



## Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 3, 2025**  
**7:00PM-9:30PM**  
**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
Steve Friedmann	Present	YES	Business
Nick Gaines	Present	YES	Business
John Garcia	Present	YES	Residential
Christina Garcia	Present	NO	Youth
Alex Goode 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Resigned	YES	Residential
Linda Gravani President	Absent/Excused	YES	Business
Surat Hazra	Present	YES	At Large
Darian Heredia	Present	YES	Residential
Lydia Jerosimich	Present	NO	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian	Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll	Present	YES	Residential
Danica Middleton Secretary	Present	NO	Residential
Mariam Preissel	Present	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Jim Stein	Present		
Vacant	Vacant		Resident
Total Board Members -17	Present 14 Absent 01 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 James Brown.** 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,**  
From the Ralph M. Brown Act, 1953

*“The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.”*

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: Jackie Knoll

2. **Pledge of Allegiance-The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christina Garcia.**

3. **Roll Call- Roll was called by Secretary, Danica Middleton**

<b>LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call</b>		
<b>Present-14</b>	<b>Absent-00</b>	<b>Excused-01</b>
<b>Brown, Friedmann, Gaines, C. Garcia, J. Garcia. Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, Stein</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Gravani</b>

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the **December 3, 2025** agenda

Public Comment: Steve Leffert- Feels that Item 11 is a Brown Act Violation as there is not enough information.

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

<b>LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the November 5, 2025 agenda</b>				
<b>Moved: Middleton Seconded: Hazra</b>				
<b>Yes-11</b>	<b>No-01</b>	<b>Abstain-02</b>	<b>Ineligible-01</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Brown, Friedmann, Gaines, C. Garcia J. Garcia, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Knoll, Middleton, Stein</b>	<b>Kalaydjian</b>	<b>Preissel, Schwering</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Gravani</b>

5. Discussion and possible action to approve LBNC minutes from November 2025 meeting. - **Item Postponed**

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)**

In October there were two Robberies. There was also an officer involved shooting. It started as a family dispute. The officer shot the son who was stabbing his father to stop the stabbing. He will not be available from December 11, 2025 until January 11, 2026. Officer Rios will be covering.

- 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- **LAFD, Battalion Chief, David Leach- a big tip for the holidays is do not overload extension cords. Call in bulky items to 311. Please participate in The Spark of Love Toy Drive sponsored by ABC 7 in coordination with LAFD. Please take toys to the local fire stations or donate online.**
- 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- **The Sepulveda Basin still has 60-70 more days of clean-up. An arsonist has been arrested that is believed to have started many of the fires in the Sepulveda Basin during the last summer. Some of the unhoused helped the Rangers to find him. The Councilwoman is pushing forward on the recreational vehicles storage.**
  - ii. [Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org](mailto:Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org) – Homelessness Director
  - iii. [Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org) - Homelessness Coordinator
  - iv. [Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org](mailto:Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org) – Land Use
  - v. [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), [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**
- 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 Karla Silva [Karla.Silva1@lausd.net](mailto: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](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
- j. CA Assemblymember **Jesse Gabriel** 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly district [818-346-4521](mailto:818-346-4521) **Jack Trent-Dorfman Field Rep**
- k. CA State Senator **Caroline Menjivar, (District 20)** [sd20.senate.ca.gov](mailto:sd20.senate.ca.gov) 916-651-4020 [Star.Resendez@sen.ca.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:VNYCAC@lawa.org).
- o. NEW Department of Neighborhood Empowerment **(DONE)** [Lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:Lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org) 213-978-1551

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](mailto:lindag@lakebalboanc.org).
- a. **Stakeholder-is upset that the Van Nuys Airport is no longer notifying the public of meetings.**
  - b. **Arturo Gonzalez, City of Los Angeles, Water Replenishment, would like to be added to next month agenda.**

**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/>

**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.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Sepulveda Basin, by Pat Bates of Audubon Society.  
**Pat Bates gave an update on the Sepulveda Basin. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Steering Committee helps to advise on the wildlife issues in the basin. There are protected birds in the basin. There are 600 acres that could burn. 75 acres of the wildlife area has burnt. The fires are starting in or near the homeless encampments.**

**Steve Friedmann left the meeting at 8:05PM.**

9. Discussion and Possible action Regarding Goats in the Basin CF 25-0600-S85.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:04PM)**

LBNC ITEM 9. Motion to support CF 25-0600-S85 Regarding Goats in the Basin. Moved: Knoll Seconded: Jerosimich				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Brown, Gaines, C. Garcia, J. Garcia. Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, Stein	None	None	None	Friedmann, Gravani

**Miran Kalaydjian- Recused himself and left the meeting at 8:24PM**

10. Discussion and possible action regarding Forward Alliance Los Angeles (FALA) Charles Hannah, Chief Executive Officer <https://forwardalliance.org/>

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (8:24PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 10. Motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to support the Lake Balboa Park Project as Presented by Charles Hannah, Chief Executive Officer and the Forward Alliance Los Angeles (FALA) and further requests the CD6 Councilmember, Imelda Padilla also support the project.</b>				
<b>Moved: Middleton Seconded: Heredia</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No-02</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Brown, Gaines, C. Garcia, J. Garcia. Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton</b>	<b>Preissel, Stein</b>	<b>Schwering</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Friedmann, Gravani</b>

11. Discussion and Possible action Regarding Van Nuys Airport Plans- **Van Nuys Airport Manager, Jacob Haik, He gave updates on the airport including why he does not support the proposed wall. He plans on moving the company to the other side of airport away from residences. They are polluters and he does not want to extend their contract.**
12. Discussion and Possible action Regarding Sky Harbor Group, Justin Ignacio – **No Action Taken**

**Mihran Kalaydjian returned to the meeting at 9:14PM.**

13. Discussion and possible action regarding board open seat for:
- a. Residential Representative** and possible appointment. **-Item Postponed**
  - LBNC BYLAWS
    - Section 1: Composition Six (6) 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. **-No Action Taken**
  - Michael McCafferty
  - ~~Michael Lin~~-withdrew
14. Discussion and possible action regarding Charter Reform- Item Postponed
- The Charter Reform** Council File is 23-1027-S2
  - ORDINANCE NO. 188303**
  - Sec. 8.333. Commission Administration, Personnel, and Outreach.
    - Section “(g) The Commission’s Outreach and Engagement Plan also shall include a dedicated engagement process for the participation of the City’s Neighborhood Councils, with the goal of soliciting and receiving Community Impact Statements from at least 60% of Neighborhood Councils”.**
  - <https://reformlacherter.lacity.gov/>
  - Sign-up for updates <https://reformlacherter.lacity.gov/get-updates>
  - Calendar of meetings Recommend reading the last charter update

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (9:20PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 14. Motion to Postpone</b>				
<b>Moved: Schwering Seconded: Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-11</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-02</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Brown, Gaines, C. Garcia, J. Garcia. Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, Stein</b>	None	None	None	<b>Friedmann, Gravani</b>

15. Discussion and possible action regarding Bylaws change – Definition of Abstain = non-vote- LBNC’s By laws need to define the meaning of abstain in the By-laws. Any additional changes need to be brought forward and voted on, April is the date for all changes to be brought forward. Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council uses Rosenberg’s Rules. Abstention means a simple majority without abstentions.
16. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the Brown Act SB707  
<https://www.publicceo.com/2025/10/major-brown-act-updates-under-sb-707/>  
a. Governor Newsom signed SB707 into law on 3OCT2025 – Will go into effect 1JUL2026-Item Postponed
17. **Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates**, (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: **Open Position**  
Budget Advocate Mihran Kalaydjian  
a. 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)
18. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **October 2025 MER** (Monthly Expense Report)  
Schwering

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (9:25PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to approve the October 2025 MER (Monthly Expense Report)</b>				
<b>Moved: Schwering Seconded: Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-03</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Brown, Gaines, J. Garcia. Hazra, Heredia, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Preissel, Schwering, Stein</b>	None	None	<b>C. Garcia, Jerosimich, Middleton,</b>	<b>Freidmann, Gravani</b>

19. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of up 250.00 for refreshments, printing, and promotion for a Neighborhood Disaster Recovery/Emergency Preparedness Town Hall. Date to be determined. –**Linda Schwering**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed (9:27PM)**

<b>LBNC ITEM 19. Motion to approve an expenditure of up 250.00 for refreshments, printing, and promotion for a Neighborhood Disaster Recovery/Emergency Preparedness Town Hall. Date to be determined.</b>				
<b>Moved: Brown Seconded: Kalaydjian</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-03</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Brown, Gaines, J. Garcia. Hazra, Heredia, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Preissel, Schwering, Stein</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>C. Garcia, Jerosimich, Middleton,</b>	<b>Freidmann, Gravani</b>

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

- President updates-**No Report**
- Education- **There will be a Town Hall in January**
- Emergency Preparedness—**No December Meeting**
- Health & Public Safety-**No Report**
- Land Use **Heredia withdrew as Co-chair**
- Outreach newsletter- **No Report**
- Rec and Park-**2 Park Rangers are leaving to go work for LAFD.**
- VNY Airport- **Meeting on February 17, 2026 at the Airtel.**
- Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee-**No Additional 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 at 9:30PM.**

**Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the  
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council  
NO MEETING IN JANUARY  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Gault St School Auditorium**