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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, April 1, 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.

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 Vice President, Area E Representative, Business Representative, and Youth Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to president@palmsnc.la to apply. Board members are also welcome to apply.
- b. 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.
- c. Budget Day is the morning of June 27 at City Hall
- 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. Community Engagement (Hartman)
- b. Executive (Hartman)
 - i. [March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Green (Miller)
 - i. [February 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
- 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 Vice President, Area E Representative, Business Representative, and Youth 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.
 - iv. General Assembly meeting quorum
 - v. Permissions on the Google Drive
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Palms Neighborhood Council [Budget](#)

7) REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- i. **MOTION** to approve the [March 4, 2026 General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- ii. **MOTION** to appoint Kay Hartman Vice President
 1. Kay would hold the positions of President and Vice President until a Vice President can be found
- iii. **MOTION** to remove Jeff Mcilvain, Caris Lee, and Reza Akef from the Community Engagement Committee and thank them for their service
- iv. **MOTION** to remove Jeff Mcilvain from the Executive and PLUM Committees and thank him for his service
- v. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to oppose [Council File 25-1181](#) expanding city helipad use to private parties
- vi. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to support [Council File 25-0002-S90](#) connecting existing protected wildlife areas through the Rim of the Valley Act
- vii. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to oppose [Council File 25-1360](#) authorizing expansion of fossil fuel methane gas to power the Scattergood generating station
- viii. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to the Charter Reform Commission on Neighborhood Council funding
- ix. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [letter](#) to Council District 5 and the City Attorney regarding the use of glyphosate pesticides in Los Angeles
- x. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to write a [letter](#) to Council District 5 requesting the introduction of a City Motion adopting Los Angeles Climate Week as an annual observance held each April, with the specific dates to be designated each year by the community-led organizing partners
- xi. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to sign onto a [letter](#) supporting a fast food ordinance
 1. Also see [Council File 19-0229-S2](#) for which we may have a CIS next month
- xii. **MOTION** to table at the Fire Station 43 pancake breakfast April 26 7:30 a.m.

8) FUNDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- i. **MOTION** to approve an updated [budget](#)
- ii. **MOTION** to approve a [\\$1000 NPG](#) to Ryder's Room for their caregiver and mental health event
- iii. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$1000 for trees and planting supplies for the Native Tree Planting Project at Veteran and Regent

9) OLD BUSINESS

- i. **MOTION** to change the Youth Art Fair date to May 16 with a budget of \$500 for packaged snacks and drinks
- ii. **DISCUSSION** on Community Day Status

10) NEW BUSINESS

11) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the IMAN Center.

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