

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday – March 23, 2026

LOCATION: Hacienda Heights Community Center, 1234 Valencia, Hac. Hgts., CA 91745

Meeting Called to Order: Time: 7:00 PM. **Meeting Chaired by..... David Fang, President**

Pledge of Allegiance.....Gene Robinson

Roll Call:.....Andy Guo

- Present – David Fang, Alitzah Weiner, Bala Venkataraman, Jenny Lin, Andy Guo, Michael Wang, R. Ann Ellis-Hall, Faye Lee, Charlie Xiao and Janet Chen.
- ABSENT: Steven Wu

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES David Fang

- February 2026-Motion Sought to Approve
Approved by David Fang, Alitzah Weiner, Bala Venkataraman, Jenny Lin, Andy Guo, Michael Wang, R. Ann Ellis-Hall, Faye Lee, Charlie Xiao and Janet Chen.

TREASURER’S REPORT: February 28th 2026--Reported and Filed by..... Jenny Lin

- The Total income is \$35.02.
- The Total expenses is \$16,06.49.
- Checking Account Balance: \$6,132.95
- The operating budget for October was \$12,026.97 with three accounts making up \$5,384.36, \$1,572.99 and \$5,069.62

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

a. LASD Industry Sheriff’s Station Liaison Deputy Rodriguez

Deputy Crime Stats Report for February 1 to February 28, 2026. 3 Crimes against person, 1 robberies, 0 burglaries (7 residential), 23 thefts, 5 auto thefts. Overall crime Rates is down -33% compared to 2025.

- Law enforcement assisted with a large temple event (~8,000 attendees daily), which went smoothly.
- Warning about tax scams: IRS will only contact by certified mail—not phone, text, or gift card requests.
- Recent theft investigation led to 4 suspects arrested using surveillance, tracking, and witness info.
- Ongoing copper wire theft issue affecting utilities; public urged to report suspicious activity. A reward (up to ~\$25,000) is available for tips leading to arrests.
- Another robbery case resulted in arrests through coordinated investigation and tracking. Crime prevention tips: use cameras, lighting, locks, and report suspicious activity promptly.

b. California Highway Patrol Liaison Officer/PIO Zachary Salazar O’Toole

CHP reported 26 crashes in January, with a 46% decrease by mid-February. Staffing is increasing with more officers completing training and joining patrol. April will focus on distracted driving enforcement, and a DUI checkpoint is planned for Easter weekend. Encampment cleanups are ongoing, with residents encouraged to report issues early.

c. LASD Parking Enforcement..... Martinez

- 1,386 parking citations issued in February.
- Enforcing 20-ft no-parking near crosswalks (AB 413).
- 72-hour rule in effect—vehicles must be moved.
- Limited enforcement on private property; repeated violations may still only get tickets.
- Report issues to Industry Sheriff Station (626-330-3322) or online.

d. Woman of the Year.....Captain Melissa Hammond

HHIA presented a special Women’s History Month recognition honoring Captain Melissa Hammond as Woman of the Year. She was praised for her leadership, professionalism, kindness, and dedication to keeping Hacienda Heights and surrounding communities safe. In her remarks, Captain Hammond thanked HHIA and its board for being a strong voice for the community, said she was grateful for the partnership with local leaders, and shared that it was especially meaningful to serve the communities that helped raise her. She expressed appreciation for everyone’s service and commitment to public safety.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1) Patrick

a Hacienda Heights resident, opposes the proposed data center and battery storage project due to the lack of a full environmental study, potential increases in utility costs, negative impacts on property values and tax revenue, and safety concerns raised by the fire department. He suggests a mixed-use residential and retail development as a better alternative.

2) Nadia Dorsey

She strongly opposed the City of Industry’s proposed infrastructure project, criticizing the lack of a full environmental review and expressing concern about its impact on the community. Emphasizing that Hacienda Heights and surrounding areas are home to over 54,000 residents, they called for unity and action—potentially involving officials like Supervisor Hilda Solis and state representatives—to protect the community. They urged residents to stand together to preserve their quality of life and continue “growing with pride.”

3) Tina Yang

The speaker warns that proposed data centers could negatively impact regional electrical systems. They claim the facilities may strain the power grid, leading to outages not just locally but across nearby cities. They also raise concerns about voltage instability, including spikes that could damage household appliances and increase fire risk. Citing research, they state that a large

portion of electrical disturbances could affect areas within a 50-mile radius, emphasizing that the issue would impact the broader region, not just one community.

4) Jeffrey de la Torre

Jeffrey school Board member raises concerns about the proposed data center and battery storage project near schools in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. He highlight strong community opposition (500+ emails) and stress the need to include local families, students, and educators in the decision-making process. He emphasizes that environmental conditions around schools directly impact student success and encourage residents to stay informed and attend meetings.

5) Angela

A student representative, Angela, spoke on behalf of youth in Hacienda Heights, expressing opposition to building data centers in the community. She highlighted that several nearby schools—attended by her and her peers—are within close proximity to the proposed sites, and emphasized that students do not want such developments near their homes. Instead, she advocated for projects that benefit residents, such as businesses or community spaces that provide places for youth to gather, socialize, and support mental health.

6) Andres A

Andres, representing the “No Data Centers in the SGV Coalition,” spoke as a local resident expressing strong opposition to proposed data centers and battery storage systems. He noted that over 15,000 people across the San Gabriel Valley have signed a petition—many from Hacienda Heights—demonstrating widespread community concern. While acknowledging that the Board of Supervisors and local officials may be working on protections for unincorporated areas, he emphasized uncertainty about the timeline and effectiveness of those efforts. He criticized the City of Industry as a current source of risk and argued that stronger action is needed to prevent developments that could harm residents’ livelihoods, health, and future. He concluded by stressing that true community improvement cannot happen if environmental impacts like contaminated water, soil, and air continue to threaten residents.

7) Tiffany Rice

Tiffany, a Hacienda Heights resident and parent, spoke in strong opposition to proposed data centers and battery storage projects. She expressed concern for the health, safety, and future of local children, including her daughter who attends a nearby elementary school. Tiffany criticized the City of Industry for acting irresponsibly with community resources and accused officials of prioritizing profit over public well-being. She highlighted that over 15,000 residents have signed a petition against the projects and urged community members to take action—by engaging neighbors, attending meetings, joining rallies, and pushing for official resolutions to oppose the developments.

8) David Salcido

A retired police executive warns that the proposed data center poses serious risks, including increased traffic, fire hazards, higher insurance costs, and a decline in quality of life. He urges the community and HHIA to take strong action, contact officials, and oppose the project before consequences escalate.

9) Abraham Zuwala

A parent and new homeowner urged the community to oppose data centers, citing risks to families and property values, and pointed to past local environmental contamination as a warning. They asked the association to take action, support residents, and consider formal opposition, including legal steps.

10) Teresa Lee

Teresa from Diamond Bar expressed concern about a proposed battery storage facility near Hacienda Heights. They referenced a recent catastrophic battery facility fire in Monterey Park as an example of the potential danger. The speaker warned that such a project could pose serious regional safety risks and urged the community to unite and oppose the proposal.

11) Maria Yanez

Maria urges community leaders and officials to actively attend City of Industry meetings and stand with residents opposing nearby development projects. They highlight that many residents cannot attend due to work constraints, making leadership presence even more important. The speaker expresses frustration over low community representation at meetings and calls out absent officials, emphasizing the need for visible support. They argue the proposed developments primarily benefit companies—not the community or future generations—and encourage unified action and participation to protect local neighborhoods.

12) Madeline Ocampo

Madeline, a resident of Monterey Park, urged the city to ban data centers due to their environmental and community impacts. She cited concerns including high water usage, potential water pollution, noise and light pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and increased electricity costs. She also criticized major tech companies, arguing they prioritize profit over people and linking them to broader ethical concerns. She concluded by calling for investment in communities and prioritizing human well-being over corporate interests.

13) Roy Humphreys

Roy argues against fear-based opposition to data centers, noting many already operate in Los Angeles. They criticize the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for poor oversight and emphasize the need for reliable power infrastructure—especially with new housing growth—while supporting responsible, well-planned development instead of outright rejection.

14) Paul Martinez

Paul Martinez, a community organizer, spoke against proposed data centers, claiming they pose environmental risks and raise serious privacy concerns. He expressed fears about surveillance, alleging that data collected (e.g., from cameras and tech systems) could be accessed, stored, and misused by organizations, including government agencies. He urged the community to oppose data center development, arguing it threatens personal privacy, societal well-being, and local communities.

PRESENTATION

- a. Colima Road Updates..... by James Yang (Public Works)

James provided an update on a multi-phase road construction project (Colima Road), noting that Phase 1 is nearly complete and Phase 2 is underway.

- Construction is being carefully managed to minimize traffic disruption, with most heavy work done during the day and lighter work (like striping) at night.
- The project is divided into multiple phases, each expected to take about 4 months, with full completion projected around May 2027.
- Adjustments have been made to traffic control and lane configurations to improve flow during construction.
- Community members raised concerns about:
 - Tree placement in medians, including blocking signage
 - Lane widths and striping, especially safety for cyclists
 - Traffic patterns and signal timing, which may cause confusion or delays
- Officials responded that some work (like striping and signal loops) is temporary and will be finalized soon.
- Overall, the project is progressing as planned, but community feedback is ongoing, particularly regarding safety and design details.

b. LA County Planning..... Caroline Chen

A senior planner from LA County introduced a pilot outreach program aimed at improving access to planning services in unincorporated communities like Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, and Lake Los Angeles.

- Purpose: Strengthen community connections, provide education on planning services, and make the department more accessible.
- What Planning Does:
 - Creates development plans (e.g., General Plan, community plans) to guide growth, land use, and preservation.
 - Issues permits based on zoning laws (Title 22 of LA County Code).
- Community Involvement: Residents are encouraged to participate in planning updates to shape their community's future.
- New Access Options:
 - Monthly in-person and virtual appointments
 - Expanded afternoon office hours
 - Library outreach events (e.g., Hacienda Heights Library)
- Future Outlook: If successful, the pilot may expand to more communities and include additional services.

Overall message: LA County Planning is trying to be more accessible, flexible, and community-engaged, while encouraging residents to participate in shaping local development.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Representative 1st Supervisorial District-Monthly.....Ryan Serrano

Ryan Serrano, Deputy District Director for Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, shared several updates:

- CARES Act 2026: Partnering with Assembly member Juan Carrillo (likely referenced as “Calvaran”) to support the California Anti-Hunger Response and Employment Training Act; recently discussed at a press event at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.
- MEHKO Program: Hosted an info session on Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations, helping residents turn home kitchens into small businesses.
- Youth Program: Shared flyers for the Parks “Youth at Work” program (multilingual).
- Job Event: Announced a job resource event (March 25, 10 AM–1 PM) with the Department of Economic Opportunity and the America's Job Center of California.
- Air Quality Support: Noted small business assistance programs from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to help businesses comply with regulations.

Annette, Environmental Deputy for Hilda Solis, explained the County’s approach to proposed data centers:

- The County is actively developing an ordinance to regulate data centers in unincorporated areas, but it must follow a formal process.
- A motion will be introduced (early April) in the Community Services Cluster, where the public can review and comment.
- The first major step is conducting a comprehensive environmental and public health study, since no local study currently exists.
- The County also plans to pursue a temporary moratorium on new data centers in unincorporated areas until regulations are finalized.
- Any future ordinance will only apply to unincorporated LA County areas (e.g., Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights), not cities like the City of Industry, which governs itself.
- Fact sheets and data from departments like Public Health will be released to inform the community and support policy decisions.

Key community discussion points:

- There is skepticism about replacing potential mixed-use developments (housing, retail, entertainment) with data centers.
- Concerns include impacts on nearby parks, neighborhoods, and overall community planning.
- Officials acknowledged these concerns and emphasized the need for data-driven decisions and community input before moving forward.

Overall, the County is in an early, information-gathering and policy-development phase, with opportunities for public involvement before any final decisions are made

b. Representative 38th Congressional District-Quarterly.....Yulissa Chavez

c. 30th State Senate District-Quarterly/April..... Daniel

A senior district representative for Bob Archuleta thanked the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association for hosting and providing a platform for community input.

He acknowledged concerns about proposed data center and energy infrastructure projects and stated that the Senator’s office is actively gathering information, coordinating with agencies and experts, and reviewing project details and impacts.

He noted that projects like these falls under California Environmental Quality Act, emphasizing that environmental and safety impacts—such as air quality and infrastructure—can extend beyond city boundaries and affect nearby communities.

The office is currently in an information-gathering phase, aiming to ensure transparency, understand community concerns, and provide fact-based updates, while remaining available as a resource for residents moving forward.

d. 56th State Assembly District-Quarterly.....Steven Cornell

Steven reassured the community that the Senate office is actively monitoring the data center and battery storage issue and staying in close communication with the Assembly member. He encouraged residents to call and share their opinions, emphasizing that public input is being heard and relayed to decision-makers. He highlighted key legislative deadlines—April 26 for fiscal bills and May 1 for non-fiscal bills to be heard in committee—and urged people to speak up about any related bills. He closed by providing the district office contact number and assuring the community that their concerns are not being ignored.

e. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority-As RequestedAndrea Gullo

Andrea Gullo, representing the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority, invited the community to participate in an Earth Day hike. Those interested can sign up through Meetup under “Puente Hills Preserve Hikers.” The event will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 AM in the Puente Hills area.

f. Hacienda Heights Librarian-Monthly.....Chrstina Cabrea-Labrado

Christina Cabrera-Labrado, Community Library Manager for Hacienda Heights Library, shared that the library offers events for children, teens, and adults. March and April newsletters are available with details, including upcoming co-hosted events with the Department of Mental Health and the Asian Youth Center.

g. Hsi Lai Temple..... Avelyn Busch

Hsi Lai Temple representative Avelyn Busch invited the public to a one-day retreat on April 25. The event is intended to help attendees find peace and stability during challenging times.

h. LA Co. Parks & Recreation-Monthly..... Michael Hamilton

Michael Hamilton, Recreation Services Manager, shared updates for Hacienda Heights area parks (including Manzanita, Countrywood, Pepperbrook Grove, Los Robles, Orange Grove, and others).

- Spring Jubilee Events:
 - Recent event at Hacienda Heights Community Center had 500+ attendees
 - March 27: Manzanita Park (5–8 PM)
 - March 28: Steinmetz Park (11 AM–2 PM)

- Phone Issues:
 - Park phone lines are currently not working
 - Temporary contact number: 626-591-5792 (Hacienda Heights Community Center)

- Upcoming Updates:
 - New phone systems being installed for multiple parks and the Senior Center
 - Updated contact numbers will be provided next month

PRESIDENT CLOSING..... David Fang

The next monthly HHIA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday April 20, 2026 at 7:00PM at Hacienda Heights Community Center located at: 1234 Valencia Ave., Hac. Hgts., CA 91745

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02pm

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting---TBD

**Minutes Submitted by Andy Guo, Secretary
Entered into record after approval**

Andy Guo

4/14/2026

Secretary Signature

Date