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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

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1- Meeting called to order at 6:13PM.

2- Roll Call and determination of quorum.

6 Board Members 7 Present, 4 Absent. Quorum is established

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Present	Absent
Asaad Alnajjar		x	
Bright Aregs		x	
David Balen	President	x	
Christine Demirtshian			x
Patrick Gipson		x	
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x	
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer		x
Becky Leveque			x
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x	
Hrant Vartzbedian		x	
Deborah Violante	Secretary		x

3- Pledge of Allegiance.

4- Updates from representatives of Elected Officials, City Departments and City Attorney.



Shannon shares that Congressman will be donating salary to Meals on Wheels amidst government shutdown. If you know anyone impacted by shutdown, please fill out survey.

LA Fire Department shared that there's an abatement program to prevent fires and encourages stakeholder to utilize it in prevention of fires. Let council members know about hoarding situations as those can be prone to fires.

There will be a November concert at the Porter Ranch. It will be country themed. Date is TBD.

Paulina from Board of Supervisors shared that department of emergency management will be expanding. Shared that there is \$5000 grant for businesses that have been affected by raids you can apply here: <https://laedc.org/economic-impact-fund/>. It is open and will close on the 31st of October. There is another grant for a non-profit for digressionary funding. You can apply here <https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov/request-for-funding/> It is open on and must be a 501c to be eligible. Services needs to be benefitting constituents.

5- Treasurer's Report—Jason Hector

6- Budget Advocates Report

Glen shares that meeting with Mayor is TBD in October.

7- Motion to approve September 2025 MER.—Attachment A

Tabled

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar							
Bright Aregs							
David Balen	President						
Christine Demirtshian							
Patrick Gipson							
Jason Hector	Treasurer						
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer						
Becky Leveque							
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President						
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8-Motion to approve minutes from September 10, 2025, general board meeting. – Attachment B

Jason opens motion to approve minutes from September 10, 2025, general board meeting. – Attachment B. Patrick second's motion.

6- yes 1-Abstain Motion passes

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		x					
Bright Aregs		x					
David Balen	President	x					



Christine Demirtshian					X		
Patrick Gipson				X			
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer				X		
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzbedian	Alt Secretary	X					
Deborah Violante	Secretary				X		

9-Update on the two days of brush and dead wood removal work recently completed (Sept 2025) in Moonshine Canyon, Limekiln Canyon Park South and Aliso Canyon Park.

10-Motion to transfer up to \$15,200 from PRNC special funds account for brush abatement to Recreation and Parks Forestry Division for 2 days of work in Limekiln Canyon, Wilbur Tampa Park, and other Porter Ranch parks.

Jason opens motion to transfer up to \$15,200 from PRNC special funds account for brush abatement to Recreation and Parks Forestry Division for 2 days of work in Limekiln Canyon, Wilbur Tampa Park, and other Porter Ranch parks. Asaad second's motion.

Half of the \$15,200 came from Council Lee's Office

Motion passes.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs		X					
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian					X		
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer				X		
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzbedian	Alt Secretary	X					
Deborah Violante	Secretary				X		



11-Discussion and possible action regarding the Recreation and Parks Forestry Division not having a dedicated San Fernando Valley crew to regularly maintain our many large parks and hiking trails.

Jason shared that they crew to maintain valley parks are far and it is not an efficient process, and that the Valley deserves better care and maintenance.

David says board should write letter for a dedicated San Fernando Crew.

Jason makes motion to authorize to PRNC to draft letter to Rec and Parks, CD 12, and Mayor requesting with a budget request for a dedicated Rec and Parks Forest division for San Fernando Valley. Patrick seconds it.

7 Yes, 4 Absent. Motion passes

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		x					
Bright Aregs		x					
David Balen	President	x					
Christine Demirtshian					x		
Patrick Gipson		x					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer				x		
Becky Leveque					x		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x					
Hrant Vartzbedian	Alt Secretary	x					
Deborah Violante	Secretary				x		

12-Discussion and possible motion to approve NPG up to San Jose Highly Gifted Center Booster Club, Inc. for STAR Science. Attachment C.

Tabled

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Asaad Alnajjar							
Bright Aregs							
David Balen	President						
Christine Demirtshian							
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Jason Hector	Treasurer						
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13-Discussion and possible motion to approve NPG up to \$5000 for North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving baskets to be given away to families. Attachment D

David opens motion to approve NPG up to \$5000 for North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving baskets to be given away to families.

Last year there was 4,600 families were served (18,000 people). Volunteers are needed for November 15th and 16th to put baskets together.

Jason shares that PRNC has a budget of \$3,000 for NPGs.

Jason makes motion to approve NPG up to \$3000 for North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving baskets to be given away to families. Attachment D. Hilda seconds it.

Motion passes.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		x					
Bright Aregs		x					
David Balen	President	x					
Christine Demirtshian					x		
Patrick Gipson		x					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer				x		
Becky Leveque					x		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x					
Hrant Vartzbedian	Alt Secretary	x					
Deborah Violante	Secretary				x		



14- Discussion and possible action to affirm the attached Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government adopted by Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council on June 17th, 2025. [Original Document](#) Attachment E

Asaad opens discussion on the Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government adopted by Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council on June 17th, 2025. [Original Document](#) Attachment E. He shares that the NC started 25 years ago. Asaad shares that the capability to make change and speak freely were larger but that has now shifted. He shares that City Attorney has called previous presidents to silence them and not allow communication and discussion on specific items. Bright shares that he was in the first council of PRNC in 1996 and shares that they were empowered and were able to speak freely.

Jason says the Document can include language stating that this is not a position on City of Los Angeles, and Community Impact Statement is how PRNC make their positions.

NEA shares the City Attorney believes that this declaration is a violation to the Charter. Asaad shares that NC can come in and talk freely about CIS.

Jason requests an appearance of the City Attorney and urges proper representation.

Brian Allen and Mindy ask to clarify the motion. David shares that there is no motion there is only a discussion.

Glen shares that this provision has been in place July 1st, 2000. He shares that there a Charter reform Commission Effort where concerns can be communicated.

Tess, the president of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council, shares they voted unanimously on this provision. She shares that democracy is not protected. She shares that we are underrepresented for the 4 million people in LA. She urges to vote yes on this declaration

David opens action to affirm the attached Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government adopted by Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council on June 17th, 2025. [Original Document](#) Attachment E. Assad second's motion. Jason shares that PRNC needs to have the City Attorney needs to be here. He shares that Attorney- client privilege should be between the attorney and client (NC) and not through the third party (NEA).

Patrick shares that PRNC should be able to speak and represent residents of Porter Ranch.
Jason wants to make motion to request the appearance of a city attorney
Intention behind motion is to have City Attorney advise PRNC so it's clear what they can do.

David makes motion to affirm the attached Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government adopted by Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council on June 17th, 2025. [Original Document](#) Attachment E. Assad second's motion.

Hrant says that he believes we should proceed today or next meeting. He believes that PRNC should send a letter to send a representative to go over.

Assad objects but withdraws objection.

Jason opens motion amend original motion to postpone motion for November to affirm the attached Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government adopted by Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council on June 17th, 2025. [Original Document](#) Attachment E. Assad second's motion.

Community member shares urges that they have Attorney come in.

Tess encourages them to vote and approve tonight. She shares that the City Attorney is conflicted, and the charter is silent on this matter and that we disagree on interpretation on charter. This is about First Amendment.

Assad says he wants to amend it to formally request City Attorney to send our Representative for Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council at next general board meeting.



Jason opens motion amend original motion to postpone motion for November to affirm the attached Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government adopted by Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council on June 17th, 2025. [Original Document](#) Attachment E and formally request City Attorney to send Representative for Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council at next general board meeting. Assad Seconds it.

Motion is in a tie 3 Yes, 3 No. Motion doesn't pass.

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Bright Aregs		X					
David Balen	President		X				
Christine Demirtshian					X		
Patrick Gipson			X				
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer				X		
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President		X				
Hrant Vartzedian	Alt Secretary	X					
Deborah Violante	Secretary				X		

David makes motion to postpone. And Bright seconds

Motion passes to postpone

15- Discussion and possible action to issue a CIS for Council File No. [25-0002-S19](#) in regards to [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) that allows for more housing development near major public transit hubs by establishing statewide zoning standards and overriding some local restrictions.

Asaad opens possible action to issue a CIS for Council File No. [25-0002-S19](#) in regards to [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) that allows for more housing development near major public transit hubs by establishing statewide zoning standards and overriding some local restrictions.

David and Asaad says there should be a CIS.

PRNC agrees to not vote on motion

16- Public comments on items NOT on the Agenda and within the Purview of the Board – 2 Minutes per person



Fundraiser: Solid's all you can eat pasta dinner on Devonshire for Devonshire station on Friday, October 10th 5:00-8:00pm for \$17.00 per person.

17- Board member announcements.

18- Meeting Adjournment

Jason will be meeting Parks and Recs

Hilda shares there a Goth and Glamor on Friday October 24th. Parade will be December 7th

Asaad shared he went to Neighborhood congress and wishes there was more representative from Porter Ranch NC.

David shares there's a town hall about gas leak from Argos Scientific and UCLA on now and then. Sunday 26th at 3pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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