



# MarVista NEWS

## SPRING 2022 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Welcome Neighbors,

This August, the Mar Vista Community Council will have been serving you for 20 years! As we look forward to the next 20, please consider joining us in working to keep Mar Vista a wonderful place to live, work, and thrive!



### MVCC 20th Anniversary!

We have 5 committees that allow for stakeholders (that means you) to attend, deliberate, and vote on the matters that will be heard before the Board.

They are:

- **Elections & Bylaws**
- **Outreach**
- **PHS & Homeless**
- **Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM)**
- **Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I)**

The schedule is also easy to remember, our meetings are the first two Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of the month with the Board of Directors meeting on the third Wednesday.

Check out our Calendar for full details including agendas and supporting documents. Just click on the meeting for a pop-up window. All agendas must be posted 72 hours before the meeting. If there is no agenda in the pop-up window, the meeting will not be held.

**The short link to our Calendar is: [MarVista.org/calendar](https://MarVista.org/calendar).**

Please, do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you connect with the City of Los Angeles! **MVCC's phone number is 424-256-3633.**

**My email is [Chair@MarVista.org](mailto:Chair@MarVista.org).** Stay well and hope to hear from you soon.

Kathryn Wheeler, MVCC Chair

### OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

1st Tuesday of the Month 6:30 -8:00pm  
**PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM)**  
[zoom.us/j/95872862038](https://zoom.us/j/95872862038)  
 Meeting ID: 958 7286 2038  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

1st Wednesday of the Month 6:00-8:00pm  
**TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE (T&I)**  
[zoom.us/j/93701078039](https://zoom.us/j/93701078039)  
 Meeting ID: 937 0107 8039  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

1st Thursday of the Month 6:30-7:30pm  
**OUTREACH**  
[zoom.us/j/98973758618](https://zoom.us/j/98973758618)  
 Meeting ID: 989 7375 8618  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

2nd Tuesday of the Month 6:00-7:00pm  
**ELECTION & BYLAWS**  
[zoom.us/j/93644477061](https://zoom.us/j/93644477061)  
 Meeting ID: 936 4447 7061  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

2nd Wednesday of the Month 6:30-8:30pm  
**PHS & HOMELESS**  
[zoom.us/j/98720549076](https://zoom.us/j/98720549076)  
 Meeting ID: 987 2054 9076  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

2nd Thursday of the Month 6:30-7:30pm  
**EXECUTIVE/BUDGET & FINANCE (ExFIN)**  
[zoom.us/j/96470572576](https://zoom.us/j/96470572576)  
 Meeting ID: 964 7057 2576  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

3rd Wednesday of the Month 6:30-9:00pm  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
[zoom.us/j/94656476371](https://zoom.us/j/94656476371)  
 Meeting ID: 946 5647 6371  
 Dial in: (720) 707-2699 or (346) 248-7799

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS OVERVIEW

The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) was the 41st neighborhood council to be certified; that was on August 13, 2002.

The Neighborhood Council System was created in 1999 to make the 2nd largest city in the United States smaller. It was an earnest effort to make this large city more responsive to local needs and promote more participation in government.

The MVCC is an advisory board that provides direct feedback to the City regarding what it may or may not be doing. This feedback is through Community Impact Statements (CIS). Only neighborhood councils may file them. They go directly to a City department, bureau, commission as well as the City Council and its committees. And, best of all, only Mar Vista Stakeholders (like you) may create them for the MVCC!

The Board of Directors meets once a month to vote on motions that have been heard and voted upon in one of MVCC's committees (i.e., Elections & Bylaws, Outreach, PHS & Homeless, Planning & Land Use Management, Transportation & Infrastructure). Stake-

holders are encouraged to write motions, submit them to a committee, attend the meeting, deliberate on it, and vote during the committee meeting. If you need assistance writing a motion, simply contact any director or committee chair. Visit [MarVista.org](http://MarVista.org) > Council > Board and use the email icon under the director's name.

Like all volunteer organizations, it only works if people participate. We can't do it alone, nor should we speak on behalf of Mar Vista without stakeholder input. It is important to hear everyone, listen to the differing opinions, and come to a consensus that works for Mar Vista.

It is good that we are different from our neighboring councils—it is how it was designed. Today, there are 99 councils. Since 2002, Mar Vista has been on the cutting edge of working to make government more responsive to our local needs.

Is the City Council doing something you like? Don't like? Come and participate in your Mar Vista government.

## What are YOU interested in?

These are the committees that make up the MVCC. We'd love your input.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** is the governing body of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC). Its members are elected by the stakeholders of Mar Vista every two years. The Officers of the Mar Vista Community Council are elected by the Board once a year. The Officers are the Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE (T&I)** serves as the policy advisory body to the MVCC on transportation and infrastructure issues that concern and/or impact our community. The committee's goal is to promote community input and involvement on these issues regarding:

(a) redress of issues raised by the community regarding traffic, transportation, and infrastructure, and

(b) the development of area planning strategies for transportation and infrastructure, in cooperation and coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and other city organizations, that will enhance the quality of life for all in the Mar Vista community.

**PHS & HOMELESS** promotes stakeholder input concerning homeless issues in our community. The Committee encourages involvement, provides relevant information and resources, acts as advocate and liaison, and supports viable and equitable solutions. Our goal is to decrease the number of homeless people on the streets of Mar Vista by 20% every year over the next five years.

**ELECTIONS & BYLAWS** ensures that the Mar Vista Community Council conforms with the Election guidelines of the City of Los Angeles and the Election Procedures of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and supports the election efforts of the Mar Vista Community Council and the Greater Mar Vista Community.

This committee ensures that the Mar Vista Community Council's Bylaws conform with the City of Los Angeles and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment guidelines, and that they provide a procedural framework which promotes the effectiveness of the Mar Vista Community Council.

**OUTREACH** creates and disseminates content through traditional, social, and electronic media that educates and informs Mar Vista stakeholders of the Mar Vista Community Council; including, but not limited to, increasing awareness of and participation in its functions, duties, and decisions.

**PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM)** promotes community input and involvement in land use, planning, beautification and appropriately sized public, commercial, and residential development in Mar Vista. Recommendations are made to the MVCC Board of Directors, in order to improve the health and quality of life for MVCC stakeholders.

**EXECUTIVE/BUDGET & FINANCE (ExFin)** ensures that all Council expenditures are compliant with the City's requirements and remains within budget. Any new expenditures must first be heard at ExFin before proceeding to the full Board. ExFin is also responsible for the annual Administration Packet which categorizes the previous year expenditures and sets the budget for the next Fiscal Year.



# PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM)

The PLUM Committee, comprised of PLUM Chair Drew Ruesch, Vice-Chair Stacey Greenwald, and 2nd Vice-Chair Tyler Laferriere have continued to emphasize education and housing affordability both with their stakeholder engagement and interactions with developers. Care has been given to maintain stakeholder awareness of renter protections and financial resources available during these unprecedented times.



*New development planned for 12759 W. Caswell Ave.*

During the July to December 2021 interval, new planning submissions were few, but since the start of 2022 that volume has increased. The committee voted to oppose a new development in Zone 7 on Caswell Ave. despite this development being by-right. The committee is expected to hear additional presentations in the near future, particularly from developers interested in building in Zone 7.

The committee has also been proactive in discussing city housing policy, taking up a variety of motions concerning new city planning and land use ordinances.

The PLUM Committee passed motions of support for:

**CF 21-0658**, which proposed to investigate strategies to fast-track developments deemed 100 percent affordable housing, that is, priced according to tenant income and below market-rate.

**CF 14-1635-S10**, which instructed the Department of City Planning to propose better regulations for short-term rentals.

**CF 15-0129-S1**, which would formally enact the provisions of the Mello Act, which the state legislature approved in 1982 but was only provisionally implemented in the City of Los Angeles.

The Committee further supported initiatives by its colleagues from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) to improve oversight of developers, prevent abuse of planning process and to support ACA 7, a ballot initiative to give local governments exclusive control over land use, zoning, and planning decisions.

### Conditional Use Permits Approved

Finally, the committee has been active in approving conditional use permits, empowering local businesses and restaurants to expand their commercial activities in Mar Vista and better serve the tastes and needs of our community. So far, permits were supported for a restaurant in Zone 4, two restaurants in Zone 2, and a market and two restaurants in Zone 5, one of which heartily supported the efforts of a chef and restaurateur to expand into the spaces formally known as Timewarp Records and Black Diamond Tattoo to create another eatery and full-service bar.

## BOARD AND CHAIRS

Mar Vista Community Council advocates on issues like homelessness, land use, public safety, parks, transportation, and sustainability. We also provide a local voice on the delivery of City services to our community. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or if you would like to participate.

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# ZONE UPDATES

## ZONE 1

Zone 1 continues to display the charm that entices many to its friendly confines and that reaffirms why its diverse array of residents call it home. Due to active community input, Zone 1 remained in Council District 5, thereby assuring it remains connected to the broader UCLA community.

The response to the Housing Element process left the historic Fritz Burns-designed community largely with the same zoning framework which it experienced during the previous RHNA cycle. Single-family streets remain untouched for current and future residents to enjoy while also providing for multifamily along major arterials.

In 2021, St. John's Presbyterian considered participating in the Safe Parking Program to provide a secure location for un-housed neighbors to park and rest during the evenings. After extensive community consultation and feedback, St. John's decided that the Safe Parking Program would not be an appropriate endeavor within the community as well as owners of the retail spaces on Sepulveda and National due to liability concerns. We will continue to engage to find space for the Safe Parking Program.

I can be reached at:

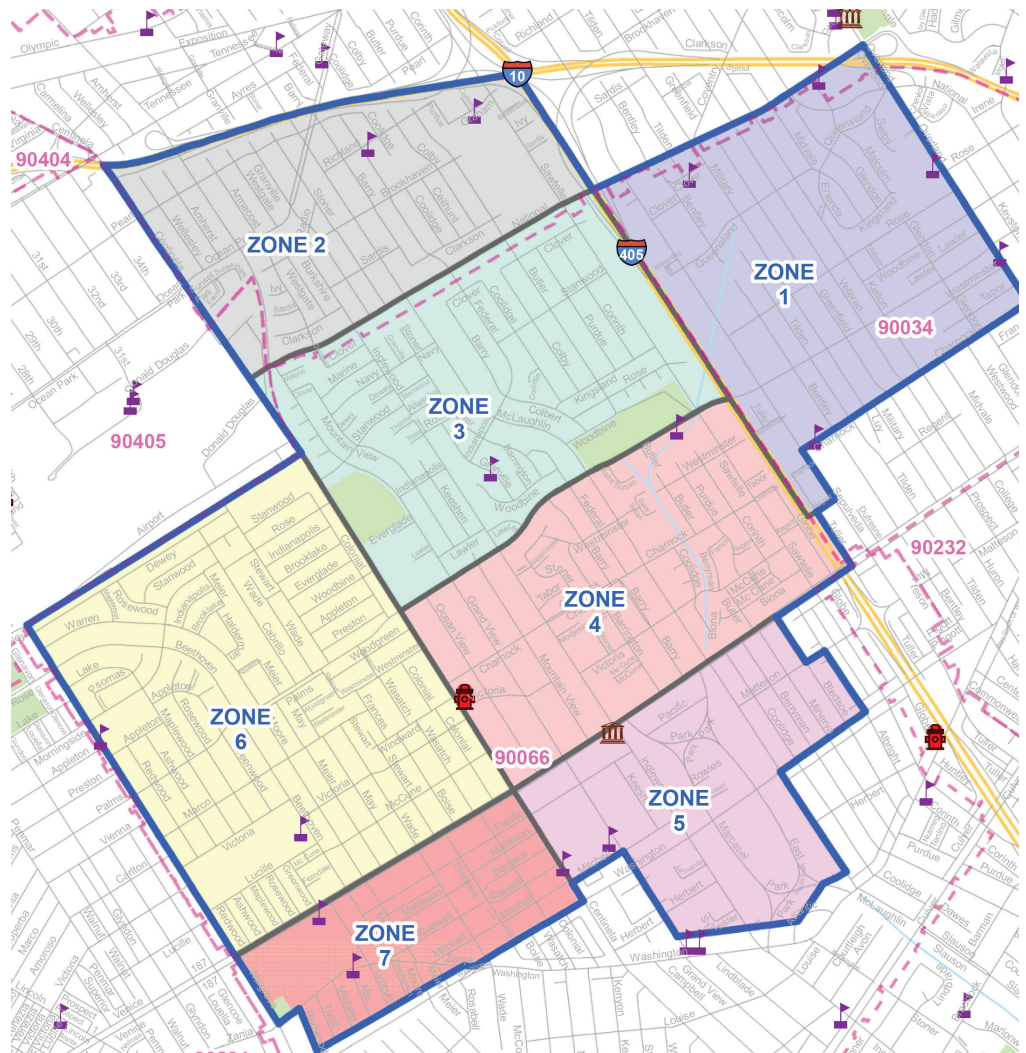
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## ZONE 2

The MVCC is a locally-elected, unpaid advisory part of LA City government. Your opinions matter. Mar Vista is dealing with a variety of issues that range from: Homeless encampments, crime, traffic, noise and air pollution that arises from Santa Monica Airport and gardeners' equipment, developments rising up, and anything else you feel needs attention. Please contact me. In order to represent you and our MVCC Zone 2 on the MVCC Board of Directors, I need your participation. I look forward to hearing from you.

I can be reached by at:

[Martin.Rubin@MarVista.org](mailto:Martin.Rubin@MarVista.org), or at  
(310) 479-2529 (Leave a message).



## ZONE 3

The Mar Vista Recreation Center and neighbors were actively working through the latter part of 2021 to reduce the number of encampments in Mar Vista park. Efforts were successful and the Park continues to remain clear. LAMC 41.18 was amended by the LA City Council to provide tools to help deal with encampments. Please reach out to **Ariane Garcia** ([arianne.garcia@lacity.org](mailto:arianne.garcia@lacity.org)) at CD 11's office if you support the use of LAMC 41.18 to keep the park clear of encampments. Currently, it is not being utilized.

Residents in Zone 3 are asking the city to replace trees that have been cut down or are diseased. We hope to see new trees on Coolidge, Butler, and Purdue Avenues in the near future, although the city arborist has been out for medical issues resulting in delays.

**Crime trends in Zone 3:** Burglaries increased during the last quarter of 2021. Vehicle related thefts including catalytic converters, and wheels/rims continues to be an ongoing problem. Toyota Prius and Honda Accords are popular targets. Try to park your vehicle in a hard-to-reach spot such as your driveway and install shields for the converters to discourage thieves. Install motion detector lights and cameras. I will be looking into the Neighborhood Watch Program for Zone 3. There are reports of encounters with homeless individuals displaying mental health related issues. The best practice is to avoid the individual.

For any Zone 3 community related concerns or news you would like to share, I can be reached at: [Andrew.Marton@MarVista.org](mailto:Andrew.Marton@MarVista.org)



## ZONE 4

Zone 4, an area that is south of Palms, north of Venice Blvd., east of Centinela, and west of the 405 is a mostly residential area with commercial buildings of the Zone 4 borders on Venice Blvd., Centinela Ave., and Palms Blvd. .

Zone 4's biggest concerns are focused on safety. The most notable threat to stakeholders safety are burglaries, car thefts, assaults, and batteries. The increase in crimes over the past few years has made residents think twice about how and when they venture out. There is a very large encampment under the 405 Freeway on Venice Blvd. near Globe Ave. We need to reignite the campaign to have this encampment removed as soon as possible. On a happier note, stakeholders in Zone 4 are walking their dogs, stopping and chatting with neighbors, and providing support to each other with an "informal neighbor watch" fashion, both in person and on social media. I welcome stakeholders' input on what is wanted for Zone 4. Desired changes start with good ideas and then require the people to execute them. If you are participating in activities that are helping Zone 4, let me know and I can share. Please contact me with concerns, ideas, or a willingness to execute on someone else's ideas.

I can be reached at:

**Jennifer.Rafeedie@MarVista.org.**

## ZONE 5

Downtown Mar Vista area has seen several homeless sweeps pushing our unhoused population from the area adjacent to Yum Yum Donuts to the areas in front of Mar Vista Library and behind the Mar Vista Post office. Several stakeholders reached out about a recent homeless encampment fire directly in front of the library. I wil continue to bring these issues in front of CD11's field deputies and LAHSA, The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

I have been in communication with outreach groups with the goal of housing and providing services to these folks. I encourage you to contact **Sachin Medhekar - sachin.medhekar@lacity.org** who is now the Homeless and Housing deputy for our area, as well as contacting our own PHS & Homeless Committee for resources. Dialing 211 or 311 will also connect you to City Services.

Crime in Zone 5 has been relatively low with a handful of auto related incidents. For non-emergency help or to report a non-emergency incident, contact our LAPD Senior Lead Officer, **Hector Aceves, at 39174@LAPD.ONLINE**. Homeless outreach deployment information can be obtained here: <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>

For encampment, graffiti, dumping/pickup, and other issues, contact the city by calling **311** or visiting [www.lacity.org/myla311](http://www.lacity.org/myla311).

Lastly, for any Zone 5 concerns or news you would like to share, I can be reached at **Drew.Ruesch@MarVista.org**

## ZONE 6

Mar Vista has gone through many changes. With your input, MVCC took policy positions on various issues and communicated your voice to the city via Community Impact Statements (CIS). Some of these were:

- A proposed commuter school on the Mark Twain campus
- The "Venice Blvd Road Diet"
- RV parking
- A proposed 83-foot-tall building on Venice Blvd.
- McMansions, Airbnb's and more
- Homeless encampments
- Bike chop shops
- The Community Plan

### Current/future issues are:

- Beethoven Market was sold. What will replace it? Will we lose our Pizza Man?
- SB9 & SB10 could allow 4 or 10 units on our R1 lots. Will LA City give up local control over this zoning? Proposed up-zoning of some R1 parcels to R2. (First 1-2 blocks north of Venice).
- Safe Camping and Safe Parking sites.
- The Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC, 12901 Venice Blvd) is a probable mixed-use site for Permanent Supportive Housing of affordable housing units (source of funding will determine the clientele), 5+ stories, 27-38 units above commercial.
- Will Historic Fire Station 62 become a community center?
- If the Santa Monica Airport closes, the land bordering Bundy belongs to LA, will it become a park, more housing, or?
- We are considered an "underutilized" area which in developer/investor speak means \$\$\$\$\$\$. With no more open land, they can only build up, creating density. We are losing any affordable housing stock as the older multi-unit properties are sold. These could turn into 5-8 story buildings with no guarantee the affordable units are replaced.

For any Zone 6 community concerns, I can be reached at

**Holly.Tilson@MarVista.org**

## ZONE 7

Venice High School (VHS) has a new principal and soon, a new gym. VHS has lower COVID-19 infection rates than the district average.

There are currently four proposed demolitions and four new developments that are in the planning process in Zone 7. The new housing consists of luxury apartments with little in the way of affordability or adequate parking.

If you have any questions or concerns about Zone 7, or are looking for resources please reach out.

I can be reached at **Faith.Myhra@MarVista.org**



# PHS & HOMELESS

The intent of the PHS & Homeless Committee is to represent Mar Vista on issues related to health, public safety, and homelessness. The Committee weighs in on relevant LA City Council Motions by reviewing and voting on the motions to reflect stakeholder and community member sentiment. The MVCC Board of Directors makes the final vote on the issues raised. Community Impact Statements (CIS) and supportive statements are provided to the CD11 City Council Member so that the Council member has the opportunity to represent constituents.

## Committee Actions

LA City Council motions brought to the MVCC Board of Directors resulting in CIS:

**MVCC opposed Council File 21-0863**, Expanding Housing Options to Help More Homeless Individuals Transition from the Streets through a Housing Now Fund, unless the following conditions are met:

1. Supportive housing for individuals with serious mental health issues should not be located near schools within 500ft.
2. Drug addiction treatment should be required and provided by a City agency or partner organization for individuals demonstrably using illegal substances in order to receive tax-payer subsidized housing.

**MVCC supported Council File 21-1115** to request a bicycle theft ordinance modeled after Long Beach's ordinance.

**MVCC supported Council File 21-0929** to designate all public schools as sensitive sites for enforcement under LAMC 41.18

**MVCC supported Council File 14-1057-S9** to ban overnight vehicle dwelling in all areas of the City, except that in non-residential areas such dwelling may be allowed under a specified permit system.

## The City Needs to Find Alternatives to Encampments

The majority of Mar Vista community members are interested in clearing encampments from public spaces. Encampments interfere with public health and safety for all who live, work, play, and visit Mar Vista, and they serve no healing purpose to those who live within them. If we as a community come together, rejecting "us versus them" attitudes, we can all agree that encampments are not the answer for anyone.

The Committee's aim is a 20% decrease in Mar Vista's unhoused citizens each year for the next five years. Recent accomplishments have been the clearing of:

The Mar Vista Park encampment, reduced encampments at Bowlero, Centinela/10 Fwy, Gateway/10 Fwy, and the Post Office. The 405 Fwy underpass at Venice Blvd remains problematic as the largest encampment on the Westside, fostering unsafe conditions for the community. This remains a high priority!



We need your voices at PHS and Homeless Committee Meetings. We want to collaborate on solutions that recognize the needs of the community as a whole. Crime, addiction, and unsanitary conditions are risk factors for everyone. Unhoused citizens afflicted with mental illness and/or addiction need help, but not without accompanying accountability and resources. We invite all stakeholders and community members to be part of these important discussions.

**Resources for individuals and households experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless:**  
<https://www.lahsa.org/get-help>

**Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal:**  
<https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/request>

## How to Make a Motion

If **YOU** would like MVCC's backing on any given issue, contact the MVCC Chair or the appropriate committee Chair. Contact information can be found under the Council > Committees tab at MarVista.org, and in this newsletter on page 3. You will be requested to submit in writing a motion or desired action to be taken. The motion can be as simple as "The MVCC supports/opposes..." Supply a half page to multiple pages of background information about the issue so the committee and the Board can understand your motion and goals. As the "originator" of the motion, you may be requested to introduce the motion with the background information at the committee and/or the Board meeting. Once the motion has been voted on, if appropriate, a Community Impact Statement can be written and submitted to the appropriate city department or elected official(s). This is how a community works together to carry our voice downtown.



# ELECTION & BYLAWS

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair. We share the responsibilities of producing and posting agendas, documenting our meetings with minutes, and coordinating the tasks listed below. Every stakeholder that attends our meetings may vote on the motions. We review and make recommendations to the MVCC Board. The Board is the decision-making body, they either support or oppose our recommendations.

Bylaws formalize how the MVCC functions. We review and make suggested changes for the MVCC Board to approve. Suggested changes approved by the Board are sent to "The City" for approval. This usually occurs during non-election years. The last complete approved review was November 2020. The City may add nonnegotiable sections to all NC Bylaws at their sole discretion.

**Standing Rules:** These are administrative rules to help MVCC run smoothly. They can be added to, deleted, or revised at any time.

**Anyone** may suggest changes via a Bylaws / Standing Rules Change Form which can be found in "Resources" on our committee web page.

The form requests the current language, the proposed language, rationale for the change, and your contact information. Send the completed form to the Elections & Bylaws committee Chair ([Martin.Rubin@MarVista.org](mailto:Martin.Rubin@MarVista.org)) to be placed on a future agenda.

**Elections:** The Election & Bylaws Committee creates a suggested budget and timeline for distributing NC election information to persons within the MVCC boundaries for board approval. When approved, we then work with the Outreach Committee to raise awareness of upcoming elections. We also set up a candidate forum.

With any extra time, we review the minutes of corresponding City Council committees and/or departments for anything related to the NC governance; then take that information and provide the MVCC Board with a motion to support or oppose what the city is proposing.

## 2022 CITY ELECTION CALENDAR

The MVCC will host a CD 11 & CD5 Candidates Forum in the near future. Check [MarVista.org](http://MarVista.org) for more information.



**May 9, 2022, Monday-** First day to apply for and vote a vote-by-mail ballot for the primary nominating election.

**May 23, 2022, Monday-** Last day to register to vote in the primary nominating election. (If you have not previously registered to vote).

**May 31, 2022, Tuesday-** Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot for the primary nominating election.

**June 7, 2022, Tuesday-** Primary nominating election

**October 10, 2022, Monday-** First day to apply for and vote a vote-by-mail ballot for the general municipal election.

**October 24, 2022, Monday-** Last day to register to vote in the General Municipal Election.

**November 1, 2022, Tuesday-** Last day to apply by mail for a vote-by-mail ballot for the general municipal election.

**November 8, 2022, Tuesday-** General municipal election

# EXECUTIVE/BUDGET & FINANCE (EXFIN)

The Executive/Budget and Finance Committee (ExFin) is composed of the five MVCC Officers which are determined by a board election. The Current Officers are:

**Chair: Kathryn Wheeler**

**Vice-Chair: Andrew Marton**

**2nd Vice-Chair: Jordan Paul**

**Secretary: Charlene Samiley**

**Treasurer: Drew Ruesch**

Any director may run for an office, but may hold only one position at a time.

MVCC's funding is from the City of Los Angeles, and it is ExFin's duty to ensure the monies are spent according to our governing documents. Additionally, there is required paperwork that needs to be filed to ensure we are open and transparent to the community and public at-large.

Monthly meetings are held to consider funding motions, review Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), as well as fulfill other administrative duties that are required.

**A major funding motion is a Neighborhood Purposes Grant or NPG.** NPGs are available to 501(c)3 nonprofit corporations and local public schools (excluding religious institutions and private schools). Any NPG must be for a public purpose and provide a demonstrable benefit to the community. It should build community and enhance the neighborhood. If it is an event, it must be open, accessible, and free to the general public. We must ask: How will the grant help the community?

All NPGs begin with completing an NPG Application Form from the City. A completed application must also include a current Form 990 for review. Once the paperwork is complete, ExFin hears the motion to ensure there are adequate uncommitted funds to complete the project or event before it is sent to the Board.

If approved by the Board, and the funds are distributed, there is an NPG Completion Report Form to be completed to provide accountability.

**If you have any ideas for an NPG, do not hesitate to reach out to the MVCC Chair ([Chair@MarVista.org](mailto:Chair@MarVista.org)) with a subject line: Neighborhood Purposes Grant or NPG.**

ExFin meetings are open to all; however, unlike our other committees, only the officers may vote during this meeting. The meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. As of this writing, we are still meeting virtually. The Zoom link, agendas, and supporting documents may be reviewed or downloaded by visiting our Calendar ([MarVista.org/calendar](http://MarVista.org/calendar)) and clicking on the meeting.

# OUTREACH

The MVCC Outreach Committee is composed of Chair Carolyn Honda, Vice-Chair Kathryn Wheeler, and 2nd-Vice Chair M.B. Blakey. The committee currently meets virtually on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM.

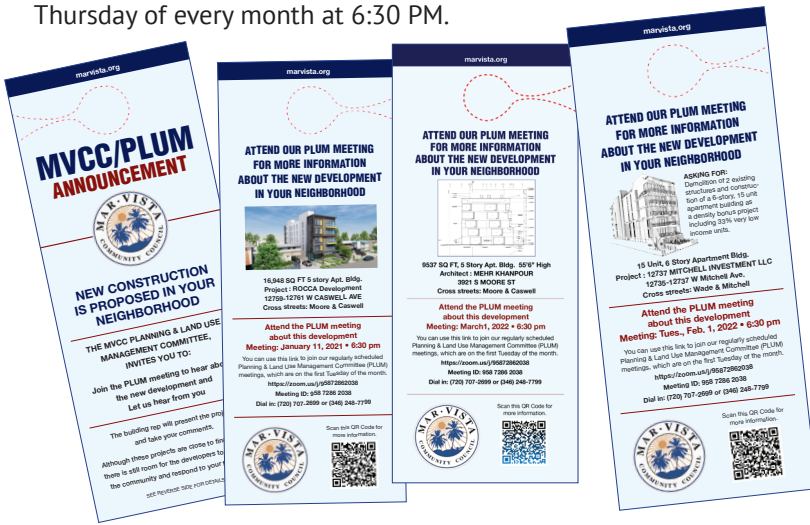
The committee also produces the Weekly Roundup; a condensed email outlining upcoming Mar Vista Community Council meetings events, and news.

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Since August, the committee has produced 3 door hangers, in collaboration with the PLUM Committee. These door hangers were distributed to stakeholders living near proposed developments. The door hangers gave notice to relevant PLUM committee meetings where the developments would be discussed, and gave notice to the relevant community members, so they could attend.

The committee has also approved and designed business cards and name tags for the Board. The committee has discussed banner design for the placement at the Mar Vista Recreation Center. The committee also designed, discussed, and approved this very newsletter.

# TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE (T&I)

The Committee is composed of Chair Jordan Paul, Vice-Chair Kathy Rodriguez, and 2nd Vice-Chair Faith Myhra. One of the most vital committees, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T&I) addresses travel (e.g., air, roads, parking) and any other mobility issue. It also addresses infrastructure, such as electricity, water, sewage, and internet.

Over the years, T&I has addressed the health concerns for Mar Vista residents under the flight pattern of the Santa Monica Airport. Great strides have been made to remove the air and noise pollution.

T&I voted against the final Great Streets Initiative project due to its failure in supporting local businesses. It created dangerous drive-through traffic for local residents, and removed easy access to businesses along Venice Blvd. The result was many businesses closed or moved.

With the 2028 Olympics fast approaching, LAX has provided presentations regarding their upgrade. Also, Metro has kept the committee informed of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project.



Stakeholders have also participated by bringing motions forward regarding initiating crosswalks or requesting safer crosswalks for streets that have become more dangerous due to the increase in density.

The committee will soon be addressing the need to increase trees in our neighborhoods as well as filling potholes and street services long overdue.

If you have any ideas of how T&I may help your neighborhood, I can be reached at [Jordan.Paul@MarVista.org](mailto:Jordan.Paul@MarVista.org)