

LAPD Southeast Community Police Station Community Police Advisory Board Meeting January 20, 2026

The January meeting of the Los Angeles Police Department's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) convened with a formal opening that included the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation delivered by a local pastor, emphasizing the partnership between law enforcement, faith-based leaders, and community members. The prayer focused on community safety, unity, and support for both residents and first responders.

Sergeant Spangler welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of current crime trends in the division. He highlighted recent fluctuations in property crimes such as vehicle break-ins and thefts, as well as trends in violent crime including assaults and robberies. Sergeant Spangler also stressed the importance of timely reporting by residents, shared information about ongoing enforcement strategies, and encouraged participation in neighborhood watch efforts and community-based prevention programs.

The Senior Lead Officer (SLO) then presented an update on homeless encampments in the Harbor Gateway North area. The officer described ongoing challenges related to public safety, sanitation, and quality of life for both housed and unhoused residents. The SLO explained that LAPD is working collaboratively with CALTRANS on encampments located along state-controlled freeway and right-of-way areas, and with Union Pacific regarding encampments adjacent to or on railroad property. This multi-agency effort includes outreach to connect unhoused individuals with services, coordination of cleanups, and enforcement actions when necessary to address hazardous conditions, while emphasizing a balanced approach that respects legal guidelines and the rights of those experiencing homelessness.

A representative from Council District 15 (CD-15) provided an update on city services, focusing specifically on tree trimming efforts in Watts, north of Century Boulevard. The update noted that crews are targeting overgrown trees that obstruct street lighting, create visibility issues at intersections, or pose a hazard to power lines. The trimming initiative is part of a broader beautification and public safety effort aimed at improving walkability, reducing opportunities for crime in poorly lit areas, and maintaining safer routes to schools, parks, and transit stops. Residents were encouraged to report problem locations through 3-1-1 or the CD-15 office.

Dr. Lois Lee, founder of Children of the Night, gave a detailed report on their ongoing work to combat human trafficking, with a focus on the Figueroa corridor. She discussed current trends in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors and adults, and how the organization partners with LAPD and other agencies to identify victims, provide emergency shelter, counseling, education,

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and long-term support services. Dr. Lee also underscored the importance of public awareness—encouraging community members to recognize signs of trafficking, report suspicious activity, and support prevention programs that target vulnerable youth. She highlighted the impact of recent outreach operations on Figueroa and emphasized that reducing demand and providing real alternatives for victims remain central goals.

The meeting concluded with announcements about upcoming events and an invitation for continued community involvement.

The next CPAB meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:30 p.m.

LAFD Fire Station 64 – Community Room

10811 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA

Community members are encouraged to attend, bring neighborhood concerns, and stay engaged with local public safety initiatives.