

**Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
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Area 4 - Fremont Place: Julie Dalton
Area 5 - Hancock Park: Jennifer DeVore
Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock: Sixto Sicilia
Area 7 - Larchmont Village: Natalie Irby
Area 8 - Melrose: Richard Gano
Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews:
Rochelle Lewis
Area 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews Square:
Patricia Carroll
Area 11 - Sycamore Square: Conrad Starr
Area 12 - Western-Wilton: MJ Anderson
Area 13 - Wilshire Park: John Gresham
Area 14 - Windsor Square: Gary Gilbert
Area 15 - Windsor Village: Drew Kiesow
At Large: Mark Alpers
Renter: Dave Cavalier
Business: Romi Cortier
Education: Scott Appel
Religion: Charles D'Atri
Other Nonprofit: Brian Curran

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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 6:30 PM
IN PERSON at The Ebell of LA
743 S Lucerne Blvd
Los Angeles, California 90005
Supporting documents available at:
www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs/

**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

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*Concejo Vecinal de Greater
Wilshire - Agenda de reunión
general de la mesa*

Pursuant to the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted virtually.

The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an elected advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

주민의회 체계는 모든 로스앤젤레스 시민들의 시민적 참여와, 지역 커뮤니티들에 대한 정부의 책임과 이들의 수요를 위한 목소리가 되어 봉사할 수 있게 합니다. 저희는 로스앤젤레스 시티의 선출된 자문기관으로서 저희 커뮤니티를 개선하고 정부가 저희에게 더욱 가깝게 다가오도록 하는 사명에 열중한 자원 이해관계자들로 구성되어 있습니다.

El sistema de Concejo Vecinal hace posible la participación cívica para todos los Angelinos y sirve como voz para mejorar la capacidad de respuesta del gobierno frente a las comunidades locales y sus necesidades. Somos un organismo asesor elegido de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles, compuesto por voluntarios interesados dedicados a la misión de mejorar nuestras comunidades y acercar el gobierno a nosotros.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. **Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks** (GWNC President)
- B. **Roll Call** (GWNC Secretary)

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Limited to 5 minutes MAX per speaker.*

- A. **Council District 5** - (Michelle Flores - michelle.flores@lacity.org)
- B. **Council District 13** - (Mark Fuentes - mark.fuentes@lacity.org)
- C. **LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions** (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Chavez 36304@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online and Shuck 40740@lapd.online (Wilshire))
- D. **LA Metro** (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net)
- E. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** (Prabhjot Chamber - prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org)

- F. **Mayor’s Office** (David C. Nguyen - david.c.nguyen@lacity.org and/or Jennifer Hull – jennifer.hull@lacity.org)
- G. **Supervisorial District 2** – (Field Deputy Daniel Park - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov)
- H. **Supervisorial District 3** – (Field Deputy Amanda Laflen - alaflen@bos.lacounty.gov)
- I. **Other Government Representatives**

III. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** *Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.*

IV. **REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS** *Limited to 2 minutes per speaker*

- A. **Budget Representative** (Jack Humphreville)
- B. **LADWP** (Jack Humphreville)
- C. **LANCC** – See board docs for full summary (Jennifer DeVore)
- D. **Homelessness Liaison** (Dan Sterling)
- E. **Public Works Liaison** (Natalie Irby)
- F. **Other Liaisons or Representatives**

V. **NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. **Charter Reform Board Discussion** (John Gresham)

VI. **AD HOC COMMITTEES** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Charter Reform Committee Report - Chair: Conrad Starr**

1. **Motion:** The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, extending its general support for the City Charter Reform recommendations approved by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) on January 3, 2026, and applauding LANCC for its efforts.
2. **Motion:** The GWNC will file no additional CIS on recommendations from the Charter Reform Commission’s Budget Category at this time for the reason that the GWNC Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee’s budget recommendations are covered by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition recommendations.
3. **Motion to Reconsider:** Motion adopted on 12-10-2025 - Item # IX.A.3. (Charter Reform) (Starr)
 - a) **Motion:** “The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will adopt the Community Impact Statement language as presented regarding L.A. City Charter Reform.” (see https://drive.google.com/file/d/15T1oxmaeRSPYN_vU3Peh4M8NN6FRKGeZ/view)

b) **Proposed Substitute Motion as passed by Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee on January 8, 2026:**

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners with the following recommendations, as drawn from the City Charter Reform

Commission's Staff Report Dated 11/14/2025 ("REVISED Proposed Reforms for Planning and Infrastructure")

(https://drive.google.com/file/d/179jYpAtq0A6sgrUy_jzl_cM3mJkCXpQG/view)

SUPPORT (B.4.) Give ministerial approval to all projects that are in compliance with Re:Code LA. *This measure expedites projects that are consistent with Community Plans and the new Zoning Code.*

SUPPORT: (E.1.) Make City Council ultimate authority over all City-owned land. *This gives City Council needed additional discretion where unused lands can be put to good use.*

SUPPORT (I. 1.) Establish a high legislative threshold to increase capacity in single-family zoned areas. *This affords protection in the Charter to single-family and historic districts.*

SUPPORT (I. 2.) Defend local zoning authority. *This assures rapid response from City Council and the Mayor in response to State actions to diminish local authority.*

OPPOSE (A.3.) Make the Zoning Administrator (ZA), Director of Planning or City Planning Commission the highest land use appeals body for adjudicatory actions. *To quote the Staff report, "This would take certain decisions on land use out of [City Council's] hands and leave them to an unelected body that may have limited knowledge of the area... City Councilmembers have deep knowledge of their districts and are elected to make decisions regarding [them]." This would concentrate power in the hands of Mayoral appointees.*

OPPOSE (B.1.) Eliminate Charter Section 245(e). *Section 245(e) is a seldom utilized but invaluable failsafe against the unintended and irreversible consequences of unchallenged bureaucratic control.*

OPPOSE (B.2.) Codify time limit for all City Council land use actions in the City Charter and automatically deem actions approved if Council fails to act. *The expediting of land use actions would better be addressed selectively through ordinances; whereas a Charter amendment would create a mechanism for developers who use stalling tactics to avoid addressing and correcting project deficiencies.*

OPPOSE (D.1.) Ministerially approve projects under a certain size. *Absent a defined threshold, this policy proposal appears to be intended to remove neighbors and elected officials from the process.*

OPPOSE (D.2.) Mandate sufficient base zoning capacity. *This would create a redundancy and confusion as base zoning capacity is already required by State law.*

4. **Next Meeting:** 1-15-2026 at 4 p.m., via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276994679>)

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Adoption of December 10, 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes

B. Board & Board Alternate and Committee Administration

1. Nominations, Elections, Vacancies and/or Motions to Appoint

a) Board & Alternate Vacancies:

- Area 3 - Country Club Heights Board + Alternate

- Area 11 - Sycamore Square Alternate
- Area 12 - Western-Wilton Alternate
- Area 13 - Wilshire Park Alternate
- Religion Alternate

b) **Possible Board & Board Alternate Appointments**

c) **Oath of Office for New Board Members and Alternates** (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE)

“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

2. DONE-Required Training

a) **DONE/BONC Training Requirements:**

- o **ALL Training is REQUIRED by BONC in order to vote.** Board members + alternates must have completed **all five trainings** in order to vote on anything in both committee and general board meetings. Check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for training expirations.
- o **Code of Conduct:** DONE’s policy is to suspend non-compliers after 30 days and remove them after 60 days (policy # 2014-2(1))

b) **Currently suspended by DONE:** Meir Finck, Steve Grossman

c) **Currently ineligible to vote:** Boyle, Curran, Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman

d) **Training Required in order to be eligible:**

- o **Code of Conduct:** Boyle, Finck, Grossman,
- o **Ethics and/or Funding:** Boyle, Curran, Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Salinger, Shusterman
- o **Gender:** Boyle, Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman
- o **Anti-Bias:** Boyle, Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman

VIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. **President’s Report**

B. **Vice President’s Report**

C. **Treasurer’s Report** (Discussion and Possible Action) Please refer to MER in the supporting documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs/>).

1. **Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for December 2025 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.**

2. **CC**

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| 12/3/25 | Public Storage December | \$247.00 |
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3.. **Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the Jan 2026 MER**

At Work TBD

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| Ebell October Board Meeting - | \$400 |
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4.. **Please Note:** GWNC City Funds 25/25 were \$25,000. Rollover Funds are \$11,201.96 for a total of \$36,201.96. Expenses year 24/25 were \$28,343.79 with Funding of \$32,000 and Roll over of \$7,545.75 with a total of \$39,545.75.

D. **Secretary's Report**

IX. **OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. **SB 707 Implementation Issues**

B. **Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments**

1. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition Representative (s)
2. [Other liaisons or representatives]

C. **Committee Appointments**

1. Committee Vacancies (Committee chairs to verify)
 - a) Transportation - 1 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - b) PSQL - 0 Board, 2 stakeholders
 - c) Outreach - up to 2 Board, up to 6 stakeholders
 - d) Land Use - 0 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - e) Environment & Sustainability - up to 2 Board, up to 3 stakeholders
2. Possible Committee Appointments

X. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Jesseca Harvey

B. **Committee Membership:** Lisha Sevanian

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves Lisha Sevanian joining the Outreach Committee.

C. **Funding Request to promote the 2026GWNC Winter Survey**

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves spending up to \$325.00 to promote the 2026 GWNC Winter survey in the Larchmont Buzz

Possible Motion: The GWNC spends up to \$55.00 to have NextDayFlyers or a similar printer produce 50 flyers/posters to promote the 2026 GWNC Winter Survey.

D. **Graphic Design Approval**

1. **2026 GWNC Winter Survey proportional items**

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves the use of design #0113 as a design for the posters/flyers to promote the 2026 GWNC Winter Survey.

2. **Roll Up Sign - "What Can We Create Together?"**

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves the use of the "What Can We Create Together?" as a design for the Pop-Up Sign.

E. **CD5 Tree Planting Celebration: County Club Heights**

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves hosting a booth at the CD5 Tree Planting Celebration on January 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Country Club Heights as long as two non-committee-member Board Members agree by 1/14/26 to volunteer their participation.

F. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the J.C. Fremont Branch Library, 6121 Melrose Ave.).

XI. **LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Brian Curran

- B. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Marlborough School (Room C115), 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XII. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Romi Cortier
- B. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935>

XIII. **ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Polly Estabrook.
- B. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in person at the Memorial Branch Library, 4625 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

XIV. **PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Charles D'Atri
- B. **Next Meeting:** The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Details will be available on GWNC website and in the posted agenda. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

XV. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting:** The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 via Zoom. See agenda when posted for details.
- B. Other Board Member comments and announcements

XVI. **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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