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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

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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.

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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 and Area B Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to president@palmsnc.la to apply. Board members are also welcome to apply.

- b. The Palms Neighborhood Council is holding a Public Safety Month starting October 15. See <https://palmsnc.la/palms-public-safety-month/> for details.
 - i. 10/15 Coffee with a Cop at the Coffee Commissary, 3417 Motor Ave, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Officer Acosta, Council District 5, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment are participating.
 - ii. 10/17 Ice Cream Social and Public Safety experts at Woodbine Park from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood (RYLAN), Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), and Metro Bike Share are participating.
 - iii. 10/24 Halloween Party and Car Seat Safety Inspection from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Culver Palms Church of Christ parking lot, 9733 Venice Blvd. Kids are 1st, Red Cross, City Attorney's Office, and the Bureau of Sanitation are participating.
 - iv. 11/7 Neighborhood Cleanup and pizza lunch at Palms Station from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Council District 5 is participating.
- c. The November General Assembly meeting is planned for the IMAN Center. The December General Assembly meeting is scheduled for Zoom. There may or may not be a January meeting depending on the need.
- d. 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.
- 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
- 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. [September 17, 2026 MEETING Minutes](#)
- b. Executive (Hartman)
 - i. [September 30 Meeting Minutes](#)

- c. Green (Miller)
 - i. [August 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
- e. Transportation and Infrastructure (Garfinkel)
- f. Unhoused and Public Safety (Keith)
 - i. [September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

6) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President
 - i. All board members are required to take the [updated funding training](#) by October 16, 2026 and take the [corresponding quiz](#). Failure to complete this training including the quiz will result in your loss of ability to vote on any motions. 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 and Area B 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. Pick up the pizza before all the GA meetings
 - 4. Pick up from and return to the storage unit the items needed for the GA meetings
 - 5. Serve on the Ad Hoc Elections committee (preference is for people not running in the 2027 election)
- b. Next month we will vote on creating an Ad Hoc committee to drive ADA compliance on our website and social media. Let Kay know if you are willing to serve on this committee.
- c. We need volunteers for all of the Public Safety month events. Let Kay know if you are willing to help.
 - i. 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.
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Palms Neighborhood Council [Budget](#)

7) REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [August 18, 2026 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. **MOTION** to approve the [August 31, 2026 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. **MOTION** to approve the [September 2, 2026 Special General Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. **MOTION** to accept Mateo Acosta's resignation and thank her for her service
- e. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith the Palms Neighborhood Council Homeless Liaison
- f. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith the WRAC Homeless Liaison
- g. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith the Palms Neighborhood Council representative to the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance
- h. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith the Palms Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Liaison
- i. **MOTION** to appoint William Keith to the Ad Hoc Bylaws committee as member

- j. **MOTION** to remove Sonia Garfinkel as Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on December 31, 2026 and appoint her as member
- k. **MOTION** to appoint Amanda McDaniel as chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee beginning January 1, 2027
- l. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to continue meeting at the IMAN Center
- m. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) supporting [Council File 26-1248](#) instructing the Public Works Bureaus to periodically prepare post-storm reports following the El Nino or other emergency rainstorm events.
- n. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) supporting [Council File 26-1202](#) to create a storefront activation program
- o. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to support the Mayor's report in [Council File 26-1286](#) calling for City Council to allocate \$6 Million in State funds for TreePeople for Habitat Restoration, Invasive Plant Removal, and Hazardous Fuel Reduction in the Angeles National Forest adjacent to Los Angeles
- p. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to support if amended [Council File 25-1428-S1](#) calling for the City to develop Defensible Space Zone Zero guidelines that prioritize native plants and habitat and disallow artificial turf in zone zero
- q. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to oppose unless amended [Council File 26-1332](#) creating the City Median Conversion Program to assess opportunities to convert medians to planting areas
- r. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to oppose unless amended [Council File 26-1333](#) to plant trees in empty tree wells where possible in the City
- s. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) to support of [Council File 25-0002-S142](#) encouraging state efforts to create commercial vouchers for zero-emission small off-road equipment
- t. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a [letter](#) to the Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division, asking for a six-month moratorium on any City tree planting on the west side of the 3600 block of Jasmine in Palms to allow time for the Palms Neighborhood Council to plan and apply for permitting to plant trees at this location

8) FUNDING MOTIONS

- a. **MOTION** to approve the [April 2026 MER](#)
- b. **MOTION** to approve the [August 2026 MER](#)
- c. **MOTION** to approve the [updated fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget](#)
- d. **MOTION** to approve the [updated fiscal year 2026-2027 Administrative Packet](#)
- e. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$400 for up to 300 flyers/signs for the I am in Palms campaign
 - i. [Committee Recommendation](#)
 - ii. [Committee Second Choice](#)
 - iii. [Committee Third Choice](#)

9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council 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.
- b. **MOTION** to approve an updated [schedule](#) and [budget](#) for Public Safety Month

10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** to appoint Owen Fua Youth Representative
 - i. [Resume](#)
- b. **MOTION** to appoint Shi'Anna Whitman Business Representative

- i. [Cover Letter](#)
- ii. [Resume](#)
- c. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$650 for up to 250 [branded flashing lights](#)

11) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for November 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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In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: <https://palmsnc.la/> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Kay Hartman, President, at Kay.Hartman@NeighborhoodCouncil.org.

Reconsideration and Grievance Process –

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