



**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council**

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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2024**  
**7:06PM-8:48PM**  
**APPROVED**

**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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Michael Cortez	Absent/Excused	YES	Residential
Ronnie Frost Communications Officer	Present	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
Alex Goode 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Gravani President	Present	YES	Business
Surat Hazra	Absent/Excused	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	Absent	YES	Residential
Mariam Preissel	Absent/Excused	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Present	YES	Business
Bill Swartz	Present	YES	At-Large
Kathleen Swartz	Present	YES	Residential
Total Board Members -17	Present 13 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-The meeting was called to order by President Gravani at 7:06 PM. Ms. Gravani explained how to speak on the agenda items.

***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 9:15PM. 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 Christopher Garcia**
- 3. Roll Call

<b>LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call</b>		
<b>Present –13</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>	<b>Excused-03</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, K. Swartz, B. Swartz</b>	<b>Negron</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Preissel</b>

**Linda Schwering left the meeting at 7:10PM.**

- 4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the March 6, 2024 agenda.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (7:10PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the March 6 2024 agenda Moved: Middleton, Seconded:-Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-11</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-05</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Stein</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel, Schwering</b>

- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of February 7, 2024 LBNC Meeting Minutes– **Item Postponed**

**Linda Schwering returned at 7:15PM**

- 6. Announcements and Reports:
  - a. West Valley LAPD **Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online** – 818-374-7640
    - i. Senior Lead Officer (SLO) **Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online** -Officer Terrazas said that the biggest crime issue in Lake Balboa currently is the theft of Catalytic Convertors. Four were stolen, all of the cars were Toyota Corollas. There was an etching event last week. It helps the police identify stolen convertors if they are etched. There was a suspect that was shooting a gun in the air. The man is in custody. There was a shooting at Balboa Park. The victim was a transient and may have shot himself. One of the stakeholders mentioned that a man had come to his door, saying he was from the DWP and that they needed to test his water. The stakeholder did not let the man in but wanted to warn the police and other community members.
    - ii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez **31179@lapd.online** NON-Emergency 877-ASK-LAPD 877-275-5273
  - b. LA Fire Department Battalion 10, Captain Matthew Conroy
  - c. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) **Imelda Padilla 818-778-4999 Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org** Field Rep for Lake Balboa **Ms. Gravani asked her to thank Councilmember Padilla for the two Council Files and that the stakeholder needs an update on his issues. Ms. Avetisyan mentioned that the Balboa median is almost completed. The black bags will be picked up. They will be cleaning between Saticoy and Roscoe, the next clean-up will be on April 2, 2024. On Haskell between Vanowen and**

**Victory. All of the RV's have been towed. Haskell will be repaved in April or May. The Odessa and Kittridge homeless encampment is scheduled to be cleaned on Friday, March 8, 2024.**

- i. [Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org](mailto:Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org) Homelessness Director
- ii. [Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org) Homelessness Coordinator
- iii. [Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org](mailto:Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org) Land Use
- iv. [Alexandra.Leard@lacity.org](mailto:Alexandra.Leard@lacity.org) VNY Airport – Deputy Chief of Staff
- d. LA Mayor Karen Bass’ office–213-400-0916 [Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org](mailto:Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org)
- e. LA City Attorney’s Office – 213-978-8100 **Hydee Feldstein Soto**
- f. LA City Planning Liaison [Ariel.Jones@lacity.org](mailto:Ariel.Jones@lacity.org) 213-820-4255
- g. LA Metro Ron Macias [maciasr@metro.net](mailto:maciasr@metro.net)
- h. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson’s** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement [Tammy.Ramirez@lausd.net](mailto:Tammy.Ramirez@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](mailto:mezquivel@bos.lacounty.gov) **HELP for HOMELESS [www.la-hop.org](http://www.la-hop.org)**
- j. CA Assemblymember **Jesse Gabriel** 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly district 818-346-4521 Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep
- k. CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** [sd20.senate.ca.gov](http://sd20.senate.ca.gov) 916-995-7020 [Kristi.Lopez@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Kristi.Lopez@sen.ca.gov) or [Ravin.Thrift@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Ravin.Thrift@sen.ca.gov) District Director 818-272-1182-cell
- l. CA State Senator **Henry Stern’s** Office (District 27) 818-876-3352 [Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov) Field Rep
- m. US Representative **Tony Cardenas** (District 29) 818-221-3718 [Gabriela.Agarie@mail.house.gov](mailto:Gabriela.Agarie@mail.house.gov)
- n. US Representative **Brad Sherman** – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 [Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov)
- o. Van Nuys Airport Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC) Alicia Avery and Doug Decker both residents of Lake Balboa [VNYCAC@lawa.org](mailto:VNYCAC@lawa.org).
- p. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org) 818-374-9889 **Mr. Johnson mentioned the upcoming Women’s Empowerment Event. The new Code of Conduct has been updated and will be uploaded to Cornerstone. Everyone on the Board and committees needs to complete it. The Gender Identity Training will also be completed.**

7. Guest Speaker Coby King from STC4ALL. A coalition advocating for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project to include a direct station from the San Fernando Valley to the UCLA campus with a seamless connection to the Purple Line at Westwood Village- **The costs and timeline have not been released yet** – Discussion and possible action [www.STC4ALL.org](http://www.STC4ALL.org)

**Stakeholder Gwen-Q/Will it go to the airport? A/No**

**Anna Measles-Q/What do you need for an NC to join?-A/The Board just needs to vote on it.**

**Steve Leffert-\$8 Billion Dollars has already been allocated. This is the most congested corridor in the country. This will be the largest project like this in North America.**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (7:51PM)**

LBNC ITEM 7a. Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to join the STC4ALL Coalition				
Moved: Kalaydjian, Seconded: Brown				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	None	Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:54PM)

<b>LBNC ITEM 7b. Motion to write a letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority for a stop at UCLA</b>				
<b>Moved: Kalaydjian, Seconded:-Goode</b>				
<b>Yes-13</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	None	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

- 8. **L.A. City Charter Sec. 910 Monitoring of City Services** *“Neighborhood councils shall monitor the delivery of City Services in their respective areas”*
  - a. *Mayor’s Bass’ Executive Directive #5*
    - i. *Update MyLA311*
    - ii. *If you don’t use MyLA311 that pot hole won’t get fixed- it’s our voice to the city* **Reviewed**

9. **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 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](mailto:lindag@lakebalboanc.org)

- a. **Jerry Brown- Valley Opera and Performing Arts, they have moved to Birmingham High School. On March 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a concert named The Best of Broadway and Everything Else. During the first weeks of June, they will be performing Fiddler on the Roof. There are fliers in the back of the room. They also have piano players available for events.**
- b. **Georgia Stakeholder- spoke about sidewalk ADA issues, it has been reported to the council office.**

**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](http://www.budgetadvocates.org) for White Paper recommendations – read the summary and then go to the department(s) in which you are most interested)*

- 10. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates, ([budgetadvocates.org](http://budgetadvocates.org)) –Budget Representatives: Mihran Kalaydjian Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey-The latest Budget Advocate report has been sent to all of the Boardmembers. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will be hosting a Budget Town Hall with the Budget Advocates on Saturday March 23, 2024.**

**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.”*

- 11. **Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 23-1027 LA City Charter Reform – Departments asked to respond with Charter Changes. Dept of Water and Power, Board of Public Works, Chief Legislative Analyst, Dept of RaP, City Attorney, Dept LA World Airports, Personnel, Port of LA, Ethics Commission, Dept of City Planning-**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:07PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 11. Motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council reject any changes to the Charter until 2026 ballots so that the stakeholders have a chance to weigh in on these recommendations. Council File 23-1027 LA City Charter Reform</b>				
<b>Moved: Gravani, Seconded: Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-13</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	None	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

12. Discussion and possible action regarding **Council File 19-0696-S3** Funding for regular graffiti removal in the Sherman Way Tunnel. **I move that LBNC support CF19-0696-S3. This was heard in Council today. The cleaning on the Tunnel will now be increased to monthly instead of quarterly. It was also reported that there are swastikas painted on the tunnel walls which will be cleaned tomorrow.**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:08PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 12. Motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support CF 19-0696-S3</b>				
<b>Moved: Gravani, Seconded:-Jerosimich</b>				
<b>Yes-13</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	None	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

13. Discussion and possible action regarding **Council File 23-0002-S102** resolution to **support SB1193 Menjivar/Stern** Prohibits the sale of leaded aviation fuel no later than 1JAN2030

**Mihran Kalaydjian Recused himself and left the meeting at 8:12PM**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:13PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 13. Motion to support Council File 23-0002-S102, SB1193 Menjivar/Stern Prohibits the sale of leaded aviation fuel no later than 1JAN2030</b>				
<b>Moved: Gravani, Seconded:-Brown</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Recused-01</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Kalaydjian</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

**Mihran Kalaydjian returned to the meeting at 8:15PM**

14. REMINDER: Stakeholders can voice their own personal opinions on Council Files by forwarding PUBLIC COMMENTS. See last two pages of this agenda for instructions.- **Reviewed**

15. REMINDER: for Committee Chairs, if you must cancel your regularly scheduled meeting, you are responsible to notify NC Support and LBNC webmaster.-**Reviewed**

16. Rec and Park – Discussion and possible action regarding the 14APR2024 PET ADOPTION event and possible funding increase. Preissel **Item Tabled- Neighborhood Councils cannot pay for chipping animals.**

17. **Rec and Park** – Discussion and possible action regarding Recreation and Parks Policy 24-059 will allow Alcoholic Beverages to be served at park events

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:19PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 17. Motion to oppose Recreation and Parks Policy 24-059 which would allow Alcoholic Beverages to be served at park events</b>				
<b>Moved: Gravani, Seconded:-Brown</b>				
<b>Yes-13</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	None	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

18. Health and Public Safety Update **James Brown- updated the Board and community on his continued work with the schools in regards to AED’s and Emergency responses. The LAUSD has two lawsuits filed against them for the deaths of two LAUSD students who died during their PE Classes. The schools did not respond appropriately or with the proper equipment. 6 months-ago a survey was done to determine the degree of preparation of the local schools. The report was given to LAUSD on January 29, 2024 with recommendations. Each school has received Narcan. The schools need quarterly training in CPR and AED use.**

19. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the January 2024 MER (Monthly Expense Report) **The remaining balance is \$24,813.14**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:29PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 19. Motion to approve the January 2024 Monthly Expense Report (MER )</b>				
<b>Moved: Schwering, Seconded:-Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Garcia</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

20. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding FY2023-24 BUDGET Schwering **There was no need to change the budget at this time.**

21. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the lease of Survey Monkey, to poll our stakeholders. At a cost up to \$150/per month for community outreach/polling.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:35PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 21. Motion to approve the lease of Survey Monkey, to poll our stakeholders. At a cost up to \$150/per month for community outreach/polling. Moved: Frost, Seconded: Brown</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Garcia</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

22. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$500 for a spelling bee tournament for Lake Balboa schools

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:37PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 22. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 for a spelling bee tournament for Lake Balboa schools Moved: Kalaydjian, Seconded:-Gravani</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Garcia</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

23. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up to \$600 for a music and arts night for Lake Balboa Schools

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:39PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 23. Motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$600 for a music and arts night for Lake Balboa Schools Moved: Kalaydjian, Seconded: Middleton</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Garcia</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

24. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action for the expenditure of up to \$700 to host a robotics workshop with CSUN or JPL.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:41PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 24. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$700 to host a robotics workshop with CSUN or JPL Moved: Kalaydjian, Seconded:-Gravani</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Garcia</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

25. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action the expenditure of up to \$375 for recyclable plastic bags for outreach Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:45PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 25. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$375 for recyclable plastic bags for outreach</b>				
<b>Moved: Schwering, Seconded:-Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-04</b>
<b>Brown, Frost, Goode, Gravani, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schwering, Stein, B. Swartz, K. Swartz</b>	None	None	<b>Garcia</b>	<b>Cortez, Hazra, Negron, Preissel</b>

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

27. Adjourn Meeting- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM**

**Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council**

**Wednesday April 3, 2024 at Gault St School Auditorium**