



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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Board Meeting Minutes October 1, 2025 7:00PM-9:13PM (DRAFT)

Regular Meeting Location:

[Gault Street Elementary School](#)
[17000 Gault Street](#)
[Lake Balboa CA 91406](#)

(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
James Brown 1 st Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Steve Friedmann	Absent	YES	Business
Nick Gaines	Present	YES	Business
John Garcia	Present	YES	Residential
Alex Goode 2 nd Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Surat Hazra	Present	YES	At Large
Darian Heredia	Present	YES	Residential
Lydia Jerosimich	Present	YES	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian	Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll	Present	YES	Residential
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Mariam Preissel	Present	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Absent		
David Woolf	Absent		Residential
Vacant			Youth
Total Board Members -17	Present 13 Absent 03 at Roll Call		

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired

** Advance notice given for absence ***At Large Appointed (VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, or Absent)

1. **Call meeting to order WELCOME to our STAKEHOLDERS- The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Gravani.**

If you want to address the board on any item on the agenda tonight, please complete a speaker card located at the back of the auditorium and bring it to me. Likewise, if there is an item you want to bring to the board's attention, please complete a speaker card for PUBLIC COMMENT.

L.A. City Charter Sec 900. Purpose (Of Neighborhood Councils)

To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs, a citywide system of neighborhood councils, and a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is created. Neighborhood councils shall include representatives of the many diverse interests in communities and shall have an advisory role on issues of concern to the neighborhood.

Our Mission is to bring forward our concerns to our elected officials,
We are a department within the city of Los Angeles. We are required to follow city and state laws. The Brown Act does not allow us to discuss anything that is NOT on tonight’s agenda. There is an item called PUBLIC COMMENT where you can address items NOT on the agenda. The President has suggested time limits for each item so that the meeting will end around 915p. Time allocations are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. The time keeper is: **James Brown**

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance –**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darian Heredia.**
- 3. Roll Call-**Roll was called by Secretary, Danica Middleton.**

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present-13	Absent-03	Excused-00
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	Friedmann, Stein, Woolf	None

- 4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the October 1, 2025 agenda-The agenda was approved with the change that Item 8 will be moved up to be the next item.

Public Comment: No comment
Motion: Passed (7:06PM)

LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the October 1, 2025 agenda, approved with the change that Item 8 will be moved up to be the next item. Moved: Brown Seconded: Kalaydjian				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-03
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	Goode, Jerosimich	Friedmann, Stein, Woolf

Meeting moved to Item #8.

- 5. Announcements and Reports: **If present, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF and limit your comments to 2 minutes- Thank you**
 - a. West Valley LAPD Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online – 818-374-7640 Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online -He went over the crime stats for August. He brought to everyone’s attention that many of the home burglaries, the side gates and breaking in through the suspects are going into the house through the slider doors. Lock your side gates and put something in the track of the slider to stop it from being opened. Thieves have been stealing safes. Make sure yours is bolted into a wall or floor. The LAPD Officers may not be available during the Dodger playoff games here in Los Angeles. Next week’s

CPAB meeting will be virtual with Captain Brian Wendling as the guest. There was a shooting behind the Sports Complex. The victim was arrested when his gun fell out. The suspect is still outstanding.

- i. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Anthony Duran 818-374-7694 37527@lapd.online
- ii. **NON-Emergency** 877-ASK- LAPD 877-275-5273
- b. LA Fire Dept Battalion 10 'A' Platoon, Battalion Chief Robert J Barna robert.barna@lacity.org 818-756-8610- **They have been working on vegetation mitigation near the Orange Line. Tomorrow we will be removing abandoned cars from the river. The Army Corps of Engineers will be removing encampments with LAHSA.**
- c. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) **Imelda Padilla** 818-778-4999
 - i. Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org - Field Rep for Lake Balboa
 - ii. Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org – Homelessness Director
 - iii. Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org - Homelessness Coordinator
 - iv. Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org – Land Use
 - v. Alexandra.Leard@lacity.org – VNY Airport – Deputy Chief of Staff
- d. LA Mayor Karen Bass' office–213-400-0916 Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org, Betsaira.Aguilera@lacity.org (Betsy) Community Engagement 213-257-0224-**She spoke about the Mayor's Executive Order to hire more LAPD Officers. The Mayors Office did an inside safe event on Roscoe. It was mentioned by the community that there are fires everyday on Balboa. She reminded people that they can contact Lahop-org if they know of a homeless person that needs help.**
- e. LA City Attorney's Office – 213-978-8100 **Hydee Feldstein Soto**
- f. LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- g. LA Metro Ron Macias maciasr@metro.net LA Metro Rosalba Gonzalez- Metro is doing some improvements on the Orange Line. There will be three new bridges and railroad crossings will be added at 13 intersections. From Encino to Canoga there will be improvements to the bike paths. She also mentioned the Basin cleanup with FOLAR and the Audobon Society. From 9:00AM-12:00PM at Bull Creek. On Balboa at Hayvenhurst they will be testing the train gates so it will be closed to the public.
- h. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson's** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Karla Silva Karla.Silva1@lausd.net 213-241- 8333
- i. LA County Supervisor **Lindsey P. Horvath** office (District 3) 818-901-3831 District Director Mirna Ezquivel mezquivel@bos.lacounty.gov **HELP for HOMELESS** www.la-hop.org Constituent Advocate ESFV Office Paulina Torres & Karen Dominguez
- j. CA Assemblymember **Jesse Gabriel** 46th Assembly District 818-346-4521 Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep
- k. CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** sd20.senate.ca.gov 916-651- 4020 Star.Resendez@sen.ca.gov 818-901-5588
- l. US Representative **Luz Rivas** (District 29) 818-253-3535 **All of LBNC**
- m. US Representative **Brad Sherman** – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov **Covers the Basin**
- n. Van Nuys Airport Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) Alicia Avery resident of Lake Balboa VNYCAC@lawa.org.
- o. NEW Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org 213-978-1551-**No Report**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST.** **PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE AN LBNC STAKEHOLDER.** Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC. **You have up to 2 minutes per speaker.** The State of California's Brown Act **prevents the board from discussing** your comments; however, we can ask clarifying questions. If there is a large group, you may be asked to select a spokesperson. You can also email your thoughts to LBNC President at: lindag@lakebalboanc.org
- a. **Laura Stakeholder-spoke about the RV Parking Lot, the feedback on Next Door shows the community is angry. She asked the Board to hold a Townhall.**
 - b. **Rick Pope-spoke as a representative of the City Emergency Management Department. He would like to speak to the Board about Rylan, Ready your LA Neighborhood.**

L.A. City Charter Sec. 907 Early Warning System *"establish procedures for receiving input from neighborhood councils prior to decision by the City Council, City Council Committees and boards and commissions."*

L.A. City Charter Sec. 909. Annual City Budget Priorities. *Each neighborhood council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the city budget. The Mayor shall inform certified neighborhood councils of the deadline for submission so that the input may be considered in a timely fashion.* **IF you are interested in learning more about where your tax dollars are scheduled to go** <https://cao.lacity.gov/budget/> -Budget Advocates met 2 weeks ago. They have been discussing the Olympics. They are having Department meetings to put together the White Paper.

L.A. CITY Charter Sec. 910. Monitoring of City Services. Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and have periodic meetings with responsible officials of City departments, subject to their reasonable availability.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding **board open seat for Youth Representative.** LBNC BYLAWS Section 1: Composition E. One (1) YSR Youth Stakeholder Representative (YSR) – Open to Stakeholders between the ages of fourteen (14) and seventeen (17) on the day of the election or selection. See Admin. Code § 22.814(c). If less than eighteen (18) years of age, the Youth Board Seat member shall be precluded from voting on financial matters, such as neighborhood council expenditures, financial reports, annual budgets, contracts, and recommendations to enter into contracts. **-item Postponed**
8. Discussion and possible action regarding a formal notification to be sent to Mayor Bass and METRO board to **remove CM Padilla from METRO board** – Gravani

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:07PM)

LBNC ITEM 8. Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to send a letter to Mayor Bass and the Metro Board requesting that Councilmember Padilla be removed from the Metro Board.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Goode				
Yes-10	No-02	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Brown, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel	Gaines, Garcia	Schwering	None	Friedmann, Stein, Woolf

Meeting returned to Item #5

Mihran Kalaydjian left the meeting at 7:14PM

9. Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 22-1125 and **jet service from Van Nuys Airport to Maui**- Gravani <https://ktla.com/news/california/semi-private-jet-company-partners-with-four-seasons-on-new-l-a-to-hawaii-routes/amp/>

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 9. Motion to oppose Council File 22-1125 jet service from Van Nuys Airport to Maui				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Heredia				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	None	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

10. Discussion and possible action for a Rally regarding the Victory Blvd projects and possibly other concerns including funding for signage, flyers, permit, etc.- **funding not to exceed \$1500** – Gravani

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:10PM)

LBNC ITEM 10a. Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to support up to \$1500.00 for a Rally regarding the Victory Blvd projects and possibly other concerns, including funding for signage, flyers, permit, etc.- funding not to exceed \$1500				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	Goode, Jerosimich	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:12PM)

LBNC ITEM 10b. Motion to approve a CIS and/or letter to oppose The Victory Blvd. Projects and that there is another location that they can use.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	None	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

11. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval/changes/amendments of **LBNC's FY 2025-2026 budget**. Rollover amount is **\$14,526.80** Schwering. **\$4,000** is being moved from Outreach to NPG.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:15PM)

LBNC ITEM 11. Motion to approve the LBNC FY 2025-2026 Budget.				
Moved: Schwering Seconded: Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	Goode, Jerosimich	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

12. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **August 2025 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:17PM)

LBNC ITEM 12 Motion to approve the August 2025 MER				
Moved: Schwering Seconded: Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	Goode, Jerosimich	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

13. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (**NPG**) in the amount of **\$2,500** to Friends of the LA River (**FOLAR**) for 35th annual River Cleanup.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:20PM)

LBNC ITEM 13. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,500 to Friends of the LA River (FOLAR) for 35th annual River Cleanup.				
Moved: Middleton Seconded: Brown				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-02	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	Goode, Jerosimich	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

14. Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC **matching funds** for **FOLAR** from CD6-Preissel

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:30PM)

LBNC ITEM 14. Motion to approve President Gravani to write a letter to the Council Office in regards to matching funds.				
Moved: Middleton Seconded: Brown				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	None	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

15. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding **funding consideration for cameras** in the basin – Preissel

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:42PM)

LBNC ITEM 15. Motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council appreciates the purchase of the camera in the Sepulveda Basin. The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council further supports a motion for four more additional cameras, to be added to help enforce safety issues in the Sepulveda Basin.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Preissel				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	None	None	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

16. Discussion and possible action regarding a **redesign of the bike path** from Vanalden to White Oak connecting with the two existing bike paths-Preissel

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:49PM)

LBNC ITEM 16. Motion that due to the need for accountability, The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council supports the completion of the Riverway Bike Lanes from Vanalden to White Oak, then connecting them to the two existing bike paths.				
Moved: Preissel Seconded: Gravani				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel	None	Schwering	None	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Stein, Woolf

Linda Schwering left the meeting at 8:57PM and returned at 9:02PM

17. Discussion and possible action regarding council file 25-0642 and & AB2097 which supports a developer determining the parking needs of their project -Gravani

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:00PM)

LBNC ITEM 17. Motion to Oppose Council File 25-0642 and & AB2097 which supports a developer determining the parking needs of their project.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Brown				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Brown, Gaines, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel	None	None	None	Friedmann, Kalaydjian, Schwering, Stein, Woolf

18. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates**, (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: Linda Gravani, Budget Advocate Mihran Kalaydjian 2025 White Paper read pages 1-15 then look under department for specifics **EX: page 40 for City Council**
https://www.budgetadvocates.org/files/ugd/f03c84_17341704205f406e95d2dce3965a7814.pdf **SEE page 6** of agenda for Committee schedules and locations, please join us.

19. Discussion and possible action regarding **which City Council Committees will be followed by LBNC Board Members or Committees** – Gravani

- Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment – Miriam
- Planning and Land use Management – Steven/Darian
- Public Safety – James Brown & Linda Schwering
- Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations – Mihran
- Trade, Travel, and Tourism – Nick & David
- Volunteers?

20. Committee **UPDATES**: Approximately **2 minutes** for each report, unless otherwise noted

- President updates: If you plan to use the flyaway meeting room, I need to reserve the specific dates/times for your meetings. REMINDER, should you have to cancel, you must forward an agenda stating the meeting is cancelled and let me know to cancel the room
- Education -**There will be an upcoming meeting with panelists.**
- Emergency Preparedness- **Meets a week from Saturday.**
- Health & Public Safety- **Mr. Brown is hoping to schedule a meeting at OneGeneration.**
- Land Use-**Issues addressed above.**
- Outreach newsletter-**No Report**
- Rec and Park-**Issues were addressed above.**
- VNY Airport- **The meeting will be held on November 18th at the Flyaway at 7:00PM**
- Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee-**No Report**

21. THANK YOU LBNC Board Members & Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for all YOU do behind the scenes for our community.

22. Adjourn Meeting- The meeting was adjourned ay 9:13PM

Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday November 5, 2025 at Gault St School Auditorium