

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday – April 20, 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.....Ryan Serrano

Roll CallAndy Guo

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES David Fang

- March 2026-Motion Sought to Approve
Approved by David Fang, Alitzah Weiner, Steven Wu, 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 \$00.02.
- The Total expenses are \$443.93.
- Checking Account Balance: \$5,689.04
- The operating budget for October was \$12,027.39 with three accounts making up \$5,384.55, \$1,573.04 and \$5,069.80

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, 0 robberies, 1 burglaries (1 residential), 13 thefts, 1 auto thefts. Overall crime Rates is down -25% compared to 2025.

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

CHP staffing and system issues have disrupted the statewide reporting system, so March reporting numbers are currently unavailable. They also reminded everyone that April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and emphasized the importance of safe driving by avoiding distractions such as cell phone use, eating, or driving with pets on laps. The speaker encouraged attendees to help spread awareness about distracted driving safety before concluding the meeting and inviting questions.

c. LASD Parking Enforcement..... Martinez

- Parking Enforcement issued approximately **1,545 citations** during the month of March.
- Officers conducted **22 vehicle abatement/tow-related actions** and responded to approximately **1,380 calls for service**.

- Residents were reminded that **AP413 parking regulations** are actively being enforced, including the rule prohibiting parking within **20 feet of a crosswalk**.
- For concerns regarding **RVs or trailers**, residents should contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department dispatch line at **626-330-3322**.
- Vehicle-related concerns can also be reported online through the parking enforcement email portal by visiting the Los Angeles County website and navigating to parking enforcement services for the Industry Sheriff Station.
- Parking Enforcement encouraged residents to continue reporting issues and stated that responses and follow-ups would be provided through the reporting system.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1) Brandon Macias

The speaker, identified as the Vice President of the World History Gardening Council, expressed appreciation for the HHIA Board and acknowledged the various reports being presented, including one from Supervisor Hilda Solis' office. The speaker thanked the HHIA Board and raised concerns about the status of Supervisor Hilda Solis' promised moratorium motion. They noted that the community strongly supported the Supervisor at multiple meetings and are now seeking clarification on why the motion has not moved forward or been communicated further.

2) Karina

A representative from PHCPA stated that the group is advocating for greater accountability and transparency regarding large-scale developments that may impact the health, safety, and environment of the Hacienda Heights community, including battery energy storage systems and data centers. The organization has filed a lawsuit related to the Marshall BESS Project in Yale and believes a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be completed before approval, rather than relying on a Negative Declaration. They announced that a town hall meeting will be held soon and encouraged residents to visit PHCPA.org for updates and to support ongoing litigation efforts through donations.

3) Andres

The speaker argued that battery energy storage systems (BESS) should not be included in renewable energy ordinances intended to protect public health and safety. They claimed that BESS projects primarily benefit corporations rather than local residents, while posing safety risks due to past incidents such as explosions at facilities in Escondido and Moss Landing. The speaker also expressed concerns about fire hazards, heat-related failures, and the placement of battery systems near homes. They criticized claims that BESS improves reliability during blackouts, questioned the need for such systems in the area, and argued that residents could face higher electricity costs.

4) Shelly Wei

The speaker expressed strong opposition to data centers, arguing they consume large amounts of water and electricity, create noise and environmental impacts, and provide little long-term benefit to local communities. They claimed that other cities, especially in Texas, have experienced water shortages and other negative consequences after allowing data centers. As a longtime resident of over 30 years, the speaker said they love the community and urged residents

to reject future data center projects, stating that the promised job opportunities are minimal and mostly temporary construction jobs.

5) Mona Feng

resident spoke in opposition to the proposed data center project. They explained that they carefully reviewed property records, transfer history, and related data after learning about the project online. The speaker said they have been researching the issue extensively and consulting knowledgeable contacts, though many residents are reluctant to speak publicly. They emphasized that while lawsuits may help, legal action alone is not enough, and the community must find additional strategies and the “right direction” to stop the project as soon as possible. The speaker expressed strong love for the community and pledged to continue gathering and sharing information with interested residents, including property and ownership database records related to the project.

6) Puente Hills Habitat Authority- Andrea Gullo

A speaker from the Board of the Habitat Authority thanked residents for attending the recent board meeting and voicing concerns about proposed data centers. The speaker stated that the Board unanimously believes data centers could pose environmental threats to the organization’s mission of protecting and preserving the Puente Hills. The Habitat Authority plans to closely monitor any proposed data center projects near the preserve, evaluate them on a case-by-case basis, and work to prevent potential harm to local wildlife, habitats, the environment, and surrounding communities. The speaker also thanked community members and HHIA leadership for continuing public advocacy and discussions on these issues.

PRESENTATION

a. L.A. County Planning Department (DRP) – Renewable Energy Ordinance update

LA County Planning provided an overview of its updated Renewable Energy Ordinance (REO), which will regulate utility-scale renewable energy projects in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The update follows Board of Supervisors motions from 2023 and 2024 directing the County to add Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to Title 22 and review the entire ordinance. The County has completed initial outreach, technical studies, and community meetings, and is now moving into the ordinance drafting phase. Future steps include public review, CEQA environmental analysis, scoping meetings, and hearings before the Regional Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The ordinance will address utility-scale solar, wind, BESS, and green hydrogen projects, with opportunities for continued public input through surveys, meetings, and the County mailing list.

BOARD DISCUSSION

HHIA Board Member Discussion – Data Center & Battery Storage Project

HHIA board members discussed the proposed data center and battery energy storage system (BESS) project at the Puente Hills Mall site and expressed broad concern about its long-term

impacts on Hacienda Heights and surrounding communities. Board members emphasized that they are not opposed to technological progress, but believe development must be responsible, transparent, and protective of community health, safety, infrastructure, and quality of life. Board members stated that Hacienda Heights is a residential community and not intended to become an industrial zone. Concerns were raised regarding increased electricity and water demand, potential utility cost increases for residents, environmental impacts, traffic, industrial noise, and risks associated with large-scale battery storage systems, including possible fires, explosions, and toxic emissions. Several members also expressed concern about unknown long-term health consequences and environmental risks tied to battery disposal and hazardous materials.

Discussion also focused heavily on transparency and governance. Board members stated that many residents were unaware the project had reportedly been under discussion since 2023 and called for improved communication, public outreach, and community engagement. Some members noted frustration that Hacienda Heights, as an unincorporated community, has limited authority over decisions made within the City of Industry jurisdiction. Suggestions included exploring annexation options, greater community organization, and increased advocacy efforts. Board members discussed strategies for continued opposition, including legal advocacy, environmental review challenges, coordination with organizations such as PHCPA, fundraising for legal efforts, and monitoring future project developments. Pending state legislation, including SB 886 and SB 887, was referenced as potential tools to address environmental review requirements and prevent project-related utility costs from being passed to residents.

Motion and Board Approval Process

Following the board discussion, Ali made a motion to approve a formal resolution opposing the proposed data center and battery storage project, and Andy seconded the motion. The resolution was then presented to the board for a vote.

The board unanimously approved the resolution opposing the proposed project. The adopted resolution formally opposes the proposed data center and BESS project unless full legal and environmental compliance is demonstrated, including preparation of a legally adequate Environmental Impact Report (EIR), independent technical studies, developer-funded mitigation measures, agency accountability, and preservation of HHIA’s rights to pursue administrative appeals and litigation if necessary.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Representative 1st Supervisorial District-MonthlyRyan Serrano

Ryan Serrano, Deputy District Director for Supervisor Hilda Solis’ office, provided several community updates during the monthly report. He announced that Supervisor Solis approved up to \$52,500 in funding support for the return of the Hacienda Heights 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2026, celebrating the nation’s 250th anniversary, and expressed continued support for the community event. He also shared that concerns regarding activity around the former Denny’s location at 7th Avenue Village have been referred to Public Works, Building Safety, and code

enforcement for investigation. Additional updates included progress on roadway improvements and striping corrections, with encouragement for residents to continue reporting concerns. Regarding the requested moratorium issue, Serrano explained that there was not enough support from the Board of Supervisors at this time, but Supervisor Solis continues to support the community's concerns and may revisit the matter after future reports are completed.

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

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

Daniel, representing the Bob Archuleta's office, stated that the Senator's office is actively listening to community concerns regarding proposed data centers and related developments. He explained that lawmakers in Sacramento are working on developing a statewide framework for regulating data centers, including issues involving energy demand, environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act, water usage, climate impacts, and the balance between local control and state oversight. He acknowledged concerns that some developers may be bypassing CEQA through loopholes and emphasized the importance of protecting communities and public safety. The Senator's office encouraged residents to continue submitting concerns through email, the district office in Norwalk, or appointments with staff, and expressed support for HHIA's resolution and ongoing advocacy efforts.

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

e. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority-As RequestedAndrea Gullo

A status update was provided regarding the community hydrant project, with completion anticipated by the end of June, just ahead of wildfire season. The presentation concluded on a positive note with the sighting of a rare rufous hummingbird in the preserve, viewed as a sign of a healthy ecosystem with adequate food, nesting areas, clean water, and protected habitat. The small bird, only about 4 inches long, is capable of traveling nearly 2,000 miles during migration.

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

- Upcoming community events and registration information are available on their website.
- In partnership with the American Red Cross, a neighborhood blood drive will be held on May 4 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the library. Residents interested in participating are encouraged to register.

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

Hsi Lai Temple representative Avelyn Busch two upcoming meditation and retreat opportunities. The first is a short morning tea meditation session scheduled for Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM, with reservations required. The second is a two-week monastery retreat focused on

prayer, reflection, and personal renewal for those seriously interested in learning and spiritual growth. Attendees were encouraged to review the flyers on the tables and sign up if interested.

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

PRESIDENT CLOSING..... David Fang

The next monthly HHIA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 18, 2026 at 7:00PM at Hacienda Heights Community Center located at: 1234 Valencia Ave., Hac. Hgts., CA 91745

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

The next HHIA Board of Directors meeting---TBD

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

Andy Guo

5/14/2026

Secretary Signature

Date