop

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Charter Reform Town Hall 1

Focused on broad charter reform issues

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Charter Reform Town Hall 2

Focused on Article IX neighborhood council issues

Charter Reform Informational Session for Neighborhood Councils

Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statements

Regional Alliance Charter Reform Discussions

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Individual Comments

Comments submitted to Charter Reform Commission

Comments submitted to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Recommendation 1

Require that City Council, City Council committee, and city commission agendas include a separate (apart from public comment) provision for official neighborhood council comments and that adequate time be provided for such comments.

Require that City Council, City Council committees, and city commissions make provision for Neighborhood Councils to comment via telephone or online at all meetings of those bodies.

Recommendation 2

Provide an official role for neighborhood councils when choosing members of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment general manager.

Recommendation 3

Provide a dedicated funding mechanism for the neighborhood council system equivalent to at least one-tenth of one percent of the city's General Fund, to be divided equally between the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and neighborhood councils.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: January 2026

Budget Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

**NC Name: Hollywood Hills West
Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$35700.22	\$780.00	\$34920.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34920.22

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$21800.00	\$780.00	\$17804.66	\$0.00	\$17804.66
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$3000.00	\$0.00	\$3000.00	\$0.00	\$3000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$3215.34	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	David Horowitz	12/10/2025	Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment of the Horowitz invoices: 2025-00013 for the amount of \$40.00; 2025-00014 for the amount of \$16...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$40.00
2	David Horowitz	12/10/2025	Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment of the Horowitz invoices: 2025-00013 for the amount of \$40.00; 2025-00014 for the amount of \$160...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$280.00
3	David Horowitz	12/10/2025	Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves payment of the Horowitz invoices: 2025-00013 for the amount of \$40.00; 2025-00014 for the amount of \$160...	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$300.00
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Subtotal:						\$780.00

Outstanding Expenditures

#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
	Subtotal: Outstanding					\$0.00

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Bill To: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council 7095
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Project Title: August Board Meeting
Project Description: August Board Meeting on Zoom:
scheduling, inviting participants, managing technical
settings, timing and muting participants, etc. Invoice
Number: 2025-00013
Invoice Date: 09/25/2025

Description	Hours	Price/Hr	Cost
August Board Meeting	0.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00
Subtotal			\$ 40.00
Total			\$ 40.00

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Thank you for your business!

Best regards,

David Horowitz

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Project Title: October 2025 Web & Email Administration Project
Description: Website & Email administration for the month of October
Invoice Number: 2025-00016
Invoice Date: 10/16/2025

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Description		Cost
October Web & Email Administration		\$ 300.00
	Subtotal	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 300.00

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Project Title: September Board Meeting
Project Description: September Board Meeting on
Zoom: scheduling, inviting participants, managing
technical settings, timing and muting participants, etc.
Invoice Number: 2025-00014
Invoice Date: 09/25/2025

Description	Hours	Price/Hr	Cost	
September Board Meeting	2.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00	
			Subtotal	\$ 160.00
			Total	\$ 160.00

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Project Title: January 2026 Web & Email Administration Project
Description: Website & Email administration for the month of
January Invoice Number: 2026-00001
Invoice Date: 02/06/2026

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Description		Cost
January Web & Email Administration		\$ 300.00
	Subtotal	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 300.00

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Project Title: January Board Meeting
Project Description: January Board Meeting on Zoom:
scheduling, inviting participants, managing technical
settings, timing and muting participants, etc. Invoice
Number: 2026-00002
Invoice Date: 02/06/2026

Description	Hours	Price/Hr	Cost
January Board Meeting	1.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 120.00
		Subtotal	\$ 120.00
		Total	\$ 120.00

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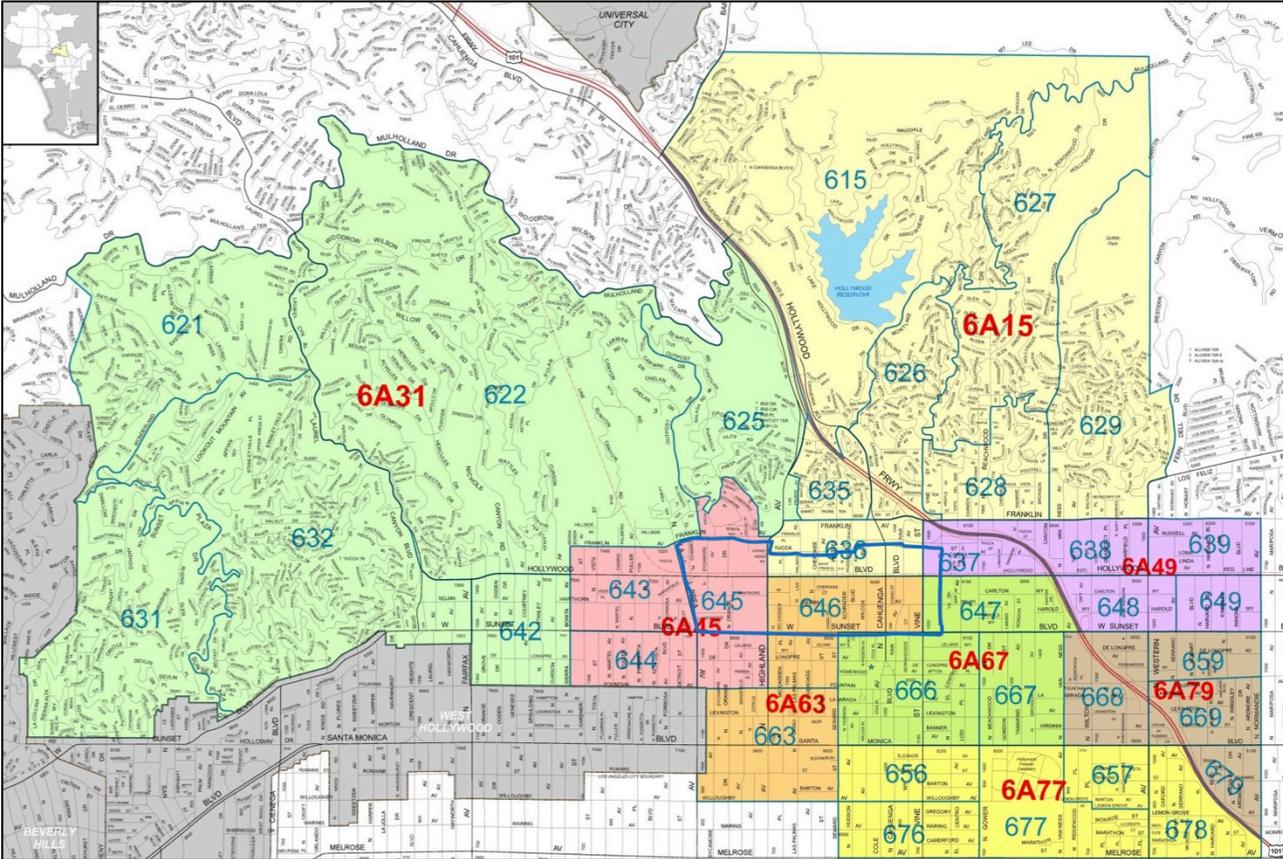
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6A67	Officer Gabe Ruiz (Acting SLO)	39066@lapd.online	(213) 713-0794
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6A79	Officer Annabelle Eubank	37352@lapd.online	(213) 793-0711