



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting Minutes
 November 6, 2024
 7:00PM-8:17PM
 (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	Absent	YES	Residential
Douglas Escobar	Absent	YES	Business
Ronnie Frost Communications Officer	Absent	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
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	Absent/Excused	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
Bill Swartz	Present	YES	At-Large
Kathleen Swartz	Present	YES	Residential
Total Board Members -17	Present 13 Absent 04 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 7:00PM by President Gravani.**

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 915p. Time allocations are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. The time keeper is: **Alex Goode**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christopher Garcia**
3. **Roll Call- The Roll was called by Secretary Danica Middleton. All Boardmembers were eligible to vote except Chris Garcia who is not eligible to vote due to age.**

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present –13	Absent-03	Excused-01
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	Brown, Escobar, Frost	Kalaydjian

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the **November 6, 2024** agenda.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:07PM)

LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the November 6, agenda.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Jerosimich				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	None	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of **LBNC 2October 2024 Meeting Minutes: – Middleton**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:08PM)

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to adopt the October 2, 2024 agenda.				
Moved: Middleton Seconded: Gravani				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	None	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of **LBNC 22 September Special LBNC 2024 Meeting Minutes: – Middleton**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 6. Motion to approval of LBNC 22 September Special LBNC 2024 Meeting the October 2, 2024 agenda.				
Moved: Middleton Seconded: Gravani				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering	None	B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

7. 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
 - i Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - **Officer Mike Terrazas** 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online
Officer Terrazas introduced Officer Jaime Mejia who will be covering for Officer Park. Officer Terrazas- went after the Crime Stats. Crime goes up over the Holidays, keep things locked and out of sight. Packages should be delivered to places where someone will be there. He spoke about the theft of a necklace by “Trickery” keep your distance from strangers. The unarmed Crisis Care Unit started three weeks ago. They help the police and are volunteers.
 - ii Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
 - iii 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
- 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
- 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
- h. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson’s** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement 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 **HELP for HOMELESS** www.la-hop.org
- j. CA Assemblymember **Jesse Gabriel** 46th Assembly district [818-346-4521](tel:818-346-4521) Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep **Pet Wellness Day 9NOV2024 9a-1p**
- k. CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** sd20.senate.ca.gov 916-651-4020 Andres.Garcia@sen.ca.gov 818-901-5588
- l. CA State Senator **Henry Stern’s** Office (District 27) - 818-876-3352 Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov Field Rep
- m. US Representative **Tony Cardenas** (District 29) 818-221-3718 Gabriela.Agarie@mail.house.gov
- n. US Representative **Brad Sherman** – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 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
- p. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818-374-9889
- q. **Mr. Johnson-mentioned that The Civic Youth Engagement Event will be on February 22, 2025. Applications will be accepted until December 20, 2025. The Homelessness Liaisons will be meeting on November 16, 2024 1:00PM -3:00 via zoom.**

7. 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.

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.”

REMINDER: Stakeholders (and board members) can voice their own personal opinions on Council Files by forwarding **PUBLIC COMMENTS. See the last two pages of this agenda for instructions.**

8. Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC resolution to allow VNY Chair and Co-Chair to speak on behalf of LBNC at LAWA and CAC. Gravani/Escobar

Be it resolved that the chair (currently Linda Gravani) and the co-chair (currently Douglas Escobar) of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council’s VNY Airport committee have been given authority to speak on behalf of the LBNC board for our stakeholder in matters of concern before LAWA and CAC which include, but are not limited to, toxic air, noise abatement, VNY vision plan, individual charter seat sales, Advanced Air Mobility, Urban Air Mobility, Fuel Storage, Community Safety.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:33PM)

LBNC ITEM 8. Motion- Be it resolved that the chair (currently Linda Gravani) and the co-chair (currently Douglas Escobar) of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council’s VNY Airport committee have been given authority to speak on behalf of the LBNC board for our stakeholder in matters of concern before LAWA and CAC which include, but are not limited to, toxic air, noise abatement, VNY vision plan, individual charter seat sales, Advanced Air Mobility, Urban Air Mobility, Fuel Storage, Community Safety.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	None	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

9. Discussion and possible action regarding **the toxic aircraft fumes on the west side of VNY, specifically the Hayvenhurst area.** Gravani/Escobar

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:37PM)

LBNC ITEM 9. Motion to approve action regarding the toxic aircraft fumes on the west side of VNY, specifically the Hayvenhurst area.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-04
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	Preissel, Schwering	None	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

10. Discussion and possible action regarding **Council File 14-1153 Review and make recommendations for the maintenance, security and beautification of the Sherman Way Tunnel, as well as to identify potential funding for this purpose.** This council file expired without action and I would like it reactivated by CM Padilla Gravani/Escobar

Bill Swartz was absent for the vote at 7:50PM.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (7:50PM)

LBNC ITEM 10. Motion to request that the Council File be reactivated by CM Padilla. Council File 14-1153 Review and make recommendations for the maintenance, security and beautification of the Sherman Way Tunnel, as well as to identify potential funding for this purpose.				
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, K. Swartz	None	None	None	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian B. Swartz

Bill Swartz returned to the meeting at 7:51PM

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 White Paper recommendations – read the summary and then go to the department(s) in which you are most interested)

11. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates,** (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: Linda Gravani and Mihran Kalaydjian who is also **Budget Advocate -No Report**

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

- a. **Education** **Need dates for the meetings -No Report**
- b. **Emergency Preparedness- Saturday at the Fly Away we will be discussing RYLAN**
- c. **Health & Public Safety-No Report**
- d. **Land Use-The meeting will be on November 19th at the Fly Away**

- e. **Outreach-At the meeting they discussed the new logo. Will there be an outreach table at the Jesse Gabriel event, this Saturday?**
- f. **Rec and Park-At the meeting they spoke about the bike path that is going to cost \$30 million dollars. No plans have been made for maintenance, safety/enforcement, they will install lights knowing the copper wiring will likely be stolen. The partnerships with the scouts are coming together.**
- g. **VNY Airport-No Report**
- h. **Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee-No Report**
- i. **Homeless Liaison-No report**

13. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **September 2024 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:02 PM)

LBNC ITEM 13. Motion to approve the September Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)				
Moved: Schwering Seconded: K. Swartz				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	C. Garcia	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

14. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **October 2024 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) Schwering-Item Tabled

15. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **reimbursement of \$107.29 to Boardmember Jackie Knoll** for 12OCT2024 LBNC meeting refreshments Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:04PM)

LBNC ITEM 15. Motion to approve the reimbursement of \$107.29 to Boardmember Jackie Knoll for 12OCT2024 LBNC meeting refreshments				
Moved: Schwering Seconded: Heredia				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	C. Garcia	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

16. Discussion and possible action regarding a **Neighborhood Purposes Grant request for \$1,000 for HAPPY HOUSE for their Christmas Carnival and toy drive.** Andres Farmakalidis- Item Tabled

17. Discussion and possible action regarding **the expenditure of up to \$200 for refreshments for LBNC outreach during 1DEC2024 Holiday Pet Adoption. Frost**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:05PM)

LBNC ITEM 17. Motion to approve of up to \$200 for refreshments for LBNC outreach during 1DEC2024 Holiday Pet Adoption. Moved: Gravani Seconded: Middleton				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None	C. Garcia	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

18. Discussion and possible action regarding **the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for direct mail postcards. Frost**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (8:09 PM)

LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to approve up to \$4,000 for direct mail postcards Moved: Gravani Seconded: Hazra				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	Schwering	C. Garcia	Brown , Escobar, Frost, Kalaydjian

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

20. **Adjourn Meeting-The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM**

**Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
at Gault St School Auditorium**

For your convenience, the Bylaws are available on our website www.lakebalboanc.org 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 by clicking on the following link: www.lakebalboanc.org 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 danica@lakebalboanc.org](mailto:danica@lakebalboanc.org) our current secretary

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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council – COMMITTEES



Budget Committee – Ad hoc Treasurer Chair lindas@lakebalboanc.org **Committee:** Executive Officers

BUDGET Representatives – Mihran@lakebalboanc.org – budgetadvocates.org -

Emergency Preparedness – meeting 2nd Saturday of the Month 9a at FlyAway* **Chair-** lindas@lakebalboanc.org **Committee** Brown, Hazra, Jerosimich, Tomlinson

Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Check-in – Every Sunday 9am – Simplex 145.570 For information on Ham/FRS/GMRS/WALKIE-TALKIE Radios and classes contact Dan Tomlinson (NR6V) at 818-776-0474 or DTomlinson@socal.rr.com & **FRSGMRS/Walkie-Talkie Check-in** - Every Sunday 10am channel 5 easy way to communicate after a disaster

Education: **NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** meeting 4th Tuesday of the month at FlyAway **Chair** mihran@lakebalboanc.org **Committee:** Hazra, Frost, Gutierrez, Middleton

Health & Public Safety – Quarterly meeting (dates to be announced) 3rd Wednesday of the month 700pm at FlyAway* **Chair** – jamesb@lakebalboanc.org **Co-Chair** Hazra **Committee:** Jerosimich, K. Swartz

Land Use – 3rd Tuesday of the **ODD** numbered Months 7pm at FlyAway* –Chair– lindag@lakebalboanc.org **Co-chair** darian@lakebalboanc.org **Committee** Fynn, Hazra, Goode, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Schatz, B. Swartz.

Outreach – Meeting 1st Saturday of the month 10am at FlyAway* - ronnie@lakebalboanc.org **Committee:** Cortez, Goode, Hazra, Knoll, Preissel, Middleton

Rec and Park - 4th Thursday of the month 7pm at FlyAway* - chair Miriam@lakebalboanc.org **Committee:** Hazra, Middleton, Knoll **no meeting in Nov and Dec**

VNY Airport – 3rd Tuesday of the **EVEN** numbered Monthly 7pm at FlyAway* **Chair** lindag@lakebalboanc.org **Co-Chair** douglas@lakebalboanc.org **Committee:** Schmidt, Hazra, Middleton, Sweet, Hamilton, Novak, Batta

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee – Miriam Pressel – Alternate Danica Middleton Meets 4th Tuesday of odd numbered months at Balboa Sports Complex 630pm zoom.us/j/98376926906

Community Police Advisory Board - CPAB - 630pm - 2nd Wednesday of month at West Valley Police Department - 19020 Vanowen St, Reseda CA 91335

Van Nuys Airport - Citizens Advisory Commission - CAC - 7pm 1st Tuesday of month Van Nuys City Council Location varies, check agenda at iflyvny.com send specific questions to: vnycac@lawa.org

***FlyAway Bus Terminal 7610 Woodley Ave take elevator to 2nd floor free parking in front short term lot**