



Draft Minutes
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday August 27, 2025 7:00 P.M.

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 05/22/2024)</i>	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2027) / <i>VP, Leg. Affairs (Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / <i>VP – Operations (Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>		X
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Halsey Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions <i>(Voted back onto the Board 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Kaye, Alan	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) <i>(Elected 07/23/2025)</i>	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Appointed 01/19/2025)</i>	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Lawrence, Aaron	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) <i>(Elected 07/23/2025)</i>	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / <i>President (Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Levinson, M. for Dr. Goodman	Bel-Air Association	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Appointed 07/2025)</i>	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Roth, Lynn	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association <i>(Appointed 07/23/2025)</i>	X	
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(Appointed 01/24/2024)</i>		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2027) / <i>Secretary (Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		0
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>		X
Total:		25	10

Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call:

President Longcore called the meeting to order on Zoom, under the auspices of SB 411 (Senator Portantino) at 7:08 pm. Dr. Longcore provided welcoming comments including information on the process of participating in the meeting online.

Dr. Longcore responded to a message in the Q&A feature (the use of which he discouraged noting we are not equipped with personnel to observe it throughout the evening.) The question was when will we be addressing the K-6 position (which he noted is not a committee but a board seat) and they can speak to it under Agenda item #6: “Election of Board Member Representing Public Educational Institutions” or during General Public Comment.

Following the flag salute, Dr. Timothy Steele called the roll. Quorum is 21 and quorum was met initially with 24; Member Hall arrived shortly thereafter for a total of 25 members present.

1. The agenda was **adopted** by unanimous consent as moved by Stojka.
2. **Motion** to approve the July 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) passed by 22-0-2, with abstentions from Levinson and Savage, as moved by Member Lawrence.
3. **General Public Comment**
BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board’s jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

Randy Dodge thanked Travis for having stated, at the last meeting, with regard to the property at 2170 and 2172 Stanley Hills Drive, that when they tore those houses down they gave up the right to build because the law is that you cannot build on a substandard street. He asked why we have this law when we will always find a way around it. He noted that the law was developed in the ‘20s and now we have all this density and cars, and asked why the law can’t be respected; why does it have to be excused. He wishes the Planning Commission would say that if you want to build, don’t do it on a less-than-20 foot street, and that they would know how important that law is and that it shouldn’t be ignored. He noted he has discussed this with Jamie who would help with this issue.

Lionel Mares introduced himself as a Budget Advocate, speaking as an individual. He thanked us for submitting our Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the LA City Charter Reform Commission, noting that he has been attending all of their meetings, as a government reform advocate; he believes in transparency by the people of Los Angeles for the ordinary common people and asked that this NC would advocate for the most marginalized, the people who have been traumatized by these ICE raids, and for democracy. He thanked us for our work on Charter reform, as democracy needs to be heard. He wished us a Happy Labor Day weekend.

Bree Turner related that she is a resident in Laurel Hills, and expressed gratitude for the volunteer hours spent by the BABCNC to keep our neighborhoods safe. She reiterated concerns, expressed at our July meeting, on the need for the Laurel Canyon Park gate being locked at night. She expressed concerns about fire danger in this VHFHSZ and that locking the gate from sundown to sunup would be a good practical effect. This would also ward off criminal activity, as there has been a crime wave in her neighborhood. She is interested in joining the Public Safety-Emergency Preparedness (PS-EP) Committee as

a stakeholder member, and would like to have this put on the docket with the committee to begin to find solutions for this issue.

Bree introduced **Paula Janos** who related that she has lived near the dog park that Bree has been speaking about for 30 years and can attest that the many people who come at night are not there to walk their dogs but pose a danger. She spoke on how easily fires start, people in their homes can engulfed in flames in their sleep at night. She noted that requests to get the park locked every night have been met with silence for years. She and neighbors are renewing their efforts to get the park locked at night. They recently spoke with CD4 Councilmember Raman's office, and the Fire Department, both of whom acknowledged the fire hazard. Paula noted that they lock the park on holidays and red flag days, knowing it is a danger, but not nightly, and requested on behalf of the neighbors that, as a NC, we add our voice and influence to secure protections for the park and everyone living within miles of it.

Leslie Monsour spoke on the case of 2172 and 2170 Stanley Hills Drive that we had on our agenda in April, to keep the profile on this project up. She thanked Member Savage who has been helping. She described Member Savage as a developer in their area who sticks to code as a resident. She noted that the case came up, and that Jamie Hall and she thinks Jonathan Brand know about this -- probably 10 years ago and went away and now it is back. She said that in 2015, we appealed the project with a letter to the Planning Commission. Part of their appeal contained a letter from a retired LAFD Fire Chief, Craig Fry. She read a paragraph from the letter saying that Stanley Hills Drive is considered a major thoroughfare by the Los Angeles Fire Department; a vital artery for fire apparatus to travel to an emergency incident for over 1,500 homes in a very high-fire severity zone. LAFD has a goal of reaching a victim of an emergency within 5 minutes of the call to the 911 operators. This area of the city has always been almost impossible to meet that standard due to the traffic associated with the streets and the distance from a fire station. Contractors and developers must work with the LAFD on a plan that will not further jeopardize the residents to delays by emergency responders.

Maygan introduced herself, as having an interest in being a part of Public Schools K-6 "committee" (*actually, the board seat under Agenda item #6*). She described herself as a mother of four children, ranging in age from 6 to 24 years of age, involved in her community with a desire to bring her service and commitment.

Member Brand explained that he worked with City Council for 11 years and that a basic function would be to work with Department of Recreation & Parks, Rangers, and their local Council District office to get a gate closed in a park, especially with the vagrancy taking place in a very high fire hazard severity zone, and to definitely work with your local council office to make this basic function happen.

Member Hall, related that he is a Laurel Canyon Association representative on the Board, and welcomed the people from Laurel Canyon present this evening to reach out to him offline and he'll engage with them to address their issues.

4. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies

Erica Gatica Doughty, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) aka EmpowerLA
erica.gatica@lacity.org

- Erica reintroduced herself to us as our new NEA taking the place of Octaviano Rios, since our in-person meeting in July and noted that she sent the board emails with announcements, one of which was related to board trainings. Announcements included:
- The upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods taking place on 09/27/2025.
- An email from the City Clerk's office indicated that they finalized the rollover funds from last fiscal year and she believes that the BABCNC can expect a rollover of \$17,241.91 to this fiscal year.
- Erica commended us for our quick work in terms of the City Charter Reform, which the Department is taking seriously, they hear their opinions, and are closely reviewing the community impact statements (CISs) coming through on this.

Sidney Liss, Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman Sidney.Liss@lacity.org
(323-644-6611)

- Sidney provided updates including:
- They have engaged with LAPD Security Service about locking parks but have had a tough time resolving the issue across the district as they've said that they do *not* have capacity to do this on a consistent basis. He noted that they haven't been able to find a way to resolve it, and would like to deliver for our communities. Otherwise, they expect work orders at the end of the year for intersection tightening treatments for Doheny & Shoreham and Hollywood & Queens, for safety improvements to deal with things like burnout drivers and reckless driving.
- Legislative progress: They are standing up the new Homelessness Bureau and made progress establishing the Development Services Bureau for homebuilders to have a one-stop shop to coordinate entitlements. He is around for the rest of the week.
- Member Levinson noted that she attended a Community Police Advisory Board meeting (C-PAB) meeting today where it was suggested, regarding parks, to contact park rangers. Sidney responded that LAPD Security Services have the formal responsibility, while the Park Rangers are based at Hansom Dam, across the Valley, and are not consistently in the Hollywood Hills and Santa Monica Mountains; so, he doesn't know if they'd commit to locking the gates on an ongoing basis. Levinson said she was warned that there would *not* likely be a quick response but the number to call is 323-644-6611.

Kenneth Miller, Hillside Rep, Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky CD5
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began his updates with a note that City Council voted to formally oppose SB79. The councilwoman sent a letter, before the vote in the City Council, to the author of the bill, saying that it needs more local control, and it doesn't take into account CHIP, the Housing Element, that the city rezoned hundreds of thousands of new homes near transit, with built-in affordability requirements, environmental review, and displacement protections already. It doesn't really recognize the things that we've done, and it cedes a lot of local control, so... the Councilwoman voted to formally oppose that in the City of Los Angeles, while still being very, very committed to achieving our housing goals in the City of Los Angeles responsibly in places where it makes sense to do so. Other updates included:

- LADOT improvements and updates: There is a new stop sign in front of Roscomare Elementary School, after a lot of advocacy from parents and staff there, and more signs are going up around Beverly Glen to help get cut-through traffic halted in the next week,

good timing because of the I-405 lane closures. Go to the Caltrans website for updates.

- Member Hall thanked Councilwoman Yaroslavsky for her leadership to make sure this resolution was brought to Council, and expressed gratitude on behalf of the hillside community and disappointment that their own Councilmember voted the way she did. Hall concluded that there is much gratitude.

- Member Templeton related that with the repaving on the 405, this Saturday they had almost 9,000 cars on Roscomare, whereas a typical Saturday has around 3,000. She asked if this happens on a more regular basis might they merit "local traffic only" signs on weekends during 405 work. He'll look into mitigation measures with DOT & Caltrans. He provided some comments as to the rationale for the signs and improvements on Beverly Glen going up included that at least it keeps traffic on the main roads, e.g., on Beverly Glen, and doesn't cut through east and west but will look into it. Dr. Longcore offered his thanks and noted that it was not great.

- Member Kamin thanked Councilwoman Yaroslavsky for her leadership and clarity on the issue of SB79. He was also disappointed in his Councilmember on this.

- Member Brand related, in regard to the construction on the 405, he took the road to the Valley to see how it was and noted that during at a recent Zoom meeting with Caltrans, they when there are a lot of closures on the 405, they said they'd be amenable to providing payment for parking enforcement officers to direct traffic at major intersections off of Mulholland. He thinks we should have some alleviation at Roscomare, Beverly Glen and those streets. Kenneth said he'd ask at an upcoming meeting with Caltrans.

- Member Kadin asked for updates on short term rentals (STRs) and party houses, to which Kenneth noted he has been in constant communication with LAPD and the City Attorney. He believes that a lot of citations have been issued, and asked us to keep in touch with him about specific houses but that there is movement on enforcement.

- Member Templeton clarified that at least for Roscomare, it is not supposed to be a through street; residents would *not* want traffic facilitated on Roscomare because it is a tiny road; they don't want more traffic and making it easier for people to cut through is *not* something they would want.

Amanda Laflen, Metro & Westside Field Rep, Office of Supervisor Lesley Horvath
ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov (213.308.3963)

- Mandy related that she wanted to say hi, and to remind us of the public comment deadline for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project being Saturday. Updates included:

- Yesterday, the Army Corp of Engineers cleared the last debris from the last property in the Palisades.

- On 405 closures, she is on an email chain with residents from Brentwood and Westwood who are looking to make adjustments for the next shutdown. She will send us the email from LADOT.

- Member Hall noted an important measure was accidentally removed from the charter and hopes we learned when amendments happen, you have to update the charter online so people know what the operative document is. Mandy noted that Measure G was not enshrined in the charter properly a few years ago before they were in office and the Board of Supervisors has since taken steps to make sure that doesn't happen again and to enshrine what the voters voted for in the charter. Hall added apparently there are no good options and it may have to be taken to court, or be put back before the voters as sentiments are not the same now as they were in 2020. She noted they are still awaiting the report back from County Council and everyone else, and she will let us know when she has an update.

Sophia Liebman, Field Representative, CA State Senate, District 24, Office of Senator Ben Allen - Sophia.liebman@sen.ca.gov (310-318-6994)

- Sophia introduced herself as brand new to the Senator's office as a District Rep.
- She noted that they have a meeting with Caltrans tomorrow to discuss communications about when these closures are happening so they could let people know about them in advance and about other ways to increase traffic control to mitigate some concerns the community is having. She'll send updates.
- Sophia acknowledged "Zone Zero" as a big issue. A top priority in their office is to bring the Board of Forestry to LA, and they are tentatively coming September 18th.
- Dr. Longcore mentioned AB 1455, an Assemblymember Isaac Bryan bill that just came over to the Senate that would shove through as an emergency regulation "Zone Zero" by the Legislature without letting it go through the flawed process that it is going through, which is at least a process. He asked if Senator Allen will oppose that bill, and stated that this is something reps of these zones hearing from the constituents need to say; he asked if there might be a commitment by the Senator to oppose it. Sophia responded that she did *not* know how he'd vote but that he has made it known that he has serious concerns about the current regulations and hopes that changes can be made. She stated that he is looking into it but doesn't know how he will vote now.

Anthony Avila, Field Rep, Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, AD 42

Anthony.avila@asm.ca.gov Office # (805-370-0542) Anthony was glad to be back.

- As to AB1455, he noted that the Assemblymember was absent and didn't vote on it.
- There are six bills on Senate floor; six bills in the Senate's suspense file.
- Let him know if there is anything in their bills that we want to know.
- An upcoming event September 27th "PaliBu Day of Service" (Palisades+Malibu) with a lot of hands on projects, including a blood drive. Let them know if we want to volunteer.
- He does a lot of case work in the office, with the State Controller's office, Franchise Tax Board, DMV, and Caltrans specifically that he and Sophia have been working on along their team and Brentwood constituents. He has been in communications with Caltrans personally and noted that they are aware of all the concerns. They'll follow-up after their call tomorrow. We can get in touch with him via Travis, who will share his contact information.

New Business

5. Selections of Board Members & Seating of Board Members (Attachment B)

The BABCNC Bylaws charge the Board with selected members to fill certain seats representing non-residential stakeholders. Interested candidates may submit brief materials for consideration before the meeting, but this is not required. The Board will nominate and vote to fill Board seats representing the following interests:

Dr. Longcore handed the gavel over to Dr. Hall until the President was elected. Nominations were taken for each position and seconded.

The following were reelected and retained their positions by acclamation:

- **Dr. Travis Longcore, Custodians of Open Space**, as nominated by Templeton
- **Robin Greenberg, Religious Institutions Rep**, as nominated by Member Kadin
- **Elizabeth Barcohana, Private School K-6**, as nominated by Member Kamin
- **Stacy Marble, Private School 7-12**, as nominated by Member Brand

6. Election of Board Member Representing Public Educational Institutions

No candidate filed to run for the seat representing Public Educational Institutions in the 2025 election, which resulted in a vacancy. BABCNC Bylaws specify that vacancies be filled by an election of the Board. Interested candidates may submit brief materials for consideration before the meeting, but this is not required.

- Dr. Longcore explained that this is not a committee but it is a seat on the board to represent the interests of public educational institutions within the BABCNC territory. The responsibilities are to attend the monthly board meetings, serve on committees as interested and able, help us make quorum and make your voice heard and vote, bring up issues surrounding public educational institutions. He opened the floor to anyone to speak to their interest in this position.

- **Kristie Halsey, Ph.D.**, spoke on her background as the current representative for the Public Educational Institutions representative for the BABCNC, noting that she has stayed in touch with meetings with regard to public schools and has found some good things in all of our schools. She'd like to continue.

- **Maygan** spoke on her interest in being a part of the BABCNC, and had just learned about the Public Educational Institutions position, which thought was a position on a committee. Dr. Longcore clarified the board seat position and asked Maygan if she'd be open to being an alternate, to which Maygan replied in the affirmative.

Motion Member Weisberg nominated Dr. Halsey, Member Savage seconded. Dr. Halsey offered to touch base with Maygan if she wants to get involved. There was no objection to election by acclamation and Dr. Halsey retained her seat with Maygan as an Alternate if interested.

7. Reappointment of WRAC Representatives for WRAC Committees

Motion: The following members were unanimously approved 24-0-0 to continue in their roles as representatives for WRAC Committees, as moved by Dr. Steele:

- **WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC)**
[Currently Maureen Levinson, primary • Mindy Mann, alternate]
- **WRAC Mobility & Transportation Committee (MTC)**
[Currently Nicole Miner, primary • Irene Sandler, alternate]

8. Funding Motions (Agenda Items 8.a through 8.c taken together.)

Motion that the three items, 8.a), 8.b) and 8.c) be taken together in a single vote and recorded separately to save time was moved by Levotman and seconded by Kamin.

a) Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion to approve July 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment C**) moved by Levotman and seconded by Kamin.

b) Badges for Board Members who didn't get them last time and any new members

Motion to approve ordering additional LA City Hanging Badges with raised City Seal - Double Sided and Lanyard from Anderson Trophy @ \$15.95 each plus taxes and shipping, in an amount up to \$300.00. (Unit price is unchanged from order in 2024.)

Moved by Levotman; seconded by Lawrence.

c) Reimbursement to Board Member Mindy Mann -

Motion to approve reimbursing \$55.52 to Mindy Mann for purchase of six items toward our in-person July 23rd meeting meet and greet. (**Attachment D**) Moved by Levotman, seconded by Kamin.

Funding Items 8.a), 8.b) and 8.c) passed 22-0-0 with 9 absences and 2 ineligible.

9. **Ad Hoc Committee on Sepulveda Transit Corridor (Attachment F)**

Motion: To consider adoption of the letter prepared by the committee on the Draft EIR for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, to be sent to Metro by August 30th deadline. DEIR text: <https://us.planengage.com/sepulvedacorridor/page/home>

Co-Chair Jamie Hall introduced the letter that the BABCNC Ad Hoc Committee on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project DEIR prepared after holding weekly meetings since the creation of the committee on July 23rd plus a single meeting held by our PLU Committee on July 21st with the first presenter, Bob Anderson, VP and Transportation Committee Chair of the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA).

Hall noted that our Ad Hoc Committee heard from various stakeholders and institutions, e.g., UCLA and the Getty, as well as representatives from Bel-Air Association, had meetings over five weeks to understand peoples' views of those who would be most affected, and received information from the public. The committee had a meeting to put together an outline of the letter and at the last meeting worked together in real time when Mr. Lawrence, a new board member, helped draft the letter. They drafted the comment letter and took revisions from members of the committee in real time.

Hall screen-shared the letter and explained that the committee made a conscious decision *not* to dig into the technical details of the EIR but did what they could to be a forum to receive information regarding the project and summarize that information so the decision maker, the Metro board, so they could have the perspective of the people intimately impacted. He thinks the committee did a lot of great work, and asked the board to support the work of the committee.

Motion was made by Hall to support the letter on behalf of the committee, which Dr. Longcore noted did not require a second, coming from committee. Following extensive detailed comments offered by Board members, who provided modifications and amendments to the draft in real time, the letter as a whole was **approved** by unanimous consent with 22 members voting.

[Attention was turned to Item #11.]

10. **Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform**

Motion: The committee may present an additional topic on charter reform for consideration by the Board, based on ongoing meetings of the Charter Reform Commission. (**Attachment E**)

Chair Evans introduced this item, and listed some of the priorities included in the Community Impact Statement, including but not limited to that there is no storage of our CIS and no one can see our CIS other than commission members and we asked for some changes on that. We talked about structural reforms that would make the city function better, to include having an Office of Legislative Council, a Chief Operating Officer, a Chief Administrative Officer, a Chief Financial Officer and a Public Advocate, strong reforms that would help the executive function of the city work better, and a permanent Charter Reform Commission so this can be an ongoing process, *not* just a concentrated focus with a limited range of possible outcomes.

Member Weisberg noted that we will continue writing additional CISs. This is our second one and not our last but we are using our voice to comment as the meetings progress, so we are not just bystanders.

Board questions were asked and answered. Public comment was given by Dr. Pamela Pierson, as to her noticing that our council area was placed significantly out of order and much delayed until February of next year. This was discussed briefly.

There was no objection to calling the question and no objection to unanimous consent to approve the CIS and the motion was **approved**.

At 9:56 PM Dr. Longcore noted the time and recommended deferring the last items #12 to #15 to the next meeting. He noted that we are trying to get an in-person meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of December, which would be December the 17th. **Dr. Longcore moved** to adjourn and sent us to be with our families and get some sleep.

- 11. 315 N BEVERLY GLEN BLVD ZA-2025-3016-ADJ ENV-2025-3017-EAF**
Case Filed: 05/28/2025 **Assigned:** 06/13/2025 **Staff Assigned:** Esteban Martorell
Owner: Sam Keywanfar Trustee Of the Griffin Terrier Trust
Applicant Representatives: Sandra Santoyo sandra@vkengse.com & Jonathan Sagherian jonathan@vkengse.com [VK Engineers, Inc.]
Project Description: Request for a 10 ft Property Fence
Action Requested: Build a 10' property fence
Permanent Link includes Project Application, Findings, Plans, and Vicinity Map:
<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/ZA-2025-3016-ADJ>

Motion from the 07-08-2025 PLU Committee Meeting: To recommend approving the request for an over in height fence of 10 feet, but only if it stays in its current location.

Dr. Longcore introduced this item, noting that the proposal is for an over in height property fence which he noted is actually a wall at 315 Beverly Glen across the street from the little park there, just north of Sunset. He noted that the site is under construction, all by right, and there has been removal of a bunch of vegetation; there's a few remaining nice, huge old palms on the outside of an old, sort of slab rock wall, and the proposal is to move that wall out, toward the road a little bit. It would be 10 feet tall, and then provide an additional area for cars to go in to get off Beverly Glen in order to access the property before you get to the gate.

Dr. Longcore noted that as it was presented in the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting, the big sycamore that's there would remain... He noted that the motion from the Planning and Land Use Committee was to recommend approving requests for an over in height fence, but only in the current location.

PLU Committee Co-Chair Hall moved the PLU Committee motion, on behalf of the committee.

[9:28 PM] The applicant's presenter, Jonathan, thanked us, and noted that he was accompanied by Sam, the proud owner of the property, and Danny, the contractor. Jonathan related that since we met last, they did a lot of soul searching, analysis, cost

counting, as to the height of the wall, its location, and he'd like to ask this board to reconsider in light of the time spent to hire an arborist and a landscape architect to work with the owner and contractor to come up with a solution that will satisfy the owner and the concerns of the community, as to the height of the wall. The location is also critical as to the height. Jonathan asked Danny Moizel, who worked with the landscape architect, to present the project to the Board. Danny explained the reasons for their request for reconsideration of the location of the wall.

Motion: Member Evans moved that we send this back to the PLU Committee, noting her appreciation of the patience of the applicants to be here this whole time. The motion was seconded by Hall. The motion **passed** by 13 yeases, 4 nays from Members Marble, Weisberg, Stojka and Brand and 0 abstentions.

Dr. Longcore noted that this will go back to the PLU Committee in two weeks. Hall recommended having the arborist report or the arborist present at the hearing. If the design is necessary to protect the tree, and the arborist would be compelling.

[Attention was turned back to Item #10]

Agenda Items 12 through 15 were postponed to next month due to time constraints.

12. Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate / Rate Proposals / Solid Waste / Sewer Services

Motion: To support CF 25-0673 (Nazarian, Lee) requesting a report back on methods to expand the authority of the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate to review, analyze, and report on the impact of rate proposals associated with solid waste and sewer services.

Council File

13. RAND Corporation / Organization Study / Los Angeles Police Department

Motion: To support CF 25-0671 (Rodriguez) regarding an evaluation of the organizational structure of LAPD by the RAND Corporation that was commissioned by the Police Foundation, and instructing the Chief of Police to transmit this report to City Council with an outline of changes to organizational structure that he will make or is considering in response to the RAND study.

Council File

14. Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program

WRAC Motion refers to City Council file **22-1154-S1**

BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the interactive digital kiosk program, because it would:

1) allow installation of hundreds of 8 to 9 foot tall two-sided digital advertising kiosks on sidewalks through the City, which WRAC previously opposed in January 2023

(<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WRAC-Letter-re-IKE-program.pdf>), and 2) directly compete with, and undermine, the success of the City's Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and other community benefit programs that the City and its transit riders rely upon to provide much-needed shade, shelter, transit information and public service announcements."

See **Background Information**

WRAC opposed the IKE program; see **January 2023 Letter**. All nine member councils

named in the WRAC [January 2023 Letter](#) opposed the IKE program:

Update: the Council File has been referred to the Public Works Committee as of 6/18/25.

Of note, BABCNC has a CIS on this from November 2022 in the original council file:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1154>

15. Support CF 25-0848 / Expedite After-Action Reports

WRAC Motion refers to City Council file [25-0848](#)

“BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports Council File 25-0848 (Park / Yaroslavsky), calling for (among other things) 1) a report back on the status of the City’s compliance with AB 747, 2) a list and evaluation of evacuation routes within CD 11, and 3) plans to improve evacuation route infrastructure, signage, traffic control and public education.

“BABCNC further calls the City Council’s attention to the urgent need for infrastructure funding to absorb the cost of implementing a mitigation plan, including by developing new ingress and egress routes, and calls on the City to proactively and constructively engage with FEMA and OES, by (among other things) expediting completion of the After-Action Reports by the Office of Emergency Management and LAFD, so that those engaged in evacuation planning and disaster response will have the benefit of these findings.”

See [Background Information](#).

Good of the Order and Adjournment - There was no Good of the Order.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM (under item #10, which was taken out of order.)

Next Meeting: September 24th on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Subsequent Meetings:

Wednesday October 22nd Virtual meeting at 7:00 pm

Wednesday November 19th Virtual meeting at 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday, one week earlier)

December 17th HYBRID - In-Person at TreePeople and Virtual meeting