

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday – November 17, 2025

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..... Dallas

Roll Call:.....Andy Guo

Present – David Fang, Alitzah Weiner, Bala Venkataraman, Jenny Lin, Andy Guo, Steven Wu, Andrea Gordon, Michael Wang, R. Ann Ellis-Hall.

ABSENT: Julie Tan, Faye Lee.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES David Fang

- September & October, 2025-Motion Sought to Approve
Approved by David Fang, Alitzah Weiner, Bala Venkataraman, Jenny Lin, Andy Guo, Steven Wu, Andrea Gordon, Michael Wang, R. Ann Ellis-Hall.

TREASURER’S REPORT: October 2025--Reported and Filed by..... Jenny Lin

- The Total income is \$440.03.
- The Total expenses is \$273.18.
- Checking Account Balance: \$7691.34
- The operating budget for October was \$11,065.10 with three accounts making up \$5,383.47, \$1,572.74 and \$4,108.89

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

a. LASD Industry Sheriff’s Station Liaison Deputy Rodriguez

Deputy Rodriguez was unable to attend the meeting due to a family event.

- Deputy Crime Stats Report for October 1 to October 31, 2025. 4 Crimes against person, 0 robberies, 2 burglaries (10 residential), 20 thefts, 4 auto thefts. Overall crime Rates is up 5% compared to 2024.

A supervisor from the Industry Sheriff’s Station provided an enforcement update:

- Recovered **5 stolen vehicles**
- Issued **17 citations** for expired or amended registrations
- Responded to **85 calls**
- Issued **129 parking tickets**
- Distributed flyers with citation breakdowns and reporting information

Residents can report issues by calling the **Industry Sheriff’s Station dispatch** or using the email reporting portal, where an officer will follow up.

The supervisor reminded everyone that **AB 413 (“Daylighting” law)** is being enforced — **no parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk**, even if the curb isn’t painted red.

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

- The station recently gained **4 new officers**, making it **24 new officers this year** as staffing continues to improve after statewide shortages.
- The **electric/hybrid car HOV program ended** on September 30, and after a 60-day grace period, **no electric or hybrid vehicles are allowed in the carpool lane after December 1.**
- Traffic collisions dropped from **43 in September to 37 in October**, a **14% decrease.**
- Officers reminded residents to prepare for rainy weather: leave early, drive slowly, check tire pressure and tread, and make sure wipers are in good shape.
- The annual **CHiPs for Kids toy drive** begins **December 5** at Lakewood Mall, collecting new unwrapped toys for children in need.
- On **December 20 at 9 AM**, the station will host a large **toy giveaway event** in Santa Fe Springs with free meals and hundreds of toys and bikes for local families.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

PRESENTATION

Presentation of peace and safety by Former County Sheriff Alex Villanueva

Former LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva warned that the Board of Supervisors’ plan to close Men’s Central Jail without building a replacement will force the release of more than 4,000 inmates into the community, creating a serious public safety threat. He emphasized that while the facility must eventually be demolished due to its age and inadequacy, shutting it down without a new structure is irresponsible and dangerous.

Villanueva explained that today’s jail population is medically fragile, with many inmates suffering from severe drug addiction, homelessness, and untreated mental illness. As a result, inmate deaths have surged, with more than 113 deaths reported this year alone. Because of state policies like prison realignment (AB 109), county jails now house long-term felony offenders rather than short-term misdemeanor inmates, further straining the system.

He criticized the Board’s “Care First, Jails Last” agenda, which aligns with activist movements seeking to eliminate jails entirely but offers no realistic alternatives. No community-based facilities are being built, leaving offenders to be released directly into neighborhoods.

Villanueva also highlighted how government budgets have exploded at the county, city, and state levels—doubling or tripling since 2011—while essential services have declined. Residents now experience fewer deputies, slower 911 response times, worsening homelessness, and higher taxes. He attributed much of this to wasteful spending and the “homeless industrial complex,” a network of politically connected nonprofits with little accountability.

He also condemned zero-bail policies, fraudulent spending, and a lack of oversight across multiple agencies. Villanueva urged residents to stay informed, attend public meetings, hold elected officials accountable, and take local elections seriously, emphasizing that local government—not Washington—has the greatest impact on safety and quality of life.

California can improve, but only if citizens engage and demand responsible leadership.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Representative 1st Supervisorial District-Monthly Ryan Serrano

Ryan Serrano provided several community updates and resources:

- **Office Flyers & Materials:**
Brought multilingual office flyers (English, Spanish, Mandarin) and information on local aquatic centers, including a fold-out with a map.
- **Puente Hills Landfill Park / Navy Meeting:**
The scheduled Navy meeting regarding the landfill park was postponed due to rain. A virtual meeting will be held soon, with another in-person meeting to follow. He will share details with Ali once available.
- **Food Insecurity & Distribution:**
His office has received many calls about food insecurity. They coordinated with the LA Regional Food Bank to set up an additional distribution event.
Event details:
 - **Date:** Wednesday, November 19
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - **Location:** Fairplex, Blue Lot 8–9
- **Consumer & Business Affairs / Immigrant Affairs:**
Provided information from the Department of Consumer & Business Affairs.
The Office of Immigrant Affairs can assist with isolated cases.
Additional multilingual medical-related webinars (starting January 1, 2022 programs) will be provided—he’ll follow up with Ali on updated dates.
- **Sheriff’s Department Budget & Staffing:**
 - The Sheriff’s Department receives approximately **\$4.1 billion** in the upcoming fiscal budget.
 - Due to deputy shortages, overtime spending has increased.
 - The Board of Supervisors has expanded academy class sizes and the number of classes to help fill staffing gaps.
 - Ryan offered appreciation to the Sheriff’s team for their work.

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

c. 30th State Senate District-Quarterly/April..... Kyle Miller

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

e. Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority-As RequestedAndrea Gullo

Cassandra Garcia, Board Member of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority
representing Hacienda Heights.

- **Vegetation Management Extended:**

Thanks to a grant from the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy, the Habitat Authority has extended its vegetation clearance work beyond the usual May–June window into the fall, improving wildfire prevention efforts.

- **Trail Safety Reminder:**

Trails are closed due to rain. When they reopen, residents are encouraged to report any trail damage to Habitat Authority via **habitatauthority.org**.

- **New Firefighting Equipment:**

The board approved the purchase of a **water tender** (larger water capacity) and a **flail mower** to clear vegetation along firefighter emergency access routes.

- **Committee Openings for Hacienda Heights Residents:**

Two volunteer positions are available:

- **Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC)** – provides community recommendations to the Board.
- **Fiscal Advisory Committee** – oversees the proper use of Measure A funds for transparency and accountability.

Residents can apply or learn more at **habitatauthority.org**.

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

- **Creative Card-Making Workshop (Adults):**

11/18/25 at **10:30 AM**. Learn to create greeting cards and write effective messages.

Registration required.

- **Tea History & Brewing Program:**

Wednesday, Dec 3 at 5 PM. Includes tea history, processing, a brewing demonstration, and tasting. **Registration required.**

- **Book Club:**

Saturday, Dec 13 at 10:30 AM. Discussing *Aphrodite on the Moth*, told from a dog's perspective.

- **Children & Teen Programs:**

Full listings available on the library website, Facebook, and Instagram.

- **Laptop Loan Program Ending:**

Long-term laptop loans end **Dec 31** due to expired federal ARPA funding.

Alternatives still available:

- Public computers

- **Laptop Express** for extended in-library computer use
- Free Wi-Fi, including from the parking lot

g. Hsi Lai Temple Avelyn Busch

Avelyn Busch shared several community updates on behalf of Hsi Lai Temple, including details for upcoming charity events and seasonal activities. She announced the **HSI LAI Cup Basketball Tournament** on November 23, which collects new unwrapped toys for families in need. She also reported an ongoing **toy drive** through December 14 and a **clothing drive** on December 13 accepting clean used clothing and small items.

Avelyn further highlighted multiple **Harvest Festival events** happening in local parks and provided information on two major **December holiday celebrations**, including a large winter event at Steinmetz Park featuring 160 tons of snow, food sampling, crafts, and build-your-own toys for children, with additional parking available at Dibble Adult School. She also noted a scheduled **park cleanup** this Thursday in coordination with the Supervisor's Office, Parks Bureau, and Sheriff's Department as part of ongoing monthly maintenance efforts.

h. LA Co. Parks & Recreation-Monthly.....Brian Ceballo

Harvest Festivals (5–8 PM)

- Nov 19 – Science Center
- Nov 15 – Manzanita Park
- Industry Hills First Friday – Industry Center

December Holiday Events

- 1. Cold in the Park – Small Event**
 - Dec 13, 11 AM–2 PM, Hacienda Heights Community Center
- 2. Cold in the Park – Main Holiday Event**
 - Dec 4, 5–9 PM, Steinmetz Park
 - 160 tons of snow, food samples, crafts, buildable toys for kids
 - Parking at Dibble Adult School; volunteers assisting

Park Cleanup

- This Thursday, 8 AM
- Led by Supervisor's Office, Parks, and Sheriff's Department
- Monthly effort to clear abandoned belongings and maintain safety

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Nomination Committee Jenny Lin

A five-member Nomination Committee was formed at the last board meeting, consisting of two board members and three community panel members. A nomination notice was emailed to all members last week. Tonight, was the designated time for any individuals wishing to be nominated for the board. New nominees were required to be present to accept or decline the nomination. No additional nominations were made from the board or the public. The association will move forward with a total of nine candidates for the upcoming election.

b. Newsletter Alitzah Wiener

The association will soon release its annual newsletter. Members who own businesses are invited to place an advertisement by contacting the speaker or sending an email. The association is also testing monthly email blasts; members are encouraged to provide feedback on whether they find them useful. Because the service has a cost, continued use will depend on community response.

A reminder was also given about the fundraiser sponsored by Ford to support bringing back the July 4th parade alongside the festival. The event was previously postponed due to rain. Ford will donate proceeds to HHIA for each person who signs up and participates. A link will be emailed out, and completing the short form takes under two minutes. The fundraiser will be held this Sunday from 2:30–5:00 p.m., scheduled after the basketball tournament to avoid conflicts. Participants may test-drive Ford vehicles, and the event will proceed rain or shine. All proceeds will go toward funding the July 4th parade.

PRESIDENT CLOSING..... David Fang/ Alitzah Wiener

The next monthly HHIA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday December 15, 2025 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

12/1/2025

Secretary Signature

Date