



August 13, 2025
Recap
In Person Meeting

Attendees:

Malek Adel
Bruce Bermudez
Rodrick Borders
David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
Pamela Clay
Jason Cottis
Brandi D'Amore
Chick Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich

Anne Fitzgibbon
Scott Grodner
Jan Hohenstein
Wendy Horowitz
Alexa Iles Skarpelos
Susan Jason
Warren Jason
Pam Kalmus
Kwock Koe
Tristen Marler

Cynthia Martinez
Damian Montano
Susan Polifronio
Erik Press
Kirsten Hanson Press
Lois Rosby
Namita Rathi
Frank Shotwell
Merle Singer
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

II. Updates From Local Officials & Reps

LA City Council District 4 (CD4)

Our area field representative, J Anderson has been promoted to CD4 District Director! We are happy for J, but sad to lose him as our rep. He has been great to work with for the past year. Deputy District Director, Walker King, will be covering our area until a replacement has been hired. Email: walker.king@lacity.org

LA Department of Sanitation (LASAN)

Tristen Marler from LASAN attended our meeting to review the upcoming rate changes and to take questions from our residents.

The Solid Resources Fee

The Solid Resource fee covers weekly trash/recycle/compost collection (black, blue and green bins) and other services such as bulky item pick-up and dead animal collection. This fee is part of your LADWP utility bill and hasn't changed since 2008 (17 years). The City of LA needs to adjust the rates to cover the rising costs of trash collection. These changes will begin in the fall of 2025 and be adjusted (higher) each year until 2029. LASAN is holding informational webinars:

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 (6:00 pm)

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GMvbWxR-R8ipZN6k9E6n1A#/registration

Saturday, September 13, 2025 (10:00 am)

To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rOv1a6KtRRyB459TZd8Sbg#/registration

There will be a Public Hearing at City Hall

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 (10:00 am)

Los Angeles City Hall Council Chamber, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 340

Hollywood Dell Civic Association, P.O. Box 93094 Hollywood, CA 90093-0122

LAPD

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Heather Mata is on vacation this month.
Alexa gave the LAPD update.

New Hollywood Police Station Commander

Captain Manuel “Manny” Chavez has taken over the station command from Captain Heredia, who has been moved to Major Crimes. Captain Chavez introduced himself to the community at the July 22nd CPAB Town Hall meeting (his first week in Hollywood!). He was previously at Rampart Division as the Patrol Captain.

National Night Out in Hollywood

This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The Hollywood NNO event this past August 5th was a block party held on Cole Avenue next to the Hollywood Station and LAFD Station 27. While there were concerns that some might feel afraid to attend due to the recent federal immigration enforcement operations in Los Angeles, attendance was robust and larger than last year.

A special thank you to Hollywood Dell volunteers who assisted with the NNO event set up and help during the event and with breakdown. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

Angela Bellias

Sue Besser

David Brewer

Dean Hashemi

Kwock Koe

Cynthia Martinez

Cindy Renie

Community-Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Town Hall Meeting Recap

The main topic for the July 22nd CPAB Town Hall meeting was to address concerns about the immigration enforcement operations in Los Angeles and Hollywood in the past couple of months and the role of LAPD.

The CAPB meeting recap was provided as a handout and we touched on the key highlights. Primarily, what members of the public can do to ensure that laws are followed and rights are protected during these raids. Everyone was encouraged to take steps to “Know Your Rights” and offered resources to learn more.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church – Hollywood

Several people from the Dell volunteer regularly at the weekly food distribution (fresh produce) at St. Stephen’s.

In early June, 14 members of the St. Stephen’s parish were picked up by ICE from a DTLA garment factory.

The church has organized to assist members of the community who have been impacted by the recent immigration enforcement. They have asked the community to support (donate!) so they can procure basic necessities for those who are afraid to leave their homes or go to work.

St. Stephen’s website: <https://www.ststephenshollywood.org/>

Or, call / text: Chelsea, (213) 446-6962 to inquire about volunteer opportunities

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC)

Brandi D'Amore (HUNC President) shared some upcoming events she has rec'd information about.

LA City Charter Reform Commission Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2025 (4:00 pm)

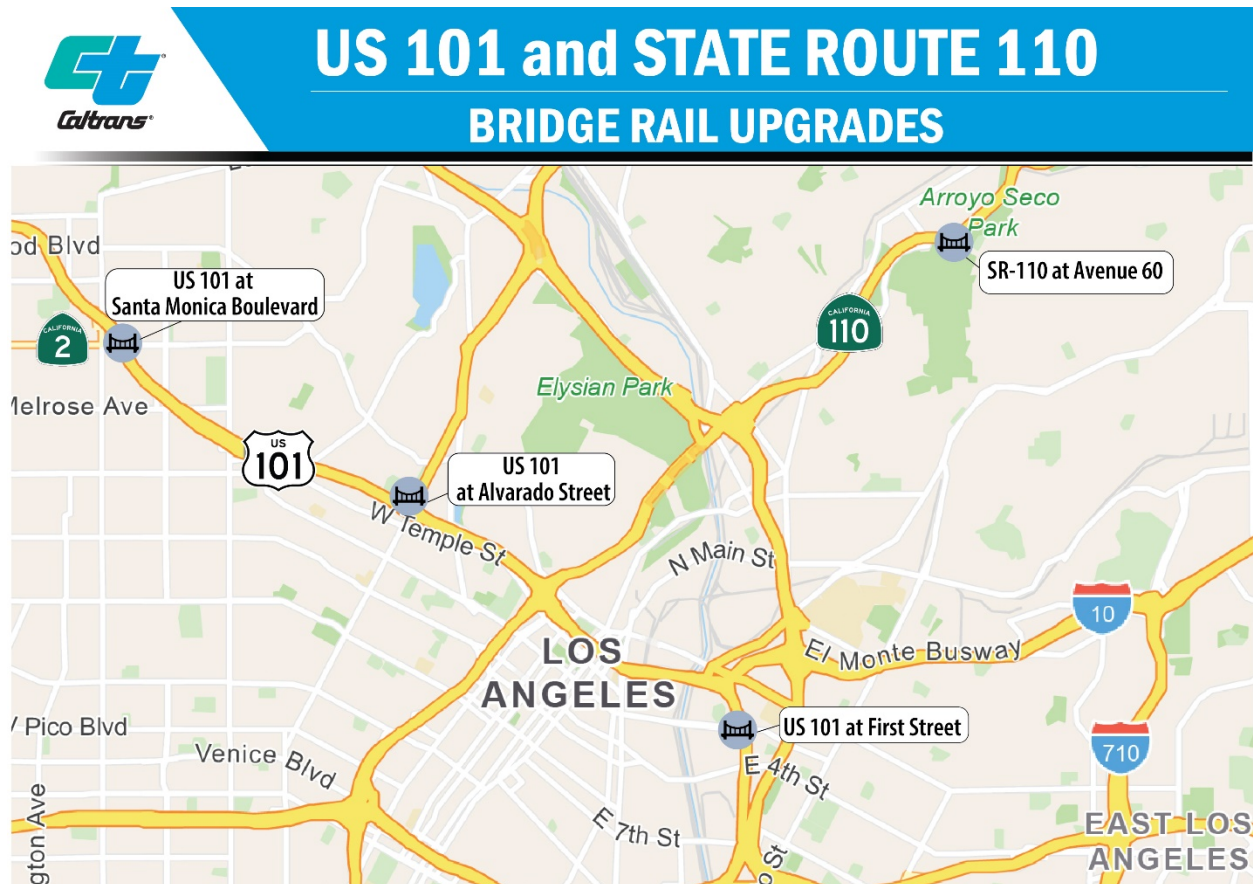
LA City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles 90012

Link to view the agenda: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CWyngqpf712o9BxA9LGrXHj8kMCISCES/view>

CALTRANS Planned Bridge Upgrades Near Hollywood & DTLA

Starting September 2, 2025 CALTRANS crews will be upgrading bridges on the US 101 freeway. There will be lane reductions and closures associated with this work.

- US 101 at Alvarado
- US 101 at Santa Monica Blvd.
- US 101 at First Street
- State Route 110 / Avenue 60 on/off ramps.



III. HDCA Business

HDCA Fire Safety Committee Update

Frank Shotwell, Fire Safety Committee Chair

This committee meets virtually the last Wednesday of the month from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Frank gave an update on the work the fire safety committee has been doing. He showed the newly received “fire safe” neighborhood signs. We need to figure out where they should be installed. We asked if we could get more than 2 (even if HDCA has to pay for additional signs) because we have so many entrance points into the Dell.

Zone Zero

Zone Zero is the 5-foot area around a structure that is crucial for preventing wildfire damage.

MySafeLA website explains how it will work: <https://mysafela.org/2025/02/25/understanding-californias-zone-0-regulations-what-homeowners-need-to-know/>

There was some discussion about recent reports that well maintained (watered) vegetation could actually slow the fires and protect structures.

LA Times Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2025-06-02/california-fire-risk-zone-0-landscaping-plants>

The Fire Safety Committee Page on the Hollywood Dell website: <https://hollywooddell.com/fire-safety-committee/>

Vine Overlook Improvement Project Status

We had to temporarily hit pause on this project because we ran into some red tape.

We were informed that the patch we wanted to improve between the sidewalk and the fence at the Vine Overlook was NOT LA City property as we had previously been told, but actually belongs to CALTRANS.

This means we have to hire a landscape architect to draft plans to submit with an application for a CALTRANS “encroachment permit” which is required before we do ANYTHING. We will also need to arrange a maintenance plan (regular gardening / cleaning).

David Brewer and Kelly Ziegler will schedule a committee meeting in September to get the ball rolling.

If you are interested in joining the committee, email: kelly@hollywooddell.com or david@hollywooddell.com

If you have a landscape architect to recommend, let us know!

Hollywood Bowl Advisory Group Update

Jodi Ehrlich, HDCA Bowl Rep.

Some interesting numbers about the economic & fiscal impact of the Hollywood Bowl:

- 3,521 jobs
- \$690.8 million in total statewide output
- \$254 million in labor income
- \$428.4 million in value added (tax)
- \$42.7 million in state and local tax revenue
- \$40 million in LA County
- \$12.3 million in local taxes
- \$21.4 million to the state Contributions to the Community
- 76,000 free tickets distributed

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Other notes:

In 2024, 36% of Hollywood Bowl attendees used Shuttles or Park-N-Ride rather than arriving by car.

Bowl busses are 100% electric!

There were some traffic / parking issues with the *Jesus Christ Superstar* Shows (August 1st, 2nd, 3rd)
They will be posting large, yellow “permit parking only” signs to discourage bowl guests from parking in our neighborhood. Jodi reported there were 40 unpermitted vehicles parked along Holly.

They are creating a new pavilion that will hold 100 – 200 people on the Bowl property (for pre and post concert events).

Finally, the backstage tour of the Ford Theatre (also managed by the LAPHIL) has been postponed. We will let everyone know once a new date is set.

Jodi also offered up some extra Bowl vouchers for meeting attendees (good for a pair of tickets to an LAPHIL produced event this season).

Alexa shared that we still have some free Hollywood Bowl tickets available for August 27th & 28th and people who would like them need to reach out to her. This is first come, first served while supplies last.

How to Avoid Scams

There continue to be new and more sophisticated and convincing ways for criminals to trick people into getting ripped off. There have been several neighbors who have fallen victim to some of these scams and we wanted to get the word out.

The HDCA prepared and shared a handout with different types of scams and what to look for to protect your self. It also includes contacts for reporting scams if you encounter them or are a victim.

Best Practices:

- Check the sender email address – no bank or business will send you a fraud alert or invoice from a weird gmail account!
- If you are getting texts or emails from the IRS, it's fake. That's not how they communicate.
- Don't answer unfamiliar/unknown phone numbers – let them go to voicemail and if they are legit, they will leave a message.
- No legit government agency will require you to pay with gift cards! Fake!
- Be aware of “spoof” caller ID numbers that are designed to trick you
- Never give out your personal information, access or passwords unless you are initiating the transaction from a trusted source.
- When in doubt, don't be pressed or rushed to act. Scammers create a sense of urgency to get you to ignore your better instincts.
- Finally, never click on any links that comes to you in emails or texts until you verify they are legit.
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The “Spot A Scam” handout has more information.

IV. Misc. Upcoming Events & Announcements

SAT August 16, 2025 (12:00 – 8:00 pm)

Founder's Day Event at Counterpoint Records & Books
50% off everything in the store on Saturday!
5911 Franklin Avenue

THU August 21, 2025 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

MySafeLA Regional Fire Safe Council – Virtual Town Hall
Via Zoom (must register in advance)

Link to register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yFhB5r2VRqOsHyvtNTYtHA>

WED September 10, 2025 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Hollywood Dell Virtual Neighborhood Meeting
Via Zoom

TUE September 16, 2025 (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Community-Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Meeting
Hollywood Community Room
6501 Fountain Avenue

MON September 22, 2025 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

Holly-ween in the Dell Planning Committee Meeting
RSVP to david@hollywooddell.com for the location

Special thank you to Cynthia Martinez (Outreach Committee co-chair) for making the beautiful and delicious spread for tonight's meeting!



Tonight's Meeting Handouts:

- LASAN Flyer
- CPAB Town Hall Meeting Recap Notes
- "Spot a Scam"

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm