
Re: April 2025 Report to the Community - REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS

Edward Allen <edwardallen@msn.com>

Wed, Jun 24, 2026 at 2:46 PM

To: Travis Longcore <tlongcore@babnc.org>, "info@babnc.org" <info@babnc.org>

Good afternoon,

I see this is back on the agenda today. Once again I am unable to attend. Please reiterate the concerns (highlighted below in the thread) brought up over a year ago on this subject.

I will add that it is disingenuous to reference these three vehicle incidents in support of a stop sign for eastbound traffic ("temporary stop sign on the southwest corner of Mulholland Drive at Nicada Drive") when the two of them, including the most recent in October 2025, were single vehicle accidents resulting from loss of control traveling westbound. As mentioned below the other was relatively minor, not near the intersection, and in the rain.

I will also add that we can already see potential issues of a stop sign at the southwest corner: The significant root intrusion into the eastbound lane of Mulholland approaching the intersection has grown in the last year and is significantly slowing some traffic. Impatient drivers are moving into the oncoming lane on a regular basis to pass more cautious drivers before, in, and after the intersection with this disrupted traffic flow.

In addition, a stop sign controlling only eastbound Mulholland traffic visible to drivers approaching on Nicada at an oblique angle will provide a false sense of security, with the potential of a very serious accident if they enter the intersection in front of 35-40 MPH westbound traffic. It makes absolutely no sense to spend taxpayer money and city resources to experiment with a "temporary stop sign" to introduce the potential of a very serious accident where there have been none previously.

And finally, we already have problems with late night revelers at the Stone Canyon Overlook and hooligans performing donuts/sideshows on Mulholland between Beverly Glen and Benedict Canyon. Stop signs at Mulholland and Nicada would enable these two disruptive activities to come together at one convenient party place.

Thank you again for your time.

Best regards,
Ed Allen

From: Travis Longcore <tlongcore@babnc.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 6:54 PM**To:** Edward Allen <edwardallen@msn.com>**Subject:** Re: April 2025 Report to the Community - REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS

Dear Mr. Allen,

Thank you for this detailed input. I'm going to forward it to the Transportation Deputy for CD5 and the Hillside Deputy for CD4 for their consideration. Nothing will happen without a thorough assessment from the Department of Transportation, which would consider the safety issues that you raise.

Sincerely,
Travis Longcore

**Travis Longcore, Ph.D. President**

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On Apr 22, 2025, at 3:18 PM, Edward Allen <edwardallen@msn.com> wrote:

Dear Travis,

I sent this to the general BABCNC e-mail, but see you are accepting comments for the upcoming meeting. Unfortunately I am unable to attend.

The volunteered time of everyone on the Council is greatly appreciated. However, communicating to the City on behalf of all BABC residents in favor of traffic control in the form of stop signs or traffic lights at the intersection of Mulholland Drive and Nicada Drive with only a simple majority of Councilmembers was reckless.

Yes, there were two recent accidents in the area of the above referenced intersection. However, in each instance a vehicle lost control and ended up crossing opposing traffic. Clearly a result of excessive speed given conditions (one was in the rain) and/or driver inattention. Stop signs and traffic lights are for providing all traffic right-of-way opportunities, and not for the purpose of speed control or solving the very real issue of driver inattention. They would not have prevented those recent accidents.

The above referenced intersection has very clear sightlines in all directions. Traffic lights on Mulholland at both Woodcliff and Beverly Glen provide constant breaks for vehicles entering from Nicada. And because there are clear sightlines in all directions, stop signs would be largely ignored (as all of them are for the length of Nicada), which only creates a more dangerous intersection. Any accidents actually in the intersection would be a result of reckless/aggressive driving, of which there is plenty, especially during morning and evening rush hour. But, again, stop signs and traffic lights cannot control reckless/aggressive driving and could arguably lead to an increase.

There is no way to traverse the BABC area without using this intersection. By suggesting stop signs, it would mean every single vehicle would legally need to stop, even when there is no incoming traffic from Nicada, which is generally the case outside of weekday morning and evening rush hour. During rush hour, stop signs would make the existing traffic exponentially worse (if they are observed): The majority of morning traffic currently flows eastbound on Mulholland then south on Nicada without interruption; forcing each vehicle to stop will cause a backup into three blind turns and a blind rise on Mulholland between Woodcliff and Nicada, creating more dangerous situations than the aforementioned clear-sighted intersection at Mulholland and Nicada. Evening rush hour would be unnecessarily backed up westbound from Beverly Glen to Nicada.

It should not need to be stated that significantly increasing stopped, idling, and accelerating traffic significantly increases vehicle emissions as well as noise pollution for both residents and those enjoying the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. The BABCNC seems to discourage unnecessary and impactful development; make no mistake that unnecessary traffic control is a significantly more impactful form of development than, say, a residential addition by inconveniencing everyone visiting and living in the area in perpetuity; for those in the immediate area multiple times daily.

An actual very real hazard at this intersection is the uneven pavement in the eastbound lane just before Nicada. Vehicles swerve and brake to avoid it, and two motorcycles have hit it and gone down recently that I am aware of. No loss of life, but significant bloodshed (unlike the no-injury car accidents that prompted this community action without input from the community).

Thank you again for the Council's time.

Best regards,
Ed Allen

From: Bel Air/Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council <info@babnc.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 8:29 PM

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April 2025**

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REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT SPEAK AT THE BABCNC MONTHLY MEETING

CD 5: Katy Yaroslavsky- Kenneth Miller is our new constituent representative for CD5, replacing Haley Martinez who is now a legislative deputy for CD5.

- CD5 is moving into a new office, which should be functioning by the time this newsletter is published.
- Budget: Councilmember Yaroslavsky is the Chair of the Finance Committee. The committee has met already to discuss budgetary shortfalls caused by the fires and the liability settlements that the city had to pay. The committee is back on track discussing the budget with Sacramento to improve the city's economic situation.
- Street Lighting: CD5 has funded \$100,000 to the district for street lighting along with offering expedited City services to its constituents. This is pending approval by the City Council.
- Contact Info: Kenneth.Miller@la-city.org

CD4: Nithya Ramen-Walker King-standing in for Sidney Liss

- Parking on Mulholland Drive between Nicada and Beverly Glen: CD4 is continuing to work on the issue with the transportation department.
- CD4 is aware of the dirt problem off of Laurel Canyon Drive.

LA County Supervisory District 3: Lindsey Horvath - Amanda Laflen

- The Supervisors will vote on a motion on April 1st to consolidate homeless services for the County and create its own department. Supervisors Horvath and Barger sponsored the motion. The bill will withdraw funding from the LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Changes, if passed by the Supervisors, should be implemented around April 28, 2025. This measure was taken as a result of a County audit in November that found issues with unpaid providers and funds that were unaccounted for by LAHSA.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Octaviano Rios

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Maureen Smith

TRAVIS LONGCORE, PRESIDENT OF BABCNC, PRESENTS HIS MONTHLY REPORT

President Longcore discussed the following:

- Training Standing Rules: President President Longcore mentioned that tries Longcore to schedule most requested emphasized the meetings to respect minority importance of honest deliberations. However, he mentioned that he will be more "discerning" in the future in setting agendas for Board members. Currently relating to the knowledge of its
- New Fire Hazard Severity Zones: President Longcore urged us to check out the new maps to see how [new regulations](#) [being developed in](#)
- President Longcore also invited the community to our next in person BABCNC meeting at 6:30 pm on April 23 at the TreePeople on Coldwater Canyon Drive

, six residents. He will try to avoid [Sacramento](#) to remember Board hot button political issues that hat would and celebrate members may may cause unnecessary ban all the life of our have not conflict because, according vegetation beloved Board complete President Longcore, "We all within five member, Don d their live here together". feet of Loze, who vital structures recently training. would affect passed away. stakeholders.

Maureen Smith

MYLA311 APP NOW LIVE

In an email to the public, Mayor Bass recently informed her constituents that the new MyLA311 mobile app and website will make Los Angeles cleaner and safer with improved city services.

"The new MyLA311 will help Angelenos get graffiti removed, potholes filled and abandoned couches removed from the curb. This modern system brings improved customer service, better communicates and streamlines processes within city departments." You can find the new website [here](#).

Robin Greenberg

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REQUESTS THE APPEAL OF APPROVALS FOR CONSTRUCTION ON HOME IN RUNYAN CANYON PARK

In its March 26th Board meeting, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council unanimously carried the motion requesting the appeal of approvals, and opposition of the construction of a second house at 3003 N. Runyon Canyon Road (in Runyon Canyon Park) that would involve 28 times the allowable grading, fail to meet State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, and involve a 410-ft long 20-ft tall retaining wall to hold up 14,000 cubic yards of fill as described in Council File 24-1371.

Mirco Gros

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SEEKS GREATER STAFFING ON RED FLAG DAYS

The Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council unanimously supports the motion in Council File 25-0158 that would require certain City departments to develop plans for additional mandatory staffing levels on Red Flag days, report on options for pre-deployed resources in strategic very high-hazard severity zones as identified through historical data and fire modeling, and provide a cost estimate for enhanced deployment during Red Flag days.

Mirco Gros

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH WRAC, URGES THE CITY TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AT BEACHES AND SHARE RESULTS WITH THE PUBLIC

The recent devastating wildfires have left the LA streets and landscape covered with a multitude of toxic chemicals, heavy metals, hazardous materials, ash and fire debris. In addition, the recent heavy rainstorms have washed an enormous amount of this toxic material down to our coastline resulting in our beaches now being covered with hazardous fire debris and black sludge. So far, no significant water/beach testing information has been released to the public.

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), unanimously carried a motion to support WRAC urging that this environmental catastrophe be taken seriously, with an immediate plan to fund, test, share information, and protect our coastal environment and the millions of people who enjoy it.

Mirco Gros

RIBBON CUTTING AT THE AARON MILKEN CENTER OF STEPHEN WISE TEMPLE

On Sunday, March 23rd a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the The Aaron Milken Center of Stephen Wise Temple was held. More than 300 guests including community leaders, donors, congregants and close friends and family participated in the unveiling. Lead architect Marco Marraccini and building committee chair Leandro Tyberg joined the Lowell Milken Family Foundation founder Lowell Milken, senior rabbi Yoshi Zweiback and head of school Tami Weiser.

First conceived in 2018, the building construction began in 2022 with Abramson Architects. A tribute to Aaron Milken, the late son of lead donors Lowell Milken and Sandra Salka Milken, the Center builds on parenting and early childhood education.

For information, visit wisela.org/aaronmilkencenter.

Robin Greenberg, Faith Based Institutions, with excerpts from the Beverly Press/Park La Brea News



MILKEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RECEIVED A DONATION TO INCREASE ITS SIZE WITH ADDITIONAL STUDENTS

Milken Community School, founded in 1995 with funding from the Milken

Family Foundation, purchased the 22 acre American Jewish University's Familian Campus in Bel Air last year for approximately 60 million dollars.

This year the Head of Milken Community School, Sarah Shulkind, announced a \$15 million dollar donation to the Milken Community School from the Rodan Family Foundation. The Rodan Foundation was established in 2018 by Katie and Amnon Rodan, co-founders of the Proactive Solution and Rodan + Fields skincare firms.

The donation will allow the school to increase its size, which spans grades 6-12, and enable it to admit additional students.

Robin Greenberg, Faith Based Institutions

SHIN BLACK, CHIEF AT LAFD BATALLION 9, SHARED THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSES FOR 2025

Fire Station #37 (located on 1090 Veteran, just North of Wilshire) will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 10th.

Fire Station #71 (located at [107 S. Beverly Glen LA 90024](#)) will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 18th.

Fire Station #99 (located at [14145 Mulholland Drive LA 91423](#)) will host firemen-made hot dogs, an auction, fire truck rides and perhaps a water slide on Saturday, May 10th.

Times to be provided soon; past times were usually 10am - 4pm.

Robin Greenberg

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR SCOTT WIENER'S SB677 BILL WAS OPPOSED BY THE BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S BOARD AT THEIR MARCH 26TH MEETING

The bill mandates further streamlining and automatic approval of certain permits for increased housing development throughout the state, and places all areas within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), including all or parts of Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Brentwood and the Pacific Palisades at risk, by failing to provide for an unconditional exemption for areas within the VHFHSZ.

Robin Greenberg, President WRAC





REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS AT NICADA AND MULHOLLAND MOTION

There was a motion at the BABCNC March meeting requesting that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council Districts 4 and 5 investigate the feasibility of installing stop signs on Mullholland Drive at the intersection of Nicada. Residents who live in the area hoped that the installation of stop signs would address the safety issues at this dangerous intersection as evidenced by two recent motor vehicle accidents at this location. (See photos)

For those who are unfamiliar with this intersection, Nicada is often used as a cut-through alternative for people who want to avoid the traffic on Beverly Glen Blvd.

A couple of board members wondered whether there might not be a better solution and raised concerns about having an additional stop sign or stop light installed and the effect it might have on backing up traffic along

Mulholland Drive. In the end, however, the motion passed with only one objection.

Mindy Rothstein Mann




HONORING DONALD LOZE

The April BABCNC meeting will be held in person at TreePeople's campus at Coldwater Canyon Park, located at [8260 Mulholland Drive](#). The meeting will be held on April 23rd.

To commemorate Donald Loze, a long time board member who passed away on January 31, we will be hosting a dinner to honor all of his contributions throughout the years. If you would like to celebrate his memory, please join us at 6:30 PM. Our official board meeting will begin, as always, at 7:00 PM as a hybrid meeting.

Mindy Rothstein Mann

 A close up of an owl AI-generated content may be incorrect.

Please give nesting birds like this baby owl the best possible chance for survival.

DON'T TRIM YOUR TREES DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER SEASONS!

The nesting period for the majority of birds in Los Angeles is early March through mid-August. (It should be noted, however, that certain species are nesting at any given time throughout the year.) Unfortunately, the city as well as its residents tend to trim their trees and shrubs during spring just when most birds are busy nesting. Severely cutting and trimming trees and other greenery in the spring and summer can destroy nests and may eliminate valuable nest sites.

During the spring the Santa Monica Mountains experience a flurry of activity as birds are busy looking for mates and collecting nesting material. In addition to our many native birds that live here year-round, our Mediterranean weather makes the mountains the perfect stopover for millions of birds to pass through or to settle in, just for the nesting season.

While some species of birds build nests on the ground or in cavities, most of our bird population build their nests in trees or large shrubs. When we opt to trim trees and shrubs during the time of year when birds are not nesting, great numbers of birds may be spared the destruction of their nests and young.

For those of us living in the hillsides, nesting season coincides with the time when we receive our annual brush clearance notifications from LAFD. While most homeowners are well intentioned, the fear of being “non-compliant” can sometimes lead homeowners to be unnecessarily aggressive in their brush clearance. This year this might be especially true given that people are feeling fearful after the wildfires that the city just experienced.

The good news is that you can follow the Brush Clearance requirements, be fire vigilant, and protect nesting birds at the same time. Here are a few important guidelines to help protect nesting birds and their critical habitat:

- Follow and read the LAFD directions carefully – trim and remove only what is required.
- Do not denude your hillside! Birds, and other wildlife, depend on native shrubs for food, shelter, rest, and nesting. Furthermore, a denuded hillside can destabilize the hillside and lead to mudslides during the rainy season.
- If you hire a crew to assist with brush clearance, hire a professional contractor who understands the rules and regulations and has been trained to protect nesting birds as well.
- Do not be tempted to hire a fly-by-night unlicensed crew.
- Don't be fooled into thinking that brush clearance time is an opportune time to do a major trimming of your trees. Trimming trees in the spring is unhealthy for your trees and it is destructive for the health of our nesting birds. Trees should only be trimmed during late fall or winter.
- If you or someone you hire finds an active nest, do not disturb the bird, its eggs, or the nest. It is illegal to harm or remove an active nest for any native bird in California.

Most of the information in this article was obtained from Los Angeles Audubon's bird friendly tree trimming guide. You can obtain more detailed information from the complete guide [here](#).

Mindy Rothstein Mann

GET TO KNOW YOUR BABCNC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BRINGS TOGETHER VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES FOR A BETTER LOS ANGELES

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Franklin-Coldwater District: Steven Weinberg

[Holmby Hills HOA](#): Jason Spradlin

[Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association](#): Mirco Gros

[Laurel Canyon Association](#): Jamie Hall, Robert (Bobby) Kwan, Stephanie Savage, Cathy Wayne

North of Sunset District: Aaron Kamin, Vadim Levotman, Tad Marburg

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At-Large Youth Representative: Alonzo Wickers

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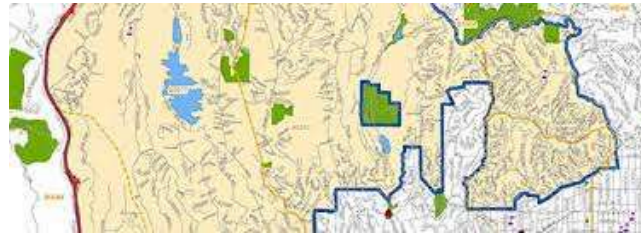
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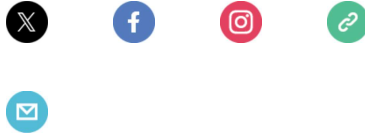
THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM

Because of the size of Los Angeles, each Los Angeles City Council member represents around 250,000 people. To keep City officials in closer touch with the neighborhoods of the City, in 1999 Los Angeles adopted a Neighborhood Council system to advise the City Council members of local issues.

There are 99 separate Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles. Members of the Neighborhood Council are considered City employees without compensation of any kind. They are formally elected by the public or communities and must live, work or own property in the area they represent.

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council represents approximately 28,000 people in a beautiful mountain and canyon area of the Santa Monica Mountains within City of Los Angeles bounded on the West by Sepulveda Boulevard, on the North by Mulholland Drive, on the South by Sunset Boulevard and on the East by Laurel Canyon. All Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.

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