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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, March 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](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 Area E 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. Upcoming cleanups are planned for June 13, September 19, 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. Budget Day is the morning of June 27 at City Hall
- e. 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)
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- 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. Community Engagement (Hartman)
- b. Executive (Hartman)
  - i. [February 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Green (Miller)
  - i. [January 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - ii. [Westwood Greenway Grand Opening March 5](#)
  - iii. [Lawn to Habitat Event March 7](#)
- d. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
  - i. [February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- e. Transportation and Infrastructure (Garfinkel)
- f. 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 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.
- b. Treasurer
  - i. Palms Neighborhood Council [Budget](#)

## 7) REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [February 4, 2026 General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [Council File 26-0158](#) to expand the Hydration Station Initiative Program prior to the 2028 Olympics
- c. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) in opposition to [Council File 25-1476](#) exempting well maintenance activities from CEQA oversight
- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to Oppose Unless Amended [Council File 25-1259](#) to allow development of City-owned property for more single family housing. The motion should be amended to exclude properties in the Very High Fire Hazard Zone and habitat-filled, mudslide-prone hillside lots and to require multi-family construction..
- e. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to the Charter Reform Commission about adding a requirement for Neighborhood Council elections to the Charter

## 8) FUNDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [December 2025 MER](#)
- b. **MOTION** to approve the [January 2026 MER](#)
- c. **MOTION** to move \$2000 from Community Improvement Projects to Audio Equipment
- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$15 for stickers for Transportation Committee tabling
  - i. [Example stickers](#)
  - ii. Idea is to put stickers on a map of Palms that shows Transportation and Infrastructure improvements advocated by the Palms NC

## 9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to approve [updates to the bylaws](#)
  - i. Passage requires a 2/3 vote of all those present and voting including abstentions
  - ii. [What is a selection?](#)
  - iii. [What's the Difference Between Neighborhood Council Elections and Selections?](#)
- b. **DISCUSSION** on Community Day Status
  - i. Budget is about \$5000 short. Kay may be able to get it from the county. County has approved it. William connected Kay with a fiscal sponsor that the county is working with. They will cover expenses that we decide for them.
  - ii. Maria suggested appealing more to the 25-35 year old demographic: tarot card reader, native plant giveaway, print photobooth. She will look into prices.
- c. **DISCUSSION** on Metro Ride-Along Status
  - i. It's happening! Can only have up to 30 people and need to have pre-registration. Confirmed with Lobster and Beer. Will be held April 18th.

## 10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith Community-Based Organization Representative
  - i. [Cover letter](#)
  - ii. [Resume](#)

## 11) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 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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