

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - ZONE 6

For April 23, 2026

**For comments, questions, or to provide an update please email Z6 director:
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1. Multiple home break-ins have occurred in zone 6. NBC News has a report [here](#). LAPD can perform a safety walk-through of your block on a weeknight between 5pm-7pm. Officers walk the area and note anything that might be enticing to criminals or that might deter them. This is free and takes 30-60 minutes depending on how many homes. If interested in setting a walk through (needs multiple residents), contact me at the email above.

2. After many months, the Los Angeles Board of Public Works voted unanimously to forgo a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review and remove three mature, healthy trees on Warren Avenue as the start of a street repair project (the roots made the street and sidewalk extremely hazardous). The project will begin shortly and should conclude by the end of May.

Dept. Manager Hector Banuelos said: "Urban Forestry Division knows of 6 dead/dying trees along Warren Ave and in the immediate vicinity. The trees and stumps will also be included when UFD schedules the work. Additionally, UFD will plant replacement trees at the locations if determined feasible."

It is required by law that living trees be replaced at a 2:1 ratio, so at least six new trees will be planted in the area. [Results of meeting here.](#)

3. Two nonprofit groups, Mar Vista Arbor and Verdant Venice Group will host a tree planting event this Saturday, April 25, from 8am-10am at the intersection of Warren/Rose/Moore. They are looking for volunteers to help.

4. Wednesday May 6 will be a potluck neighborhood meeting to discuss a street mural painting party at the intersection of [Cabrillo and Stanwood](#). Stakeholder David Neptune is interested in bringing street mural paintings to Los Angeles. Inspired by the success of Mark Lakeman in Portland, Oregon, we have been working with the city to create a streamlined process for permitting a residential intersection--the street itself--to be painted by the residents during a fun community-building weekend event. David and some stakeholders are having an introductory potluck meet and greet on Wednesday May 6 to talk about the plans and where we are in the process. If you are in this area (or live near that intersection), we'd love to meet with you, even if only briefly. If you know of anyone on those streets, please let them know, too. If interested contact: aaron.vanek@marvista.org

5. (The following text was copied from the website with permission from the owner/author.)

The City of Santa Monica approved a plan allowing JSX Air to operate regularly scheduled passenger flights from Santa Monica Airport—without a full environmental review. JSX plans to operate up to nine takeoffs and nine landings per day using a 30-seat ATR 42-600, the largest regularly operated passenger aircraft at SMO. These

operations increase safety risks, noise, air pollution, and everyday quality-of-life impacts on surrounding communities.

Measure LC Defense is a coalition of residents filing a legal challenge to require a full, independent environmental review, as required by California law.

If you are opposed to increased aircraft flying in and out of SMO (even though they are scheduled to close by 2028), check out: LCdefense.org

6. Statement from Frank Mele and Lizzy Moore on behalf of the Mar Vista–Santa Monica Airport Good Neighbor Coalition (with light editing by Director Vanek)

On March 22nd, residents of Dewey Street in Mar Vista learned that a commercial trapeze amusement company, with 35' high platforms and amplified music, had been licensed to operate directly behind their homes on Santa Monica Airport at 2800 Airport Ave from 8am to 10pm — without any notice to the Los Angeles residents most affected. Within 25 days, a newly formed coalition of over 100 Mar Vista neighbors organized, attended public meetings, engaged elected officials, and made our case clearly and collaboratively. On April 15th, the Santa Monica City staff heard those residents and decided to relocate the Santa Monica Trapeze School at the city's expense, with a temporary operating agreement in place for 6 months while a more suitable location is identified. We want to emphasize that this outcome was achieved through partnership, not pressure — and we hold no ill will toward the trapeze school, a female-owned small business that has been a cooperative partner throughout this process. More information is available at mv-smo-goodneighbors.org.

This experience has also opened our eyes to a larger conversation. The Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project is a once-in-a-generation transformation that will directly shape our community for decades. The City of Santa Monica has made it clear to this coalition that they want CD11's input and involvement in that planning process, and we intend to stay engaged. We encourage the Mar Vista Community Council and all CD11 residents along the airport border to participate actively as the district framework takes shape. Their current framework is now broken into eight different districts, and they are proposing an Arts and Culture district along the Dewey Street Los Angeles border. The residents of Dewey Street have serious concerns with how that might be implemented, and are lobbying for passive green space and a natural buffer along the border with low-intensity use to preserve the quality of the neighborhood.

6. Beethoven Market filed for a CUB ("regular" alcohol use permit) in late March after having their RBP liquor license revoked due to three violations. [Info here](#). The consulting group they are working with, City Land Use, intends to present Beethoven Market's case at an upcoming MVCC PLUM committee meeting.

7. **Memorial:** Our dear Margaret "Peggy" Gehring passed away in early April at age 93. Peggy and her husband Wally were parishioners for fifty years at St. Mark's Church and she was a member of the choir. Wally received the Knight of the year 1972-1973. Peggy

loved her dogs, Jelly and Rosie, that she walked around the neighborhood. Funeral services were held at Holy Cross in Culver city on Friday April 10th.