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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, February 4, 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 para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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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 Area E Representative, Community Based Organizations Representative, and Business Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to president@palmsnc.la to apply. Board members are also welcome to apply.
- b. 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.
- 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
- b. Office of Mayor Karen Bass – Jennifer Hull jennifer.hull@lacity.org
- c. Office of County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath – Katie Abrams KAbrams@bos.lacounty.gov
- d. Office of LAUSD Board of Education Sherlett Hendy Newbill – Jewett Walker, Jr. jewett.walkerjr@lausd.net
- e. Office of State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan- Karen Calderon Karen.Calderon@asm.ca.gov
- f. Office of State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas – Carlos Penilla Carlos.Penilla@sen.ca.gov
- g. Office of Congress Representative Ted Lieu – Mia Thiagarajan Mia.Thiagarajan@mail.house.gov
- h. Office of Congress Representative Sydney Kamlager Dove – Jackson Benarroch Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov
- i. Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Division – Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Adrian D. Acosta 37285@lapd.online
- j. Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion 18 – Chief Shin Black Shin.Black@lacity.org
- k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Daniel Johnson 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)
- b. Community Engagement (Hartman)
 - i. [January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Executive (Hartman)
 - i. [January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. Green (Miller)
 - i. [November 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- e. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
- f. Transportation and Infrastructure (Kaiser)
 - i. [January 8, 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 Area E Representative, Community Based Organizations Representative, and Business Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to 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.
 - 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. Let Kay know if you have any questions.

- b. Treasurer
 - i. Palms Neighborhood Council [Budget Report](#)

7) REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [January 7, 2026 Palms Neighborhood Council General Assembly meeting minutes](#)
- b. **MOTION** to appoint Richard Kerr alternate representative to the WRAC Transportation Committee
- c. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith vice chair of the Unhoused and Public Safety Committee
- d. **MOTION** to remove Sam Goodyear from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee
- e. **MOTION** to remove Sam Goodyear from the Community Engagement Committee
- f. **MOTION** to remove Scott Chase from the Unhoused and Public Safety Committee
- g. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to support if amended [Council File 15-0103-S4](#) commenting on the recently completed Climate Vulnerability Assessment report's lack of inclusion of our biodiversity crisis.
 - i. [Climate Vulnerability Assessment](#)
- h. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to the Charter Reform Commission supporting the Charter Reform recommendations approved by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
 - i. [Recommendations overview](#)
 - ii. [Charter marked up recommendations](#)
- i. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to the Charter Reform Commission opposing the [Fuentes/Schlageter motion](#) to have DONE follow up on Department requests from NCs instead of the Council Offices
- j. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) requesting parking restrictions for e-scooters

8) FUNDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold a book drive for the Palms Elementary School Library from February 15 through May 15 with a budget of \$100
 - i. The budget will be used for flyers
 - ii. The donation box will be at the IMAN Center
 - iii. [The list of requested books](#)
- b. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold Community Day on May 2 at 10020 National Blvd with a budget of \$17,690.40
 - i. [Community Day Budget](#)

9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Community Engagement 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 appoint Jillian Barndt secretary of the Palms Neighborhood Council
 - i. Jillian will continue to also serve as Area E Representative until we can find a replacement for her
- b. **MOTION** to approve [updates to the bylaws](#)
 - i. Passage requires a 2/3 vote of all those present and voting including abstentions
- c. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold a Community Cleanup on March 8 with a budget of \$100
 - i. The money will be used for food for the participants

- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) to Mayor Bass and Councilmember Yaroslavsky to ask them to ask the County for an Eviction Moratorium due to the ICE raids

- i. **BACKGROUND:** the coalition EVICT ICE, NOT US!, including renters of 3754 & 3760 Vinton in Palms section D, are calling for our support in backing their call for an Eviction Moratorium as a result of the ICE raids plaguing Los Angeles.

EVICT ICE, NOT US! is a coalition composed of more than 60 community groups, including LATU, the Los Angeles Tenants Union, and DSA-LA, the Democratic Socialists of America - Los Angeles, in this demand for an eviction moratorium.

Given the most recent declaration of a State of Emergency due to the ICE raids, the Board of Supervisors now has the unique power to enforce an eviction moratorium (much like we saw during COVID <https://southpasadenan.com/additional-resident-protections-in-place-l-a-county-enacts-eviction-moratorium/>.)

To be clear, our letter to the Mayor and Councilmember is to request for them to call on the County to take action. Mayor Bass and Councilmember Raman wrote a letter in similar fashion in April 2025 when they wrote to the Board, "Mayor Bass, Councilmember Raman Send Letter To Board of Supervisors Ahead of Vote To Create More Bureaucracy."

Tenants are living in fear: going to work means risking kidnapping, but staying home means risking eviction.

The crisis is here and getting worse each day. The Rent Brigade's September report found that immigrant workers have lost over 60% of their income since the raids started. We are already seeing a spike in evictions.

Links for Background:

<https://www.evicticenotus.org/>

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/67931cff4d613f32d7b66deb/t/68b77b270078c3404eaf98fa/1756855079588/Disappeared-and-Displaced-September-2025.pdf>

<https://abc7.com/post/los-angeles-county-declares-state-emergency-immigration-raids/18007972/>

<https://knock-la.com/latu-urges-board-of-supervisors-to-approve-eviction-moratorium/>

<https://mayor.lacity.gov/news/mayor-bass-councilmember-raman-send-letter-board-supervisors-ahead-vote-create-more#:~:text=Mayor%20Karen%20Bass%20and%20Councilmember%20Nithya%20Raman%2C,County%20Board%20of%20Supervisors%20not%20to%20go>

11) ADJOURNMENT

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

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