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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm
555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. – Room 185
Gardena, CA 90248

Board Members

Joan Jacobs - Chairperson
Alonzo Williams - Vice-Chairperson
Rosalie Preston, Secretary
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Jeremy Guyton - Community Organization
Jackie Jackson, Youth Advocate
Finesse Simmons, Youth Representative
Frankie Mays - Outreach/Communications
Clifford McClain, At-Large

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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call (quorum is 9 members)
- 2) Caltrans explains how to report over-grown vegetation, graffiti, homeless encampments, etc. on their properties
- 3) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes per speaker.
- 4) Reports
 - a) Los Angeles Police Department
 - b) Council District 15
 - c) Mayor Karen Bass – Shine LA event on Sat. July 26 from 8 am to 11 am in Harbor Gateway North (256 W. 117th Street)
- 5) Discussion: HGNNC Annual Assessment for 2024-2025 and preliminary discussion of plans for community engagement events/community improvement goals for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

6) Administrative motions

- a) Approval of up to \$300 for a retractable banner for outreach events **Vote**
- b) Support for Know Your Rights training (presented via Zoom on Thurs. July 31 at 6 pm) by the Reseda Neighborhood Council in partnership with Public Counsel, with inclusion of HGNNC logo on the flyer and advertising to our stakeholders **Vote**

Adjournment

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HGNNC Annual Assessment – July 2025

What were your top three goals for this term, and how were they addressed?

Beautification/Creation of Green Spaces: beautify Rosecrans medians with trees and shrubs—Council District 15 Field Deputy contacted the California State University Dominguez Environmental Science program about working with the Army Corps of Engineer on a grant for the project, but never got confirmation of any awards. It is unknown if he contacted Street Services regarding the proposal.

Safety and Cleanliness: host a Coffee with a Cop at a location along Redondo Beach Blvd. (probably 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.)—it was difficult to coordinate a date with Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez and then he was assigned to the Palisades fire area, later had knee surgery, and in June was assigned to the downtown LA curfew area after ICE raid demonstrations.

Increasing Stakeholder Engagement/Participation/Community Connection (including youth): 1) host van/bus trip for stakeholders to view HGNNC issues and assets as a way to create connections among all stakeholders—beginning research was done on how to rent vans and possible locations for meeting stakeholders, such as Ralphs, Metro C line park and rides, 135th Street in front of the school, and Gateway Center parking lot, but a definite date and plan was not worked out. 2) organize a cultural event, possibly in collaboration with the CD 15 Juneteenth event in Athens on the Hill (HGNNC District 5—Youth Representative Finesse Simmons worked out details of the event (black hair styles/care) but then planning for the 2025 Juneteenth event was delayed and finally cancelled due to budget issues. 3) create partnerships with existing community gardens (Stanford Avenue and Gardena Farmers) and the Venice Family Clinic twice a month food giveaways—new contact with the community gardens was not made but several Board members attended the Venice Family Clinic events and talked with the key contact (Patricia Reyes); HGNNC pressure resulted in improved sidewalk access to the Clinic from Menlo Avenue. Tabling was tried, but participants do not really have time to talk and many live outside the immediate area. 4) support HGNNC website improvements—suggestions for upgrading the HGNNC website have been made to the assigned webmaster but he has not created any draft new pages/design.

How did you engage with the community and ensure inclusive participation?

- *involving stakeholders in the Board election (Candidate Recruitment via Everydoor Direct mailer), voter registration event on February 1, 2025, with a shred van, and robo-calls and emails regarding voter registration)*
- *alerting stakeholders to planning and land use issues in their neighborhood: California Waste Services five-year permit review process with two community meetings at Rosecrans Recreation Center on October 15, 2024, and February 27, 2025; Tiny Homes/Modular Housing on 116th Place on October 28, 2024, May 19, 2025, and June 5, 2025; awareness of the Prologis warehouse Town Hall held on October 28 at the Nakaoka Center in Gardena*
- *participation in the October 8 Venice Family Clinic food giveaway in District 1, October 26 Trunk or Treat at Rosecrans Recreation Center in District 3, November 2 Clean Up Day in District 7, sponsorship of the SPA 8 homeless count for Harbor Gateway on February 20, and April 19 Spring Egg Hunt co-sponsorship at Rosecrans Recreation Center in District 3*

Number of stakeholder emails in Constant Contact: 1,005

Number of stakeholder telephone numbers in One Call Now robo-call service: 1,052

What policy decisions were made, and how did they benefit the neighborhood?

Seven Community Impact Statements were filed (synthetic grass, State fireworks law, City budget 2025-2026, oil well ordinances and acidization, ability to continue to meet virtually, opposition to SB 79, and City budget 2025-2026 priorities and City Budget - NC budgets). These all related to issues that our stakeholders had brought to us or that would impact the Neighborhood Council.

What partnerships or collaborations did the Neighborhood Council initiate or strengthen during the term?

- *Support for National Night Out on August 6, 2024, through an NPG for the LA Police Foundation and a table at the event to support **Southeast LAPD***

- ***Venice Family Clinic*** twice monthly food giveaways—HGNNC has created a relationship with Patricia Reyes, program manager for the Venice Family Clinic
- *Participation in Winter Wonderland at Normandale Recreation Center with Harbor Gateway South NC – December 20, 2024*
- *Ribbon cutting at the Weingart Willows (Project Homekey permanent supportive housing), 14032 S. Vermont Avenue, on January 30, 2025 – Weingart Foundation staff, LAHSA, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Council District 15*

What challenges did the Neighborhood Council face, and what lessons were learned for future terms?

- The Council District 15 Field Deputy for Harbor Gateway changed in early 2025 creating some issues for continuity in working on projects, such as the Rosecrans Avenue median beautification project.
- The City's budget shortfall caused the Juneteenth event in District 5 to be cancelled, which impacted the Youth Representative's planned event for that date and location.
- The Palisades fire and then crowd control for the anti-ICE demonstrations in downtown Los Angeles removed Senior Lead Officer resources that were needed for coordination of the Coffee with a Cop event.

Reflective Question:

What lessons learned or advice would we offer to the next board to carry this work Forward? What should they keep, improve, or stop doing?

Choose specific projects to meet the goals that are more realistic and can be achieved during a one-year period by the Board and stakeholders, with a detailed timeline to help keep everyone involved on track. For example, for the Rosecrans Avenue beautification project, work with the Council District 15 Field Deputy to structure a long-range plan with Bureau of Street Services for the project so that key targets can be met every six months to meet the goal, which may take several years to accomplish.

