

HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

2025 RECAP



Feature Story

From Presidents Desk: A Year of Growth and Community Spirit.

Dear Hacienda Heights Residents and Friends,

It's been an honor to serve as your **HHIA President** during a year filled with growth, connection, and community spirit. For 77 years, HHIA has been committed to advocating for our residents, and 2025 was no exception.

We tackled key issues like safety, development, and infrastructure, while bringing our community together through signature events. Our *Independence Day Festival* was a major success highlighted by cultural performances, car exhibitions, and meaningful connection. We also proudly partnered with local agencies for *National Night Out*, promoting public safety and trust.

Looking ahead, HHIA is focused on strengthening our membership, expanding programs, and securing funding to better serve **Hacienda Heights**. With greater support, we can better advocate for residents, promote government transparency, and grow our outreach.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we'll build a safer, stronger, and more united Hacienda Heights.

With gratitude,

David Fang



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Policy Update:

Potluck Tradition Restored for Annual Meeting

We are excited to share a positive update. Thanks to productive conversations with LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis and her office, HHIA is proud to continue our long-standing **potluck tradition** at the January Annual Meeting **at no cost to the organization**.

This restoration comes after initial concerns over new county policies that would have required community groups like HHIA to pay \$1,800 in rental and permit fees. We are incredibly grateful to **Supervisor Solis** for recognizing the value of civic traditions and for her support in ensuring this important community event moves forward.

We also extend our sincere thanks to **LA County Parks & Recreation** and the dedicated **staff at the Hacienda Heights Community Center** for their partnership and flexibility in making this possible.

As always, we will hold our **townhall public meeting** as scheduled, featuring guest speakers and updates from Supervisor Solis's office, Parks & Rec, and local law enforcement. Join us for a productive evening of civic engagement, community connection and shared celebration.

Quick Updates



Event: HHIA Annual Meeting – Jan26, 6PM,
Hacienda Heights Community Center.
1234 Valenica Ave, Hac. Hts.

Parks & Rec Chair- Julie Tan

Parks & Purpose



In 2025, I served as the Parks & Recreation chair, which works closely with LA County's Planning and Development Agency. This agency plays a key role in expanding recreational opportunities, preserving green space, and supporting local park infrastructure. Through partnerships with schools and community groups, they continue to offer youth and family programs from sports clinics to environmental education.

Our local parks are vital to Hacienda Heights' quality of life, providing safe, accessible, and engaging spaces for all ages. I am proud to support efforts that promote environmental stewardship and community health.

Code Enforcement Chair -
R. Ann Ellis-HallWhen Neighbors
Speak, HHIA listens

As Chair of the Code Enforcement Committee, I worked with the Sheriff's Department and LA County Regional Planning, led by James Yang, to monitor local concerns.

One resident raised an issue about a mobile home parked on her street. She attended our monthly meeting to voice her concern during public input. *Ryan Serrano, Field Deputy* for LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, was present and offered assistance.

Safety Enforcement Chair -
Andrea Gordon

Safety & Alerts

In 2025, I served on the Public Safety Committee, focusing on issues impacting neighborhood safety, emergency preparedness, and fire awareness in our hillside communities. I regularly monitored public safety policies, attended Sheriff and fire-related meetings, and worked to keep the community informed on evolving safety concerns.

I was actively involved in coordinating with Public Works and San Gabriel Valley Water Company following the water main explosion near Tamarix and Edgeridge, advocating for repairs and improved communication during the prolonged road closure. During wildfire season, I helped share timely fire safety information and promoted the use of emergency alert tools, including the Watch Duty app, to improve early awareness for residents.

I also assisted in coordinating a Fire Department presentation at an HHIA meeting, which was well attended and provided valuable information on fire preparedness and response.

Vice President of HHIA | Chair of Marketing & PR | Chair of 4th of July Celebration - Alitzah Wiener

“A Year of Firsts: Reinventing Tradition, Reviving Community”

As Vice President and Chair of Marketing & PR, 2025 was all about reinvention not changing who HHIA is, but evolving how we engage a diverse, modern Hacienda Heights. We launched a new official HHIA website. In addition to a bold rebrand and new community outreach, we launched our official *Instagram* and *Facebook*, and one of our IG reels reached over **344,000 views**, with **15K shares** and **9K likes** our most viral moment to date.

This year, I proudly chaired the revival of our *July 4th celebration* organizing the first **July 4th Festival** with food trucks, booths, live entertainment, and Hacienda Heights' first-ever classic car show all in just three months. Raised over **\$13,000** and awarded our first scholarship to a local middle school student whose artwork was featured in our official program. We also honored law enforcement at our first-ever Hacienda Heights *National Night Out*, including a memorable flyover by the Sheriff's helicopter, a magical moment of unity for our community.

We helped celebrate the grand opening of local businesses like 986 Pharmacy, and attended many events with our new branded signage to bring awareness about Hacienda Heights Improvement Association.

As Vice President and Chair of Marketing & PR, I believe HHIA has a responsibility to offer our community diverse and thought-provoking voices. In 2025, we welcomed a wide range of speakers who brought valuable insight on safety, community engagement, and public service. As a *501 (c) (4)*, HHIA is permitted to invite individuals from various professional and civic backgrounds, including those with past or future involvement in public office. We remain committed to fostering civil dialogue and ensuring our meetings reflect the broad perspectives of Hacienda Heights residents.

As a lifelong Hacienda Heights resident, I'm proud to be part of this new chapter working toward a future that's more transparent, more inclusive, and more united than ever.

Election Update: No Ballot Needed This Term

Per our bylaws, when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of open board seats, an election is not required. With nine returning board members and two nominated candidates stepping into the remaining open positions, HHIA will enter the 2026 term with 11 of 12 seats filled no election needed this year.



David Fang



Alitzah Wiener



Andy Guo



Jenny Liu



Steven Wu



R. Ann Ellis Hall



Michael Wang



Faye Lee



Bala Venkataraman

Welcome New Board Members



Janet Chan



Charlie Xiao

Thank You

- Industry Sheriff
- CHP - Santa Fe Springs
- Ryan Serrano
- Hsi Lai Temple
- Hacienda Heights Library
- Public Works
- Parks and Rec
- KCal Insurance
- Juan Lince

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Monthly Meetings

3rd Monday of the Month

7-9pm
at

Hacienda Heights Community Center



Except for Monday, Jan. 26, 2026
6PM-9PM

Thank You for Your Service

“Honoring Dedicated Years of Board Service”

As we welcome new leadership and continue to build on our mission, we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Andrea Gordon (6yrs)** and **Julie Tan (4yrs)** for their dedicated service on the HHIA Board. Both have completed their terms and will be formally recognized at our **Monday, January 26, 2026** meeting for their contributions to the organization and the community. We appreciate the time, effort, and the commitment they've brought to the table.



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