



Board Meeting Minutes September 6, 2023 7:03PM-9:16PM (DRAFT)

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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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
Michael Cortez	Joined at 7:15PM	YES	Residential
Ronnie Frost Communications Officer	Present	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
Alex Goode 2 nd Vice President	Present	NO	Residential
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Surat Hazra	Present	YES	At Large
Lydia Jerosimich	Present	YES	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian	Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll	Present	YES	Residential
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Jared Negron	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Present	YES	Business
Bill Swartz	Joined in Item #15	NO	
Kathleen Swartz	Present	YES	At- Large
Vacant			Organization
Vacant			At Large
Vacant			Organization
Total Board Members -15 at Roll Call	Present 14 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, Absent)

1. Call meeting to order Welcome to our stakeholders

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Linda Gravani Tonight we are celebrating 19 years of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council. Ms. Gravani introduced Steve Leffert, one of the founding members.

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 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 930p. Time allocations are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. **The time keeper tonight is: James Brown**

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance James Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call- The Roll was called by Danica Middleton the Secretary. Quorum was reached.

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present –14	Absent-01	Excused-00
Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian	Cortez	None
Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz		

- 4. Poll for mandatory training-Christopher Garcia Jim Stein, 29Sep Code of Conduct
- 5. Discussion and possible to action to adopt the **September 6, 2023** agenda (Correct #23 July MER)

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:08PM)

LBNC ITEM 5 Motion to adopt the September 6, 2023 agenda as corrected. Moved: Brown Seconded:- Kalaydjian						
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01		
Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich,	None	None	None	Cortez		
Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein,						
K. Swartz						

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for LBNC Meeting 2 Aug2023 Meeting Minutes—Middleton

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 6 Motion to approve the LBNC Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2023 Moved: Seconded:-Middleton Kalaydjian					
Yes-14	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01	
Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich,	None	None	None	Cortez	
Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein,					
K. Swartz					

7. Announcements and Reports:

Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State

- West Valley LAPD Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online 818-374-7640 Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - 1-877-ASK-LAPD
 - i. Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online CD6 is still staffing their office. There will be a clean-up in the Sepulveda Basin next week but it is still in the planning stages. Crime in Lake Balboa has been low. There have been a couple of residential

burglaries. They are entering through unlocked side gates and smashing sliding back doors. Keep tools put away. Part one crimes are murder, rape, and homicide. If you have high value jewelry or other items lock them in a safe bolted to studs. Burglary from vehicles- lock it, hide it, keep it. Garage door openers are being stolen. Keep them hidden do not keep them on your cars visor. There will be a coffee with a cop from 11:00AM-1:00PM at Starbucks on Saturday. You can park at Lulus.

- ii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
- LAFD Battalion 10 Matt Conroy-When fuels are wet there is less likely hood of fires. They are
 seeing a lot of kids on bikes not wearing their helmets properly. Bikes need to be adjusted to fit
 properly. Check the tires and brakes. Don't use your phone while riding your bike. Kids can ride on
 the sidewalks. Linda Gravani requested using goats for brush clearance in the Basin.
 Matthew.Conroy@lacity.org

Michael Cortez joined the meeting 7:15PM

- LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) Imelda Padilla 818-778-4999 Area Director-Andres Sandoval introduced himself.— Andres.x.Sandoval@lacity.org
- Rosie Avetisyan New Field Deputy for Lake Balboa introduced herself. CD6 main areas of focus
 would be: center medians, potholes, lights and youth engagement. Anna Measles asked about the
 demolition of the sports center. There were no updates. Steve Leffert asked about repaving
 Sherman Way. The response was they are working with different departments.818-415-0837
- LA Mayor Karen Bass' office-213-400-0916 Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org
- LA City Attorney's Office 213-978-8100 Hydee Feldstein Soto
- Neighborhood Prosecutor Michael.Liu@lacity.org 818-374-6837
- LA City Planning Liaison Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
- LA Metro Ron Macias maciasr@metro.net
- LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson's** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Tammy.Ramirez@lausd.net 213-241-8333
- LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath office (District 3) 818-902-3831 District Director
 HELP for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org
- CA Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel 46th Assembly district 818-346-4521 Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep
- CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20**) sd20.senate.ca.gov 818-901-5588 <u>Makenna Gordon</u> District Rep
- CA State Senator Henry Stern's Office (District 27) 818-876-3352 <u>Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov</u>
 Field Rep
- US Representative **Tony Cardenas** (District 29) 818-221-3718 <u>Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov</u>
- US Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Daniel Johnson-The Bylaws windows are open. Boundary changes or seat changes need to be approved by the Commission. In the monthly profile there were instructions on how to get bus bench ads. Why didn't everyone show up at the meet and greet at City Hall? You should always take advantage of free parking at City Hall. The Congress is on September 23, 2023. Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818-374-9889

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments**

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. (see www.budgetadvocates.ORG for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 White Paper recommendations

- 9. Budget Advocate Region 3 Updates, (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: Carol Newman and Mihran Kalaydjian Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey- The other two Region 3 Budget Advocates are David Uebersax and Jamie York. The Budget Advocates had a retreat last month. The Budget Advocates sent out their report. The Mayor put out a Budget Summary. Stop by booth at Congress. There is a Workshop at the Congress City Budget 101.
- 10. **BOARD VACANCIES**: Article V Section 6 of BYLAWS Discussion and possible action regarding **appointments** to the LBNC Board- Reviewed
 - a. 1 At-Large Appointed Stakeholder Representative
 - b. 1 Organizational Representative

The Board has received a request for At-Large Appointed Stakeholder representative from William Swartz If appointed, administer Oath of Office

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:46PM)

LBNC ITEM 10 Motion to approve William (Bill) Swart for At-Large Appointed Stakeholder Representative Seat Moved: Gravani Seconded:-K. Swartz					
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron,	None	None	None	None	
Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz					

11. **LAND USE**: Discussion and possible action regarding 16122 **Cantlay St ZA-2022-222-ZV** zone variances required for spray booth, Motion JMR Land Use Consultants, Johnathan Razbannia, Esq., M.B.A. Public

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:53PM)

LBNC ITEM 11 Motion that Lake Balboa NC's support Land Use Committee's recommendation to support this zone variance and requests the 1% development fee be identified and reserved for LBNC's use. Moved: Gravani Seconded: Stein

Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich,	None	Hazra	None	None
Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, B.				
Swartz, K. Swartz				

12. LAND USE: Discussion and possible action regarding Los Angeles City Planning's Housing Element-Gravani No one knows our community better than we do. LA City Planning has been given an assignment and came up approximately 1,400,000 MORE housing units than required by the state. The housing overlay will allow all SFR west of the Van Nuys airport to infill with 4-5 story apartments with limited parking. Once the upzoning is approved by City Council there is no going back. The DTLA and Hollywood increases currently meet the state requirements. – Gravani.

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:58PM)

LBNC ITEM 12 Motion that Lake Balboa NC's forward opposition to the Planning Department's Housing Element's plan due to the fact that there are miles of underutilized commercial corridors that can be used for more housing and that the single-family overlays are not needed. Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Goode

Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich,	None	Cortez	None	None
Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein,				
B. Swartz, K. Swartz				

13. **LAND USE:** Discussion and possible action regarding participating in Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Town Hall on 14OCT2023 at 1pm to educate the Lake Balboa stakeholders regarding City Planning's Housing Element – Gravani

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (8:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 13.Motion regarding participating in Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)Town-Hall on 14OCT2023 at 1pm to educate the Lake Balboa stakeholders regarding City Planning's Housing Element Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Kalaydjian

Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	None	None
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron,				
Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz				

- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the LBNC Committee assignments and we are all looking for stakeholder participation and monitor City Council Gravani-asked that each committee chair be sure to monitor the city council committees listed with your name.- Reviewed
- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding a campaign to motivate stakeholders to use MyLA311 Gravani
 - a. download MYLA311 app and/or myla311.lacity.org use it often
 - b. Surat sanitation report-In the National System LA 91406 Lake Balboa/ Van Nuys is #1 for an area our size. We need to increase the number to get more attention to our community.
 - c. Christopher motivate Lake Balboa College Prep-He will have the morning announcements talk about the 311 app and he can hand out brochures.
- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding **CF22-1196-S1** Independent redistricting/city council expansion/City charter reform Gravani- **Reviewed**
- 17. **VNY Airport:** Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC's request that Council Member Imelda Padilla **appoint a resident of Lake Balboa to the Citizen Advisory Council** (CAC for Van Nuys Airport, 1st Tue,7pm) Gravani SAME night as RaP Looking for a resident in Lake Balboa

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (8:19PM)

LBNC ITEM 17. Motion recommending Jared Negron to the Citizen Advisory Council for Van Nuys Airport Moved: Gravani Seconded:- Cortez						
Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00		
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz						

18. VNY Airport: Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 21-0865 which is requesting reports on permitting and regulatory environment for Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAM) and FAA's approval to operate Prime Air delivery drones. Negron

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (8:26 PM)

LBNC ITEM 18b Motion to submit a CIS asking the City Council to share the reports received by the airport and other Departments Moved: Negron Seconded:-Jerosimich					
Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Negron,	None	None	None	None	
Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz					

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey There are reports in the Council file

Motion: Failed (8:20PM)

the airport and other Departments. The LBNC does not support Advanced Aerial Mobility or Air delivery drones. Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton

Yes-01 No-15 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-00

Middleton Brown, Cortez, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Negron, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz

19. **VNY Airport:** Discussion and possible action regarding **Lease VNA-8825 With Valley Sod Farms Inc**, which will take back approximately 35 acres (of 50.4) to lease 34 acres to PCS Energy, LLC for ground mount solar facility and keep one acre for LAWA future use. – Negron (Item XI #4 7SEP2023 BOAC agenda)

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (8:49PM)

LBNC ITEM 19 Motion supporting Lease VNA-8825 With Valley Sod Farms Inc, which will take back approximately 35 acres (of 50.4) to lease 34 acres to PCS Energy, LLC for ground mount solar facility and keep one acre for LAWA future use Moved: Negron Seconded:-Stein

Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-05	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll,	None	Brown, Cortez, Frost,	None	None
Middleton, Negron, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz,		Garcia, Goode		
K. Swartz				

20. VNY Airport: Discussion and possible action regarding 20-year lease with PCS Energy, LLC, Covering potential development of a ground mount solar facility. Negron (Item XI #5 7SEP2023 BOAC agenda)

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (8:56PM)

LBNC ITEM 20. Motion regarding not supporting a 20-year lease with PCS Energy, LLC, Covering potential							
development of a ground mount solar facility. Moved: Negron Seconded:-Middleton							
Yes-09	No-05	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-00			
Brown, Garcia, Gravani, Jerosimich,	Goode, Hazra, Kalaydjian,	Cortez,	None	None			
Middleton, Negron, Stein, B. Swartz, Knoll, Schwering Frost							
K. Swartz							

Jared Negron and Chris Garcia Left the meeting at 9:09PM

- 21. BUDGET: Discussion and possible action regarding the 2022-2023 rollover funds Schwering- Reviewed
- 22. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding **Rollover funds from 2022-2023 budget and distribution of funds into the 2023-2024 budget-**Schwering

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:14PM)

LBNC ITEM Motion to move the roll over funds as presented by Ms. Schwering and shown in the paperwork Moved: Schwering Seconded:-Kalaydjian							
Yes-13 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-02							
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	B. Swartz,	Garcia,			
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Negron							
Stein, K. Swartz							

23. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **AUGUST** July 2023 Monthly Expense Report (MER) – Schwering

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:17PM)

LBNC ITEM 23. Motion to approve the July 2023 Monthly Expense Report (MER) Moved: Schwering							
Seconded:-Brown							
Yes-13 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-01 Absent-02							
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	B. Swartz	Garcia,			
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering,				Negron			
Stein, K. Swartz							

24. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$400 for an LAUSD District 3 Candidate Forum-Kalaydjian

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:20PM)

LBNC ITEM 24.Motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$400 for an LAUSD District 3 Candidate Forum Moved: Kalaydjian Seconded:-Brown					
Yes-12 No-00 Abstain-01 Ineligible-01 Absent-02					
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Stein, K. Swartz	None	Schwering	B. Swartz	Garcia, Negron	

25. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding increasing LBNC's **MailChimp subscription up to** \$80/monthly-Frost

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:22PM)

LBNC ITEM 25 Motion to increase LBNC's MailChimp subscription up to \$80/monthly Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Brown					
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	B. Swartz	Garcia, Negron	
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,					
Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz					

26. **FUNDING**: Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$500 for LBNC's tri-fold brochure** for outreach-Frost

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:22PM)

LBNC ITEM 26. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 for LBNC's tri-fold brochure for outreach Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Brown						
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02		
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	B. Swartz	Garcia, Negron		
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,						
Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz						

27. **FUNDING** — Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$600 for social media posts/marketing**-Frost

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:22PM)

LBNC ITEM 27.Motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$600 for social media posts/marketing Moved: Gravani Seconded:-Brown					
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-02	
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	B. Swartz	Garcia, Negron	
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,					
Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz					

28. **FUNDING** — Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of up to \$200 for printing/water** for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) 14OCT2023 Housing Element Town Hall from the OUTREACH Budget —

Gravani recused herself and left the meeting 9:25PM

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:26PM)

LBNC ITEM 28. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$200 for printing/water for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) 14OCT2023 Housing Element Town Hall from the OUTREACH Budget Moved: Brown Seconded:-Stein

Yes-12	No-00	Recused-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Brown, Cortez, Frost, Goode, Hazra,	None	Gravani	B. Swartz	Garcia, Negron
Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,				
Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz				

- 29. THANK YOU LBNC Board Members AND Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for all YOU do behind the scenes for our community
- 30. Adjourn-The Meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM