



Co-Chairs: Captain Manuel Chavez & Alexa Iles Skarpelos
Secretary: Angela La Riva

Meeting Recap

March 24, 2026 - 5:00 pm
Hollywood Community Room 6501 Fountain Avenue

I. Hollywood Division Update

Captain Manuel Chavez

Captain Chavez has just completed his eighth month in Hollywood. Additional foot beats in Hollywood have been extremely effective.

Hollywood Division crime stats by category

- Homicides = 0% Change
 - Rape = ↓down, -59.3%
 - Robberies = ↓down, -3.8%
 - Aggr Assault = ↓down, -2%%
- Total Violent Crime = ↓down, -8.2%**

- Burglaries = ↓down, -20.3%
 - Grand Theft Auto = ↓down, -25.0%
 - Theft fr Vehicle = ↓down, -7.7%
 - Theft /GTP = ↓down, -21.3%
- Total Property Crime = ↓down, -18.4%**

Hollywood Personnel Updates

Rob Peters has been promoted to Captain II. He will be leaving Hollywood Division at the end of May to his new role in Force Investigations Division (FID).

Season Nunez will join the Hollywood Division as the new Patrol Captain. Her previous role was as the LAPD Chief's Adjutant. She will be phasing in about once a week until she starts officially in April.

Staffing & Department Challenges

Captain Chavez noted that they continued to be challenged by a net loss of 200 officers per year. They are utilizing technology, and foot beats, cameras etc. to offset staffing shortages.

What is the reason for the dip in staffing? Attrition? Lack of qualified candidates? Budget issues?

There is a normal amount of attrition. Lower staff levels are not entirely due to budget constraints, although current City of LA budget challenges can be a factor. The LA City hiring process (which includes hiring of police personnel) is slow and cumbersome*. This is significantly longer than other cities and police departments. The LAPD recognizes this is an issue, and is taking steps to correct it.

**According to a Organizational Assessment of The LAPD by Rand Justice Policy Program published in June 2025, it takes 349 days on average to process a sworn applicant.*

There was a comment that LA City Charter Reform decisions may impact future budgets / hiring.

2028 Olympics Planning

Operational planning is already underway.

A lot of having a safe 2028 Olympics is having Intel. LAPD Counter-terrorism and special operations bureaus are coordinating with bordering agencies (LA County) and federal partners and has established an Incident Management Team (IMT).

HED Street Vendors

The Senior Lead Officers for the Hollywood Entertainment District (HED) continue with efforts to enforce the quality of life issues related to street vendors.

They began with a compassionate, education-first approach. In April they will start issuing citations/enforcement.

They will continue to coordinate with the Hollywood Partnership and Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to identify and resolve ADA violations, aggressive panhandling and other violations related to street vending that impact the businesses and public safety.

ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) requires that local authorities ensure that sidewalks are accessible (have at least 36" width of access). Many of the street vendors create obstacles to that clearance on the sidewalks.

Street Lighting / Wire Theft

Organized theft of copper wire from LA City Street lights has kept large swaths of Hollywood in the dark.

II. Guest Presentation – LAPD Homeless Coordinator’s Unit

Officer Hector Pereida, LAPD Dept. of Homeless Coordinator’s Unit

This unit was established in 2016 as a liaison between LAPD, LA City Agencies (Rec & Parks, LADOT, Dept. of Sanitation, CHP, CAL TRANS etc.) and Council Districts. They also work with the Mayor’s “Inside Safe” program. They keep LAPD Divisions updated on changes in homeless policies and laws.

CIRCLE Program (Crisis & Incidents Response through Community-led Engagement)

When possible, incidents reported may be diverted to CIRCLE, an unarmed crisis response team. To be diverted they must be generally non-violent, non-criminal or not medically urgent and involve unhoused individuals. CIRCLE began initially as a pilot program (currently 6 of the 21 divisions). In February 2026 LA City Council voted to make it permanent and expand it throughout Los Angeles.

LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)

LEAD is a community-based, non-punitive initiative that redirects individuals engaged in low-level offenses away from jail and into social services (mental health, substance use, etc.).

Vehicle Dwelling

Cars and RV’s continue to be used as dwellings on city streets and RVs require significant multi-agency coordination. Towing RVs requires special handling, and impound yards don’t often have the space. It’s also difficult to determine who owns the vehicle.

Special Enforcement Zones (41.18)

There was a question about Special Enforcement Zones (41.18) expiring. These prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property in the public right-of-way, particularly near sensitive sites (schools, daycares, libraries). There are different approaches to enforcement by District /

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Council Office. Some zones were established with previous council administrations. Special enforcement zones remain enforceable where posted signage is valid.

Residents can report encampments using MyLA311.

[LA-HOP \(Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal\)](#)

LA-HOP is a platform to request assistance for people experiencing homelessness. <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/> This is managed by LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority).

III. Updates from Reps & Officials

Bernadette Cronley

Hollywood Area Field Deputy, Office of Council Member Nithya Raman, CD4
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Speed Camera Pilot Program

Speed safety systems will be installed across the City of Los Angeles, as part of a program to improve street safety and encourage safer driving behavior.

Locations have been selected in areas where speeding and crashes most often occur. It is expected to launch by fall of 2026. Initially drivers will receive a written warning, after that, they will issue tickets.

To learn more about the speed camera pilot program & locations go to: <https://ladot.lacity.gov/speed-safety-system#locations>

Laila Molina

Deputy District Director, Office of Council Member Hugo Soto-Martinez, CD13
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CD13 Staffing Updates

Anais Gonzales, who had previously given CPAB the updates from CD13 as the Hollywood Area Field Rep., is moving into a new role in Special Projects for CD13. A replacement Field Rep is pending.

Hector Vega has been promoted to District Director. He had previously been Deputy District Dir.

Hollywood Street Closures:

The next major street closure in Hollywood will be April 18 – 21st at the Chinese Theatre & Dolby Theatre (movie premier). For details on street closures visit: <https://hollywoodpartnership.com/alerts>

Area Parks Updates:

They have installed a new fence at Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park (7020 Franklin Avenue at N Sycamore). The park will be open from sunrise to sunset, but closed and locked at night.

Street Light Update:

CD13 has allocated \$1.9 million in funding for street lighting repairs to address the backlog of 36,000 service requests in the district. The big difference is that they were able to hire a dedicated crew just for CD13.

Residents should report streetlights that are out using MyLA311, should also email / forward the service order number with the Council Office so they can assist with prioritizing.

Brandi D'Amore

President, Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Email: brandi@myhunc.org

CD13 Candidate Forum

14 Neighborhood Councils are putting on a public forum for candidates for Council District 13. It will be held on Thursday, April 30th at LA City College (Doors open at 5:30 pm). There are 4 candidates who have qualified to run for this position.

Susana Cervantes

NE Area Representative
Office of Community Engagement, LA City Mayor Karen Bass
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Service Requests – best practice for reporting is to use MyLA311

Organized Metal Theft

Mayor Bass is supporting state bill: AB 1941 - Organized Metal Theft
Since much of the streetlight issues are related to copper wire theft.
This would give law enforcement new tools and information sharing.

Susana mentioned that the Mayor would be making an announcement soon about streetlights.
Note: On March 26th, Mayor Bass announced a plan to give 60,000 streetlights solar upgrades

IV. Updates from Senior Lead Officers

Officer Heather Mata

Area 6A63
This area covers central Hollywood between Santa Monica Blvd. and Hollywood Blvd.
Email: 40988@lapd.online

2026 National Night Out Event

Save the Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026
NNO Block Party on Cole (between Fountain and Cahuenga) next to the Hollywood Station
Community members or organizations that would like to participate should reach out to SLO Mata.

Officer Brian White

Area 6S1
Hollywood Entertainment District (Nights)
Email: 38074@lapd.online

Nightlife Update

Since the last CPAB meeting there were several major events such as the Grammy's, All-Star Weekend, the Super Bowl, and Oscars. This did bring a lot of nightlife to the area. With all that they were able to maintain the good crime stats.

Moving to a foot beat model for enforcement
Continued work on the street vendors enforcement

Officer Jesse Rubalcava, Area 6A77

Area 6A77
This area covers south of Santa Monica Blvd. to Melrose, from Seward to the 101 fwy
Email: 38655@lapd.online

SLO Rubalcava announced that CD13 funded new lighting Lemon Grove Park (4959 Lemon Grove Avenue – at Hobart) scheduled for June 20206 and that they will continue the “Summer Night Lights” activities this year at the park.

He invited everyone to get the word out about an Immigration Symposium hosted by LAPD on April 16th at Hollywood First Presbyterian Church (1760 N. Gower). RSVP to SLO Gonzalez email: 41018@lapd.online

Officer Joe Raviol

Area 6A31

This area primarily covers the Hollywood Hills west of the 101 freeway

Email: 40541@lapd.online

Burglaries

They have assigned extra patrols to identify and deter organized crimes, which he credits with the 6% decrease. There have been two significant arrests

Report Encampments in the Hillside

As people are out hiking in the hills this spring / summer, please report encampments. Navigation App: What3Words will help map the location.

Report Brush Hazards in the Hillside

If you see brush that hasn't been cleared, please report it to: LAFDBrush@lacity.org or Call (800) 994-4444

Officer Gabe Ruiz

LAPD Volunteer & Reserve Officers & Acting SLO for 6A67

Email: 39066@lapd.online

In addition to his regular role as the Volunteer & Reserve Coordinator, Gabe has been the acting SLO covering Area 6A67 vacancy left by Cesar Corona when he retired this past summer.

Hollywood Blvd. Encampment

He has been working with SLO Gonzalez to address Hollywood Blvd between Gower and Bronson (in front of the Salvation Army). He thanked the Hollywood Partnership for helping deal with the trash and other issues. They have made progress on reducing the size of the encampment and made several arrests.

Additional Note: *Officer Mika Gonzalez received the "Hollywood SLO Of the year" award from Captain Chavez and Sgt. Colley this month. SLO Gonzalez was recognized for her work in the community and work ethic. Congratulations SLO Gonzalez!*

V. Upcoming Events / Announcements

Immigration Symposium

Thursday, April 16, 2026 | 5:30 pm | Hollywood First Presbyterian Church (1760 N. Gower St.)

LA City Council District 13 Candidate Forum

Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 5:30 pm | LA City College (855 N Vermont Avenue S)

PAL Car Show & Block Party

Sunday, May 17, 2026 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Hollywood Blvd. between Argyle & Bronson

Next CPAB Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 5:00 pm | Hollywood Community Room (6501 Fountain Avenue)

For Information Regarding Upcoming Hollywood Area Street Closures Visit:

<https://hollywoodpartnership.com/alerts>

Meeting Adjourned at 6:12 pm