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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Special General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86523526102>

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2025 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial +1 669 900 6833, 833 548 0282, 888 475 4499, 877 853 5257, or 833 548 0276, and enter 865 2352 6102 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council Committee meeting, the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee 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 Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or

internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A),

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(B)).

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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 Equity Officer, 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, attend a committee. If you like it, contact the committee chair to express your interest.
- c. 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 – Konstantin Hatcher konstantin.hatcher@lacity.org
- c. Office of County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath – Paige Hajiloo PHajiloo@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)
 - i. [August 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. Executive (Hartman)
 - i. [August 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. Green (Miller)
 - i. [July 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
 - i. [August 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- e. Transportation and Infrastructure (Garfinkel)
- f. Unhoused and Public Safety (Keith)

6) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President
 - i. All board members are required to take the [updated funding training](#) by August 31, 2026 and take the [corresponding quiz](#). Failure to complete this training including the quiz will result in your loss of ability to vote on funding issues. If you have any questions, you can contact Kay Hartman, Daniel Johnson (our Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate), or Ana Cardoso (our funding representative).
 - ii. The Palms Neighborhood Council is looking for people to fill the roles of Equity Officer, 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.

- iii. The Neighborhood Council needs to fill the following positions/assume the following tasks – please contact Kay to volunteer or ask questions.
 - 1. Representative to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
 - 2. Alternate Representative to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
 - 3. Homelessness Liaison
 - 4. Pick up the pizza before the GA meetings
 - 5. Pick up from and return to the storage unit the items needed for the GA meetings
 - 6. Serve on the Ad Hoc Elections committee (open to people not running in the 2027 election)
- iv. 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](#)
 - ii. Status of frozen funds

7) REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [August 5, 2026 General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. **MOTION** to create an ad hoc Bylaws Committee with Kay Hartman as chair and Katy Macek as vice chair to update the Standing Rules
- c. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to support if amended [Council File 26-0757](#) exploring sustainable funding for City Plants
- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [Council File 26-1050](#) calling for modernization of tree spacing guidelines to increase tree planting opportunities in Los Angeles.
- e. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) supporting [Council File 26-0906-S4](#) as amended encouraging Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain CERT certification
- f. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [Council File 26-1108](#) requesting District Attorney Hochman to dismiss felony charges against LAPD Office Daniel Flores
- g. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to encourage its stakeholders and the larger community to sign the [Reusable LA Petition](#) calling for Los Angeles City Council to pass a new ordinance requiring reuse for onsite dining at local restaurants and food establishments and reuse at stadiums and venues in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- h. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) to the Chief Zoning Administrator Estineh Mailian supporting the revocation of the conditional use permit and cessation of oil drilling at the Murphy Drill site in West Adams
- i. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) to City Planning approving Kavita Grocery's application for a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages at its expanded market at 10201-10203 Venice Blvd

8) FUNDING MOTIONS

- a. **MOTION** to approve an [\\$850 NPG for Kids Are 1st](#)
 - i. [Budget](#)
 - ii. [IRS Determination Letter](#)
 - iii. [Non-profit Status](#)

9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to hold a series of Public Safety events in October with a Budget of \$2950
 - i. [Event Schedule](#)
 - ii. [Event Budget](#)

10) NEW BUSINESS

11) ADJOURNMENT

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

[ALL SUPPLEMENTALS](#)

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