

Southeast Division C-PAB Meeting Summary for June, 2025

Welcome

Senior Lead Officers Update Officer Hamaoka

Area Covered:

- My Boundaries are 120th Street (South), Central Avenue (East), Figueroa Street (West), and Imperial Highway (North) – essentially under the 105 Freeway.

Key Updates:

1. Crime Overview:

- No major incidents to report.
- Primary issue: **aggravated assaults**, particularly linked to **sober living and halfway houses**.
- A recent severe assault involved a man with significant injuries.

2. Proactive Measures:

- Identifying and visiting problematic sober living homes.
- Engaging house managers to address issues early.
- Police presence used as a positive community interaction, not just for enforcement.

3. Property Issue – 11878 S. Main Street:

- A **fire six weeks ago** left a massive debris pile.
- Property has a history of issues, including a **past homicide** and **transient activity**.
- I contacted the owner with no response.
- **Council District 15** intervened quickly, contacting **Building & Safety Department**.
- The case is now with the **Vacant Building Unit** for cleanup orders.
- Future: convert the lot into **affordable housing**.
- I am working with transients onsite to educate them about **trespassing laws** and offer services before enforcement action.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Collins Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Toxic stress is a type of prolonged stress that stems from ongoing negative experiences, such as racial inequality, bullying, harassment, or repeated abuse (physical or sexual). This kind of stress wears down both the mind and body over time, leading to serious health issues like high blood pressure, diabetes, fatigue, and chronic headaches. It's important to recognize that toxic stress often comes from our environments—people in our lives, such as family members, partners, or coworkers, can contribute to it. When a relationship becomes emotionally or mentally draining, it may not be something you can "afford" to keep—emotionally, mentally, or even physically.

Healing from toxic stress begins with self-awareness: understanding who you are, what brings you joy, and what you need to live a more fulfilling life. It's crucial to take care of your physical health as well, as mental, and physical well-being are deeply connected. Regular check-ups, open conversations with trusted doctors, and listening to your body's signals are essential. Ultimately, identifying and addressing sources of toxic stress—whether internal or external—is key to reclaiming your health and peace.

Miguel Hernandez | Watts Field Deputy 15th Council District | City of Los Angeles

Harbor Gateway & Watts Issues

1. Nuisance Property Abatement Process

- A problem property in Harbor Gateway was addressed after numerous community complaints and radio calls, especially regarding trespassing and transient activity.
- The city's Building & Safety Abatement Team investigated and found unpaid property taxes, making it eligible for abatement.
- If the property is in a **trust**, the process is significantly delayed due to difficulty in contacting responsible parties.
- Once cleared, the city contracts fencing and cleanup; costs are added as liens on the property.
- If unpaid fines exceed property value, the city can eventually take ownership.
- The process requires multiple steps: radio call logs, inspection, council approval, contractor work, and finally enforcement via "No Trespassing" signs.

2. Trespassing on Church Steps

- Ongoing issues with unhoused individuals sleeping at church entrances.
- Officers can remove people only if a "No Trespassing" form is filed.
- Outreach teams try to offer services first, but often individuals refuse.
- Challenge: People leave when police arrive and return later.

3. Abandoned Property Sales

- It's unclear whether contractors or buyers must pay back taxes/fees to acquire these properties.
- If heirs or the trust claim ownership later, they must pay outstanding debts to regain title.

4. Oversized Vehicle Parking (Diesel Trucks & RVs)

- Residents reported illegal parking of semi-trucks and RVs in residential areas.
- The city is hesitant to install “No Oversize Parking” signs due to lawsuits over perceived targeting of RV dwellers.
- Red curbs (no-parking zones) also require formal approval due to similar concerns.

5. Unauthorized Red Curb Painting

- Some residents paint red curbs illegally to reserve parking.
- If cited for parking in these fake curbs, DOT can review records to dismiss the citation.
- Residents are encouraged to report unauthorized red curbs.

Officer MASSIE: I am the replacement for Officer Roth at the South Traffic Division. Roth has transferred to the Valley Traffic Division.

Main Points:

- He welcomes traffic-related issues, especially moving violations like speeding and stop sign violations.
- Some non-traffic issues (e.g., parked cars over 72 hours) may be referred to DOT.
- He aims to be straightforward and honest in communications.
- Complaint forms and address update forms are available at the back of the room.

Officer Hill:

- **Updating** contact info is encouraged to avoid returned mail.
- **Clergy Meeting:** Scheduled for **June 10** with speakers discussing street takeovers and possible safer alternatives.
- **Next community meeting: June 17.**
- **National Night Out: August 5.** Community members can volunteer, host tables, or perform. Email him for vendor or entertainer forms.
- **Recurring meetings:**
 - Clergy Meeting: Every **2nd Tuesday at 12:45 PM.**

- Community Meeting: Every **3rd Tuesday at 5:30 PM**.
- Conference Calls: Usually **1st Thursday of the month**.

Community Announcements & Updates

- **Southeast Neighborhood Association** meets every third Saturday from 10 AM to 12 PM at the YMCA on Vermont and Century.
 - **Venice Clinic Food Giveaway:** Free fruits and vegetables every Tuesday, 8–10 AM at 742 W. Gardena Blvd.
 - **Upcoming Food Donation Event:** 200 food bags will be distributed on Wednesday, June 18th, sponsored.
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Children of the Night Presentation (Victoria Sandoval)

- Victoria Sandoval, a case manager, discussed the organization *Children of the Night*, which supports victims of human trafficking.
 - They provide services like GED programs, hygiene kits, housing, and relocation support.
 - Their work is nationwide, helping victims across state lines (e.g., Texas, Florida, New York).
 - Awareness is growing thanks to social media and billboards—\$100K has been invested in outreach.
 - Hotline is **24/7**:
 - **Main:** 1-800-551-1300 ext. 0
 - **Victoria's Work Cell** (text preferred): 818-801-5015
 - They distribute small, discreet info cards (sometimes wrapped in hand sanitizer) for at-risk individuals.
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Public Safety and Infrastructure

- **Metro Sound Wall Project:** Along 105 Freeway, from 405 to Central Ave. Contact info available for residents with concerns.
 - **Fire Incidents:** Over 1,000 fires along the 105/110/405 freeways since January. Limited coordination due to jurisdictional issues.
 - **Illegal Dumping Alert:** Ongoing investigation into restaurant dumping raw meat on Figueroa & 127th. Public encouraged to report sightings.
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Homeless Outreach

- 71 RVs successfully removed during recent cleanup. Inhabitants accepted services thanks to coordinated efforts.
 - Formerly unhoused individuals who helped with outreach will be honored by the Board of Supervisors.
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Contractor & Insurance Warning (Luis)

- Luis, a licensed general contractor, warned about predatory restoration practices after fires or floods.
 - Key documents to watch for:
 - **WAF**: Work Authorization Form
 - **HIC**: Home Improvement Contract
 - Many companies use unethical tactics to trap homeowners with unexpected costs.
 - Recommends only signing once scope of work is clear and discussed with insurance adjusters.
 - Estimating software used: **Xactimate** – standard pricing tool for fair estimates.
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Volunteer Program

- Volunteer and CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) opportunities available.
- Volunteers can receive ID cards; Clergy can participate but don't automatically get cards unless part of CPAB.
- Contact officer Hill via email for an application.

Meeting Adjourned.

NEXT CPAB Meeting

July 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the LAFD Community Room at:

10811 S Main Street, LA CA 90061