



**Winnetka Neighborhood Council
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6:30 PM**



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

President	Treasurer	Secretary	Parliamentarian
Mihran Kalaydjian	Samantha Ludwig	Elizabeth Chapman	Roy Hadavi
Vice-President			
Erick Lace			
<u>Board Members</u>			
David Uebersax	Peggy White	Open Seat	
Jonathan Vickburg	Irma Ramirez	Anthony Zepeda	
Victor Lerma	Judith Giglio	Sue Jung – Youth Representative	

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

BOARD MEMBER	5/14/24	6/11/24	8/13/24	9/10/24	10/8/24	12/10/24	1/14/25	2/11/25	3/11/25	4/8/24	5/13/25
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
Jonathan Vickburg	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Lerma	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	L	X	E
Elizabeth Chapman	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	A	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mihran Kalaydjian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roy Hadavi	X	X	A	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X
Anthony Zepeda	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	X
Peggy White	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	online	X	X
Irma Ramirez							X	X	online	A	X
Y - Sue Jung								X	X	X	E

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

11 members present, 2 excused

4) **Secretary:**

4A - Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Winnetka NC April 8, 2025, Minutes.

(WNC – 2025-0408-4A)

Erick move to approve as written, seconded by Judith

Approved by Consensus

5) **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), Congress Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, other local, state, or federal agencies.

Updates & events from: Daniell for Secretary Horvath, Rosala from Senator Menjivar, Rep for Scott Schmerleson, Aaron from Bob Blumenfield's office, Mario from DONE, Mihran for Budget Advocates, David from LANC

6) Introduction to our new board candidates. Each candidate will speak for up to 2 minutes.

Anthony Zepeda, Judith Giglio, Jo Lamoreaux, Brandon Manor

School Presentations:

7) NEW Academy Charter Schools - Eddie Castro: invitation to 20 year anniversary event

8) Grover Cleveland Charter HS Band Booster Club - Students Bodi & Summer from Grover Cleveland - presented about their band program. Need additional funding for instruments.

9) **Officer Reports (3 minutes)**

President – Mihran Kalaydjian thank you for participation in events

Vice President – Erick Lace

Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig reminders for timing

Parliamentarian – Roy Hadavi reminders for keeping to time limits and public comments

Secretary - Elizabeth Chapman

10) **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]

Providence representative with a free program and requesting volunteers

Sean from West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce - beautification programs

Michele Hales - agrees to support of the band program as presented

Cynthia - asking about the event for ONE Generation

Barri Worth Girvan - speaking on running for office

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

11) TREASURER'S Action Item's (Ludwig)

Discussion and possible action to approve **February 2025** Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow the treasurer to submit.

Completed in prior Meeting

Discussion and possible action to approve **March 2025** Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow the treasurer to submit.

Tabled

Discussion and possible action to approve **April 2025** Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and allow the treasurer to submit.

Samantha motion to approve April MER, seconded by Erick

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung						X

Approved (11 yes, 2 absent)

Education Committee: (Samantha & Sue)

- 11) Discussion and possible action regarding supporting the amended Stanley Mosk Elementary NPG to cover the registration fee for "Rally in the Valley Robotics Competition" for two teams of 30 in a total amount of \$1,200. (NOTE: This NPG was previously voted on and approved, however since more than 45 days have elapsed as part of the paperwork submission process we are re-presenting this NPG to the board for review.)

Samantha motion to re-approve the Stanley Mosk NPG with amended date for Rally in the Valley Robotics Competition for a total of \$1,200, seconded by Mihran

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					

Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung						X

Approved (11 yes, 2 absent)

CIS – CF25-0600: (Anthony)

12)) Discussion and possible action to have a neutral position Council File: **CF25-0600**

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0600_misc_03-25-25.pdf

Roy motion to remove paragraph 5 and renumber 6 and 7 and amend to an opposing position on Council File as presented, seconded by Jonathan

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung						X

Approved (11 yes, 2 absent)

Anthony motion to take a neutral (amended to opposition with paragraph 5 removed) position on Council File as presented, seconded by Erick

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung						X

Approved (11 yes, 2 absent)

Here is the support language for the motion:

To: City Council and Budget Committees

Subject: Community Impact Statement – Oppose Proposed Budget Unless Amended

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council (“WNC”) urges the City Council to reconsider key aspects of the proposed FY 2025–26 City Budget and amend them to better reflect fiscal responsibility and community-centered priorities.

1. Do Not Further Cut Neighborhood Council Funding

We oppose the proposed reduction in funding for Neighborhood Councils from \$32,000 to \$25,000 per fiscal year. COVID-era cuts have already inflicted millions of dollars in NC funding losses even though other departments regained their prior funding levels. The diminished funding has drastically and negatively impacted the ability of NCs to fund important community projects and programs. Neighborhood Councils and community members and organizations that rely on them have already contributed more than their share to City-wide savings.

2. Defer Convention Center Expansion

The proposed \$5 billion investment in the Convention Center (including interest) is fiscally irresponsible in our current economic environment. These funds could preserve public sector jobs or repair critical infrastructure. We urge the City to suspend or significantly scale down this project and reallocate funds toward core municipal services.

3. Provide a Realistic Liability Budget

The City’s liability reserve of \$187 million is nearly \$100 million short of anticipated expenditures. The continued reliance on artificially low liability projections undermines public trust and sets the City up for future budget shocks. A credible liability estimate must be included to ensure transparency and preparedness.

4. Stop Replacing Civilian Roles with Sworn LAPD Officers

The proposed layoffs of LAPD civilian staff will result in costly inefficiencies. When sworn officers are tasked with clerical or non-law enforcement duties, taxpayers bear the burden. Rebalancing staffing by preserving key civilian roles saves money without reducing public safety.

5. Remove Funding for Additional LAPD Helicopters

We recognize the value that LAPD helicopters bring in high-risk operations and emergency response. However, the proposed purchase of two additional helicopters at an estimated \$7.5 million each is not justifiable amid a projected budget gap and pending civilian layoffs. Maintaining current air units is reasonable. But it is not reasonable to expand the fleet without strong evidence of return on investment, especially when basic services like sidewalk repairs and animal control face cuts.

6. Reevaluate Cuts to Animal Services

The closure of the West Los Angeles animal shelter and reduced spay/neuter funding will increase stray animal populations and long-term costs. A short-term cut now risks a larger crisis later. The humane and financially prudent path is to preserve key Animal Services functions.

A single unaltered female cat and her offspring can produce up to thousands of cats in seven years. Preventing that through spay/neuter costs as little as \$70–\$100 per animal, making it far more cost-effective than sheltering or euthanizing abandoned pets. The last time LA underfunded sterilization efforts in the early 2000s, expensive intake and euthanasia rates spiked. The underfunding then required even more expenditures to correct the problem later. Cutting the animal services budget is penny wise, pound foolish.

7. Appoint a Chief Financial Officer for the City

A large city like Los Angeles requires professional fiscal oversight. We support the creation of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) role to provide year-round financial strategy, long-term capital planning, and fiscal accountability — something this budget urgently lacks.

In Conclusion, the WNC urges the City Council to amend the budget accordingly before adoption. The proposed budget does not adequately prioritize essential services or reflect a sustainable financial vision for our city.

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

- NOTICE: Meetings are held at the WCC on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM • General update on Committee plans and activity.
- Report on the 2025 Spring Clean event on May 4.
- Discussion and planning for the next LA River cleanup to be considered on May 31 or June 28, to coincide with cleanups along stretches of the LA River Bikeway (south bank from Mason eastward towards the stretches addressed monthly by the LA River Walkers and Watchers larww.org) and the LA County Headwaters stretch (both banks from Mason westward).
 - **Motion** as carried from the April 23rd PWT Meeting to request funding WNC Board once again approve \$100 for any drinks, snacks, and supplies and request an additional \$100 for paint.

David motion to approve up to \$100 for drinks, snacks, and supplies and up to \$100 for paint amended to June 28, seconded by Jonathan

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig	X					
Jonathan Vickburg	X					
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman	X					
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian	X					
Roy Hadavi	X					
Peggy White	X					
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez	X					
Sue Jung						X

Approved (11 yes, 2 absent)

- **Motion** for funding of up to \$1000 for cleanup supplies including grabbers and vests.

David motion to approve up to \$1,000 for cleanup supplies including grabbers and vests, seconded by Jonathan

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recused	Absent
David Uebersax	X					
Erick Lace	X					
Samantha Ludwig		X				
Jonathan Vickburg		X				
Victor Lerma						X
Elizabeth Chapman		X				
Judith Giglio	X					
Mihran Kalaydjian		X				

Roy Hadavi		X				
Peggy White		X				
Anthony Zepeda	X					
Irma Ramirez		X				
Sue Jung						X

Not approved (4 yes, 7 No, 2 absent)

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

- NOTICE: Meetings are held as needed at the WCC on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
- General update on Committee plans and activity.
- Report on correspondence to WNC from Applicants for Planning or related issues including notifications on upcoming proposals including:
 - 20126 W STRATHERN ST - Preliminary Parcel Map to subdivide a 14,731 sf. lot in (T) R1-1 zone into two parcels.
 - 7801 N OSO AVE - Parcel map to subdivide (e) 15,766.5 sf lot into two (n) 6,475 sf and 7,954 sf lots in the R1 zone.
 - 19725 W VANOWEN ST - A CUB for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site sale in conjunction with an existing market.

15) Committee Reports:

- Education & Youth Committee Report (Samantha & Sue)
- Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods (Mihran)
- 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) [To meet in June](#)
- Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates
- Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Peggy White)
- By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Mihran & Lace)
- Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)
- Updates to any budget report.

16. LIAISONS REPORTS

- LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (David)
- LANNC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition)
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Mihran)
- Sustainability Alliance (Mihran, Sam)

17. GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]

18. MEETING ADJOURNED

8:32