



August 12, 2026
Meeting Recap
Neighborhood Meeting

Attendees:

Bruce Bermudez
David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
Pamela Clay-Magathan
Bernadette Cronley
Brandi D'Amore
Jeffrey "Chick" Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich
Drew Finke
Anne Fitzgibbon

Caroline Folds
Stephen Folds
Scott Grodner
Farid Hadj
Dean Hashemi
Jan Hohenstein
Wendy Horowitz
Pamela Kalmus
Schelley Kiah
Cynthia Martinez

Anet Ranaldo
Namita Rathi
Lois Rosby
Carlos Sanchez
Frank Shotwell
Alexa Iles Skarpelos
Jacqui Tager
Anji Williams
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

II. Updates from Officials & Reps

CA State Assembly - Rick Chavez Zbur's Office

Farid Hadj, Field Representative

Email: Farid.hadj@asm.ca.gov

Farid introduced himself. He has taking over as our area Field Rep from Robbie Staenberg, who has been promoted and moved to a new role in the office (Senior Field Rep – district-wide). Farid lives nearby (Franklin Village area) which is great!

AB 1609: Right to Human Customer Service Act

This bill addresses the frustration of automated customer service systems that rely on chat bots. They often fail to handle complex or nuanced issues, forcing users to delay access to help. AB 1609 will guarantee consumers the right to speak with a real person in a timely manner, require transparency when Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used. The bill has passed the State Assembly, and has been passed on to the State Senate appropriations committee.

12 of AM Zbur's bills have passed the State Assembly and are currently in the State Senate.

Any help or questions about state bills or agencies can be directed to Farid.

We asked for support on efforts to increase the penalties for fireworks in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

LA City Council District 4 – Nithya Raman’s Office

Bernadette Cronley, Area Field Representative

Email: Bernadette.cronley@lacity.org

Bernadette shared news that Walker King had left CD4, after working in their office for 5 years, to go to grad school at NYU (public administration). If anyone has unfinished business with Walker, please direct it to Bernadette.

Council just got back from their summer break this past week.

They are organizing a community cleanup in Hollywood, near Runyon on August 29th. The flyer they put together has a photo of Hollywood Dell volunteers doing a recent community cleanup in Franklin Ivar Park!

CM Raman is no longer chair of the Housing & Homelessness Committee. The president of the City Council made the decision to split it into two separate committees and appoint different committee chairs.

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC)

Brandi D’Amore, HUNC President

Email: brandi@myhunc.org

While the Dell falls outside of CD13, we do border it. **Council Member Hugo Soto-Martinez has moved to revoke the 41.18 restrictions on Gower & Bronson** that have been in place since the previous CM O’Farrell. 41.18 states it is “illegal to sit, lie, sleep or store personal property in a public right-of-way, such as sidewalks and streets.” It is often referred to as an “anti-camping zone.” CM Soto-Martinez has allowed the restrictions and special enforcement zones to expire. He objects to these enforcement zones because he argues that it displaces people (when encampments are dispersed) and disrupts outreach efforts, causes people to lose their belongings and makes it harder for caseworkers to connect them to housing.

Proposed Cannabis Dispensary – 6223 Franklin Avenue (at Argyle)

Application LA-R-26-321011-ANN

Hearing for the application for a commercial cannabis retail storefront has been postponed, the **in-person hearing is now scheduled for THU September 3, 2026 at 2:00 pm at LA City Hall.**

Rent is \$12,000 / month, so the business would have to do enough volume to make that viable. Anyone concerned about this is encouraged to attend the hearing and give public feedback.

2100 N Cahuenga Project

It has been re-named 2048 Cahuenga Project. It has been changed from an EDI (Executive Directive, 100% affordable housing project) to a Vested Housing Crisis Act (SB 330) project. It means less units, but still apartments in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

LAPD – Our Senior Lead Officer, John Negrete, is out on vacation so unavailable to give the update this month.

Alexa did share a brief recap of the August 4th National Night Out event in Hollywood. Estimated the crowd to be 2,000 people.

There was, food, games / activities, giveaways – and it was all provided FREE by local businesses and community organizations (like HDCA) that support the event.

LAPD Chief of Police attended the event in Hollywood, which was a big honor. These events are being held all over the city at the same time.

III. This Month's Topics

Updates to LA City Planning Dept. Home Sharing Process

In the Hollywood Dell there are currently 43 addresses that have valid Home-Sharing permits.

If people are considering renting out their homes during the upcoming 2028 Olympics they should familiarize themselves with the process, requirements and rules.

Go to the Planning Dept. Home-Sharing page: <https://planning.lacity.gov/project-review/home-sharing#program-overview>

There are two kinds of permits.

1. **Regular Home-Sharing (RHS)** permit. Allows eligible hosts to rent all or part of their primary residence up to 120 days per calendar year.

2. **Extended Home-Sharing (EHS)** permit. Hosts can apply to share all or a portion of their primary residence for more than 120 days after they have been registered for at least 6 months, or after they have hosted for at least 60 days.

Note: Some homeowner's insurance may not cover you if you rent short-term. Be sure and do your own research.

You may report an unregistered Short-term rental, or issues with an address by following the instructions on the webpage:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2244hT74MbwSs53bCcG4MSIfd6odjUHR80nFriDxC1qSLw/viewform>

Construction & Demolition Rules in the City of LA

Permitted construction / demolition may occur as follows:

Monday – Friday	7:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday or National Holidays	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday	NOT PERMITTED

If you see construction activities, grading, hauling, etc. or worker behavior that concerns you please take the proper steps to find out what's on file.

How to Look Up Permit Status

1. LA Department of Building & Safety website: <https://dbs.lacity.gov/>
2. Click on Services, then Check Permit Status
3. Fill in the address (street number and street name) and search

Pending Inspections & Inspection History

You can see if there have been complaints files (code enforcement) and the names of the inspectors.

If you need to file a complaint, go to the Enforcement Section and click on "Report a Violation." Keep in mind that the City of LA requires you provide your name and address when you make a complaint to prevent nuisance / malicious complaints and fraud.

IV. HDCA Business HDCA Committees & Reps Updates

Hollywood Bowl (Jodi Ehrlich, Community Advisory Group Rep)

The Hollywood Bowl has given us another batch of free tickets to raffle off in September to 2026 HDCA Members. We didn't get as many tickets for each show as in years past. The email with the list of shows will be going out on Friday. Deadline for submitting your name for the raffle is Monday, August 17 at 5:00 pm (email: alexa@hollywooddell.com)

Thursday, 9/3: Amadeus in Concert
Sunday, 9/6: Maestro of the Movies
Wednesday, 9/9: Buddy Guy 90
Friday, 9/11: Fireworks / One Republic

Sunday 9/13: Lucy Dacus w/ HBO
Friday 9/18: Orville Peck
Sunday 9/20: Gregory Alan Isakok

Jodi shared that they have hosted a couple of neighborhood events, most recently a cocktail party at the Ford.

There is a new restaurant / events Pavilion now open at the Bowl. It is available for neighborhood events on non-show nights. The HDCA will look into organizing a mix n mingle there after the season concludes.

Film Committee (Jodi Ehrlich, Film Committee Chair)

The HDCA has a film committee that gets alerts from Film LA when there will be filming activities within the Hollywood Dell borders.

When we first formed the committee, there was a lot more filming activity. It has slowed down significantly in the Dell (and all over Los Angeles). The main purpose of the committee is to advise production companies of the unique aspects and concerns for our neighborhood and ensure things go smoothly with the least amount of impact on residents.

Fire Safety (Kelly Ziegler, Fire Safety Committee)

Frank Shotwell is the committee chair. He was unable to attend the meeting tonight, so Kelly gave a quick update.

The Fire Safety Committee was formed a little over a year ago. The committee has worked to get the Hollywood Dell certified "Firewise." This certification is good for 3 years. Requirements for this certification are:

- Form a resident-led committee to work with fire safety officials
- Conduct wildfire risk assessments
- Draft a multi-year action plan
- Submit records (hours and receipts for work done) to show steps taken

Our Fire Safety Chair (Frank) has joined the Hollywood Hills Fire Safe Council to represent us. <https://www.hollywoodhillsfiresafecouncil.org/> Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Anyone who is interested in participating or learning about the Fire Safety Committee please reach out via email: firesafety@hollywooddell.com They meet monthly (virtually).

Ideas in work:
Fire Safety Flyers
Yard Signs

Anyone who hears about grant funding for fire safety – let them know.

Brush Clearance Status question: how do we know if we passed inspection?
You can look up your property to see the status. <https://lafd.org/fire-prevention/brush>

Vine Street Overlook Committee Update (Kelly Ziegler, Vine Overlook Committee)

Kelly announced the new iron fence is going up in the next couple of weeks!
This is a huge step forward! Kudos to the committee for their diligence.
The next phase will be doing some landscaping. Keeping it simple at the start.

V. Misc. Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Friday, August 14, 2026: Email w/ List of September Shows for HDCA Members Raffle
- Saturday, August 15, 2026: Counterpoint Founder's Day Event (5 – 7 pm)
- Saturday, August 29, 2026: Hollywood Community Cleanup (10 am 12 pm)
- Wednesday, September 16, 2026: Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting (Virtual via Zoom, 7 pm)
- Tuesday, September 22, 2026: Hollywood Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting (5 pm)
- Monday, September 28, 2026: Halloween In The Dell Planning Meeting (6 pm)

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm