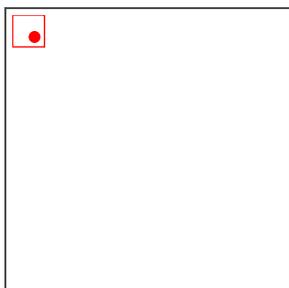


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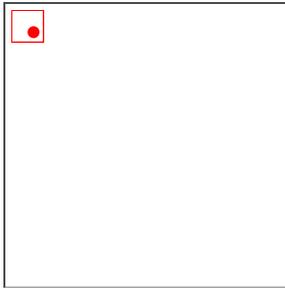
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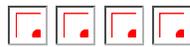
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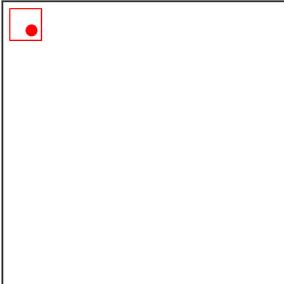
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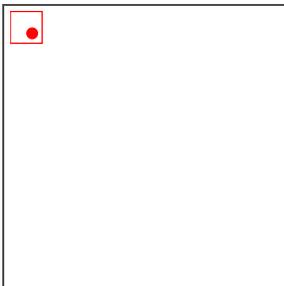
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**From:** PUMA LA <palmsunhousedmutualaid@gmail.com>

**Date:** 10/17/2023, 11:21 PM

**To:** katy.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, councilmember.park@lacity.org, "Nachbar, John" <john.nachbar@culvercity.org>, "Barnes, Tevis" <tevis.barnes@culvercity.org>, "McMorrin, Yasmine" <yasmine-imani.mcmorrin@culvercity.org>, Matthew Tenchavez <Matthew.Tenchavez@lacity.org>, Fernando Morales <Fernando.morales@lacity.org>, Gabriela.medina@lacity.org, juan.fregoso@lacity.org, Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org, mayor.bass@lacity.org, rachel.fox@lacity.org, exec@culvercity.org

Good Evening CD 5, CD 11, Culver City, and the Mayor's Office:

No one has responded to our emails or calls and we wanted to follow up. Again, we've included all local lawmakers and city employees working on houselessness in these jurisdictions as you are all responsible for what is happening at Venice/Globe.

From our understanding, we posed very reasonable questions and concerns.

So to confirm:

-Culver City only has **2 confirmed PHK spots for people at the Venice/Globe.** As we suspected, many of the people who think they are on "the list" for Culver City at Venice/Globe will not in fact get housed through PHK. Why then combine forces with Los Angeles City to displace people from the Bridge when neither of your jurisdictions has any meaningful housing to offer?

-There is a sweep on the LA side of Venice/Globe on 10/18 followed up by an Inside Safe Operation next week. Can we get more information about Inside Safe at Venice/405? As aforementioned, no meaningful housing was ever offered 3 years ago and people were merely dispersed across the westside. To date, [more people have left Inside Safe program than found housing.](#)

- We've highlighted our concerns with Inside Safe as have many others across the city. <https://www.insidestarving.com/>
- We've noted similar issues with Culver City housing programs (On March 4 & July 22). [RE: Conditions at the Rodeway Motel for Inside Safe and Culver City Project Home Key Residents](#)

No changes have been made. How/why will this operation be any different?

-Also note, that we requested a town hall meeting with the people at the bridge. CD 5, CD11, The Mayor's Office, & Culver City never bothered to follow up to improve the lives of their constituents or even hear a single voice. Not a single one you responded so we must assume a townhall meeting and actual engagement with your constituents is not something you care about.

-Culver City: Instead of addressing our very reasonable questions about **process, transparency, treatment of unhoused people, and engaging with your constituents as full members of the community**, the only question you are wondering is how we have information that ALL YOUR CONSITUENTS should have.



The answer is easy. We are an informed and curious citizenry. We read, we participate, we ask questions and we demand our local government engage with us as if we are full human beings not just objects to be flung around in secrecy.

Messages like this suggest to us that you all care more about obfuscation and protecting your egos/reputations than you are problem-solving with the people most affected by your policies. That's shameful to us.

Why are you more interested in where we find easily accessible information that any Culver City resident can acquire through regular public means than addressing the real concerns constituents have? We also note that in this innocent question is the insinuation that we shouldn't have this information or that we have procured it improperly. Is it a wonder that most people who live on the street think you don't care about them, lie to them, and are only interested in them being gone? Isn't this one-liner a full expression of our relationship with our local govt? A govt that wonders how we could possibly know your schemes as opposed to one interested in meaningful engagement and solutions?

Since this email, we've had multiple outreach and engagements with our friends at Venice/405 as we have had for over three years. Very few people have clarity as to what will be happening to them over the next week. Some think they are getting permanently housed but most have been promised things for so many years that the general attitude is, " I'll believe it when I see it". No one is at all prepared for a major move.

Our demands:

- LOS ANGELES: STOP THE SWEEP on Wednesday 10/18. We have a running budget of how many funds are being used to replace tents, food, Narcan etc now on a weekly basis. The sweeps are ineffective and all data points to their harmful nature. There is no reason for a sweep particularly when you have denied people what they need to survive. We confirm that CD 5 placed a metal sharps container on Venice and it is making a difference. The one plastic trash bin supposed to be shared among all the people at the bridge is however inadequate.

-CULVER CITY: make the list transparent to the residents and stop over-promising. More than 2 people at Venice/Globe fully believe they are moving into PHK very soon. More than 2 people at Venice/Globe have been unhoused in Culver City for

years. Shouldn't anyone moving into this housing already know and be prepared? The upcoming Inside Safe Operation seems like a convenient way for Culver City to act as though its unhoused folks are not residents or that there's mass movement from LA to Culver City for "housing". There is no evidence of that. Indeed we email and call your offices often looking for motel rooms or housing for folks and you never have anything to offer.

-TO ALL ON THIS EMAIL: Give people their paperwork. Give people offers in writing. Stop demanding that a tent be given up as a form of "voluntary compliance". Housed people do not get housing contracts based on "word of mouth". Why is this an acceptable practice for people who are unhoused? This is a humanitarian, legal, and serious matter. Provide people with duplicates of all the paperwork they sign.

You have an opportunity not to participate in harming people. Take it.

## Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid (PUMA)

On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 9:19 AM PUMA LA <[palmsunhousedmutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:palmsunhousedmutualaid@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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We've included all local lawmakers and city employees working on houselessness in these jurisdictions in this email as you are all responsible for what is happening at Venice/Globe. If there are other decision-makers we need to reach out to, please let us know.

It has come to our attention that there will be a permanent sweep at Venice/ Globe (under the 405 fwy) in two weeks. The sweep is meant to coincide with Culver City opening Project Home Key at the Deano's and the Sunburst motels.

We have several questions:

1. As a mutual aid collective, we have worked at this particular site for over three years. The last major permanent sweep there happened a few years ago and was based on the [Judge Carter decision](#). That effort failed because Carter would not allow cities to enforce their anticamping laws unless they provided alternative places for people to bed down for the night. No meaningful interim shelter or housing were ever offered and people were merely dispersed across the westside. We've been talking with residents and no one knows what is going on or is ready for a move. Apart from Culver City PHK which can not house everyone at the site, we have not heard of any other housing offers made to residents. What outreach has been done and what have people been offered? Why don't the residents of Venice/Globe know about upcoming enforcement and fences?

2. Many people believe that they are on "the list" for Culver City PHK. Based on the number of people Culver City has arbitrarily removed from said list and the number of units available, we know that most of the people at Venice/Globe will not be housed through this program. We expect many people to be disappointed, displaced and remain unhoused. Do any of your jurisdictions have a plan to provide housing and services outside of the few units Culver City PHK will provide? Can you share these details with your constituents? Please recognize that securing a handful of shelter beds on

the Westside or anywhere else is not providing housing or services.

3. At the current time, many of the residents at Venice/Globe engage with different providers and volunteers. No one at this site has the health care, mental health support, substance use treatment, or any of their other basic needs being adequately addressed. However, the few interactions they have with several providers and advocates are vital to their survival. How will people continue to receive these critical services, if people are once again dispersed? The last major permanent sweep resulted in people losing documents, keepsakes, medication and Narcan. People also lost a vital community they were part of and the few steady relationships they had. We kept checking in with the community as best as we could. In some cases, folks moved to more dangerous areas such as road verges off of freeways and close to waterways to avoid criminalization. We also witnessed an increase in overdoses and arrests. Over a few months, the encampment at Globe returned as no one received any housing or interim shelter. What is your plan to prevent this from happening again?

We will share your responses with our friends at Venice/Globe. Many would like to have direct conversations with the decision-makers involved in this. We are not eager to be the go-between because we are not the ones directly affected by your decisions. As such we are asking you to consider meeting your constituents at the bridge and holding a townhall there to inform your constituents of the plan and to take questions. After all, you manage to have town hall meetings and cater to housed people on a regular basis. Please let us know if this is something you all are willing to do.

Your constituents deserve better than to hear about an upcoming permanent sweep through a grapevine.

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**Date:** 10/1/2024, 5:00 PM

**To:** Carol Taubman <carol@westgateindustrial.com>, Elizabeth Osder <eo@osdergroup.com>

**CC:** Matthew Halden <matthew.halden@lacity.org>

Hi Carol and Elizabeth,

Thank you for the follow up and the clarification on the question regarding the Security at Renee's Plaza.

You have both made your timeline and recap of issues clear in the meeting with the Councilwoman, via email, and the walk through last week, thank you again.

Please note that not all the rooms at the Vista Motel are part of the Inside Safe program. It will be important to get as much details and if possible a picture when things occur so we can work with our Departments on problematic clients.

I have personally met with our LAPD Captain regarding the concerns raised by the neighbors and stakeholders, they are aware and are shifting resources as they are needed and become available. We have met with LAPD and Culver PD to make sure we are on the same page with the issues along our border. There have been some narcotic investigations conducted, and we will share information as it becomes available.

Please continue to inform neighbors and business owners to report crime. On top of the 911 calls and the non emergency calls, please remind community members to also report crime through the [Crime Stoppers Website](#). I know you are all aware of these resources, but LAPD ask that we please remind you all next time we communicate.

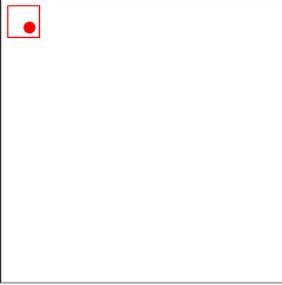
Thanks for the information regarding the owners for Renee's Plaza, that is helpful information to know.

We appreciate the continued calls to the CIRCLE Team. Per our meeting with the Councilwoman, I committed to having our Homelessness Team more engaged in the area and they have been very active with the CIRCLE Team. We were able to get 4 people out of the Olah property last week and into housing services. We are coordinating with the property owners on further interventions with trespassers as they finalize their demo process.

I am aware there was an individual that needed higher intervention but that could mean several things and we were not the City Officials that made those claims. It would be best to follow up and ask for an update from those officials. Feel free to loop us in to see how we can further assist. Do you happen to have pictures of the individual in question? Did the employee file a police report? If you are in contact with the employee, it would be helpful to have them reach out to our office and SLO Aceves directly.

Thank you both again for your continued engagement and feedback, please continue to work directly with Matthew as he will be your point on all of these items and safety concerns. He will be in touch with more information as we get it to share.

Have a great rest of your day.



**Juan Fregoso**

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 12:04 PM Carol Taubman <[carol@westgateindustrial.com](mailto:carol@westgateindustrial.com)> wrote:

Juan,

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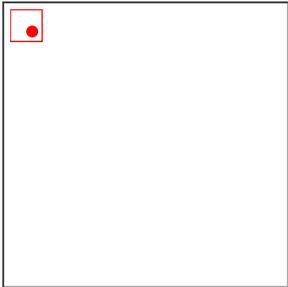
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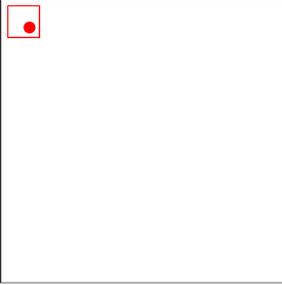
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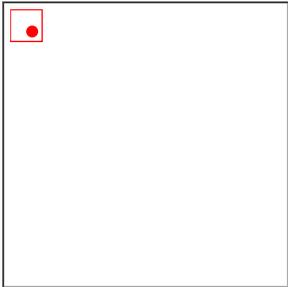
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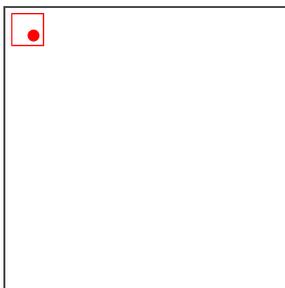
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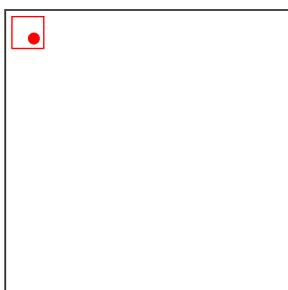
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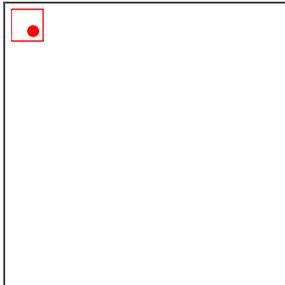
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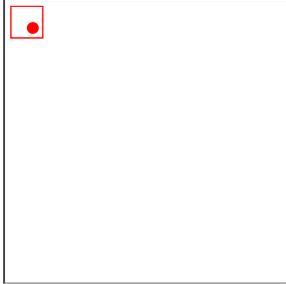
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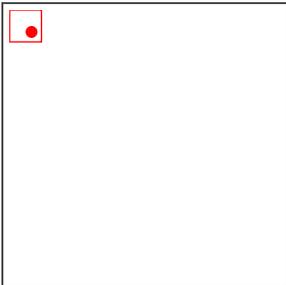
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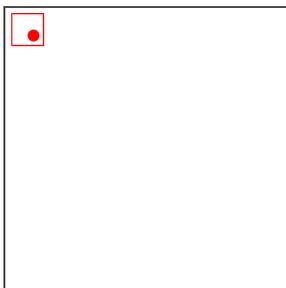
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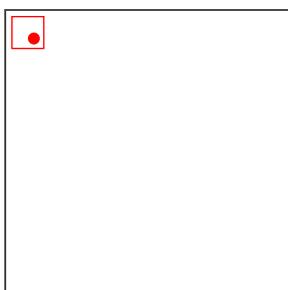
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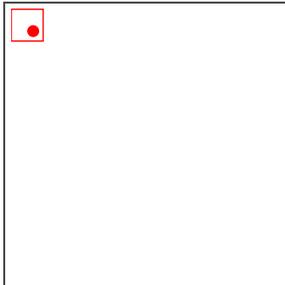
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I hope the mayor's office has some good news for us, in the meantime - can i get some explanation for the events of today by St Josephs? Why was a resident in a compromised state allowed to wander about for 2 hours unchecked by any staff terrorising our community?

Also i would suggest that the guard re-position facing south on Sepulveda and not north so that the issues from the Creek are better in their view. ( i can provide media if needed)

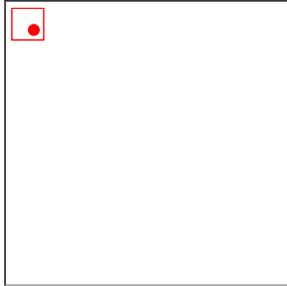
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**SO MANY WORDS - SO MUCH EMAIL** - Thanks for reading and i hope we can collaborate. You have a difficult job, you have made a real impact and that's not lost on us. But this small outpost of CD11 can't handle what has happened here and we need focused attention. We stand ready to work with you, but we need to get to work.

Thanks, Elizabeth

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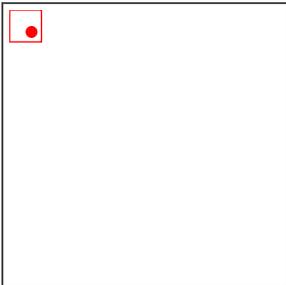
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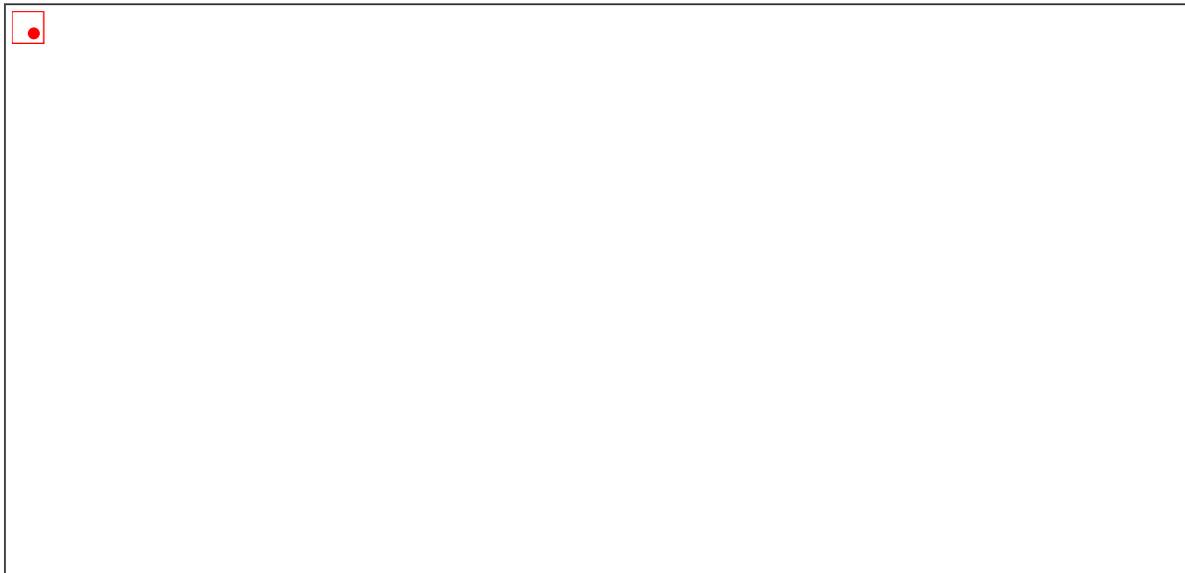
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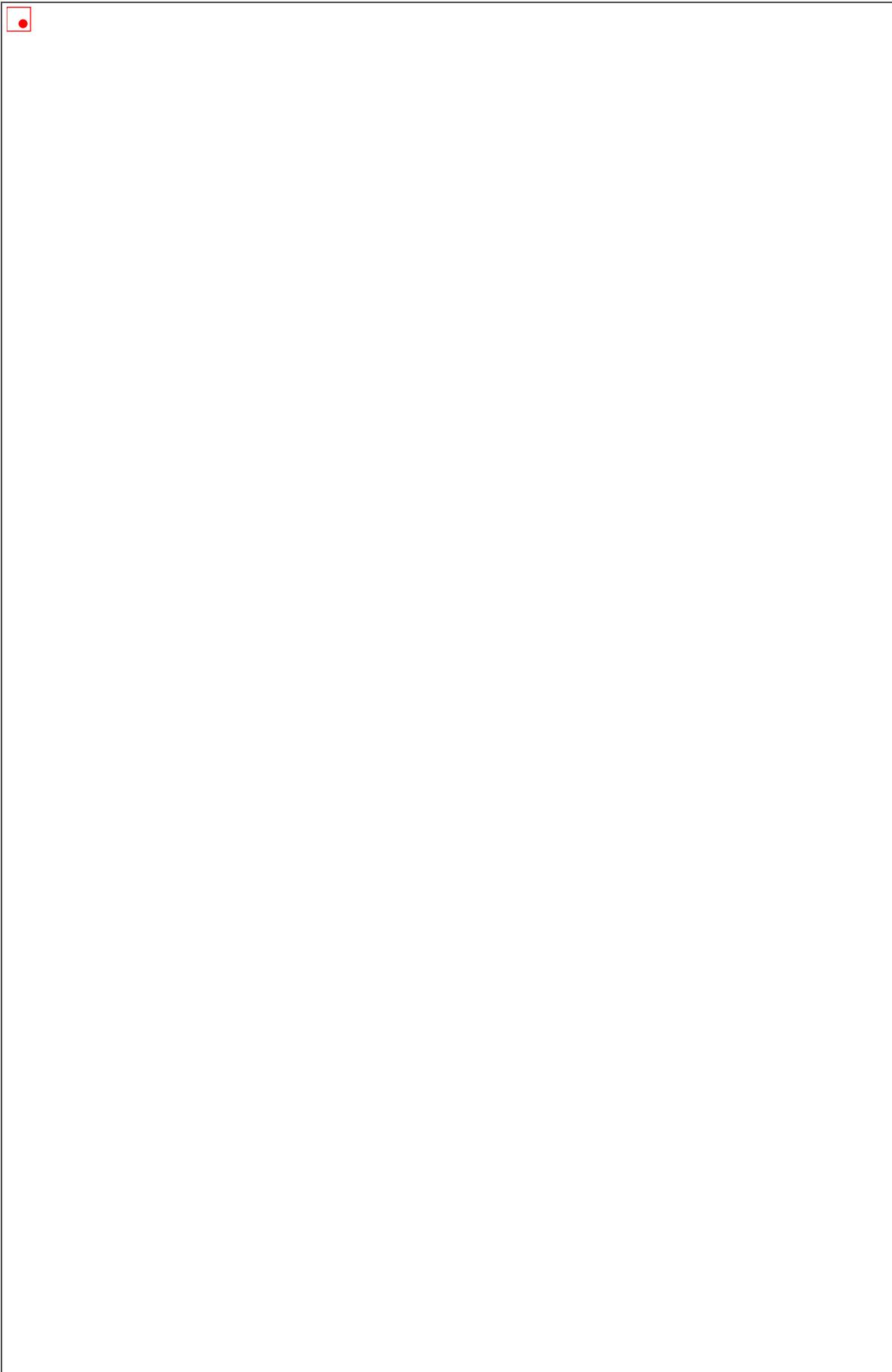
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### **IN PERSON**

**Tuesday, August 5th**

**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

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**Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd., Room 410.**

**8.1 . [ADMINISTRATIVE] Goal Setting:** Discussion regarding goals for the committee this term and specific individuals or departments to seek out as guest speakers.

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### **ZOOM**

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**6.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Goal Setting.** Discussion regarding potential bylaw amendments this calendar year.

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Stakeholders are advised to use the vehicle entrance off of Sawtelle

**7A. Intro to Outreach** . What we do, how it works, what we can and can't do.

**7B. Ideas and goals**

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**Subject:** Join us at our meetings this week! Education, Arts & Culture, Public Health and Safety and Homeless, and Planning & Land Usage Management

**From:** Mar Vista Community Council <info@marvista.org>

**Date:** 8/11/2025, 8:20 AM

**To:** <councilmember.park@lacity.org>

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## **Education, Arts and Culture Committee Meeting**

### **Tuesday, August 12th, 2025**

### **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

### **IN PERSON**

#### **Location:**

[Windward School](#)

11350 Palms Blvd

Room 410

Los Angeles, CA 90066

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## **PHS & Homeless Meeting**

### **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**IN PERSON**

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Room 410

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**7.1 [POLICY] MOTION – Discussion and Potential Action, Support Amendments to LAMC Sec. 41.18 – Support for CF 20-1376-S5 (Park) - SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS**

**7.2 [POLICY] MOTION – Discussion and Potential Action, Safety Concern:**

**Encampment, Trespass & Fire Hazards at 11351, 11357 & 11405 W Venice Blvd.**

Committee may discuss concerns regarding homeless encampments, trespassing, and fire hazards at the listed vacant properties, including reported open flame incidents, structural safety issues related to long-standing open excavations and expired permits, and potential risks to nearby homes and multifamily buildings. If ready, the committee may take action on a motion related to this matter.

**7.3 [POLICY] MOTION - Discussion and Potential Action, Beethoven Street Traffic**

**Safety - 3900 Block.** Regarding narrow street width creating safety hazards for pedestrians and property damage from vehicle conflicts. Committee may discuss resident concerns regarding the narrow width of the 3900 block of Beethoven Street and related safety hazards, including property damage from vehicle conflicts, pedestrian risks, and high cut-through traffic volume. The committee may, if ready, take action on whether to support proposed remedies for improving safety on this block for consideration by the appropriate city agencies.

**7.4 [FUNDING] Discussion and Possible Motion/Action – Neighborhood Purposes**

**Grant (Beautify LA)** Committee may discuss and take possible action on a request from Beautify LA for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$4,950. The

proposed project includes providing shelter rides, hygiene kits, and food to unhoused individuals in Mar Vista; conducting eight trash and graffiti cleanups; beginning a community garden with donated flowers, bushes, and trees; and hosting two art events and one gardening event to promote community engagement, environmental sustainability, and neighborhood beautification.

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## **Planning & Land Use Management Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

**7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81519230044>

Remote Conferencing by Phone: 669-444-9171

Meeting ID: (Webinar) 815 1923 0044, then press #

**7.1. [POLICY] Discussion and Potential action. Presentation regarding the parcel located at 12131 Washington Place (Corner of Washington Place and Grandview).**

The applicant is looking for a liquor license upgrade from a Type 20 (Beer and Wine) to a Type 21 (Full line of alcoholic beverages) for offsite consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,362 sq ft market operating daily from 7 am to 1 am. File no ZA-2025-1602-CUB



**7.2. [FUNDING] APPROPRIATION FOR FUTURE PLUM DOOR HANGERS:**

Discussion and potential action regarding creating a budget line item for future door hangers, (e.g., designing, printing, distributing)

**7.3. (POLICY) Beethoven Market Discussion and potential action regarding the Beethoven Market (Issue Raised by Constituents)**

**7.4. (POLICY) 11335-11405 W. Venice Discussion and potential action regarding the exposed shoring at 11335-11405 W Venice**

**7.5. (POLICY) SB-79 Discussion and potential action regarding State Bill -79 Housing Bill**

**7.6. ADMINISTRATION]** In-Person PLUM Meetings Discussion and potential action regarding future PLUM meetings both in person and online.

**7.7. [ADMINISTRATION] PLUM Meetings Goals and Future agendas** Discussion and potential action regarding future agendas and goals.

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**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS SEEKING  
CANDIDATES FOR 2 VACANT ZONE DIRECTOR  
POSITIONS. SUBMIT YOUR STATEMENT BETWEEN NOW  
and AUGUST 14th, 2025 to:  
[Charlene.Samiley@marvista.org](mailto:Charlene.Samiley@marvista.org)**

**ZONE 2 AND ZONE 5**

**The submission period is between now and  
AUGUST 14th, 2025.**

**ZONE 2 Boundries are:**

**South of the 10 Freeway, North of National Blvd., East of Centinela Ave., West of 405 Freeway**

**ZONE 5 Boundries are:**

**South of Venice Boulevard; North of Culver City border (between Albright Avenue and Centinela Avenue); East of Centinela Avenue; West of the Culver City border along Albright Avenue; North of the Culver City Border**

**A Zone Director's Duties and Responsibilities:**

Each Zone is represented by its own Zone Director who is a Stakeholder in that Zone. To confirm what zone you live in, please visit [marvista.org](http://marvista.org) and on the right side of the website, there is a section titled: FIND YOUR ZONE and you will have access to our Zone Map.

The MVCC Bylaws hold each director to the duties and responsibilities as follows:

- a) to carry out the goals and objectives of the MVCC;
- b) to authorize or approve all business of the MVCC;
- c) to direct and control MVCC activities; and
- d) to oversee the ethical and financial integrity of the MVCC.

Our Standing Rules require each MVCC committee to "notify the appropriate Zone Director(s) of agenda items specific to that Zone or immediately adjacent to it."

Zone Directors are also responsible for providing a report, as necessary, during the publically-held Board of Directors meeting.

**The process:**

1. Interested stakeholders who wish to be considered must submit a statement of candidacy to [Charlene.Samiley@marvista.org](mailto:Charlene.Samiley@marvista.org)
2. The submission period is between now and AUGUST 14th, 2025.

3. The candidates' names shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular Board of Directors meeting August 2025.
4. Interested Stakeholders may give a statement to support their candidacy at the 3rd Thursday - August 21st 2025 Board of Directors meeting.
5. After statements have been made, the Chair shall appoint a Stakeholder from the list of submitted names subject to approval by a majority vote of the Directors in attendance.
6. If the first appointed Stakeholder does not receive the approval a majority vote of the Directors in attendance, the Chair shall then appoint another Stakeholder from the list of submitted names subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Directors in attendance.
7. If the Chair's second appointee is not approved by a majority vote of the Directors in attendance, the Chair shall then make the appointment from the complete submitted list of candidates, and the appointment shall be final and shall not be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

\*\*All candidates must comply with the requirements of Article X Section 6 of these Bylaws. Bylaws can be found on our website under the Elections and Bylaws Committee.

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## Share Your Neighborhood Council Election Experience

**Mar Vista Community Council knows our stakeholders experienced a LOT of frustration with the Election/Voting process. We were frustrated as well!**

**EMPOWER LA is asking for feedback regarding the experience. Please participate in the survey and let them know your thoughts on the exasperating process. Maybe we can get it better and easier for**

## the next election. Fingers crossed.

EmpowerLA is [gathering feedback](#) to better understand your experience during the 2025 Neighborhood Council election cycle, including input on what worked well and what can be improved. Whether you participated in the 2025 Neighborhood Council elections as a candidate, as a voter, or you didn't participate at all, [we want to hear from you!](#)

By [sharing your insights](#), you will help us enhance future election awareness strategies and resources, which in turn will increase candidate and voter engagement. More importantly, you can help us innovate ideas to strengthen connections between Angelenos and their Neighborhood Councils.

The survey results, including raw data, will be incorporated into EmpowerLA's post-election report. This report will be distributed via our newsletter and made available on our website.

Please complete this survey no later than Saturday, August 30, 2025.

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Mar Vista Community Council had a booth at the 2025  
National Night Out at Mar Vista Recreation Center on  
Tuesday, August 5th from 5-9 PM

The event was a success. We met many stakeholders, first responders, and a fun time

was had by all. We gave out a ton of Safety Vests with our MV Logo, personal alarms, doggy poo bags, and first aid kits. The safety vests were the fashion statement of the event! There was ribs, pasta, mac and cheese, hot dogs and pizza. Blasting music and raffles added to the fun. Our Council Member Traci Park and her staff were meeting Mar Vistans and celebrating with the rest of us. Big thanks to Andrew Marton who helped organize the event with the Rec Center. And thank you to our First Responders who met the neighborhood and brought their sirens, helicopter, fire trucks, lights and great energy to Mar Vista. Thank you to Andrew, Greg, Charlene and Jennifer for swinging by and helping man the booth. Always appreciated.

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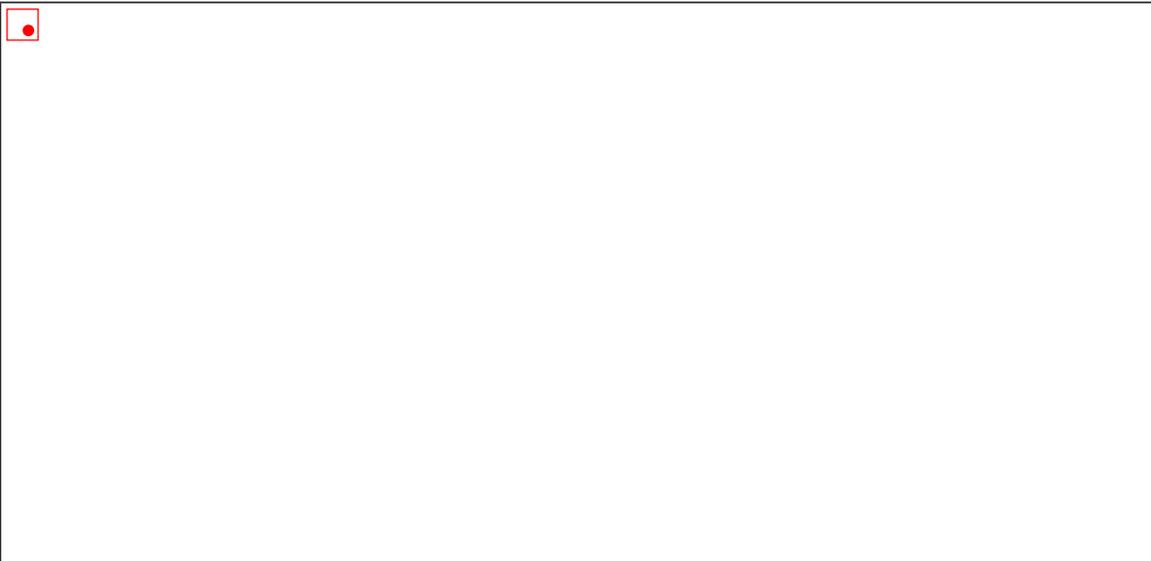
## A few of us attended Martin Rubin's Memorial this past Saturday.

Charlene, Andrew, Stephen P and Carolyn attended Martin's Memorial.

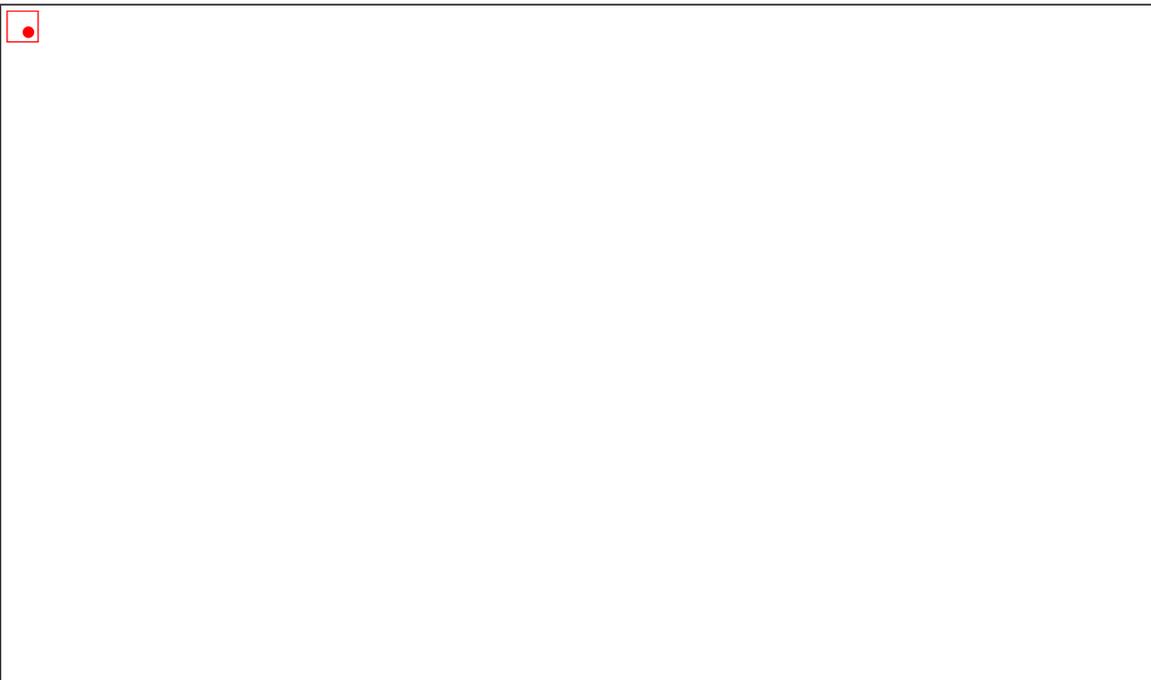
Martin's younger brother Jerry organized the beautiful tribute. He had a lot of friends in attendance. We learned of Martin's devotion and commitment to the goal of turning the Santa Monica Airport into a park for the community.

Matt Halden, Traci Park's field deputy for Mar Vista spoke about Martin's contributions to Mar Vista and beyond.

It was a beautiful day and an afternoon of sunshine and fond memories.



Martin's brother Jerry at the microphone with friends and supporters of Martin's dream.



Matt Halden from Traci Park's office, Stephen Paddock - PLUM Chair, and Andrew Marton- Homeless and Safety Chair attended. Chair Charlene Samiley and Community Director Carolyn K. Honda were there as well, but were camera shy.



Martin's brother Jerry brought the last can of a box of Canada Dry that Carolyn brought Martin while he was in the hospital. Martin requested it. Jerry said that it meant so much when he saw the cans because they brought back so many memories of childhood days with his brother. They both loved Canada Dry Ginger Ale. Cheers Martin!



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## **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Breakfast and Questions with Mayor Karen Bass.**

Mayor Karen Bass attended a special in-person meeting of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC — MVCC is a member, (Andrew Marton and Carolyn K. Honda represented MVCC) along with all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of LA) on July 21st , 7 AM, at Belmont Senior Living Village in Westwood. She candidly answered several questions about the City's budget crisis; public safety concerns; an investigation into the cause of the Palisades Fire; her position on Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor project (a station directly located on the UCLA Campus with direct access to the UCLA Purple subway/D Line are key components unanimously supported by WRAC and MVCC); the status of an independent audit of her Inside Safe program dealing with homelessness; and the City's plan to deal with encampments in connection with the World Cup in 2026 and the Olympics in 2028. We thanked the Mayor for joining our meeting and sharing information with us.

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## **Updated Pacific Division Contacts**

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We had a fun in the sun day at the Summer Venice Fest last Saturday. I woke my son up to help me set up our new pop up at 6 am. Couldn't have done it without him. We had lots of folks come to the booth, chat with us, grab some branded fun items and they left with some info about MVCC.

Our booth was set up with Council woman Traci Park's booth as our neighbor. She and her team engaged with the community as well. It was a good time with community friends-old and new, food and chats. Thanks to Delaram, Greg, and April for popping in and keeping me company throughout the day.

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Palms Middle School applied for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant from the Mar Vista Community Council so they could make improvements to their Staff Lounge.

The Staff Lounge is complete with all new furniture and decor, hot beverages galore, a ridiculously fancy Samsung fridge with filtered water, and a foosball table to boot. Everyone is really enjoying the space.

They sent us Before and After photos so we could see what improvements were made. This is a great example of how Neighborhood Purpose Grants can help our Community.



**The Mar Vista Library offers a lot more  
than books!**



**Increase in Coyote Sightings in  
Mar Vista**

## **Free-roaming pets**

Free-roaming pets, especially cats (and sometimes small dogs), may attract coyotes into neighborhoods. The best way to minimize risk to pets is never to leave them outside unattended. For cats, this means either keeping them indoors at all times or letting them outside only under your supervision wearing a harness and leash or in a secure enclosure (such as a catio).

Always walk dogs on a leash (6 ft long or less), and attend to them when they're outside unless you have a coyote-proof fence.

## **Community cat colonies**

People who feed community cats are often concerned that coyotes might prey on the cats. These concerns are well-founded, as coyotes are attracted to both the outdoor pet food and the cats themselves as prey.

### **Here are general suggestions for keeping such cats safer:**

Feed cats only once per day and at a set time. Pick up any leftovers immediately.

Elevate feeding stations beyond coyotes'-but not the cats'-reach.

Give community cats escape routes in places where trees and other climbing opportunities are scarce. Install wooden posts (four inches by four inches or corner posts) that stand out of the ground at least 7 to 12 feet and can be climbed by cats but not by coyotes.

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**Subject:** Venice & 405 Encampment

**From:** johnstevens <johnstevens1975@proton.me>

**Date:** 10/20/2025, 9:07 AM

**To:** "traci.park@lacity.org" <traci.park@lacity.org>, "jacob.burman@lacity.org" <jacob.burman@lacity.org>, "star.parsamyan@lacity.org" <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, "bethelwel.Wilson@lacity.org" <bethelwel.Wilson@lacity.org>

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**Subject:** Fwd: CPRA - Venice & 405 Encampment  
**From:** ITACPRACoordinator <itacpracoordinator@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 10/24/2025, 10:16 AM  
**To:** Jacob Burman <jacob.burman@lacity.org>

Hello Jacob,

This is a heads-up that ITA has received a CPRA request seeking records from CD11, which you can find attached. We are currently processing this request and will share the results with you once our search for responsive records is complete.

Best,  
ITA-CPRA Support Team

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** 'johnstevens' via ITA CPRA Coordinator <[itacpracoordinator@lacity.org](mailto:itacpracoordinator@lacity.org)>  
**Date:** Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 9:08 AM  
**Subject:** CPRA - Venice & 405 Encampment  
**To:** [itacpracoordinator@lacity.org](mailto:itacpracoordinator@lacity.org) <[itacpracoordinator@lacity.org](mailto:itacpracoordinator@lacity.org)>

Dear IT Admins,

I am writing to request access to records in the following City-run email accounts:

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2. [Craig.Bullock@lacity.org](mailto:Craig.Bullock@lacity.org)
3. [Pete.Brown@lacity.org](mailto:Pete.Brown@lacity.org)
4. [Kevin.Brunke@lacity.org](mailto:Kevin.Brunke@lacity.org)
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4. **Records or evidence supporting any additional claims** made by Councilmember Park in the referenced Instagram video, including:
  - Documentation related to 4118 enforcement at the Mar Vista Library.
  - Records concerning encampment resolutions at the Mar Vista post office, the Bolero encampment, and Mar Vista Park.
  - Any housing placements attributed to these interventions, including outcome data.

Please include attachments, calendar invites, and any communications sent or received via personal devices or accounts used for City business.

If you contend that any portion of the records requested is exempt from disclosure by express provisions of law, Government Code § 7922.525(b) requires segregation and redaction of that material in order that the remainder of the records may be released.

If you contend that any express provision of law exists to exempt from disclosure all or a portion of the records I have requested, Government Code § 7922.535(a) requires that you notify me of the reasons for the determination not later than 10 days from your receipt of this request.

Government Code sections 7922.500 & 7922.540(a) require that any response to this request that includes a determination that the request is denied, in whole or in part, must be in writing and include the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the City's response.

Government Code section 7922.500 prohibits the use of the 10-day period, or any provisions of the CPRA or any other law, "to delay access for purposes of inspecting public records."

In responding to this request, please keep in mind that Article 1, § 3(b)(2) of the California Constitution expressly requires you to broadly construe all provisions that further the public's right of access, and to apply any limitations on access as narrowly as possible.

If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me, pursuant to Government Code Section 7922.600, at this email address.

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Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
John