

**Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
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President - Jennifer DeVore
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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:
Lisha Sevanian
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, May 13, 2026 6:30 PM

IN PERSON at The Ebell of Los Angeles
743 S Lucerne Blvd 90005

Supporting documents available at:
www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs/

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

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)) and Officer Andrew Jones 41719@lapd.online (8th Street to Olympic, La Brea to Mansfield)
- 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. **Supervisory District 2** - (Field Deputy Daniel Park - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov)
- H. **Supervisory District 3** - (Field Deputy Amanda Laflen - alafle@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 board docs** (Jennifer DeVore)
 - 1. Board member cameras must be on at all times in Zoom meetings
- 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 April 15, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. **Board & Board Alternate 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 12 - Western-Wilton Alternate
 - Area 14 - Windsor Square Alternate
 - Religion Alternate
- b) **Possible Board & Board Alternate Appointments**
 - 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 completion of **all five trainings**.. 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 due to incomplete training:** Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman
 - o **Code of Conduct:** Finck, Grossman,
 - o **Ethics and/or Funding:** Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Salinger, Shusterman
 - o **Gender:** Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman
 - o **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 April 2026 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

2. CC

4/3/26	Public Storage	\$247.00
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CHECKS

4/17	At Work Admin	\$530.67
4/17	At Work Minutes	\$321.20
4/17	At Work Admin	\$530.67
4/17	At Work Minutes	\$894.76
4/23	At Work Minutes	\$489.44
4/23	At Work Admin	\$126.35
4/23	At Work Admin	\$530.67
4/23	At Work Admin	\$530.67

3. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the May 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. NC Elections: The Mayor's Budget allocates \$861,988 for the City Clerk to administer the 2027 Neighborhood Council Elections through vote by mail (VBM). Also, included in the proposed budget is the rollover of up to \$10,000 in unspent funds. Through the budget hearings, the City Clerk intends to seek the ability to conduct a hybrid election by consolidating the twelve (12) election regions to six (6). In addition, the City Clerk will seek to have all unspent funds rolled over to the 26/27 fiscal year.

6. Congress of Neighborhoods

D. Secretary’s Report

VII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier

B. Committee Nominee for Survey Subcommittee: Romi Cortier

C. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935>

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Charles D’Atri

- B. **Committee Nominee for Survey Subcommittee:** Charles D’Atri
- C. **Next Meeting:** The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

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

- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Brian Curran
- B. **Committee Nominee for Survey Subcommittee:** Brian Curran
- C. **SB 79 Implementation Update:** Discussion of proposed ordinances prepared by the City Planning Department to implement SB 79 Option C1, which include the [Low-Rise Ordinance](#) and the [Phased Implementation Ordinance](#). The Planning Commission has scheduled a hearing on these ordinances for May 14, 2026.

Possible Motion: The GWNC opposes the Planning Department’s current recommendations for the implementation of SB 79, with specific focus on the arbitrary reduction of rear setbacks and the lack of transparency regarding permanent rezoning.

The GWNC further resolves to:

1. **Demand Data-Driven Planning:** Call upon the Planning Department and the Planning Commission to provide data justifying why a reduction from 15-foot to 4-foot rear setbacks is necessary, given that local studies show SB 79 requirements can be met under existing setback standards. This proposed reduction makes no sense since the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), which mandates a 15-foot rear yard and 5-foot side yards for multi-family zones like RD1.5, R3, and R4. The Department attempts to justify this reduction by citing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) standards which allow 4 ft setbacks. ADUs were intended as small, secondary units and not multi-story buildings with far greater occupancy and risk. There is no justification to apply the same standards.

2. **Oppose Permanent Rezoning via Overlays:** Formally object to any implementation strategy that results in permanent density increases that cannot be reversed should SB 79 be repealed or modified, as this bypasses the standard public input process for rezoning. We ask that the implementation of SB 79 is not a rezoning nor an overlay, but an incentive that must be revocable if SB 79 is repealed or amended to a lower density and/or a revised definition of a qualifying transit stop.

3. **Formal Opposition for May 14th Meeting:** Submit this motion and supporting technical evidence to the Planning Commission prior to the May 14th meeting to ensure the Planning Commission is aware of the community’s opposition and the viable alternatives that maintain 15-foot setbacks.

4. **Authorized Distribution:** That the City authorize the immediate distribution of educational materials and graphics to our membership to ensure residents are fully informed of the physical impacts of these proposals.

5. **Exempt HPOZs:** Clarify language in the Phased Implementation Ordinance and Low-Rise Ordinance to explicitly exempt HPOZs without qualification.

6. **Community Impact:** Preservation of neighborhood infrastructure, privacy, safety in light of recent historic fires that have taken place in and around LA, and local land-use control.

D. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>

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

A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Polly Estabrook.

B. **Committee Nominee for Survey Subcommittee:** Polly Estabrook

C. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, 2026 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117>

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

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

B. **Committee Membership**

C. **GWNC Winter 2026 Stakeholder Survey Report**

D. **GWNC Giveaway Ruler - Revised Design**

Motion: The GWNC approves the revised design for the promotional ruler.

E. **Western Ave Cleanup - May 30, 2026, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Motion: The GWNC will add its logo to the flyer and related outreach for the Western Ave. cleanup on May 30, 2026; and the Outreach Committee will table at the cleanup, provided there are at least four (4) GWNC volunteers confirmed by the May 13 General Board Meeting.

F. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>

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

A. **Board Rules Committee**

B. **Charter Reform Committee - Chair:** Conrad Starr

1. **Committee Report**

2. **CF 26-0489 (Department of Rec and Parks Budget)**

Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS on CF 26-0489 (neutral) to City Council and Committees in support of the Charter Reform Commission recommendation that the Department of Recreation and Parks budget be doubled; and that this increase be phased in with a four-year “onramp”; and the GWNC appoints Mark Alpers, John Gresham, Conrad Starr, and Erika Stuart to present the CIS whenever the GWNC President is unable to do so.

3. **CF 26-0489 (BONC Oversight over DONE)**

Motion: The GWNC supports the LANCC recommendation for the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to have oversight authority over the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE); and the GWNC appoints Mark Alpers, John Gresham, Conrad Starr, and Erika Stuart to present the CIS whenever the GWNC President is unable to do so.

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

C. **LA28 Olympic Committee – Chair:** Lisha Sevanian

1. Committee Report

- 2. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 14 at 7 PM via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651423914>

XIII. 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, 3 stakeholders
 - c) Outreach - 1 Board, 4 stakeholders
 - d) Land Use - 0 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - e) Environment & Sustainability - 2 Board, 3 stakeholders
2. Possible Committee Appointments

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, June 10, 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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