

Final Report for Mar Vista Community Council Town Hall - Meet and Greet Occurred on October 3, 2026



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Overview

26 stakeholder online RSVPs

21 sign-ins (but a few people did not sign in)

- Eight RSVPs signed in, 12 were not on RSVP list
- Two DONE representatives (Marilu Guevara & Lorenzo Briceno)
- Field rep Janet Turner from Rep. Ted Lieu's office
- Eloise Nelson from LAPL

Demographics: Mostly older women

Formal slide show presentation begins at 2:30pm, ends roughly 3:30pm, informal conversations occurred until 4:30pm, during cleanup. Official breakout rotation schedule not needed, as guests moved themselves from one committee representative to another.

Remaining snacks and water donated to Friends of the Library (no board member wanted to retrieve or store the items).



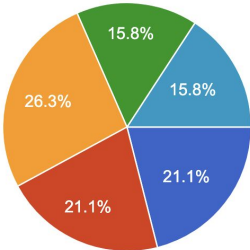
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Information from Online RSVP form

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How did you hear about this event?

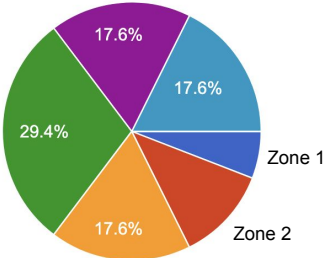
19 responses



- Mar Vista Community Council website
- Mar Vista Community Council Weekly Newsletter
- A Mar Vista Community Council Board or Committee Member
- Friend or Neighbor
- Flyer
- Something else

[Which Mar Vista zone do you live and/or work in? \(click to see the zones\)](#)

17 responses



- Zone 1
- Zone 2
- Zone 3
- Zone 4
- Zone 5
- Zone 6
- Zone 7



Comments and/or questions for us?

9 responses

Thank you for hosting

thanks for doing this Aaron!

From the Office of Rep. Ted Lieu

Looking forward to being there.

Would love to share briefly about the mar vista street mural idea

how does one get involved ? new resident

It would be good to have a toxic waste pickup weekend in Mar Vista.

I don't have any particular comments. I'm a graduate architecture student and currently work at a small engineering firm and would love to learn more about local development and planning and see if I can get involved in any way.



Feedback from Venue

It was a pleasure meeting you and the rest of the Community Council members who attended. I also thought the program was a success, and at least from our end, everything went smoothly. I spoke with Cassandra, and we both agree that this is a good fit for the library and the community. We would be happy to host this event again, so feel free to reach out (or pass on our contact information to the appropriate new councilmembers).

Eloise Nelson, Adult Librarian II
Mar Vista Branch
Los Angeles Public Library



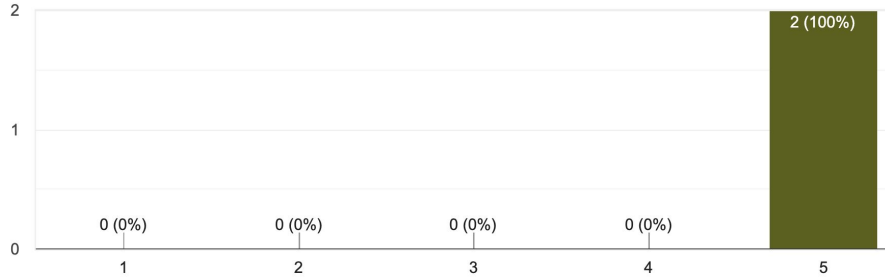
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Feedback from Attendees

How satisfied were you with the event?

2 responses

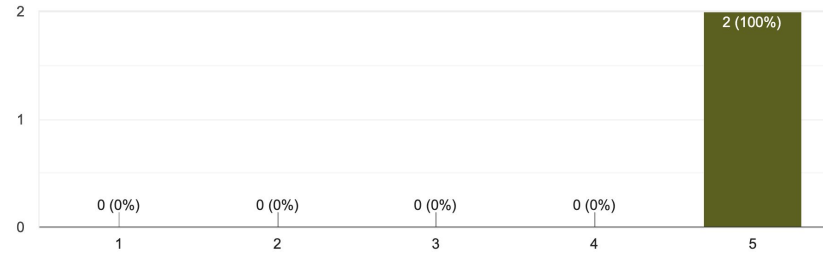
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How relevant and helpful do you think it was for your experience in Mar Vista?

2 responses

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What were your key take aways from this event?

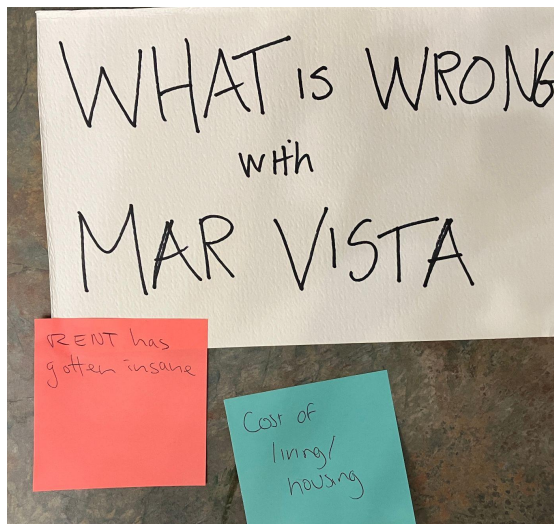
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How Mar Vista Neighborhood Council operates with the City Council

Talking to committee heads

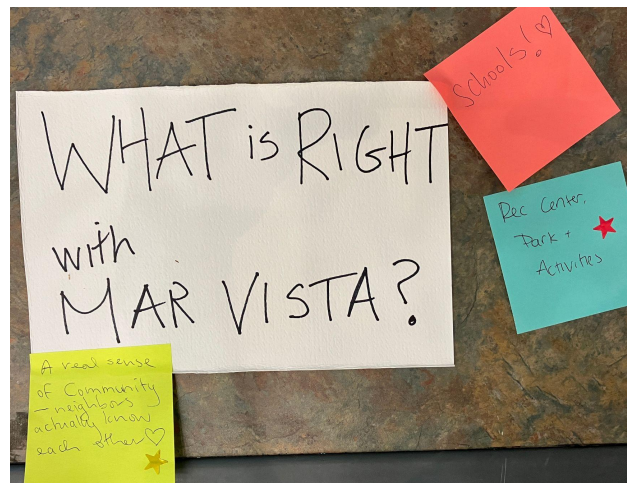
Notes from Event

We presented two questions to attendees to respond to on Post-It Notes. Others who agree could add a star sticker to the note.



Responses:

1. RENT has gotten insane
2. Cost of living/housing



Responses:

1. Schools! ♥
2. Rec. center, park + Activities [1 star]
3. A real sense of Community-neighbors actually know each other ♥ [1 star]

Anecdotes and Recommendations from Board Members Vanek and Peterson

Vanek: Conversations with S. of the Community Garden on Centinela who had questions about NPGs and making the garden and educational center. Also with R. a resident of zone 6, and we discussed multiple issue, mainly the DCRC on Beethoven and Venice.

Peterson: Suggestions for next time, shorter overall presentation and shorter overall time frame, and the library location was a good choice for this. Had a good conversation with library about Neighborhood Purpose Grant for 100th anniversary.

Recommend repeating the Town Hall Meet and Greet once a year in October, especially after new board members are seated.



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Thanks and Credits

Mar Vista Community Council; Town Hall Planning Ad Hoc Committee; Carole Adams, Cassandra Gergis, and Eloise Nelson from the Mar Vista Branch Library; Erica Gatica-Doughty and Marilu Guevara from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; Cesar Torres and Ana Cardoso in the Office of the City Clerk; Director Steven Hedge for the water donation, and especially all attendees in body and spirit!



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