



Agenda

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday October 28, 2026 7:00 P.M.

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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, THE BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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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 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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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).

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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).

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Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call

1. Approval of October 28, 2026 Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve **September 23, 2026 Minutes (Attachment A)**

3. General Public Comment

BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

4. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies

Office of Mayor Karen Bass including Vahid Khorsand, Deputy Mayor of External Affairs, Nico Padron, Area Rep., and Jocelyn Dominguez, Interim WLA Area Rep.

Kenneth Miller, Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky

Won Jung, Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman

Amanda Laflen, Office of Supervisor Lindsay Horvath

Anthony Avila, Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin

Farid Hadj, Office of Assemblymember Rick Zbur

Sophia Liebman, Office of Senator Ben Allen

Sean Regan, Office of Congressman Brad Sherman

Marilú Guevara *for Erica Gatica Doughty*, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
LAPD and LAFD

5. President's Report

6. Future Agenda Topics — Preview & Discussion

Discussion: A review of potential future agenda items that may require extended explanation and discussion, to gauge Board interest and help prepare for future meetings. Possible considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

Council File 26-1382 Community Borough System — Charter Amendment reactivating a dormant 2002-era proposal to establish borough-level governance. Adopted procedurally (restoring legislative status only); no substantive charter text yet.

Council File 26-1397 Decentralized Seven Regional Service District System, a.k.a. the Seven Service Areas motion — reactivates a dormant 2002-era proposal to divide City governance into seven regional service areas. Adopted procedurally (restoring legislative status only); no substantive charter text yet.

Council File 26-0088-S2 United to House LA (ULA) Technical Amendments — a routine technical-amendment cycle to the existing ULA ordinance, raised here as a possible occasion to consider a broader Board position on further ULA changes generally.

7. Committee Reports

8. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion to approve the September 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**)

Old Business

9. Evacuation Planning and Infrastructure

Council File 25-0848 AB 747 / City Compliance Status / Existing Evacuation Plans / Improve Evacuation Route Infrastructure

Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the overdue evacuation-route analysis and improvement strategy ordered by the City Council, missed or declined grant opportunities, and the need to develop grant-ready evacuation-infrastructure projects.

Possible motion: BABCNC demands that the Department of City Planning, Emergency Management Department, LAFD, LAPD, LADOT and Bureau of Engineering immediately comply with the City Council's direction in CF 25-0848 and submit the evacuation-planning report due in November 2025. The report must include the required evaluation of evacuation routes, capacity and bottlenecks, alternate ingress and egress, infrastructure needs and an implementation strategy. BABCNC further calls for the identification and development of specific evacuation-infrastructure projects that can be made grant-ready.

Council Motion: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2025/25-0848_misc_07-30-25.pdf

10. Data Center Development Moratorium

Council File 26-1284 Data Center Development / Electrical Grid Capacity, Water Supply, Drought Resilience, Ratepayer Costs / Temporary Moratorium / Hyperscalers

Discussion and possible action concerning a proposed temporary moratorium on new hyperscale data center development citywide, pending review of impacts on electrical grid capacity, water supply, drought resilience, and ratepayer costs.

Possible motion: BABCNC supports CF 26-1284, a proposed temporary moratorium on new hyperscale data center development pending review of impacts to LADWP grid capacity, water supply, drought resilience, and ratepayer costs, noting that hillside communities within BABCNC territory depend on that same grid and water infrastructure for emergency

reliability, including fire response and evacuation, and have a particular stake in protecting its capacity from being strained by large new concentrated demand elsewhere in the LADWP system.

Council Motion: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-1284_misc_9-8-26.pdf

11. Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review

[Council File 26-1238](#) / [Council File 26-0489](#) Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review / Amendments / Governing Provisions / Deadlines and Procedures / Public-Facing Matrix / Solicit Testimony

Discussion and possible action concerning whether another charter-review process is an appropriate use of City, public, and community resources, and how it would differ from work already completed by the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform and the Charter Reform Commission.

Possible motion: BAB CNC opposes CF 26-1238, and the related Charter Reform Commission recommendations under CF 26-0489, because it proposes another charter-review process after substantial City, public and community resources have already been devoted to the same issues, without identifying what would be materially different, establishing a clear path to decisions and implementation, or demonstrating a commitment to act on reforms that emerge from meaningful public and stakeholder participation.

Council Motion: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-1238_misc_9-01-26.pdf

12. Van Nuys Airport Rezoning (Case No.CPC-2026-2843-ZC)

[Council File 23-1339](#) / [Council File 05-2286](#)

Case No. CPC-2026-2843-ZC is a proposed Zone Change modifying the "Q" Condition Boundary Map of Ordinance 177327 to expand aviation-related uses at Van Nuys Airport.

Discussion and possible action concerning a proposed Zone Change modifying the "Q" Condition Boundary Map of Ordinance 177327 to expand aviation-related uses at Van Nuys Airport.

Possible motion: BAB CNC opposes Case No. CPC-2026-2843-ZC and expansion of aviation at Van Nuys Airport, citing impacts on residents from flight paths over BAB CNC territory and on hillside wildlife habitat, consistent with the Board's 2023 position supporting CF 22-1489.

Please see Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Draft Letter (**Attachment C**)

13. Missing Middle LA

Discussion & Possible Action: Submit detailed comment on this City Planning initiative designed to make for-sale and rental housing more attainable by streamlining approvals and removing regulatory barriers for smaller, neighborhood-scale homes to ensure that very high fire hazards severity zones are protected from dangerous densification. (**Attachment D**)

City Planning Initiative: <https://planning.lacity.gov/plans-policies/initiatives-policies/missing-middle-la>

New Business

14. Neighborhood Council Member Indemnification

Discussion and possible action concerning options for protecting Neighborhood Council board members from personal liability for good-faith actions taken in their NC roles.

Possible motion: Neighborhood Council board members are unpaid volunteers who serve as City officials, yet the City defends them only in limited circumstances, leaving them personally exposed to lawsuits arising from their NC work. In today's litigious environment, few people will want to volunteer once they understand that risk. The City recognized this problem in 2001 (CF 01-2215), but no lasting policy resulted. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council moves to:

- Send a letter to the City Council, including Councilmembers for CD4 and CD5, respectfully requesting that the Council introduce a motion directing the City Administrative Officer (Risk Management), the City Attorney, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report back on options for protecting Neighborhood Council board members from personal liability for good-faith actions taken in their NC roles, including:
 - the cost of providing group directors-and-officers or public officials liability coverage for all Neighborhood Councils, based on actual quotes;
 - the alternative of a clear, written City policy for defending board members, including defending under a reservation of rights while scope questions are resolved;
 - the history of lawsuits and defense requests involving NC board members, and how each was resolved; and
- Request that the City make this a priority for Neighborhood Councils, so that volunteers can serve without risking their personal finances.
- Request from the City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division its current written guidance on indemnification of NC board members and the process for requesting a defense, to be shared with all board members.
- Authorize the President to bring this motion to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition, and to share it with other Neighborhood Councils, inviting them to adopt similar positions.
- Submit a Community Impact Statement in support of any related council file once one is opened.

15. Planning Appeal Fee Increase

Council File 09-0969-S4 Department of City Planning / Land Use and Building & Safety Appeal Fee Increase ("Option B23") / Approved by PLUM and Budget & Finance / Pending Full Council Vote

Discussion and possible action concerning a Department of City Planning proposal, approved by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and concurred in by the Budget and Finance Committee, to raise the non-applicant land use and Building and Safety appeal fee from \$229 to \$1,145 for appellants inside the official notice zone and \$2,289 for all other appellants, with administrative surcharges adding roughly 25 percent on top of both amounts.

Possible motion: BABCNC opposes CF 09-0969-S4's proposed appeal fee increase ("Option B23") unless amended to (1) apply the lower, inside-notice-zone fee to residents materially affected by a project's secondary impacts, such as haul routes, construction traffic, or noise, regardless of whether they fall within the official notice zone boundary, and (2) apply that same lower fee to neighborhood associations filing appeals on behalf of their communities, rather than charging them the higher general-public rate.

Council Motion:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-0969-S4>

16. StreetsLA Tree-Well Staffing & Resource Plan

Council File 26-1333 Staffing and Resource Plan to Plant All Vacant Tree Wells Citywide / Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)

Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the overdue staffing and resource plan to plant vacant tree wells citywide ordered by the Public Works Committee.

Possible motion: BABCNC urges the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) to submit, without further delay, the staffing and resource plan to plant all vacant tree wells citywide ordered under CF 26-1333 — approved by the Public Works Committee on October 13, 2026, with its 30-day report-back now overdue since October 16, 2026 — and calls on the Public Works Committee to ensure timely compliance before the file proceeds further. BABCNC further urges StreetsLA to prioritize native, climate-appropriate tree species over ornamentals such as crepe myrtle when selecting trees for the vacant wells.

Council Motion: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-1333_misc_9-16-26.pdf

Good of the Order & Adjournment

Brief announcements from Board Members on items not on the agenda.

Next Board Meetings:

November 18th and December 16th meetings are one week early due to the holidays.

November 18, 2026 7:00 PM - Virtual

December 16, 2026 In-Person Meeting Time TBD

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