



August 15, 2024  
Virtual Neighborhood Meeting Recap

Attendees:  
(alphabetically)

Tifanie Acosta  
Malek Adel  
J Anderson  
Bruce Bermudez  
David Brewer  
Deborah Brosseau  
Pamela Clay  
Jason Cottis  
Ronna del Val

Julianna Devaan  
Anne Fitzgibbon  
Beverly Freeman  
Kwock Koe  
Merle Singer  
Nathan Singer  
Jan Hohenstein  
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos  
Schelley Kiah

Swami Mahayogananda  
Cynthia Martinez  
Jack Rosenfeld  
Robbie Staenberg  
Andy Swanton  
Vedanta Society (Bob)  
Anji Williams  
Kelly Ziegler

## I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President  
Email: [alex@hollywoodell.com](mailto:alex@hollywoodell.com)

Alexa recognized and thanked the Hollywood Dell neighborhood volunteers who helped out at the Hollywood National Night Out community event on August 6, 2024. It was a great success with an estimated crowd of over 1,500 people.

## II. Updates From Local Officials & Reps

**Robbie Staenberg**, Field Representative, AM Rick Chavez Zbur's Office (51<sup>st</sup> District)  
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Phone: (323) 436-5184

Robbie formally introduced himself to the group. He has taken over for Joshua Marin-Mora as our area field rep in Assembly Member Zbur's office.

Update: Climate Bond **AB 2208** will be on the ballot in November.

- \$81.5 million for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- \$48 million for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- \$80 million for the Los Angeles River Watershed and Revitalization Plan

Update: **AB 2943** California Retail Theft Reduction Act successfully passed the legislature (part 1 of 7 bill package) It focuses on organized retail theft crime rings.

**AB 886** California Journalism Protection Act

Alexa had reached out to Robbie asking about this bill after seeing some pretty negative political ads. The goal of AB 886 is to get the large platforms (like Google or Meta) to pay creators of digital news content for the work that the large platforms are benefitting from. This is not legislation being put forth by AM Zbur, but Robbie will provide a contact in AM Buffy Wick's office (D – Oakland) we can reach out to to get more information. She led the effort, arguing that supporting California journalism is essential to maintaining democracy because local news outlets play a vital role informing the public about their government.

Note: a week after our meeting, the LA Times published an article about it.

Here's the link: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-08-21/california-lawmakers-bill-requires-tech-platforms-pay-for-news-journalism-preservation-act>

**J Anderson**, Field Representative, LA City Council Member Nithya Raman's Office (CD4)

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J Anderson is our new representative in Council District 4. He is replacing Josef Siroky. He has already been corresponding with some of us. He views his number one priority as communication.

He came to listen and see what's going on hear our concerns and questions and take back to his office.

He did see our agenda item about cell towers and has reached out to their planning team, to get in touch with the wireless communications team at the LA City Planning Dept., also to LADWP.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has ruled that states and cities must make accessible public infrastructure such as light / power poles to increase 5G. He's not sure if there is any public comment requirement.

**The Wildfire Safety Fair** has now been re-scheduled for:

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

LILA School

4155 Russell Avenue

Los Feliz, CA 90027

For more information you can go to: [info@mysafela.org](mailto:info@mysafela.org)

### III. Cell Towers

**Cell Towers in Residential Areas** T-Mobile 5G Cell Node was recently installed on 6300 Block of Weidlake Drive on an existing utility pole very close to a residence. Nearby neighbors were alarmed that it was installed without prior notification and are concerned about safety.

### IV. HDCA Business

There has been a major effort made to clear the long established encampments on Franklin and Argyle cleared and the occupants housed. We do still have a few individuals in the Ivar tunnel that we need to work on.

*Q: who is responsible for cleaning up graffiti in the Franklin Ivar Park?*

*A: LA Rec & Parks is responsible for park maintenance. If you see something, take a photo and report it to myLA 311 and send an email to Alexa.*

#### **Hillside Federation Update**

Malek gave a report from the recent Hillside Federation meeting. They had a presentation from Joe Raviol, the new Senior Lead Officer for the hillside area west of Cahuenga. He shared tips for keeping your home safe while you were on vacation. Many of these tips were shared at our July meeting.

David Brewer commented that you can hold your mail from the USPS while you are away.

## **Vine Overlook Improvement Project**

Alexa announced that the grant HDCA had applied for was successful! We were awarded \$25,000 for the Vine Overlook Improvement Project. Alexa shared a presentation about the location and the goal of this project.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the Committee should reach out to Alexa.

There will be a kick off meeting on Zoom.

J commented that we give thought at the front end of an ongoing maintenance plan.

Swami Mahayogananda commented that we should also think about how to maintain / repair the fence.

Schelle Kiah commented that the City of LA is proposing sewage charges. There is a City Council meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> where this will be discussed. There is an online form to fill out to submit public comment.

Tifanie asked about Hollyween in the Dell planning.

Anyone who wants to join the team please reach out! This is a great neighborhood celebration that we have been doing for almost 20 years.

## **V. Upcoming Events & Announcements**

### **Sunday, August 18, 2024**

CicLAvia Meet the Hollywood (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

### **Sunday, August 18, 2024**

Counterpoint Founder's Day Event

### **Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting (7:00 pm)

### **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

Hollywood CPAB Meeting (5:00 pm)

### **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

Hillside Federation Meeting (7:00 pm)

*Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm*