

 		<b>Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council</b> P.O. Box 7720 Lake Balboa, CA 91409-7720 818-779-9026 Website: <a href="http://www.lakebalboanc.org">www.lakebalboanc.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@lakebalboanc.org">info@lakebalboanc.org</a>	
<b>Board Meeting Minutes</b> <b>June 4, 2025</b> <b>7:00PM-8:43PM</b> <b>(DRAFT)</b>		<b>Regular Meeting Location:</b> <a href="#">Gault Street Elementary School</a> <a href="#">17000 Gault Street</a> <a href="#">Lake Balboa CA 91406</a> (MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)	
Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
James Brown 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Douglas Escobar	Absent	YES	Business
<del>Ronnie Frost</del> Communications Officer	Resigned	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
John Garcia	Present	YES	Residential
Alex Goode 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Absent	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	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
<del>Bill Swartz</del>	Resigned	YES	At-Large
<del>Kathleen Swartz</del>	Resigned	YES	Residential
Total Board Members -17	Present 11 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, Absent)

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

[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 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-Roll was called by the Secretary, Danica Middleton, and quorum was reached.**

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
<b>Present-11</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>	<b>Excused-00</b>
<b>Brown, C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering</b>	<b>Escobar, Goode, Kalaydjian</b>	<b>None</b>

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the **June 4, 2025** agenda

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (7:03PM)**

LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the June 4, 2025 agenda. Moved: Brown    Seconded: Heredia				
<b>Yes-11</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>
<b>Brown, C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Escobar, Goode, Kalaydjian</b>

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of **LBNC May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Middleton**  
The page numbers were corrected.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (7:05PM)**

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to adopt the May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes as amended. Moved: Middleton    Seconded: Jerosimich				
<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>
<b>Brown, C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Preissel, Schwering</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Middleton</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Escobar, Goode, Kalaydjian</b>

6. 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](mailto:34499@lapd.online) reported that on June 27-29, there will be a Carnival at The West Valley Station from 3:00PM-11:00PM, 19020 Vanowen. No June meeting for CPAB. July will be in person Chief McDonell will be the guest and the host will be James Brown. Officer Terrazas will be on vacation July 10-27. If you need to reach a Senior Lead call 818-374-7630 and leave message. Crime Stats-Residential Burglaries every one of the Burglaries that was reported, the thieves entered through an unlocked side gate and went in through the sliding glass door. Lock your side yards, the suspects are opportunists. In two of the burglaries the thieves made off with \$40,000 and \$ 50,000. One home had \$100,000 worth of jewelry stolen. The thieves are taking lock boxes and safes that are not attached to the walls or floors. There are also a lot of license plates being stolen.
- ii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Anthony Duran 818-374-7694 [37527@lapd.online](mailto:37527@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](mailto:robert.barna@lacity.org) 818-756-8610 Absent, no report.
- c. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) **Imelda Padilla** 818-778-4999
  - i. [Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org](mailto:Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org) - Field Rep for Lake Balboa **Thank You, for this weekend's movie night. It was great with hot dogs and popcorn. The South Reserve Basin Fire was in the section controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers. It is now bird nesting season so we have to wait to see if there is anything we can do now for brush clearance. The camera for the basin will cost \$40,000.**
  - ii. **The City Attorney will have a meeting in regards to the vacant house with graffiti on Strathern St. We are waiting get a date. Update for basin cameras, where DOT had poles they need to meet a certain criteria. Recreation and Parks will put up poles at the intersection of Sepulveda and Burbank with cameras. The area is multi-jurisdictional and we are trying to increase patrols. The weeds on Balboa are growing back.**
  - iii. [Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org](mailto:Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org) – Homelessness Director
  - iv. [Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org) - Homelessness Coordinator
  - v. [Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org](mailto:Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org) – Land Use
  - vi. [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) Absent, no report.
  - i. [Betsaira.Aguilera@lacity.org](mailto:Betsaira.Aguilera@lacity.org) (Betsy) Community Engagement 213-257-0224
- e. LA City Attorney's Office – 213-978-8100 **Hydee Feldstein Soto** Absent, no report.
- f. LA City Planning Liaison [Ariel.Jones@lacity.org](mailto:Ariel.Jones@lacity.org) 213-820-4255 Absent, no report.
- g. LA Metro Ron Macias [maciasr@metro.net](mailto:maciasr@metro.net) **Rosalba Gonzalez-Metro is doing a lot of construction in the San Fernando Valley to improve speed and safety. The two bridges, one at Van Nuys and one at Sepulveda, will be getting rail arms. The entrance to Lake Balboa will be blocked during the construction part of the project.**
- h. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson's** office (District 3) 818-654-3785 Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Karla Silva [Karla.Silva1@lausd.net](mailto:Karla.Silva1@lausd.net) 213-241-8333 Absent, no report.
- 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) Constituent Advocate ESFV Office Paulina Torres & Karen Dominguez Absent, no report.
- j. CA Assembly member **Jesse Gabriel** 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly district 818-346-4521 Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep. Absent, no report.

- k. CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** [sd20.senate.ca.gov](http://sd20.senate.ca.gov) 916-651-4020  
[Andres.Garcia@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Andres.Garcia@sen.ca.gov) 818-901-5588 Absent, no report.
  - l. US Representative **Luz Rivas** (District 29) 818-221-3718 Office not set-up yet Absent, no report.
  - m. US Representative **Brad Sherman** – (District 30) - 818-501-9200 [Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov)
  - n. Van Nuys Airport Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC) Alicia Avery resident of Lake Balboa  
[VNYCAC@lawa.org](mailto:VNYCAC@lawa.org). Absent, no report.
  - o. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org) 818-374-9889  
**Daniel Johnson handed out the flier for Budget Day. It is on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at City Hall from 9:00-12:00 come early for breakfast. There will be some great speakers.- BONC created two committees, Charter Reform and one for a letter of support to include Board members in the empty seats effecting the quorum for SB411. Shine LA -keep your eyes open for events. Update your rosters. They have been updated to show all of the funding positions and card holders and signers.**
7. Unfortunately, I have the resignation of Kathleen and Bill Swartz from LBNC effective 22MAY2025. Also, Ronnie Frost has resigned from a Business Seat. Therefore, we have 2 residential seats available on our Board. Residential Stakeholder Representatives (RSR) – An RSR shall be any person whose primary residence or living space is located within the Council’s boundaries whether in a home, apartment, condominium or other accommodation. **We also now have a Business Seat Available** **Section 6: Vacancies**  
Vacancies on the Board shall be filled using the following procedure:
- a. Any “Stakeholder” interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit a written application to the Board, providing that Community Stakeholder is qualified for that particular seat. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.
  - b. The Board shall vote on the application at the meeting. If multiple applications for one (1) seat have been submitted, the candidate with the most votes wins. In the event of a tie, a coin toss between the candidates with the most votes shall determine the seat appointment.
  - c. Applications for a seat on the board can be found at [www.lakebalboanc.org](http://www.lakebalboanc.org) under ABOUT move down for the application and forward to [lindag@lakebalboanc.org](mailto:lindag@lakebalboanc.org)
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST. PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE A 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](mailto:lindag@lakebalboanc.org).
- a. Elizabeth Garcia was here to get a paper signed that she came to the meeting.
  - b. Steve Leffert -Wall to block airplane noise was passed. They will pay for it, if they can get an extension on the lease
  - c. Jim Stein- we oppose the project at 17100 Victory Blvd. Spoke with Jonah Glickman. He has a meeting with Mayor Bass.

**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.”*

9. **REMINDER:** Stakeholders (and board members) can voice their own personal opinions on Council Files by forwarding **PUBLIC COMMENTS**. **See pages 7 and 8 of this Agenda for instructions.-Reviewed**

**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/>**

**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.

10. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates**, (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: Linda Gravani and Mihran Kalaydjian who is also a **Budget Advocate** 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](https://www.budgetadvocates.org/files/ugd/f03c84_17341704205f406e95d2dce3965a7814.pdf)**  
**Reviewed by Linda Gravani**

11. **LAND USE:** Discussion and possible action regarding California Senate Bill 79 (SB79). LBNC voted to **oppose SB79. PLEASE contact your state senator** (Caroline Menjivar) and oppose this bill which will allow 65-foot apartment developments within a one-half mile radius of any rail or bus stop. The bill does not mandate affordable units, accepts no public input, will destroy single family neighborhoods. **Update - it passed. Contact your Assemblymember to stop it in the Assembly. -Reviewed**
12. **LAND USE:** Discussion and possible action regarding **194 units at 17100 Victory Blvd** ADM-2023-4537-TOC-VHCA-Reviewed
13. **LAND USE:** Discussion and possible action regarding **METRO Joint Development (JD) Program for properties owned by Metro**, “to increase the supply of high-quality housing, especially income-restricted affordable units on **underutilized metro properties**” Metro’s plans are for **248 units at the G Line parking lot** -Gravani **Contact Councilmember Padilla who is on the Metro Board-Reviewed**

14. Discussion and possible action regarding a new LBNC Logo – Frost **SEE page 6** of agenda for Committee schedules and locations, please join us

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:12PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 14. Motion to approve the Outreach recommended #2 logo</b>				
<b>Moved: Middleton    Seconded: Knoll</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-03</b>
<b>Brown, C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Schwering</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Escobar, Goode, Kalaydjian</b>

15. Committee **UPDATES: Approximately 2 minutes** for each report, unless otherwise noted
- Education-No Report**
  - Emergency Preparedness -There will not be a June meeting. The next meeting will be on July 12, 2026**
  - Health & Public Safety-There was no meeting held in May. There will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Stagg Street Elementary School. There will be a free CPR class on Saturday, June 21,2025 at the West Valley Police Station from 9:00AM-1:00PM.**
  - Land Use -Reviewed**
  - Outreach-LBNC needs a new Outreach Chair. The Movie in the Park was excellent event. The Council office was thanked for providing the hot dogs.**
  - Rec and Park-No Report**
  - VNY Airport-No I Report**
  - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee-No Report**
  - Homeless-No Report**
  - President updates-No report**
16. **City Clerk Funding Deadlines**
- ~~20May2025~~— final date to submit an event request**
  - ~~1JUN2025~~- final date to submit a check payment**
  - ~~20JUN2025~~-final date to make bank card purchases**

17. **BUDGET: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of LBNC's FY 2025-2026 budget** -Schwering  
The Neighborhood Council Fund, which is under the purview of the Office of the City Clerk, proposes a reduction in the budget for each Neighborhood Council from \$32,000 to \$25,000 in [Volume II of the Mayor's Proposed Budget, page 965](#). This page also indicates that any unspent funds from the current fiscal year will be rolled over and added to the allocated \$25,000.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:33PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 17. Motion to approve the LBNC's Budget Packet FY 2025-2026 which includes the budget in the amount of \$25.000.</b> <b>Moved: Schwering Seconded: Gravani</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Brown, J. Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering</b>	None	None	<b>C. Garcia</b>	<b>Escobar, Goode, Kalaydjian</b>

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

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:38PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to adopt the April Monthly Expenditure Report</b> <b>Moved: Schwering Seconded: Brown</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Brown, J. Garcia, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering</b>	None	None	<b>C. Garcia</b>	<b>Escobar, Goode, Kalaydjian</b>

19. LBNC does not meet in July due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

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

21. **Adjourn Meeting-** The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.

**Next Regular Meeting**  
**IN PERSON of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council**  
**NO MEETING IN JULY**  
**Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Gault St School Auditorium**