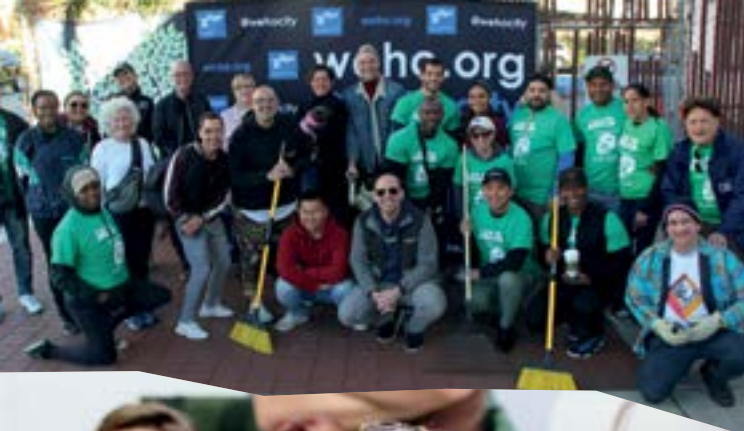


Get Involved

WEST HOLLYWOOD

A Guide to Civic
Involvement





Inviting community members to participate in local activities is a priority for the City of West Hollywood. There are a variety of ways in which residents and businesses can get involved. This guide outlines a few suggestions including opportunities to take an active role and advocate in City policymaking.



**TEN WAYS
TO GET
INVOLVED,
WEHO!**

1

Participate in City events and activities

The City sponsors and organizes a variety of events and activities all year long! From the arts to social services, celebrating our pets to pickleball in the park, West Hollywood has it all. To find out about local events, visit the City's website at weho.org/calendar.

WeHo Pride and Halloween Carnaval are organized by the City of West Hollywood. For more information about WeHo Pride, visit wehopride.com. For more information about Halloween Carnaval, visit weho.org/halloween.

The City offers a variety of activities, sports, excursions, and aquatic programming for all ages at the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center, Plummer Park, and Kings Road Park. To participate and find out more, visit weho.org/recreation.



2

Engage WeHo

The City of West Hollywood has launched Engage WeHo, a digital platform designed to foster meaningful and accessible community participation in City projects, discussions, and policies. Engage WeHo helps to organize feedback from community members in West Hollywood to ensure that more people and perspectives shape the future of our City. For details and to learn more, visit engage.weho.org.

3

Vote!

The City works with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to coordinate municipal elections within the City of West Hollywood. General Municipal Elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in even-numbered years. For all West Hollywood election-related inquiries including voter registration, vote center locations, and voting by mail, please contact the City Clerk's Office at **(323) 848-6800** or visit weho.org/elections. For more information about the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's duties and other countywide election services including voter registration status and ballot drop box locations, please visit lavote.gov.



Show up with NextGen

NextGen is an initiative formed to create a space for the City of West Hollywood's next generation of leaders. This effort aims to increase engagement with the City's 40-and-under population by inviting the community to participate in new, non-traditional events and activities. To find out more, visit wehonestgen.com.

Get creative with WeHoTV Public Access

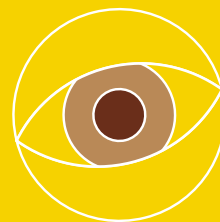
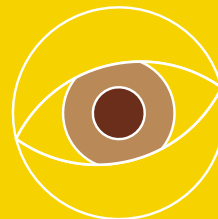
People who live or work in West Hollywood are eligible to use the City's Public Access facility to produce their own television programming for the City's Public Access Channel 36 on Spectrum. For more information, contact the City's Public Access Coordinator, Monday through Friday, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., at **(323) 848-6522** or whpa@weho.org.

Enroll in WeHo's Civic Leadership Academy

The WeHo Civic Leadership Academy is a unique multi-session program that offers a behind-the-scenes look at everyone's favorite City! Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of how municipal government operates and delivers services, empowering constituents to advance community priorities and shape the future of local governance. For more information, visit engage.weho.org/leadershipacademy or contact the City Manager's Department at **(323) 848-6460**.

Learn about local Neighborhood Watch Groups

Neighborhood Watch groups are neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime. Some groups also address other issues, including traffic, parking, and construction impacts. To find out about a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, call the City's Community Safety Office at **(323) 848-6414**.



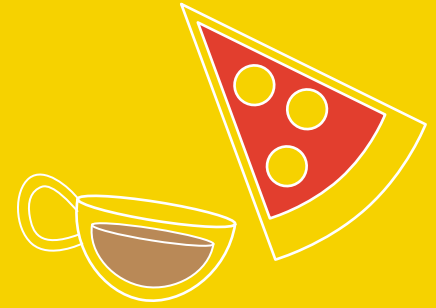
Volunteer at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station

West Hollywood Sheriff's Station volunteers assist with a variety of duties, including data entry, front counter assistance, and the Interpreter and Volunteers on Patrol Programs. To volunteer at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, call (310) 855-8850.



Apply for the Sheriff's Community Academy

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Community Academy offers West Hollywood residents an inside look at the operations of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. Attendees gain a comprehensive view of patrol operations, how dedicated specialty teams address mental health challenges in our community, and are introduced to specialized units such as SWAT, K9 units, and more. For more information, contact whdcit@lasd.org.



Enjoy gathering with your neighbors at National Night Out

On the first Tuesday in August, West Hollywood residents gather on neighborhood streets in a show of unity as the City of West Hollywood celebrates National Night Out. Events such as block parties, barbecues, live entertainment, and more take place throughout the City. For more information, please visit weho.org/nno and the City's Community Safety Division at (323) 848-6414 and safety@weho.org.





**ATTEND PUBLIC
MEETINGS TO
SHAPE CITY
POLICIES AND
ADVOCATE FOR
YOUR IDEAS**



City Council

The West Hollywood City Council is responsible for setting policy. City Council meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the West Hollywood Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. At the meetings, the City Council hears public comment, takes action, and gives direction to staff on only those items that are on the meeting agenda. Sometimes the meeting schedule changes due to holidays. For the most up-to-date schedule, visit weho.org/calendar.

FOUR EASY WAYS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

1

To speak on an agenda item at a City Council meeting, simply sign up to speak in the main lobby of Council Chambers.

2

Email publiccomment@weho.org by 12 p.m. prior to a scheduled Council Meeting to submit written correspondence.

3

Submit an e-comment or sign-up to speak online by visiting weho.org/councilagendas and follow the instructions.

4

You may also call, email, or write City Councilmembers to express your opinions. Reach the City Council offices at **(323) 848-6460**, council@weho.org, or by visiting weho.org. Letters should be sent to West Hollywood City Council Offices, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Watch Public Meetings on WeHoTV

WeHoTV is available on the City's WeHoTV YouTube channel at [youtube.com/wehotv](https://www.youtube.com/wehotv), on the City's website at weho.org/wehotv, and on **Spectrum Channel 10** within West Hollywood. Here's when each meeting airs live:

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council	First and third Mondays of each month at 6 p.m.
Business License Commission	First Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.
Planning Commission	First and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Public Safety Commission	Fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m.
Rent Stabilization Commission	Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Sometimes the meeting schedule changes due to holidays and other events. For the most up-to-date schedule, visit weho.org/wehotv. Recordings of the City Council, Business License Commission, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, and Rent Stabilization Commission meetings are always available on YouTube at [youtube.com/wehotv](https://www.youtube.com/wehotv) and the City's website at weho.org/wehotv and are periodically replayed on **Spectrum Channel 10**.



Commissions

With more than 17 Commissions and Advisory Boards, the City of West Hollywood makes everyone's voice heard. For more information about City Commissions and Advisory Boards, visit weho.org/city-government/boards-commissions or call **(323) 848-6400** and ask for the Commission or Advisory Board staff liaison.

NOTE: Commission, Advisory Board and Task Force meetings are sometimes canceled or rescheduled. To confirm meeting dates and times, call West Hollywood City Hall at **(323) 848-6400** or visit the City's calendar at weho.org/calendar.

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission promotes and nurtures the arts and cultural life of the City of West Hollywood by providing accessible arts and cultural programming for all residents; supports quality arts and cultural organizations in the City; promotes arts and cultural activities; and advises the City Council on policies affecting the arts and cultural life of the City, its residents and the organizations that provide such services. Meetings of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

The Business License Commission is responsible for modifying, suspending and revoking business licenses. It also makes recommendations to the City Council about amendments, ordinances and regulations relating to the Business License Ordinance and other ordinances and resolutions pertaining to business regulation, and other duties as directed by the City Council. Meetings are held on a monthly basis, on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission makes recommendations to both the Planning Commission and the City Council with regard to the designation of structures, landmarks, historic districts and natural features in West Hollywood as official cultural resources. Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood Community Center at Plummer Park, located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 & 6. *Note:* Schedule changes are being considered. To confirm meeting dates and times, visit weho.org/calendar.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The Human Services Commission identifies and determines the social services needs of West Hollywood community members. The Human Services Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council on priorities for the development of social and leisure programs, as well as on issues affecting Seniors and people living with disabilities. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of

every month at 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

LGBTQ+ COMMISSION

The LGBTQ+ Commission evaluates and make recommendations to the City Council on service and funding needs for the LGBTQ+ community, reviews legislation at the local, state, and federal level, policies, programs, procedures, or administrative actions that advance social, economic, and political equality for the LGBTQ+ community and makes recommendations to the City Council and serves as an available resource to the community. Meetings of the LGBTQ+ Commission are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission reviews and makes decisions on entitlement requests for new development or land uses. The Planning Commission also reviews and provides input on long-term strategic planning initiatives and documents that help guide the long-term growth, development and preservation of the City. Meetings of the Planning Commission are held on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the West Hollywood Council Chambers/ Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. The Commission's three subcommittees — the Design Review Subcommittee, the Sunset Arts & Advertising Subcommittee, and the Long Range Planning Projects Subcommittee — also meet monthly to support the work of the Commission.





THE PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

The Public Facilities, Recreation & Infrastructure Commission analyzes public facilities, including those fixed in the public right-of-way, capital improvements, parks, and recreation programs to ensure the highest quality of land use, design, and transportation planning to meet community goals for aesthetics, durability and functionality. Meetings of this Commission are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

The Public Safety Commission analyzes issues related to law enforcement, fire safety and disaster preparedness, and needs of the community, as well as makes policy recommendations to the City Council. Meetings of the Public Safety Commission are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.



RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION

The Rent Stabilization Commission implements and enforces the provisions of the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance which protects tenants and also ensures a just and reasonable return to landlords. Meetings of the Rent Stabilization Commission are held the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY COMMISSION

The Transportation & Mobility Commission analyzes transportation, transit and parking issues, and makes policy recommendations to the City Council. It also reviews and approves requests to establish permit parking districts. Meetings of the Transportation & Mobility Commission are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Advisory Boards

DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

The Disabilities Advisory Board addresses issues affecting people living with disabilities, transportation, housing, access to City government and services for people living with disabilities and makes recommendations to the City Council relative to the adoption of programs, policies and ordinances. Meetings of the Disabilities Advisory Board are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood Community Center at Plummer Park, located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 & 6.

OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD

The Older Adults Advisory Board addresses matters relating to the planning, development and coordination of services for older residents and makes recommendations to the City Council relative to the adoption of programs, policies and ordinances. The Board acts as an advocate and provides linkage between residents, organizations, City Council, City officials and the general

community. Older Adults Advisory Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD

The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board addresses issues relating to the planning, development and coordination of services to the Russian-speaking community and makes recommendations to the City Council relative to the adoption of programs, policies and ordinances. Russian-Speaking Advisory Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD

The Social Justice Advisory Board advises on social and racial equity issues and provides policy recommendations to the City Council to address systemic racism. The Advisory Board consists of members that reflect the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community members who live, work, or own businesses in the City of West Hollywood. Social Justice Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD

The Transgender Advisory Board addresses matters relating to the advocacy on behalf of transgender rights such as education, community awareness and empowerment, and makes recommendations to the City Council relative to the adoption of programs,

policies and ordinances. Transgender Advisory Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

The Women's Advisory Board addresses matters relating to the advocacy on behalf of women's rights such as economic equality, reproductive rights, prevention of violence against women and sexual harassment, and makes recommendations to the City Council relative to the adoption of programs, policies and ordinances. Women's Advisory Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Task Forces and Special Committees

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at **(323) 848-6800** or visit **weho.org**.

ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE

The Ethics Reform Task Force will recommend reforms that will assure strong and comprehensive ethics rules consistent with the City's commitment to open and fair governance. The three key issue areas identified by the City Council are: Government Ethics, Lobbyists Regulation, and Enforcement. Ethics Reform Task Force meetings are held as needed. You may contact the Ethics Reform Task Force at **EthicsReformTaskForce@weho.org**.





EMERGENCY ALERTS

Emergency and public safety alerts are distributed by Nixle, a robust notification system utilized by thousands of public agencies. To subscribe to emergency and public safety alerts, text your ZIP Code to 888777.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us on social media! Follow **@wehocity** on Instagram, Facebook, X/Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and more! For a complete list, visit **weho.org/socialmedia**.



CALENDAR, NEWS, AND EMAIL UPDATES

The City Calendar is available at **weho.org/calendar**. The latest City News is available at **weho.org/news**.



SERVICE REQUESTS

You can quickly and efficiently report service requests like potholes, graffiti removal, and more through the City's Official App. Download the app today by searching "West Hollywood" in the App store. For information about using the App, visit **weho.org/servicerequest**.



TEXT UPDATES

Stay connected, engaged, and informed! The City of West Hollywood's new text messaging program is intuitive and serves as an innovative and personalized way for community members to stay connected. Topics include City news, updates, and announcements. Text "WeHo" to **(323) 848-5000** to get started!



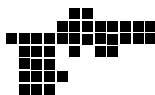
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For the Staff Directory, visit **weho.org/contact**. For a guide to who to call, visit *The WeHo Pages* at **weho.org/wehpages**.

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