



COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD OLYMPIC COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

1130 Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90006



Report for 4 April 2025

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Co-Chair Moises Gomez in the Commander Matthew Blake Community Room, Olympic Station.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting of 6 March were reviewed. Motion to approve, seconded, passed.

GUESTS. We were pleased to welcome Susana Cervantes, Mayor's Representative to CD 1. susana.certantes@lacity.org

CAPTAIN'S REMARKS. Captain Rodriguez described the responsibilities of the Patrol Captain, overseeing the patrol and response to crime and incidents. Their actions are largely crime driven, with the goal of reducing incidents, responding to and providing resolutions for victims.

She attended the recent quarterly Compstat meeting, whose agenda included crime reports, risk management and discussion of results. She particularly discussed vehicle theft in the Olympic area, and was able to report a decrease in occurrence, arrest of 21 individuals and a marked increase in felony filings from the District Attorney's office resulting in incarceration and fewer repeat offenders.

Captain Rodriguez discussed the prevalence of homeless encampments. The SLOs are identifying those qualifying for SARA Projects resulting in removal of built structures and RVs, and collection of trash.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.

A member from the Pico-Union Neighborhood Council stated that she receives complaints and pictures of persons who expose themselves or urinate in front of residents. She was asked to forward information and pictures to the SLOs – use the Crime Stoppers web site to report anonymously if desired (<https://www.lacrimestoppers.org/>). Immediate action can be taken if the incident occurs in a school safe zone or an area with a trespass notification.

Member Victor, the manager of a long-standing business on the Washington corridor near Cordova, reported a worsening situation regarding encampments, harassment of employees who are not able to enter the premises, and drug dealing. Captain Rodriguez reported that there is a plan in place for the Washington corridor that includes removal of the RVs, painting the curb red to prevent their return, pressure washing the sidewalks and removal of trash. She noted that RVs must be inspected by the LA Sanitation Department for sewage leaks before towing and that there is a growing problem of finding City properties for their storage after towing.

Co-Chair Gomez observed that Pico Blvd has fewer such problems than Washington which he attributed to the existence of the Byzantine-Latino Quarter BID. The improvement exists because problems are reported – that someone has reported a problem to you doesn't mean that the City knows about it. Report problems using the MY311 app, or to the Mayor's Office, the Council District, Sanitation, Street Services, LAHSA or other agency. He emphasized the need to record the incident number and follow up: "It has been two weeks! Why hasn't there been a resolution?" Enlist the local newspaper to report any lack of action.

A member from Pico Union relayed a text message from a resident who asked why that neighborhood is apparently saddled with numerous sex offenders. The REACT team tracks their addresses.

Member Joel asked about the continuing prostitution along Western Ave between Melrose and 1st St. Captain Rodriguez replied that the Vice Unit addresses the problem regularly especially to intervene in possible human trafficking of adults and minors. The Council District is attempting to secure funds to improve street lighting on the nearby side streets where the acts occur. He also asked about trash on the street in the Salvadorian Corridor, which has been called to the attention of the Bureau of Sanitation.

Member Molina asked about the continuing crowd of dice players near the Menlo McDonalds.

COMMUNITY UPDATES. Officer Veasna Hout (CRO) reported a successful PROM CLOSET that distributed prom formal wear to students through the Olympic Division.

He announced an upcoming BBQ fundraiser for officers attending the POLICE UNITY TOUR, an annual bicycle tour from New Jersey to Washington DC in memory of fallen officers. The Olympic Division typically sends several riders. Flyer below. Held at the Olympic Division station, 11 am – 8 pm.

Also, COFFEE WITH A COP! 30 April 10 am, Goodwill 1535 S Western Ave. Flyer below.

EVENTS

1. BBQ in support of the Police Unity Tour 16 April, 11 am – 8 pm Olympic Station. \$10 including raffle entry.
2. Coffee With A Cop!, 30 April, 10 am Goodwill, 1535 S Western Ave. Opportunity to meet SLOs, Detectives, Command Staff for discussion of concerns. Flyer attached below.

Meeting adjourned 6:56 pm.

NEXT MEETING, Thursday, 1 May 2025, 6:00 pm, Olympic Station.

(Meetings are normally 1st Thursdays but may change to accommodate events and schedules.)

Submitted by Robert Reeves, Secretary. Comments and suggestions should be made through the Olympic CRO.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL
16TH, 2025
11AM-8PM**

**HAMBURGER &
HOT DOGS**
WITH CHIPS & A DRINK

**2025
POLICE UNITY TOUR
FUNDRAISING BBQ
ONLY \$10**

AT OLYMPIC STATION
1130 S. VERMONT AVE, L.A. CA 90006

Every plate purchased enters you in a raffle to win several raffle prizes. Please support LAPD officers as they prepare to bicycle from New Jersey to Washington DC in the memory of our fallen brothers and sisters.
Additional raffle tickets sold separately.

JOIN US FOR
“COFFEE WITH A COP!”
Coffee and some Pan

Date: April 30, 2025

Location: GOODWILL / 1535 S. Western Ave, Los Angeles

Time: 10:00am

