



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Greater Valley Glen Council

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7 pm PST

Via Teleconference (Zoom - open to the Public)

Officers

Daniel Lopez	President
Cristina Molina	Vice President
Robin Shafer	Treasurer
Carla Fuentes	Secretary

Board Members

Alejandra	District 4 Rep	Daniel Lopez	At-Large Rep
David Berman	At-Large Rep	Cristina Molina	At-Large Rep
Alicia Bien	District 5 Rep	Cosmo Moore	At-Large Rep
William Blanco	At-Large Rep	Sloan Myrick	At-Large Rep
Joanne D'Antonio	At-Large Rep	Jessica Russell	District 4 Rep
Carla Fuentes	District 6 Rep	Robin Shafer	District 5 Rep
Lisa Goich	District 1 Rep	Dwayne Shirley	District 2 Rep
Michael Hjelmstead	District 2 Rep	Angel Song	Youth Rep
Andrea Jones	At-Large Rep	Cher Tenbush	At-Large Rep
Robin Lev	District 6 Rep	Michael K. Woods	District 1 Rep

Notes:

- 1) A Quorum for any GVGC Board Meeting is 13 Board Members.
- 2) Motions (or Official Actions) pass with a Majority of the sum of Yes and No votes cast.
- 3) [Rosenberg's Rules of Order](#) shall decide all order/procedure not otherwise provided by the [GVGC Bylaws](#).

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

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The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Daniel Lopez.

II. ROLL CALL

- Call of the roll and certification of a quorum.
 - **Present (13):** David Berman, William Blanco, Joanne D'Antonio, Carla Fuentes, Lisa Goich-Andreadis, Michael Hjelmstead, Andrea Jones, Robin Lev, Daniel Lopez, Jessica Dawn Russell, Robin Shafer, Angel Song, Cher Tenbush
 - **Absent (7):** Alicia Bien, Cristina Molina, Cosmo Moore, Sloan Myrick, Dwayne Shirley, Michael Woods, Alejandra

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Postponed

IV. ELECTED OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Report from LAPD Officer Delatori
 - Updates on Van Nuys 5k run and Faith in Blue event; emphasized traffic safety around schools.
- Report from Kelly Gonez, LAUSD Board Member District 6
 - Updates on backpack giveaways, Monlux Elementary garden opening, Grant High School modernization ribbon cutting, and We Are One campaign for immigration-related concerns
- Report from Nayeli Garcia, Office of CA State Assemblymember Celeste Rodriguez
 - Legislative updates, Caltrans service requests, upcoming literature drop event.
- Report from Ben Kwok, Office of LA City Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
 - Upcoming Shine LA event on September 27th, streetlight repairs, tree grant program.

- Report from Vincent Autiero, LA City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
 - Announcements on homelessness liaison meeting, CIS training, and Congress of Neighborhoods.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Comment from Beatrice Rulli, Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC)
 - Announced completion of Great Wall bridge project, plans for 50th anniversary celebration.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action: Brief Introduction Opportunity for Interested GVGC Candidates' Consideration and Possible Vote for Appointment to the GVGC Board.

- No action taken.

Sloan Myrick and Michael Woods join the meeting after roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

VII. TREASURER'S MOTIONS

- Agenda Item No: 7a Motion to approve July MERS
 - Moved by Daniel Lopez, seconded by Robin Shafer.
 - **Yes (13), Ineligible (2)**
- Agenda Item No: 7b Motion to appoint Cher Tenbush as new Treasurer
 - Robin Shafer noted upcoming treasurer responsibilities; Cher agreed to coordinate with DONE staff for training.
 - Approved by consensus.

VIII. MOTION TO APPROVE \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION FOR LA CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS

- Moved by Carla Fuentes, seconded by Daniel Lopez.
- **Yes (13), Abstain (1), Ineligible (1)**

IX. POTENTIAL POSSIBLE ACTION ON VALLEY GLEN MEDIANS AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS ON MEDIAN MAINTENANCE

- Item referred back to committee.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FEDERAL TREE PLANTING GRANT

- Joanne D'Antonio reported on federal funding opportunities, discussed need for native trees and volunteer support.

XI. FINALIZE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- Communications and Government Relations
 - To meet on 3rd Monday at 7 pm
- Parks, Medians and Improvements
 - To meet on 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm
- Planning and Land Use
 - To meet on 2nd Monday at 7 pm
- Arts and Education
 - To meet on 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm
- Safety and Public Health
 - To meet on 4th Monday (tentative)

XII. BOARD REPORTS

- President
 - Recap of priorities, coordination with DONE.
- Vice President
 - Absent.
- Secretary
 - Previous minutes will be circulated.
- Treasurer
 - Transition of treasurer duties to Cher.
- Sustainability Report
 - Updated on vegetation clearance regulations, NCSA advocacy for decarbonizing buildings, and LACMA palm tree article.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Next regular meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025.

Submitted

Carla Fuentes, Greater Valley Glen Council Board Secretary

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