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## PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### General Assembly Meeting Agenda The IMAN Center

**3376 Motor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034 (onsite parking available)**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Kay Hartman, Presidente, por correo electrónico al [Kay.Hartman@palmsnc.la](mailto:Kay.Hartman@palmsnc.la) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** 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 two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.

*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

### 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order (Hartman)
- b. Roll Call (Hartman)

### 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The Neighborhood Council is looking for people to fill the roles of Secretary, Community Based Organizations Representative, and Business Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to [president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la) to apply. Board members are also welcome to apply.
- b. First neighborhood cleanup was held December 14. Upcoming cleanups are planned for March 8, June 13, and December 13.
- c. The Neighborhood Council is looking for people to join our committees. See our list of committees on our website at <https://palmsnc.la/committees/>. To join, please send an email expressing your interest to [president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la).
- d. Palms Neighborhood Council Committees Community Resources:
  - i. [Renters Rights and Affordable Housing Advocacy Committee Resource List](#)

ii. [Racial and Social Justice Resource List](#)

**3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4) COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- a. Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky – Vanessa Saldana [Vanessa.Saldana@lacity.org](mailto:Vanessa.Saldana@lacity.org)
- b. Office of Mayor Karen Bass – Jennifer Hull [jennifer.hull@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.hull@lacity.org)
- c. Office of County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath – Katie Abrams [KAbrams@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:KAbrams@bos.lacounty.gov)
- d. Office of LAUSD Board of Education Sherlett Hendy Newbill – Jewett Walker, Jr. [jewett.walkerjr@lausd.net](mailto:jewett.walkerjr@lausd.net)
- e. Office of State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan- Karen Calderon [Karen.Calderon@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Karen.Calderon@asm.ca.gov)
- f. Office of State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas – Carlos Penilla [Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov)
- g. Office of Congress Representative Ted Lieu – Mia Thiagarajan [Mia.Thiagarajan@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mia.Thiagarajan@mail.house.gov)
- h. Office of Congress Representative Sydney Kamlager Dove – Jackson Benarroch [Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov)
- i. Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Division – Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Adrian D. Acosta [37285@lapd.online](mailto:37285@lapd.online)
- j. Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion 18 – Chief Shin Black [Shin.Black@lacity.org](mailto:Shin.Black@lacity.org)
- k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Daniel Johnson [daniel.d.johnson@lacity.org](mailto:daniel.d.johnson@lacity.org)
- l. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
  - i. Community Forest Advisory Committee
  - ii. Budget Advocates

**5) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Ad Hoc Bylaws (Hartman)
  - i. [November 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - ii. [November 11, 2025 Draft Bylaws](#)
  - iii. [December 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - iv. [December 23, 2025 Draft Bylaws](#)
  - v. [December 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - vi. [December 30 Draft Bylaws](#)
- b. Community Engagement (Hartman)
  - i. [November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Executive (Hartman)
  - i. [November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. Green (Miller)
  - i. [October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- e. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
- f. Transportation and Infrastructure (Kaiser)
  - i. [November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- g. Unhoused and Public Safety (Akef)

**6) EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a. President
  - i. The Neighborhood Council is looking for people to fill the roles of Secretary, Community Based Organizations Representative, and Business Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to [president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la) to apply. Board members are also welcome to apply.

- ii. Looking for somebody to be the first alternate representative to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – WRAC (meets the third Monday at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom). If you are interested in this position, please contact Kay Hartman, [president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la).
- iii. A reminder to committee chairs that committee members who are not members of the board and who have not previously signed the Code of Conduct need to do so. Please scan the signed document and email it to [president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la). Let Kay know if you have any questions.
- iv. We are lost our Secretary in September. Until we find a new Secretary, the tasks are divided among those who volunteered and the Executive Committee. You can view the assignments [here](#).
- b. Treasurer
  - i. Palms Neighborhood Council [Budget Report](#)

## 7) REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [November 5, 2025 General Assembly Council Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. **MOTION** to approve the [November 5, 2025 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) to the Department of Recreation and Parks objecting to the recent planting of non-native trees in the parking lot area of Rio de Los Angeles State Park
- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) to the LA Unified School District and the Department of Recreation and Parks supporting Resolution 101-24 of the California Medical Association
- e. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold Palms Community Day on May 2
  - i. There's no budget yet. The Community Engagement Committee wants to secure a date on our calendar.
- f. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold a Metro

## 8) FUNDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [October 2025 MER](#)
- b. **MOTION** to approve the [November 2025 MER](#)
- c. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$2000 for audio equipment for GA meetings
  - i. [Budget breakdown](#)
- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold a Youth Arts and Crafts Fair on March 18, 2026 at Woodbine Park with a budget of \$500.
  - i. Budget will include certificates of participation and thanks.
  - ii. Snacks/water if needed will also come from this budget but we should be able to satisfy the needs using what is in the storage unit
  - iii. Will be asking the Council Office to fund tables and chairs

## 9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$250 to host a Metro Ride-Along on April 18 from Palms station to LAX MTC and back and then gather after for snacks.
- b. The Outreach Committee would like to see us table once a month. It is asking each committee to pick a time to staff a table and talk to stakeholders. Sign up in [this spreadsheet](#)

## 10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to support LADOT's Westwood Blvd Safety and Mobility Project
- b. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to serve as the site coordinator for the 2026 Homeless Count
  - i. We would operate within Palms only.
  - ii. We need a volunteer to serve as the Deployment Site Coordinator operating out of the Culver Palms Church of Christ.

## 11) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the IMAN Center.

## [ALL SUPPLEMENTALS](#)

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- <https://palmsnc.la/>
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