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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 6:30 PM

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THIS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to

log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee 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 Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call @ 6:34pm (61 attendees) @ 8:55pm (16 attendees)

21 Present (P), 1 Absent (A), 2 Vacant, 0 (P*) Not counted for Quorum per SB411

Adriana Velazquez	A -	Lori Aliksanian	P -
Amy Mack	P -	Melissa Manousos	P -
Andrew Wong	P -	Michael Williams	P -
Damion Wagner <i>Late</i>	P -	Monique Alvarado	P -
Daniel Calderas	P -	Oliver Alpuche	P -
Dennis Fried	P -	Paul Kaufman <i>Late</i>	P -
Georgia Hawley	P -	Payas Parab	P -
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	P -	Robert Martinez	P -
Israel Batiz	P -	Paul Gamberg	P -
Jens Midthun	P -	Teresa Y. Hillery	P -
Leonel Aguilar	P -	Terin Ngo	P -

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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- S. Ronta'Rodgers
- T. Grode
- T. McGahey
- A. Carril-Grumberg

3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

- J. Midthun- committee items
- R. Martinez- entertainment & stakeholders
- P. Parab- budget committee items

4. President's Report

- Hope Street Fires

5. Speakers

- a. LA28 Presentation
 - i. Michael Menjivar, Director Community Relations and Bobby Kobara, Community Engagement Lead DTLA- job and contract opportunities, climate & resilience grants, volunteering opportunities, Celebrate Two Eight, QR codes, First Fridays (monthly webinars)
 - Questions: Accessibility of tickets; Safety and Policing; Grants awarded to DTLA
- b. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
 - i. Adan Acosta- 1200 block of Hope fires and resolution, entertainment zones; Ambar Quintanilla- animal cruelty
 - ii. Jarvis Emerson- Mayor's Office partnerships to support pets
- c. Liaisons Reports

6. Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- a. Announcement of Fashion District Business Seat Vacancy
- b. Announcement of Civic Center / Financial District Resident Seat Vacancy
- c. Removal of Israel Batiz due to attendance, 7 absences in 12 months. Pursuant to bylaws Article V, Section 7: Absences, Directors are subject to removal after 4 absences in 12 months.

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to remove Israel Batiz, Homeless Director Seat.

Mover: Paul Gamberg **Seconder:** Payas Parab

Board Vote: Yes (19), No (x), Abstain (2), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes
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Amy Mack	Yes ▾	Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Michael Williams	Yes ▾
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Monique Alvarado	Abstain ▾
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Abstain ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Georgia Hawley	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez	Yes ▾
Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

7. Consent Calendar (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- a. Approval of [July 2026 Board of Directors Minutes](#).
- b. Appointment of Payas Parab as DLANC [Budget Representative](#).

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve Consent Calendar.

Mover: Paul Kaufman **Second:** Oliver Alpuche

Board Vote: Yes (20), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	--- ▾	Lori Aliksonian	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	Yes ▾	Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Michael Williams	Yes ▾
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Georgia Hawley	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez	Yes ▾
Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾

Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

8. Old Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- a. Candidate Forum updates.

9. New Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- i. Discussion and possible action to [submit a letter](#) for the Lineage Logistics Warehouse Fire.

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Paul Kaufman **Second:** Lori Aliksanian

Board Vote: Yes (19), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	Yes ▾	Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Michael Williams	Yes ▾
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾
Georgia Hawley	Yes ▾	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	Yes ▾
Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Robert Martinez	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

b. Livability Committee

- i. Discussion and possible action to [submit a letter](#) to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners regarding a public nuisance declaration for vacant buildings on Hope Street.
- Community Members: D. Shrout, C. Horton, T. McGahey, S. Rogers, K. Sharkey, B. Colton

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Teresa Y. Hillery **Second:** Dennis Fried

Board Vote: Yes (20), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes
Amy Mack	Yes	Melissa Manousos	Yes
Andrew Wong	Yes	Michael Williams	Yes
Damion Wagner	Yes	Monique Alvarado	Yes
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	Yes
Dennis Fried	Yes	Paul Gamberg	Yes
Georgia Hawley	Yes	Paul Kaufman	Yes
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes	Payas Parab	Yes
Israel Batiz	Ineligible	Robert Martinez	Yes
Jens Midthun	Yes	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes
Leonel Aguilar	Yes	Terin Ngo	Yes

c. Budget & Finance / Treasurer Items

- i. Announce the next budget meeting Tuesday, September 1, 2026 6pm.
- ii. Approval of [June 2026 MER](#)

Motion: Payas Parab moves to approve.

Mover: Melissa Manousos **Seconders:** Damion Wagner

Board Vote: Yes (19), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes
Amy Mack	Yes	Melissa Manousos	Yes
Andrew Wong	Yes	Michael Williams	Yes
Damion Wagner	Yes	Monique Alvarado	Yes
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	Yes
Dennis Fried	Yes	Paul Kaufman	Yes
Georgia Hawley	Yes	Payas Parab	Yes
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes	Robert Martinez	Yes

Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

- iii. Approval of July 2026 MER
- iv. Approve an expenditure not to exceed **\$1,500** to reprint and update the Skid Row Resource Map. Vendors like Gotprint or Vistaprint. Monies to come from *Outreach Category – Communications & Materials Line Item*, FY 2026-27.

Budget & Finance Request (non-binding condition): Explore creating a live, updatable map to reduce future reprint costs.

Budget & Finance Committee Vote: 3 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

Motion: Payas Parab moves to approve.

Mover: Paul Kaufman **Seconder:** Damion Wagner

Board Vote: Yes (18), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksonian	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	Yes ▾	Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Michael Williams	Yes ▾
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	---
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾
Georgia Hawley	Yes ▾	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	Yes ▾
Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Robert Martinez	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

- v. Approve an expenditure not to exceed **\$500** for Social Media Promotion. Vendors like Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and Nextdoor. Monies to come from *Outreach Category - Communications & Materials Line Item*, FY 2026-27.

Budget & Finance Request (non-binding condition): Report back on spend, new followers, and views to guide future investment into social media promotion in six months.

Budget & Finance Committee Vote: 3 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

Motion: Payas Parab moves to approve.

Mover: Lori Aliksanian **Second:** Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (19), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes
Amy Mack	Yes	Melissa Manousos	Yes
Andrew Wong	Yes	Michael Williams	Yes
Damion Wagner	Yes	Monique Alvarado	Yes
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	Yes
Dennis Fried	Yes	Paul Gamberg	Yes
Georgia Hawley	Yes	Paul Kaufman	Yes
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes	Payas Parab	Yes
Israel Batiz	Ineligible	Robert Martinez	Yes
Jens Midthun	Yes	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes
Leonel Aguilar	Yes	Terin Ngo	Yes

- vi. Approve an expenditure not to exceed **\$1,800** for a new DLANC D Line bus bench promotion. Vendors like Onsite Media. Monies to come from *Outreach Category - Communications & Materials Line Item*, FY 2026-27.

Budget & Finance Request (non-binding condition): Add a call-to-action and trackable QR/UTM link; report back on ROI to the board in six months.

Budget & Finance Committee Vote: 3 Yays, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

Motion: Payas Parab moves to approve.

Mover: Damion Wagner **Second:** Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (19), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes
Amy Mack	Yes	Melissa Manousos	Yes
Andrew Wong	Yes	Michael Williams	Yes
Damion Wagner	Yes	Monique Alvarado	Yes
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	Yes

Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾
Georgia Hawley	Yes ▾	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	Yes ▾
Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Robert Martinez	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

- vii. Amend the FY 2026-27 Annual Administrative Packet to move **\$1,000 from Outreach Category - Events Line Item (\$8,000 → \$7,000) to Outreach Category - Communications & Materials Line Item (\$3,500 → \$4,500)**, and direct the Treasurer to resubmit the revised budget and BAC form. Outreach total (\$11,500) unchanged.

Motion: Payas Parab moves to approve.

Mover: Melissa Manousos **Seconder:** Damion Wagner

Board Vote: Yes (18), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	Yes ▾	Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Michael Williams	Yes ▾
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	---
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Paul Gamberg	Yes ▾
Georgia Hawley	Yes ▾	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	Yes ▾
Israel Batiz	Ineligible ▾	Robert Martinez	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

d. Planning & Land Use Committee - None

e. Rules and Selections Committee - None

- i. [New financial training](#) due by 8/31/26
- ii. Approval of elections worksheet.
 - 2-8pm (6hrs)
 - Primary Location- Central Library; Alternate Location- Little Tokyo Library Branch or YMCA
 - Languages- Eng, Span, Korean, Chinese, Farsi?
 - Election Chairperson- Jens Midthun
 - Outreach Chair- Damion Wagner

Motion: Teresa Y. Hillery moves to approve first options.

Mover: Jens Midthun **Seconder:** Teresa Y Hillery

Board Vote: Yes (14), No (0), Abstain (4), Ineligible (1)

Adriana Velazquez	---	Lori Aliksanian	Yes
Amy Mack	Yes	Melissa Manousos	Yes
Andrew Wong	Yes	Michael Williams	Yes
Damion Wagner	Yes	Monique Alvarado	Yes
Daniel Calderas	---	Oliver Alpuche	---
Dennis Fried	Abstain	Paul Gamberg	Abstain
Georgia Hawley	Yes	Paul Kaufman	Yes
Heera Kapoor Ubel Perez	Yes	Payas Parab	Abstain
Israel Batiz	Ineligible	Robert Martinez	Abstain
Jens Midthun	Yes	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes
Leonel Aguilar	Yes	Terin Ngo	Yes

- f. Foreign & Domestic Affairs Committee - None
- g. Outreach & Communications - None
- h. Urban Issues & Resources Committee - None
- i. Business & Innovation Ad Hoc Committee - None

10. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

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11. Board Members and Committee Announcements

12. Next meeting: September 8, 2026 - 6:30pm

13. Adjournment @ 8:50pm temporary for Special Meeting; @ 9:23pm

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS: *Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the committee 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 committee meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.*

CONSENT ITEMS: *There will be no separate discussion of Consent items as they are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Board, Committee, or a stakeholder requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from Consent and considered separately. Such items will be moved to the end of the agenda.*

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