



**Winnetka Neighborhood Council
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:30 PM**



Best Western Hotel – Winnetka Convention Center
20122 Vanowen St. Winnetka, CA 91306
(Located in the Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

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Jonathan Vickburg	Robert Stewart	Anthony Zepeda	
Victor Lerma	Judith Giglio	Holden Tsao - Youth Representative	

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act.

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council may join **IN PERSON** or by going to [WNC Zoom](#) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81541994845?pwd=Nmw5MiRkL1piUjRkYkZGhOeWY1SVN6Zz09>, Meeting ID: 815 4199 4845, Password: WNCBOARD) or by dialing either (669) 900 6833 or (253) 215 8782 or (346) 248 7799 or (312) 626 6799 or (929) 205 6099 or (301) 715 8592, entering 815 4199 4845 and then press # to join the meeting, followed by the password 70345092 and then #. One tap mobile: +16699006833,,81541994845#,,,,,0#,,70345092# US (San Jose)+13462487799,,81541994845#,,,,,0#,,70345092# US (Houston)

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, or per the following:

[1] emailing mihran@winnetkanc.com, [2] by clicking the 'raise hand' button via Zoom during the period allotted for public comment, or [3] by dialing *9 (if joining the meeting via telephone) to 'raise hand' during the period allotted for public comment when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard when the respective item is being considered.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. AB 361 UPDATES: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS

The agenda for a regular or special meeting is posted for public review within Winnetka, 91306, at the following location: Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at www.winnetkanc.com. Additionally, supporting documents distributed to Board Members pertaining to Agenda Items will be posted for Download as well. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at the website: <https://www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils>

- 1) **GENERAL WELCOME** [5 min]
- 2) **CONVENE MEETING and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [1 min]
- 3) **BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL** [2 min]

BOARD MEMBER	7/11/23	8/8/23	9/12/23	10/10/23	11/14/23	12/12/23	2/13/24	3/12/24	4/9/24
Ajantha Sriramya	A	A	X	X	X	E	LE	X	A
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	A	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X
Jonathan Vickburg	X	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X
Victor Lerma	X	E	X	X	A	X	X	X	A
Mikhail Maniyan	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	X	A	X	Online	X	X
Holden Tsao	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mihran Kalaydjian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roy Hadavi	X	X	E	L	X	A	X	X	E
Robert Stewart	X	/	X	E	X	X	X	A	X
Anthony Zepeda									X
Peggy White									X

X/V = Present/Virtual, A = Absent, E = Excused, /=Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early, †=Special Meeting

- 4) **Secretary:** Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Winnetka NC April 9th Minutes (WNC-2024-0409-4A)
- 5) **Our Guest Speaker** – Conversation with City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto. The length of the presentation can last up to 15 minutes and then we can have Q&A from our board members and stakeholders, community representatives.
- 6) **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Updates/reports from officials/representatives of the offices of Mayor Bass, City Council District 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, State Senator Caroline Menjivar, State Assembly Jesse Gabriel, US Congressman Brad Sherman, LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, LAUSD Board Members Scott Schmerelson and/or Nick Melvoin, LAPD and/or CPAB, LAFD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA), other local, state, or federal agencies.

7) **Officer Reports (3 minutes)**

President – Mihran Kalaydjian
Vice President – Erick Lace
Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig
Parliamentarian – Mikhail Maniyan
Secretary - Elizabeth Chapman

8) **PUBLIC COMMENT**: Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members should not address or discuss these comments other than to direct matters to the appropriate Winnetka NC committee or other agency. [2 min each]

9) Discussion and possible action to purchase the Zoom Enterprise License from Empower LA (DONE) up to \$200. (Mihran + David)

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

10) **TREASURER’S Action Item’s (Ludwig)**

- Motion to approve April 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report and authorize the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk.
- Discussion and possible action on amending the 2023-2024 budget.

11) **Public Safety Action Item:**

Discussion & Possible Motion to participate, at the National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm (sundown) at Northridge Recreation Center, 18300 Lemarsh St, Northridge 91325. (Jonathan – Public Safety)

LAUSD Candidate Forum:

12) Discussion & Possible Action to Co -Host an LAUSD District 3 School board candidate forum in person. A moderator will be invited to this town hall. There are 2 candidates for the November running for LAUSD district board 3 election. Cost not to exceed \$200 for water & Refreshments. (Mihran Kalaydjian)

Action item – Community Impact Statements (CIS)

13) **Council File [15-0389-S2](#) CIS regarding Speaking Rights for Non-Certified Community Councils**

Discussion and Possible Action from Winnetka Neighborhood Council to oppose the motion to grant uncertified Community Councils the same speaking rights as Certified Neighborhood Councils at city meetings. It cites concerns about the lack of requirements and oversight for Community Councils, potential decertification of Neighborhood Councils, unequal playing field, misrepresentation of community interests, confusion for community members, duplication of efforts, competition for resources and attention, and undermining of Neighborhood Council legitimacy.

The proposed Language of the CIS is below:

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 15-0389-S2 granting the Community Councils of Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Westwood the same privileges as those afforded to certified neighborhood councils under Los

Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. Instead, we recommend that community councils should follow the current procedures on how an area can become a certified neighborhood council.

Neighborhood Councils must follow a number of procedural rules in order to file community impact statements, including but not limited to compliance with the Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, certified elections, and filings with the City Clerk. Our meetings are free and open to all members of the public. Community Councils are not legally required to adhere to these same rules, therefore creating a lack of transparency and procedural oversight.

The Westwood Community Council, unnamed in this motion, operates with “annual voluntary dues” and “contributions,” which NCs are again not allowed to accept. It also exists in an area already covered by two certified NCs, ours and the Westwood NC. This both could provide an unfair advantage to one community and could also muddle the stance of our area when there are disagreements.

Rather than providing special treatment of community councils, the City Council should instead instruct DONE to prioritize the formation of NCs in community council areas where NCs do not now exist.

If the City Council is concerned with hearing from NC and community voices, it should reinstate telephonic comment at committee meetings and make NC comment separate from public comment.

Additionally, the City Council should address the movement of general comment to the end of the agenda, which was done in contradiction of Council rules and without debate or discussion.

14) Council File [24-0465](#) DONE GM Confirmation

Motion and possible action the Deferral of Confirmation for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager Carmen Chang.

Whereas, the Mayor has recommended Carmen Chang as the next General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) as per Council File 24-0465.

Whereas, Article V, Section 508 of the City Charter grants the City Council the authority to act on appointments made by the Mayor.

Whereas, the Neighborhood Councils, as established by the City Charter, have the right to provide input and express their concerns regarding matters that directly impact their operations and the Neighborhood Council system as a whole;

Whereas, the Neighborhood Councils should be provided with relevant information on Carmen Chang's qualifications for the position of General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to facilitate informed discussions and input.

Therefore, the Board of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council moves and requests that:

1. The Los Angeles City Council defers the confirmation of Carmen Chang as the next General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for up to the 45-day window allowed under the City Charter.
2. During this deferral period, a minimum of 30 days be allocated to allow Carmen Chang to meet with Neighborhood Councils and other interested parties to discuss issues of importance to the Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system, as well as her intentions, plans, and vision for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
3. The City Council considers the input provided by the Neighborhood Councils during these meetings before making a final decision on the confirmation of Carmen Chang as the next General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

4. The Mayor's Office and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment provide the Neighborhood Councils with relevant information on Carmen Chang's qualifications and suitability for the position of General Manager to facilitate informed discussions and input.
5. The City Council and the Mayor's Office ensure that, in the future, Neighborhood Councils are given adequate notice and the opportunity to provide input on appointments and decisions that directly impact the Neighborhood Council system.
6. A copy of this motion be sent to the Los Angeles City Council, the Mayor's Office, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

NPG ACTION ITEMS:

- 15) Discussion and Possible Action to approve up to **\$550** for the Stanley Mosk Robotics team to participate in the Rally in the Valley Robotics Competition in the 2024-2025 school year. This grant would pay the registration fee for the competition. The registration fee would allow us to take a Team of 30 students on our Robotics Team to the Competition in the Fall of 2024 and the Spring of 2025. These students attend the Robotics club after school every Wednesday during the school year preparing for the competition.
- 16) Discussion and Possible Action to approve up to **\$700** for Winnetka Elementary School for their Students participating in the Robotics program will be competing annually. It is an opportunity to demonstrate and show their learning as a team. The T-shirts will promote team collaboration, unity, and team spirit for TEAM WINNETKA. Community members are invited to attend the competitions and support our students. Our students are representing our school community and the entire San Fernando Valley community as a whole.
- 17) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve **\$3000** funding for the 2024 Season of Valley Cultural Center concerts in the park. This amount will allow us to have a booth, tent, chairs, signage, and recognition at each of the (10) concerts + 5 Movies in the Park to promote the WHWCNC and engage with stakeholders. We will also be acknowledged as co-sponsors at one concert where we will be provided the opportunity to speak from the stage to promote Winnetka NC.
- 18) Discussion and possible action to approve **\$150** to participate Juneteenth Community Celebration which is being held on June 15, 2024. This will allow Winnetka Neighborhood Council to have a booth at the event.

19) Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Report (Uebersax)

► **Discussion, and possible Action** regarding 20839 W ROSCOE BLVD - Plan Approval for sales of a full line of alcohol beverages for off-site consumption with an existing pharmacy/store. ENV-2023-4046-CE – <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4MDQ30>

ZA-2008-1626-CUB-PA2 - <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4MDQy0>

► **Review of recent correspondence** to WNC from Applicants for Planning or related issues:

8217 N WINNETKA AVE - DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS; NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

► ADM-2023-4274-DB-VHCA-ED1 <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4Mjgz0>

► ENV-2023-5358-EAF
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY5Mzk50>

► CPC-2023-4274-DB-PHP-VHCA-1A
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<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY5ODQ40>

▶ 20454 W NORDHOFF ST - ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE UNDER THE RESTAURANT BEVERAGE PROGRAM (RBP) TO ALLOW THE SALE AND DISPENSING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RESTAURANT.

▶ ADM-2024-1156-RBPA

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjczODgy0>

20135 W KESWICK ST - Conditional Use Permit Application for new Wireless Telecommunications Facility by DISH on rooftop.

▶ ENV-2024-786-CE - CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjczNDk30>

▶ ZA-2024-785-CUW - CUW-CONDITIONAL USE WIRELESS

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjczNDk20>

A Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report Uebersax)

- NOTICE: Meetings as needed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00

Committee Reports:

- Youth Committee Report (Holden)
- LA Neighborhood Council Coalition Report (LANCC) David Uebersax
- Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) (David Uebersax)
- Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report David Uebersax)
- NOTICE: Meetings as needed currently on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00
- Public Safety Committee Report (Jonathan Vickburg / Judith Giglio)
- Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates
- Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)
- By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)
- Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)
- Updates on any budget report.

20. LIAISONS REPORTS

- LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (David)

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- LANNC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition)
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Mihran)
- Sustainability Alliance (Mihran, Sam)

21. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

22. MEETING ADJOURNED

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by email: NCsupport@lacity.org or phone: (213) 978-1551 and/or either: The Winnetka NC President via email at mkalavdijian@winnetkanc.com

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS

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 Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at www.winnetkanc.com 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 the Winnetka President NC via email at mkalavdijian@winnetkanc.com

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad-hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days, for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board's Rules or Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, state law, and/or federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE AVISAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. POR FAVOR CONTACTE VICTOR LERMA AL (818) 314-0333 O POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO Presidente mkalavdijian@winnetkanc.com PARA AVISAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL O SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA,

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