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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 24, 2026 7:00 PM

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6	X	
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association		X
Christensen, David	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large / *VP, Leg. Affairs*	X	
Goodman, Mark MD	Bel-Air Association		X
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / *VP – Operations*	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Halsey Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District	X	
Kaye, Alan	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Lawrence, Aaron	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / *President (Presiding)*	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
André Stojka for Amir Navab	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Roth, Lynn	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts		X
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District / *Secretary*		X
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Vacant Seat	*Laurel Canyon Association*		*0*
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep	X	
Total:		**24**	**11**

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE & ROLL CALL

President Travis Longcore, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. He announced that the meeting was being conducted virtually in conformity with Senate Bill 707 and LA City Council File 23-1114. President Longcore led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted that Secretary Timothy Steele was unable to attend and that he would conduct the roll call himself. Roll call was taken; quorum was confirmed with 22 members initially and 24 within minutes of the roll call were recorded as present.

ITEM 1 — APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board considered approval of minutes from three prior meetings: April 22, 2026 (Attachment A), May 3, 2026 (Attachment B), and May 27, 2026 (Attachment C) as a single motion.

Before the vote, Board member Patricia Templeton noted a correction to the May minutes, indicating that language at the beginning of the insurance discussion did not accurately reflect her comments. President Longcore asked whether there was any objection to allowing Ms. Templeton to submit a written correction to the minutes taker after the meeting. No objection was raised.

MOTION

Motion: To approve the April 22, 2026, May 3, 2026, and May 27, 2026 meeting minutes (Attachments A, B, and C), subject to a written correction to the May minutes by Board member Templeton regarding the insurance discussion.

Moved by: Robin Greenberg

Seconded by: Aaron Lawrence

The motion was called for unanimous consent. André Stojka abstained, stating he was absent from the meetings. Patricia Templeton also noted she should abstain from minutes for meetings she did not attend; President Longcore advised that for a single combined motion, abstention due to absence is the not required. The vote was recorded as follows:

Vote: 21 – Yes | 0 – No | 2 – Abstain (Stojka, Templeton) | MOTION CARRIES

ITEM 2 — GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

President Longcore opened the floor for general public comment on matters within the Board's jurisdiction but not appearing on the agenda. He reminded attendees that under the Brown Act, the Board cannot take action on matters raised during general public comment, but that such matters may be agendized for a future meeting.

No members of the public raised their hand or indicated a desire to speak. General public comment was closed with no speakers.

ITEM 3 — UPDATES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

President Longcore noted that several offices were represented and invited representatives to provide brief updates, asking state representatives to focus on issues particularly relevant to the hillside communities.

Council District 4 — Walker King

Walker King, representing Councilmember Nithya Raman's office (CD4), reported the following:

Fourth of July Plans: CD4 will deploy no-parking zones along Mulholland Drive from Laurel Canyon to Wrightwood, with restricted shoulder areas near the Universal City Overlook (MRCA), which will close early on the evening of July 4th. Special LAPD deployment will be stationed along Mulholland and at Lake Hollywood Park. A changeable message sign will be placed at Laurel Canyon and Mulholland informing the public of no parking and heavy traffic. A party car patrol will operate on July 3rd and 4th. King noted these measures are consistent with prior years and have resulted in improved management of the area.

Field Deputy Vacancy: CD4's field deputy for Studio City and Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Sydney Liss, has departed the office. Interviews for a replacement were conducted the prior week, with a target start date in July.

Wildfire Preparedness Fair: A free Wildfire Day LA event, co-hosted with My Safe LA, will be held Saturday at the Autry Museum from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offering emergency preparedness supplies, information, and entertainment.

Board member Mindy Rothstein Mann asked whether last year's July 4th Mulholland measures had been effective. King responded that success is measured by the city's ability to maintain road safety, facilitate law enforcement access, and reduce dangerous gatherings, and that the operation has been refined each year. He noted that the street forms the boundary between CD4 and CD5 as well as LAPD divisions, complicating joint operations but not making them impossible for future years. Board member Patricia Templeton asked about lookout closures west of Beverly Glen; King agreed to follow up with MRCA about early closures for those areas as well.

Council District 5 — Kenneth Miller

Kenneth Miller, representing Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's office (CD5), provided the following highlights:

Oil and Gas Extraction: The City Council voted the prior day to advance an ordinance prohibiting new oil and gas extraction citywide and phasing out existing drilling — a longstanding priority of Councilmember Yaroslavsky.

Charter Reform: The Council voted on June 17th to advance certain charter amendments to the November 2026 ballot; details of what advanced and what was deferred are available in the CD5 weekly newsletter.

FIFA World Cup Events: CD5 continues hosting World Cup watch parties at Cheviot Hills Park.

LACMA Block Party: Held the prior weekend on Miracle Mile; well attended.

Miller indicated he would address the San Ysidro/Beverly Park construction traffic item (Item 6) when it was called.

Office of Assemblymember Rick Zbur — Farid Hadj

Farid Hadj introduced himself as a new field representative for Assemblymember Rick Zbur's office. He noted a background in AmeriCorps service, teaching, and political science (UC Santa Barbara), and prior experience interning for state assembly members. He mentioned that Assemblymember Zbur sends his regards, particularly to President Longcore, and announced that he would be the primary contact for this area along with colleague Robbie.

Office of Senator Ben Allen — Sophia Liebman

Sophia Liebman provided a brief update on bills of relevance to Bel Air residents:

Low-interest loan program for home hardening — passed the Senate and cleared the Assembly Policy Committee.

Increased enforcement at the California Department of Insurance (CDI) — similarly advancing.

Non-renewal bill — passed committee that day. Liebman thanked Palisades and Altadena residents, as well as Bel Air residents who shared their non-renewal experiences, which were used in testimony supporting the bill's passage.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment — Erica Gatica Doughty

EmpowerLA representative Erica Gatica Doughty provided several announcements:

Budget Day: The city's Budget Day event is scheduled for this Saturday at Los Angeles City Hall, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., featuring presentations from the Mayor, Councilmember Yaroslavsky, and Budget and Finance Committee members. Registration and parking are still available.

Joy P. Atkinson Awards (formerly Empower LA Awards): The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is accepting submissions from neighborhood councils for recognition of outstanding initiatives. The deadline is June 30, 2026. One NC per region will be selected. Eligible submissions include Community Impact Statements (CISs), Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs), events, and other activities.

2027 NC Election Information Sessions: Two sessions are scheduled — Wednesday, July 15, 2026 (6–8 p.m., West LA Regional Branch Library) and Wednesday, July 29, 2026 (6–8 p.m., virtual). Topics include the hybrid election model, election timeline, candidate filing, and voting procedures.

NC Webpage Updates: Due to database platform changes in anticipation of the new fiscal year, there may be delays in posting completed training certifications on the EmpowerLA website for the next several weeks. Board members who have completed training should retain their certificate of completion as proof.

NC Funding Training — New Requirement: A notification issued by the City Clerk's Office (dated approximately June 1, 2026) requires all Neighborhood Council board members — not only those holding financial officer positions such as signers, treasurers, or cardholders — to complete the NC

Funding Training. The deadline to complete the training is August 31, 2026. The training is hosted on the NC Funding website (not Cornerstone). Board members should ensure their public email addresses on file with EmpowerLA are current, as notices are sent to those addresses.

President Longcore confirmed that the new funding training applies universally to board members, not only financial officers, and is separate from the ethics training requirement. Board Administrator, Cathy Palmer, noted she had received a June 1st email from the City Clerk regarding the new training and offered to forward it to members who had not received it.

No public comment was requested for this item. President Longcore moved on.

ITEM 4 — PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Longcore reported the following items:

Neighborhood Council Excellence Awards: Applications are due by the end of June 2026. He encouraged members interested in submitting an application to speak with him after the meeting.

LA28 Olympics Orientation for Neighborhood Councils: An orientation meeting for neighborhood councils will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026 (doors open 8:15 a.m.) at a downtown location. BABCNC may send two representatives. President Longcore asked for volunteers; Aaron Kamin and Lynn Roth were selected to attend and report back to the Board.

July Board Meeting — In Person Only: The July 22, 2026 meeting will be held in person at the Tree People Conference Center. President Longcore explained that holding a blended (hybrid) meeting now requires prior consultation with the City Attorney and stated reasons, making in-person-only the practical choice. He noted the July meeting will include officer and committee elections.

ITEM 5 — MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

Treasurer Vadim Levotman moved to approve the May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (Attachment D).

MOTION

Motion: To approve the May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (Attachment D).
Moved by: Vadim Levotman
Seconded by: Aaron Lawrence

President Longcore opened the floor for board discussion and public comment. A brief discussion arose regarding the eligibility of board member Elizabeth Barcohana, who had completed ethics training that day. President Longcore noted that, pending clarification, her vote would be recorded; she stated she had not yet completed any financial officer training beyond ethics. Mindy Rothstein Mann disclosed that her husband, Robert Mann, was present in the room. A roll-call vote was taken on the motion, as required for funding items:

Board Member	Vote
Elizabeth Barcohana	Yes
Aaron Lawrence	Yes
Ellen Evans	Yes
Maureen Levinson / Dr. Goodman	Absent
Robin Greenberg	Yes
Lynn Roth	Yes
Jamie Hall	Absent
Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D.	Yes
David Kadin	Yes
Aaron Kamin	Yes
Bobby Kwan	Absent
Vadim Levotman	Yes
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.	Yes
Mindy Rothstein Mann	Yes
Alan Kaye	Yes
Nickie Miner	Yes
Michael Kemp	Yes
David Christensen	Absent
Robert Ringler	Absent
Tad Marburg	Yes
Jonathan Brand	Absent
Sandy Ryan	Absent
Irene Sandler	Ineligible
Stephanie Savage	Yes
Robert Schlesinger	Ineligible
Maureen Smith	Absent
Jason Spradlin	Absent
Jonathan Silver	Absent
Timothy Steele, Ph.D.	Absent
Andre Stojka	Ineligible
Patricia Templeton	Yes
Steven Weinberg	Yes
Leslie Weisberg	Ineligible
Alonzo Wickers	Yes
Stacy Marble	Yes

Vote Result: Motion carries. 20-0-0; 11 absences and 4 ineligible.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 6 — SAN YSIDRO DRIVE & MULHOLLAND DRIVE; BEVERLY PARK ESTATES CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC

President Longcore presented this item as old business, noting that the Board has received prior reports from the Traffic Committee and residents documenting: (1) construction-related heavy trucks causing measurable pavement damage on San Ysidro Drive; (2) the removal of a vehicle weight-restriction sign formerly posted at the base of San Ysidro Drive; and (3) Beverly Park-affiliated construction workers occupying residential street parking on San Ysidro Drive and Summitridge for the full workday, blocking driveways and preventing ingress and egress for residents.

President Longcore introduced a multi-part motion he had drafted and moved on the item. Board members David Kadin, Nickie Miner, Alan Kaye, and Robert Schlesinger identified as property owners or residents on San Ysidro Drive and recused themselves, joining the attendee pool for the duration of the item. Kaye was subsequently permitted to return as a member of the public for public comment purposes. Board member Stojka was noted as ineligible and Sandler as ineligible for voting purposes.

Board Discussion Summary

Ellen Evans: Raised two substantive points. First, she asked whether the projects causing obstructions had been issued discretionary permits, as that could create additional leverage. Second, she noted that per prior discussions with the City approximately ten years ago, weight limits on local streets typically do not apply to construction vehicles, and reinstatement of a weight limit may not provide the expected remedy.

Aaron Lawrence: Seconded the motion and noted a missing piece of information — the precise original location of the weight restriction sign — without which it would be difficult to verify its prior existence. He suggested using Google Street View historical imagery to investigate.

Kenneth Miller (CD5): Provided a detailed update on CD5's efforts to date. He confirmed that: (a) he had met with three deputy city attorneys representing LADOT, LADBS, and City Planning, and the consensus was that there is almost no legal mechanism to compel Beverly Park to change its gate policy, which is on private property. (b) He confirmed DOT does not currently believe San Ysidro Drive has a weight limit, consistent with Ellen Evans' prior observation. (c) The root of the problem is Beverly Park's policy of not admitting construction vehicles until 8:00 a.m., causing vehicles to queue on the public street. (d) He had been in communication with Beverly Park and proposed staggered arrival times, on-site rented lots, and use of their parking lot near the gate, but the City has limited legal authority to compel compliance. (e) He is prepared to ask LADOT to provide a formal report on enforcement activity and to commit to regular enforcement. (f) He noted that when LAPD and LADOT previously conducted enforcement during morning hours, many vehicles were found to be legally parked; blocking driveways and other code violations could be cited, but legal street parking cannot be ticketed.

President Longcore: Raised the possibility of whether the neighborhood could qualify for a Preferential Parking District (PPD). Miller noted the current CD5 policy does not extend PPDs to hillside areas, as they are typically designed to protect residential areas from commercial overflow parking, and that the PPD program city-wide is currently paused due to a backlog of applications. However, Miller acknowledged that this situation — commercial construction traffic displacing residents — may represent a legitimate case and offered to explore the question with LADOT and LADOT Deputy Jarrett Thompson.

Irene Sandler: Pointed out that enforcement conducted at midday would not capture the pre-8:00 a.m. queuing, which is the source of the primary problem, and urged that DOT enforcement be specifically timed to the early morning hours.

Ellen Evans: Argued that the root problem is the city's lack of urgency regarding hillside ingress/egress hazards. She noted the Haul Corridor Requirement (HCR) prohibits staging of haul trucks in the hillside due to ingress and egress concerns, and that a similar prohibition could be enacted by City Council for construction vehicles more generally. She further noted that CD4 does extend PPDs in hillside areas in her neighborhood, suggesting the CD5 policy is not universal.

Steven Weinberg: Asked whether a civil lawsuit — possibly a coalition of Mulholland and San Ysidro neighbors — seeking an injunction on grounds of public nuisance, had been explored. Miller confirmed that he had raised this with the deputy city attorneys and was told that private parties have standing to file such a lawsuit. He noted the city attorney had acknowledged the issue but suggested the public nuisance argument weakens if illegal parking is eliminated and vehicles are legally parked on public streets.

President Longcore: Argued that Beverly Park's gate policy is directly causing the public nuisance and that the City could file a public nuisance case, noting the City does so in other contexts. He urged that a formal letter from CD5 to the City Attorney's office requesting exploration of all public nuisance angles be included as part of the motion.

Public Comment Summary

Call-In User 1 (Dr. Pamela Pierson) suggested that, because projects within Beverly Park Estates required affidavits of on-site staging as a condition of permit approval, the building and safety records should be accessed to hold Beverly Park accountable to those representations. Miller responded that the staging requirement applies to large construction equipment such as cement trucks, not to workers' personal vehicles, but agreed to look further into the distinction.

Saniya Kazmi Bloomer (resident, top of San Ysidro Drive): Stated she and her husband are in the most heavily affected area and have never once seen law enforcement at the location. Described a specific incident in which they were delayed 20 minutes trying to leave in an emergency, as their Uber could not access the street. Noted that even when vehicles are legally parked, they displace visitor and service parking for residents. Reported that Beverly Park's guards prevent her from walking on streets adjacent to her home. Called on the Board to insist construction traffic be returned to Mulholland Drive.

Alan Kaye (speaking as a member of the public): Proposed early-morning no-parking restrictions on affected segments of San Ysidro Drive; noted that San Ysidro is some distance from the Beverly Park gates and that vehicles queue on the narrower street sections. Suggested the Board consider addressing Beverly Park's homeowners directly and offered to contact the Beverly Hills Fire Chief, whose department also serves this area, for a supplementary access assessment.

David Kadin (speaking as a private citizen): Asked whether the Beverly Park HOA president has been directly contacted. Mentioned that LAPD Senior Lead Officer James Allen has been following the issue and offered to share contact information for Officer Allen with affected residents.

Nickie Miner (speaking as a member of the public): Provided historical context: Beverly Park was originally in CD4 under Councilman John Bosh. The covenant was written approximately 40 years ago and specifically required construction vehicles to use the Mulholland entrance, due to the narrow, winding configuration of San Ysidro Drive. The covenant functioned without issue for 40 years; the current problems arose when enforcement shifted. She stressed that San Ysidro has no secondary egress and that any emergency affecting the top of the street would trap all vehicles.

Robert Schlesinger (speaking as a member of the public): Recalled his own role years ago in resolving an earlier instance of improper Beverly Park-related access through San Ysidro, noting at that time it had been resolved and traffic directed to Mulholland. Argued the only proper access to Beverly Park is Mulholland Drive and that this was the original understanding.

Saniya Kazmi Bloomer (second comment): Pressed the Board to explain why returning the problem to Mulholland Drive is not being discussed more seriously as a remedy, given that a large thoroughfare is better able to absorb the traffic than a narrow residential street.

Aaron Lawrence: Asked Miller whether the City of Beverly Hills, which is a signatory to the covenant, has been approached about enforcement. Miller confirmed he had not yet approached the City of Beverly Hills, and noted that even then, the covenant itself does not address the gate hours policy directly — only the designated access route.

Motion as Amended

As a result of board discussion, the motion was amended to include: (a) specification that LAFD and DOT enforcement activities should be timed to pre-8:00 a.m. hours, when queuing occurs; and (b) addition of 'public nuisance' language in the request to CD5 for legal guidance, specifically requesting analysis of the feasibility of the City Attorney pursuing a public nuisance claim against Beverly Park.

MOTION

Motion: That the Bel Air–Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council:

1. Reaffirms its January 28, 2026 position that construction-related traffic and access impacts on both San Ysidro Drive and Mulholland Drive must be resolved, and that no resolution that simply displaces the burden from one public street to the other will be considered acceptable.
2. Requests that the Los Angeles Fire Department provide a written assessment within 45 days of whether the documented daily obstruction of San Ysidro Drive — a narrow hillside street with no secondary emergency egress, in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone — constitutes an impairment of emergency vehicle access under LAFD operational standards, and what authority LAFD has to require clearance, with assessment timed to pre-8:00 a.m. hours when queuing occurs.
3. Requests that LADBS, in coordination with LADOT, condition all active and future building permits for Beverly Park Estates on a unified Construction Traffic Management Plan covering the development as a whole, prohibiting staging, queuing, or idling on San Ysidro Drive or Mulholland Drive, and designating on-site compliant staging areas.
4. Requests that LADOT determine whether San Ysidro Drive previously carried a posted vehicle weight restriction, why it was removed, and whether reinstatement is warranted as an immediate measure.
5. Requests that LADOT increase routine enforcement of vehicle code violations on San Ysidro Drive and Summit Ridge, including blocked driveways, illegal parking, and improper waste disposal, as an immediate measure, with enforcement timed to pre-8:00 a.m. hours when queuing occurs.
6. Requests that Council District 5 report back to BABCNC, in writing, by the Board's next regular meeting following LAFD and LADBS responses, with a status update including: (a) legal guidance received from the City Attorney's office, including analysis of any public nuisance claims available to the City or private parties; (b) a timeline for any interim measures, including the gate-access system previously proposed by the Traffic Committee; and (c) if no enforceable mechanism is found, what additional City Council action — including a formal Council Motion — would be required.
7. Directs the President to transmit this motion directly to Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto, Mayor Karen Bass, the LAFD Fire Marshal, and the General Managers of LADBS and LADOT.

Moved by: Travis Longcore, Ph.D. **Seconded by:** Michael Kemp

Board Member	Vote
Elizabeth Barcohana	Yes
Aaron Lawrence	Yes
Ellen Evans	Yes
Maureen Levinson / Dr. Goodman	Absent
Robin Greenberg	Yes
Lynn Roth	Yes
Jamie Hall	Absent
Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D.	Yes
David Kadin	Recused
Aaron Kamin	Yes
Bobby Kwan	Absent
Vadim Levotman	Yes
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.	Yes
Mindy Rothstein Mann	Yes
Alan Kaye	Recused
Nickie Miner	Recused
Michael Kemp	Yes
David Christensen	Absent
Robert Ringler	Absent
Tad Marburg	Yes
Jonathan Brand	Absent
Sandy Ryan	Absent
Irene Sandler	Ineligible
Stephanie Savage	Yes
Robert Schlesinger	Recused
Maureen Smith	Absent
Jason Spradlin	Absent
Jonathan Silver	Absent
Timothy Steele, Ph.D.	Absent
Andre Stojka	Ineligible
Patricia Templeton	Yes
Steven Weinberg	Yes
Leslie Weisberg	Ineligible
Alonzo Wickers	Yes
Stacy Marble	Yes

Vote Result: Motion carries. 17-0-0; 11 absent; 4 recused

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 7 — BUDGET COMMITTEE MOTION / BUDGET FY 2026-2027

Treasurer Vadim Levotman presented the proposed FY 2026-2027 administrative budget packet (Attachment E). He provided the following historical context: The City of Los Angeles created the Neighborhood Council system in 1999 with a $50,000 annual budget per NC in response to secession movements. That amount was *gradually* reduced to $32,000 during the COVID-19 pandemic and further reduced to $25,000 last year. The proposed budget is based on the current $25,000 allocation, with an anticipated $10,000 carryover from the prior fiscal year pending reconciliation by the City Clerk.

Levotman walked through the budget line items as follows:

Line Item	Amount
Partners in Diversity Staffing (Minutes Taker and Board Administrator)	$10,244
Meetings and Facilities	$2,500
Web Hosting (Web Corner)	$2,400
Software Subscriptions (Microsoft, Google, Adobe)	$4,500
Zoom License	$256
Office Supplies	$1,500
P.O. Box	$600
Refreshments and Snacks for Meetings	$1,000
Outreach (mailers, banners, swag, newspapers, events)	$2,000
TOTAL BASE BUDGET	**$25,000**

Levotman noted that email and software subscriptions represent approximately 12% of the budget, and that the motion also included a request that the Board write a letter to the appropriate City departments requesting that BABCNC email accounts be incorporated into the City's IT infrastructure. He explained that this would both reduce costs and help the City handle Freedom of Information Act requests on the Board's behalf. He noted that some councils had previously resisted city email systems in the interest of independence, but that given the current level of City oversight and regulation of NC operations, there is diminishing reason to maintain a fully independent IT infrastructure.

Board discussion included:

Aaron Lawrence asked for background on the independence rationale; President Longcore explained it stemmed from the desire for NCs to be self-organizing, and that early advocates had argued NCs should not even accept City funding. He noted that since NCs now operate largely as a City-regulated unit, city IT support is a logical step.

Michael Kemp recalled when BABCNC transitioned to Google email, noting at that time all board members had used personal emails before a shared Google platform was set up.

Ellen Evans noted that the City uses Google Workspace (G Suite), meaning city-managed email would still be a familiar platform.

Nickie Miner stated she agreed with the city email proposal.

The motion was noted as coming from the Budget and Finance Committee (recommended 6-0-0) and does not require a second per Board procedures.

MOTION

Motion: To approve the Draft Administrative Budget Packet for FY 2026-2027 (Attachment E), based on a $25,000 base allocation with anticipated $10,000 carryover from the prior year to be reflected upon City Clerk reconciliation; and to request that BABCNC write a letter to appropriate City departments requesting that Board email accounts be incorporated into the City's IT system.

Moved by: Vadim Levotman (Budget and Finance Committee recommendation, 6-0-0; no second required)

Board Member	Vote
Elizabeth Barcohana	Yes
Aaron Lawrence	Yes
Ellen Evans	Yes
Maureen Levinson / Dr. Goodman	Absent
Robin Greenberg	Yes
Lynn Roth	Yes
Jamie Hall	Absent
Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D.	Yes
David Kadin	Yes
Aaron Kamin	Yes
Bobby Kwan	Absent
Vadim Levotman	Yes
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.	Yes
Mindy Rothstein Mann	Yes
Alan Kaye	Yes
Nickie Miner	Yes
Michael Kemp	Yes
David Christensen	Absent
Robert Ringler	Absent
Tad Marburg	Yes
Jonathan Brand	Absent
Sandy Ryan	Absent
Irene Sandler	Ineligible
Stephanie Savage	Absent
Robert Schlesinger	Ineligible
Maureen Smith	Absent
Jason Spradlin	Absent
Jonathan Silver	Absent
Timothy Steele, Ph.D.	Absent
Andre Stojka	Ineligible

Patricia Templeton	Yes
Steven Weinberg	Yes
Leslie Weisberg	Ineligible
Alonzo Wickers	Yes
Stacy Marble	Yes

Vote Result: Motion carries 19-0-0; with 12 absences and 4 ineligible.

ITEM 8 — TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MOTION / MULHOLLAND AND NICADA PROPOSED STOP SIGN

President Longcore provided background: On March 26, 2025, the Board passed a motion (22-1-1) requesting that LADOT and Council Districts 4 and 5 investigate the feasibility of installing a stop sign or traffic signal at the intersection of Nicada Drive and Mulholland Drive, following two motor vehicle accidents. On October 22, 2025, a third serious accident occurred at this location when a vehicle went through the guardrail and over the cliff. At the June 17, 2026 Traffic Committee meeting, CD5 Transportation Deputy Jarrett Thompson advised that LADOT had previously reviewed the intersection and declined to install a stop sign due to traffic flow concerns, but that BABCNC could submit a formal letter requesting LADOT reinvestigate. The Traffic Committee subsequently recommended, by a vote of 8-3-0, that the Board request installation of a temporary stop sign on the southwest corner of Mulholland Drive at Nicada Drive (at the former traffic signal location) on a trial basis.

Presentation

Traffic Committee Chair Irene Sandler introduced the item and moved the motion as recommended by the Traffic Committee. Board member Patricia Templeton shared her screen to display photographs of the Nicada/Mulholland intersection taken from multiple approaches. She noted that the current motion proposes a stop sign on the far (southwest) corner of the intersection — after the intersection for eastbound traffic — to stop eastbound Mulholland traffic. She presented photographs illustrating the hairpin curve to the west, the approach from Beverly Glen, the Nicada-Mulholland confluence, and the location of a recently installed no-left-turn restriction (4–7 p.m.) from Nicada onto Mulholland.

Templeton also described a separate suggestion she had communicated to Jarrett Thompson: placement of delineators at the Nicada egress to create a single-car-width exit, making it physically harder to make illegal left turns during rush hour, and making any no-left-turn signage more visible. Thompson responded positively to those suggestions.

President Longcore displayed photographs submitted with the motion showing the intersection, damaged guardrail, and scene of the October 2025 accident.

Elizabeth Barcohana noted there is now a surface obstruction (possibly a tree root) near the intersection that is worsening and also poses a hazard.

Board Discussion Summary

Nickie Miner: Expressed the view that the intersection requires a full traffic signal rather than a stop sign, noting that a signal with directional arrows would more clearly control turning movements and prevent accidents. She cited the city's existing practice of installing traffic signals in close proximity to one another where intersection geometry warrants it.

Ellen Evans: Agreed with Miner that a traffic signal would be more appropriate.

Irene Sandler: Noted that the Traffic Committee had considered a traffic light but was concerned it would create backups on Mulholland Drive. The trial stop sign is intended as a lower-impact interim measure; if it proves insufficient, a traffic light request could be renewed.

Mindy Rothstein Mann: Expressed doubt that a stop sign would be effective, noting similar issues at the Deep Canyon and Hutton intersection where drivers routinely ignore stop signs. Stated concern that a stop sign would create unnecessary backups at other times when traffic is light.

Andre Stojka: Stated that traffic patterns at the intersection have meaningfully improved since the no-left-turn restriction was installed. He drives through the area daily and observed that the backup extending from Nicada down to Beverly Glen that plagued the neighborhood is now gone. He suggested the Board set the matter aside, monitor the intersection for another year, and bring it back if conditions deteriorate. He argued that requesting something from the City that LADOT has already declined puts the Board in a weak position.

Alan Kaye: Stated he was on the Traffic Committee and did not understand the value of a one-sided stop sign; he expressed concern that stopping only eastbound traffic while westbound traffic continues creates driver confusion and may worsen accidents. He also raised the concern that the stop sign would generate backups to the freeway.

Patricia Templeton: Raised several safety concerns. A one-directional stop sign may cause eastbound drivers to assume cross traffic also has a stop sign, leading to dangerous assumptions. Two-directional stop signs would create backups that could extend to the blind curve west of Nicada, placing stopped vehicles in the path of approaching traffic. Additionally, easier stop control at Nicada might encourage more illegal left-turn violations from Nicada, increasing cut-through traffic in the neighborhood — the very problem the no-left-turn restriction resolved. She recommended voting against the motion.

Public Comment Summary

Ed Allen (attendee; resides at the intersection): Stated that the two referenced accidents, including the white Tesla incident (photograph displayed) and the October BMW SUV accident, both involved westbound vehicles traveling at speed — a stop sign for eastbound traffic would have no effect on those collisions. He raised concern that a traffic signal visible from a distance would actually encourage drivers to accelerate to beat the light through the residential approach on Nicada. He stated he is unaware of any serious vehicle-to-vehicle accidents at the intersection itself and argued no significant change is warranted.

Stacy Marble: Noted a marked improvement in the traffic pattern through the neighborhood. Asked informally how many times the Board had observed enforcement at Nicada and Beverly Glen; Andre Stojka confirmed that enforcement occurred once visibly and apparently had a lasting effect. Marble said her observation matches that.

Kenneth Miller (CD5): Stated that enforcement has been requested and he is working to obtain a commitment from LADOT for a regular enforcement schedule at the intersection, to maintain the deterrence effect.

Following all discussion, President Longcore called the question on the Traffic Committee's recommended motion.

MOTION

Motion: To request that the appropriate authority install a temporary stop sign on the southwest corner of Mulholland Drive at Nicada Drive (at the location of the former traffic signal) on a trial basis, and to transmit a formal letter to LADOT requesting reinvestigation of this intersection.

Moved by: Irene Sandler (on behalf of Traffic Committee, recommended 8-3-0)

Seconded by: [not recorded; quorum present for vote]

Board Member	Vote
Elizabeth Barcohana	No
Aaron Lawrence	No
Ellen Evans	No
Maureen Levinson / Dr. Goodman	Absent
Robin Greenberg	No
Lynn Roth	No
Jamie Hall	Absent
Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D.	No
David Kadin	No
Aaron Kamin	No
Bobby Kwan	Absent
Vadim Levotman	No
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.	Abstain
Mindy Rothstein Mann	No
Alan Kaye	No
Nickie Miner	Abstain
Michael Kemp	No
David Christensen	Absent
Robert Ringler	Absent
Tad Marburg	No
Jonathan Brand	Absent
Sandy Ryan	Absent
Irene Sandler	Ineligible
Stephanie Savage	Absent
Robert Schlesinger	Ineligible
Maureen Smith	Absent
Jason Spradlin	Absent
Jonathan Silver	Absent
Timothy Steele, Ph.D.	Absent
Andre Stojka	Ineligible
Patricia Templeton	No
Steven Weinberg	No
Leslie Weisberg	Ineligible

Alonzo Wickers	No
Stacy Marble	No

Vote Result: Motion fails.

ITEM 9 — CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHARTER REFORM

President Longcore summarized background: On June 17, 2026, the Los Angeles City Council voted to advance a package of charter amendments to the November 3, 2026 ballot. Items advancing to the ballot include: (1) doubling Recreation and Parks Department funding; and (2) allowing noncitizen voting in certain local elections. Items deferred to a new ad hoc committee targeting a potential 2028 ballot include: council expansion (size increase), ranked-choice voting, voting age reduction, and the city attorney role split. The City Attorney's Office is now drafting official ballot language, with a final Council vote expected in coming weeks.

Board Discussion Summary

Ellen Evans (Chair, Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee): Provided historical and process context. In 2023, following the City Council ethics scandals ("the tapes"), an ad hoc City Council committee was convened to address charter reform, with council expansion (from 15 to 23 or 25 members) as a primary focus for reducing corruption. After that committee deadlocked, a formal Charter Reform Commission was established at City expense, with an executive director, public meetings, and outreach, with a mandate to develop measures for the 2026 ballot. The Commission's recommendations — which included 25 council members and ranked-choice voting — reflected significant public engagement by neighborhood councils and community organizations. However, the City Council chose not to place council expansion on the 2026 ballot (stating it required further study, a rationale Evans characterized as insufficient given its prior 1999 ballot appearance), while moving forward with noncitizen voting, which Evans argued has had considerably less public vetting. Evans proposed a letter protesting the disrespect for the charter reform process and for public engagement, and highlighting that the Council punted vetted measures while advancing less-studied ones. She characterized the Council's behavior on this vote as itself a data point against the argument that expansion would reduce Council dysfunction.

Elizabeth Barcohana: Fully agreed with Evans' process concerns and proposed an amendment (subsequently restructured as a separate companion motion/CIS) to address the noncitizen voting provision substantively. Barcohana detailed the following:

> Historical precedent: San Francisco was the first California charter city to extend local voting rights to noncitizens, limited to legal residents who are parents or guardians of children in the public school system, passed by the voters themselves. Oakland also passed a similar measure by ballot initiative. Two other Southern California cities had voters reject comparable measures. In all cases, scope was limited to school board races and to legal residents with children in public schools.
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> The Los Angeles proposal is unprecedented: Rather than placing a specific, defined expansion of voting rights before the voters, the proposed charter amendment would give future City Councils the power — by ordinance, not ballot initiative — to expand voter eligibility (potentially to any resident, citizen or not, for city council, school board, and ballot initiative races) at their discretion, tied to redistricting cycles.
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> Barcohana argued this represents an improper delegation of the voters' own authority, and that any such expansion should be subject to: (a) limits established by the Court of Appeal in Lacy v. City

and County of San Francisco; (b) voter approval rather than council ordinance; (c) public input before the City Attorney's language is finalized; and (d) a plan and cost estimate for how such elections would be conducted separately from county elections.

Barcohana noted that Councilmember Yaroslavsky voted in favor of the measure but did not speak during the June 17 City Council discussion, and that Councilmembers Lee and Rodriguez raised legal and logistical objections. She also cited current concerns about the City's capacity to administer elections independently of the county, given ongoing DOJ-related indictments.

After discussion, it was agreed that Ellen Evans' motion (concerning the charter reform process and the Council's failure to advance properly vetted measures) and Elizabeth Barcohana's motion (a CIS and letter regarding noncitizen voting) would proceed as two separate but complementary motions, and would be voted on together as a joint/consolidated vote.

Patricia Templeton confirmed her understanding of the Council's action: the Council punted the Charter Commission's fully vetted and publicly deliberated recommendations to a new committee, while advancing a new measure that lacked the same degree of public scrutiny.

Aaron Kamin noted that Evans' original motion implicitly treated noncitizen voting as an example of the Council prioritizing what it chooses, rather than what the public has asked for, and should remain in the motion.

Public Comment Summary

Call-In User 2 (identified as the author of the Nicada/Mulholland stop sign motion — Irene Sandler; the speaker experienced phone connectivity problems): Reported that she had been unable to offer testimony during Item 8 due to repeated dropped calls. She had driven to a different location to attempt reconnection and was finally able to join for Item 9. She requested the opportunity to present supplementary information on Item 8 at the next meeting. President Longcore acknowledged the request.

MOTION

Motion A (Evans): That BABCNC send a letter to the Los Angeles City Council expressing the Board's objection to the disrespect shown toward the Charter Reform Commission process and the public engagement it generated, specifically: the Council's failure to advance the Commission's vetted recommendations (including 25 council members and ranked-choice voting) to the 2026 ballot, while advancing noncitizen voting — a measure that did not undergo the same public vetting process — as an example of the Council prioritizing its own preferences over those expressed by the public. The letter should note that the Council’s own conduct on this vote reinforces concerns about Council accountability.

Motion B (Barcohana): That BABCNC submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) and accompanying letter to the City of Los Angeles stating: (1) the City Attorney's ballot language for noncitizen voting should be limited at a maximum to what the California Court of Appeal has permitted under Lacy v. City and County of San Francisco; (2) the Board objects to giving the City Council authority to expand voter eligibility by ordinance rather than by vote of the electorate; (3) the Board must be given an opportunity to provide public comment before the City Council takes its final vote on the ballot language; and (4) the City must provide the public with a plan and cost estimate for how separate city-administered elections would be conducted.

Moved by: Motion A: Ellen Evans; Motion B: Elizabeth Barcohana

Seconded by: Motion A: Aaron Kamin; Motion B: Aaron Kamin

Note: The two motions were voted on jointly in a consolidated roll-call vote.

Board Member	Vote
Elizabeth Barcohana	Yes
Aaron Lawrence	Yes
Ellen Evans	Yes
Maureen Levinson / Dr. Goodman	Absent
Robin Greenberg	Yes
Lynn Roth	Yes
Jamie Hall	Absent
Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D.	Yes
David Kadin	Yes
Aaron Kamin	Yes
Bobby Kwan	Absent
Vadim Levotman	Yes
Travis Longcore, Ph.D.	Yes
Mindy Rothstein Mann	Yes
Alan Kaye	Yes
Nickie Miner	Yes
Michael Kemp	Yes
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Irene Sandler	Ineligible
Stephanie Savage	Absent
Robert Schlesinger	Ineligible
Maureen Smith	Absent
Jason Spradlin	Absent
Jonathan Silver	Absent
Timothy Steele, Ph.D.	Absent
Andre Stojka	Ineligible
Patricia Templeton	Yes
Steven Weinberg	Yes
Leslie Weisberg	Ineligible
Alonzo Wickers	Yes
Stacy Marble	Yes

Vote Result: Joint motion carries 19-0-0; 12 absences and 4 ineligible.

GOOD OF THE ORDER & ADJOURNMENT

President Longcore opened the floor for brief announcements from Board members not on the agenda:

Kenneth Miller (CD5): Suggested a dialogue session between the BABCNC Board and CD5's legislative team to discuss charter reform, noting the office may be more aligned with the Board's concerns than the Council vote suggests. He offered to reach out to interested board members. Aaron Lawrence asked to be included in any such meeting.

Alan Kaye: Publicly thanked Ellen Evans for her service on the Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee and for running for office (her term will begin in the next election cycle).

Robin Greenberg / Mindy Rothstein Mann: Proposed providing a light meal at the July in-person meeting and taking a group photograph of the Board. President Longcore and Treasurer Levotman confirmed this is within the budget.

Ellen Evans: Noted she had looked up the inflation-adjusted value of the original $50,000 NC budget from 1999, finding it now equivalent to approximately $100,000 — and that the current $25,000 allocation is dramatically below that level. She also reported that the charter reform CIS from the prior meeting had been filed in time and she was able to make public comment before the City Council.

Patricia Templeton: Noted it was nice to have Andre Stojka back, even temporarily, as he served just before her in the roll-call order.

Mindy Rothstein Mann: Briefly mentioned that volunteers are being sought to assist with the artificial turf issue; any interested board members should contact her.

President Longcore thanked all board members for attending. He confirmed that July 22, 2026 will be his final Board meeting as President, as officer elections will be held that night at the in-person meeting at the Tree People Conference Center. A group photograph is planned for the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:36 P.M.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM Meet & Greet; 7:00 PM Board Meeting to be held in person at TreePeople: