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

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:30 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96677001434>
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*Concejo Vecinal de Greater
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general de la mesa*

***In conformity with the January 1, 2026 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) and LA City Council File 23-1114, this
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.

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** (Susan Cervantes - susana.cervantes@lacity.org for CD13 and/or Jennifer Hull - jennifer.hull@lacity.org for CD5)
- 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 5 minutes per speaker*

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

V. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Adoption of February 11, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes**

B. **Discuss Meeting Schedule:** The GWNC will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, April 15 and in person at the Ebell on May 13.

C. **Board & Board Alternate and Committee Administration**

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

a) **Board & Alternate Vacancies:**

- Area 3 - Country Club Heights Alternate
- Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St Andrews Alternate
- Area 11 - Sycamore Square Alternate
- Area 12 - Western-Wilton Alternate
- Area 13 - Wilshire Park Alternate
- Religion Alternate

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

- o Candidate for Area 11 Sycamore Square Alternate - Dan Sterling
- o Other candidates

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. **BONC/DONE-Required Training**

a) **Training Requirements:**

- o **ALL Training is REQUIRED to vote.** BONC requires Board members + alternates to complete **all five trainings** in order to vote in all meetings. Check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for training.
- 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:** Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman

d) **Training INCOMPLETE:**

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

VI. 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 February 2026 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

2. CC

2/3/26	Public Storage January	\$247.00
2/3/26	Larchmont Chronicle Nov&Jan	\$196.00

CHECKS

None

3. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the March 2026 MER

At Work TBD

Ebell October Board Meeting -	\$400
Ebell Jan Board Meeting -	\$400
Conrad Star reimburse	\$ 32.82

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.

5. Website/Email Hosting Renewal: The GWNC will pay DreamHost \$383.88 for a one-year renewal of DreamHost VPS for website and email hosting, for service from 5/1/2026 through 4/30/2027.

6. DropBox Essentials Renewal: The GWNC will pay DropBox \$199.00 for a one-year renewal of DropBox Essentials for the account associated with gwncwebmaster[at]gmail[dot]com for service from 6/2/2026 to 6/2/2027.

D. Secretary’s Report

1. Committee Minutes

VII. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments

1. Budget Representative (1 additional)
2. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition Representative (s)
3. Other liaisons or representatives

B. 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

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

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Polly Estabrook.
- B. The ESC unanimously passed a motion requesting the GWNC Board to submit letters to CD2-Nazarian and CD14-Jurado City Councilmembers requesting a meeting with the GWNC ESC regarding the use of pesticides (letter in board docs)

BACKGROUND: In 2025, several GWNC residents contacted GWNC regarding new reports linking pesticides to Parkinson’s and other diseases. On 10/16/2025, the GWNC ESC invited a subject matter expert, Dr. Beate Ritz, to speak at the ESC meeting. As a result of that meeting, the ESC requested meetings to be set up with CD5 and CD13 Councilmembers or their staff to discuss the growing research tying pesticide use and human illness and the possibility of reducing or banning pesticides in LA city public property. The council members' staff suggest speaking to other members of the City Council who are on the Energy & Environment Committee and/or oversee the Department of Recreation & Parks. We would therefore like to expand the discussion to include these additional City Council members in an effort to build momentum toward change.

Possible Motion: The GWNC Board approves the attached letters requesting an opportunity to meet with Council Members Adrin Nazarian, CD-2, and Ysabel Jurado, CD-14 and/or their staff members to discuss the topic of pesticide use on City-controlled properties and to provide the research the ESC has collected for the GWNC Board to the CD 2 and CD 14 City Councilmembers.

- C. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Thursday, April 2, 2026 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117>

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

- A. **Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran**
- B. **SB79 – Possible Motion**

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2026, the Los Angeles City Planning Department submitted a complex 69-page letter to the City Council’s Planning and Land Use (PLUM) Committee of recommended actions for the City's Implementation of SB 79 (Recommendation Letter). PLUM immediately scheduled a meeting for February 24, 2026, to hear and act on the Recommendation Letter.

WHEREAS, with two members absent, the PLUM Committee barely achieved a quorum at its February 24, 2026 hearing. Under these circumstances, a unanimous vote by the three attending committee members was required for PLUM to pass any motion. The PLUM Committee could not unanimously agree on a motion but instead forwarded a “Recommendation of the Chair” to the Planning Commission. WHEREAS, later that same day, February 24, 2026, the GWNC Land Use Committee (LUC) met in regular session to discuss both the Recommendation Letter and the PLUM Chair's Recommendation. Due to its unanswered questions, the LUC did not take action but instead thereafter requested additional information from the Los Angeles City Planning Department and scheduled a special LUC meeting for March 2, 2026, to resume its SB 79 discussion. The requested additional information was to learn the effect of the

Recommendation Letter and the Recommendation of the Chair on the Larchmont area and, by implication, on other GWNC neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2026, clarifying information was provided orally and in writing to a non-Brown Act delegation of the LUC, from both Blair Smith and Kevin Keller from the City Planning Department. The written response from Blair Smith is attached as Exhibit A to this Motion and is incorporated herein. City Planning stated that, for now, zoning and development incentives in Larchmont will not be impacted by the City's SB 79 Implementation. The information from Blair Smith and Kevin Keller answered the questions from the LUC regular session on February 24, 2026, and serves as the basis for this Motion.

NOW THEREFORE, in response to the foregoing City actions and answers, the GWNC adopts the following positions and will file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) with this Motion attached as its explanatory letter addressed to the PLUM Committee, the City Council, the Mayor's Office and the City Attorney's Office, as follows:

- The timing of PLUM's February 24, 2026 hearing, less than one week after its receipt of the complicated and far-reaching SB 79 Recommendation Letter from City Planning, failed to give the City's Neighborhood Councils and the public adequate time to review and provide input on the recommendations in time for the PLUM meeting. Due to deadlines imposed by SB 79, citizen participation between now and July 1, 2026, when the City must take final action to implement SB 79, will be extremely limited.
- Because of the extraordinary implications and impact of the SB 79 Recommendation Letter on the City's property owners, every single-family property owner currently or potentially affected by SB 79 must be notified that their single-family properties may be reclassified with incentives to permit higher density uses. Since approximately two-thirds of single-family uses may be reclassified in this manner, it is unconscionable to initiate such a massive de facto "upzoning" without actively informing all affected individuals that their fundamental quality of life is at stake.
- In implementing SB 79, the City should pursue Approach C, Option 1, as described in the Planning Department letter. Approach C, Option 1 allows up to three-story multi-family buildings in eligible single-family residential areas. In conjunction with Approach C, Option 1, the GWNC Land Use Committee also strongly recommends confirmation that all HPOZs, City-designated Historic Districts and sites/areas designated on the National Register of Historic Places also be fully protected from SB 79 development. Two of the three PLUM Committee members who attended the February 24, 2026 meeting voted to fully protect all pre-2015 HPOZs. The letter from the City Planning Department protects "historic resources" which might be interpreted to limit protection to only contributing structures within HPOZs.
- It should be emphasized that Approach C, Option 1, with the HPOZ protection described above, if approved by the City, will be incorporated in a Delayed Effectuation Ordinance to remain in effect until approximately 2030. Therefore, this protection is temporary. Prior to the expiration of the Delayed Effectuation Ordinance, SB 79 requires either the adoption of Alternative Plans, for approval by the State, that rebalance residential growth within the City or all provisions of SB 79 will be fully implemented. The GWNC recommends that upon approval of the Delayed Effectuation Ordinance, the City allocates all necessary resources to initiate the development of Alternative Plans as soon as possible.
- Planning Department staff has stated its understanding that SB 79 implementation is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A full CEQA analysis would disclose potentially significant impacts on air quality, transportation, and the City's aging infrastructure systems. Recognizing that it is not

possible to produce a comprehensive environmental analysis between now and July 1, 2026, the GWNC LUC recommends that any City SB 79 implementation actions provide written justification for the position that the action is exempt from CEQA.

- C. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>

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

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Jesseca Harvey
B. **GWNC Winter 2026 Stakeholder Survey** - Geographic and demographic engagement and outreach/marketing reports. Full results report to be presented at a later date.
C. **Approval of Branded Ruler Design** (tabling giveaway)
D. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>

XI. **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, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

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

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Romi Cortier
B. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935>

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

- A. **Charter Reform Committee - Chair:** Conrad Starr
1. **Committee Report**
 2. **Community Impact Statements**
 - a) **Motion:** The GWNC will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners as follows: Much like our general support of the very similar Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition recommendations, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' Charter Reform recommendations dated Feb 18th 2026.
[NOTE: this motion passed 4/0/0 at the CR Committee on 2/12/2026.]
 - b) **Possible Motion:** The GWNC will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners urging the Charter Reform Commission to add Neighborhood Council Elections to the Charter, dictating elections every two years, but not dictating a specific term for Neighborhood Council boards.
[NOTE: this motion received a 1/0/2 vote at the CR Committee on 2/27/2026. The GWNC President agreed to place this before the Board for discussion and possible action]
[BACKGROUND: In their fiscal year 2026-27 Budget Request, the Office of the City Clerk is proposing to cancel (or postpone by two years) the 2027 Neighborhood Council elections to balance their budget. By their proposal,

board members would automatically have two years added to their terms. The City Clerk did not meet with the Neighborhood Councils or the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, nor did they inform the Department they were submitting this in their budget. Some Neighborhood Councils have four-year terms and run half the seats at each two-year election. Neighborhood Councils (including Greater Wilshire) turn their boards over every two years.]

3. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m. on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276994679>

B. LA28 Olympic Committee – Chair: Lisha Sevanian

1. **Committee Report**
2. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 7 at 7 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651423914>

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

XV. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting:** The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** at 6:30 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96677001434>
- B. Other Board Member comments and announcements

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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