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REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

January 08, 2026

6:00 PM

**Municipal Advisory Council
Casa Conejo, California**

**Walnut Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
581 Dena Drive
Newbury Park, CA 91320**

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Casa Conejo to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

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Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell
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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Nominations & Election of 2026 Casa Conejo MAC Chair and Vice Chair.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, October 9, 2025. **Recommendation Receive and File.**
6. Agenda Review.

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items (A through D).
 - a. Ventura County Fire Department: Report will be provided at the MAC meeting.
 - b. Ventura County Sheriff Department Report: Report will be provided at the MAC meeting.
 - c. California Highway Patrol Report: Report will be provided at the MAC meeting.
 - d. Flyer- Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Bike Rodeo & E-Bike Safety Event at Redwood Middle School, 233 W. Gainsborough Rd., Thousand Oaks California on January 24, 2026.

8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).

9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.

10. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities. A Council member may provide a reference for staff or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

11. **Review and Approval of Revised 2026 Casa Conejo MAC Calendar:** District Representative Israel Rodriguez will present the revised 2026 Casa Conejo MAC calendar for review and approval.

12. **Ventura County Public Works Update & Presentation – Casa Conejo Pavement Overlay Project 2026:** Ventura County Public Works Agency staff will provide an update on the Casa Conejo Pavement Overlay Project planned for 2026, including current project status and next steps.

13. **Community Presentation from Senior Concerns:** Martha Shapiro from Senior Concerns will present information on services available to the senior community, including Meals on Wheels, transportation assistance, home safety, legal protection, and healthcare and long-term planning. Senior Concerns is a vital

agency that helps seniors navigate complex challenges and access essential resources.

- 14. Review of 2025 accomplishments and goal setting for 2026 year.** MAC members will review accomplishments from 2025 and to establish goals and objectives for 2026. Goals will align with the three core areas of MAC responsibility:
- a. Public Health & Safety
 - b. Planning & Public Works
 - c. Community Relations

Casa Conejo residents are encouraged to participate by providing input and helping to set priorities for their community.

CLOSING

- 15.** Adjournment of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting March 12, 2026, at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320



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Vice Chair
- Scott Horn
- Rob Alvidrez
- Richard Gaz

**REGULAR
MEETING**

MINUTES

October 9, 2025

6:00 PM

**Municipal Advisory Council
Casa Conejo, California**

**Walnut Elementary School
581 Dena Drive
Newbury Park, CA 91320**

Welcome to the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), the advisory council for the unincorporated area of Casa Conejo to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

For More Information

<https://supervisorgorell.venturacounty.gov/advisory-councils/casa-conejo-mac/>

OPENING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:

Brendon Garcia, Debra Hanna, Richard Gaz

Council Members Absent:

Scott Horn, Rob Alvidrez

Quorum met.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Garcia.

4. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve the July 10, 2025 minutes made by Debra Hanna, seconded by Richard Gaz.

Motion passes.

5. Agenda Review

No report was provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A–C made by Debra Hanna, seconded by Richard Gaz.

Approved unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda Items (A–C)

A. Ventura County Fire Department Safety Report

The Fire Department report is included in the final agenda packet.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Chair Brendon Garcia read the Ventura County Fire Department report aloud.

B. Ventura County Sheriff's Office Safety Report

The Sheriff's Office report was provided verbally at the MAC meeting.
Recommendation: Receive and file.

C. California Highway Patrol Safety Report

No written report was included in the agenda packet.
Recommendation: Receive and file.

Vice Chair Debra Hanna read the California Highway Patrol report aloud.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. Public Comments

Citizen presentations regarding Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council-related matters not appearing on this agenda.

Speaker One – Steve

Spoke regarding the abandoned donut drive-through location. Noted that the future of the former establishment remains unclear and expressed concern about potential increases in traffic congestion on Wendy Drive. Suggested the structure be demolished and the site returned to a more natural state.

Chair Garcia requested an update from the City of Thousand Oaks regarding future plans for the site.

8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments

Field Representative Blake Davis provided updates on the following topics:

- Amgen expansion
- Cancer clinical trials
- Oak Park Fire Open House
- Somis cleanup efforts
- Santa Rosa Valley Fall Festival

9. Council Comments

Chair Brendon Garcia

No comments.

Vice Chair Debra Hanna

Provided an update on Sparkles, a special needs cheer program at Newbury Park High School. Hanna founded the program in 2010 and is again leading it this year. Sparkles will perform at Newbury Park High School’s Homecoming on Friday night.

Richard Gaz

No comments.

Scott Horn *(Comments read by Chair Garcia due to Councilmember Horn’s absence)*

Horn was attending the Newbury Park High School Homecoming pep rally. His comments addressed efforts to prevent development along Borchard Road, noting that the issue has taken on an environmental focus involving botanists, engineers, and academics. The long-term goal is to establish a nature preserve, as the site represents one of the last remaining wetlands in urban Southern California.

Horn also noted that the Council is still seeking a Newbury Park High School student representative for the MAC.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Ventura County Public Works Update & Presentation – Casa Conejo Pavement Overlay Project (2026)

Ventura County Public Works Agency staff provided a presentation outlining which streets will be resurfaced as part of the Casa Conejo Pavement Overlay Project scheduled for Fall 2026.

Presenter: Matt Hesperheide

Council members and members of the public asked questions and provided feedback regarding the project.

Action: File and receive presentation.

11. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Presentation

Presenter: Paul Weinstein, Thousand Oaks CERT Representative

Weinstein presented an overview of the CERT program, including program elements, training requirements, and the benefits of community participation. He encouraged residents to get involved to increase emergency preparedness throughout Casa Conejo.

Action: File and receive presentation.

12. Presentation of the 2026 MAC Meeting Calendar

Presented by Israel Rodriguez, Field Representative for Supervisor Gorell

Rodriguez submitted the 2026 Casa Conejo MAC Meeting Calendar for review, discussion, and approval. Dates related to Casa Conejo Day were discussed and incorporated into the calendar.

Discussion:

Vice Chair Debra Hanna asked whether an additional meeting would be needed to plan Casa Conejo Day (May 2026).

Action:

Motion to approve the 2026 Calendar made by Debra Hanna, seconded by Richard Gaz. Motion passes.

13. Community Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Public Health & Safety

Ad-Hoc Committee Report:

Chair Brendon Garcia provided an update on Firewise Committee activities. John Chabot, Owner of Wildfire Warden, presented information on home hardening services and Zone compliance.

Chabot explained the three defensible space zones surrounding a home and emphasized the importance of property maintenance. He noted that preventive measures such as vent screens and fire-resistant paint can significantly reduce wildfire damage.

Planning & Public Works

No formal report was provided. General discussion occurred regarding future goals and tasks.

Chair Garcia indicated this topic will be placed on a future agenda.

Community Relations

Ad-Hoc Committee Report:

Vice Chair Debra Hanna provided an update on the Casa Conejo Newsletter (Conejo Tails) and requested feedback on future content. She also noted the return of a Saturday farmer's market in the Dollar Tree parking lot.

CLOSING

14. Adjournment

The Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council meeting was adjourned by Chair Garcia at 7:13 PM.

Next Meeting:
January 8, 2026
Walnut Elementary School, Multipurpose Room
581 Dena Drive
Newbury Park, CA 91320



Ventura County
Supervisor Jeff Gorell
& Community Partners invite you to attend a

BIKE RODEO & E-BIKE SAFETY EVENT

Redwood Middle School,
233 W Gainsborough Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

JANUARY 24, 2026, 10 AM - 1 PM

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**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO KEEP EVERYONE
SAFE ON BIKES IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

- » Free, family-friendly event for all ages
- » Bike skills course for pedal bikes
- » Bring your pedal bike and helmet
- » Safe riding tips and trail awareness
- » E-bike safety covering what's legal, safe riding, and battery storage

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Questions? Email: District2@venturacounty.gov





Casa Conejo MAC 2026 Meeting Calendar

- Meetings are once a quarter.
- Meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month.
- Meeting begins at 6:00 PM

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Senior Concerns:

An Introduction





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About Senior Concerns

Celebrating 50 Years of Service!

Since 1975, Senior Concerns has been a lifeline for over **13,000** seniors and family caregivers annually in Eastern Ventura and Western Los Angeles counties.



Senior Concerns Programs

- Adult Day Program
- Meals On Wheels/Home Delivered Meals
- Caregiver Support Center
- Senior Advocacy Services
- Geriatric Assessment Program
- Pro Bono Legal & Financial Services
- Educational Seminars



Adult Day Program



- The Adult Day Program is a social model program geared for older adults with memory and/or physical impairment who can benefit from & enjoy social and group activities
- Monday through Friday 10am – 2pm
- Monthly pricing based on the number of days per week you sign up
- A licensed care facility under the California Department of Social Services

Meals On Wheels – Original

- Serves Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park
- Adding Westlake Village, Oak Park & Agoura Hills in March
- 7 days/week, hot lunch and cold sack dinner
- Prepared at Los Robles Hospital East Campus
- For fee program with scholarships
- Accommodates most dietary needs

VCAAA Home Delivered Meals

Serves Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park

- 5 days/week, hot or chilled meal, delivered 3 times/week
- Prepared at Country Harvest Restaurant
- FREE, donations accepted (Older American's Act Funded)



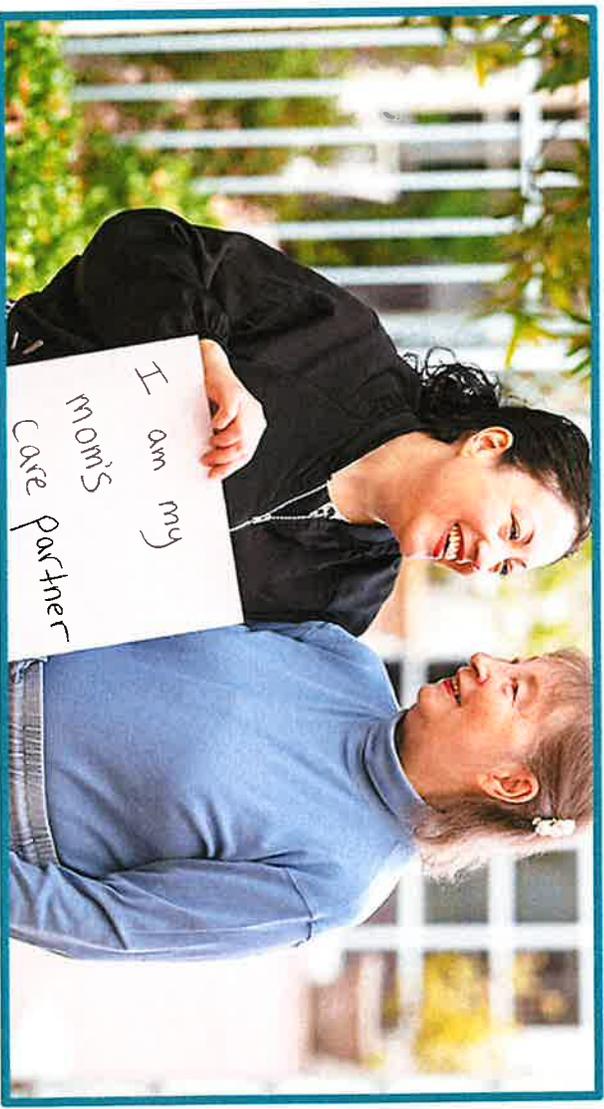


**A fresh made
meal brings
nutrition and
shows the
senior they are
not alone**

Caregiver Support Center

Offering a full array of support services to provide relief and assistance to family caregivers, the Caregiver Support Center serves as an essential resource for emotional, social and physical support, information and respite from the stress of caregiving.

- One-On-One Care Consultations
- Support Groups
- Information and Referrals
- Education
- Small grants for
 - Caregiver Respite
 - Home Modification



Support Groups



Our Support Groups provide caregivers a non-judgmental space to discuss and resolve problems, share in a confidential setting, and get feedback and support from people going through similar situations.

All support groups are free of charge and create a community for people to have a safe and supportive place to share.

Caregiver
Support
Groups

Caring for an
Aging Parent
Support Group

Parkinson's
Support
Group

Stroke
Support
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Bereavement
Support
Group

Senior Advocacy Services

Seniors and family caregivers are often faced with complicated, confusing and often frustrating issues, resulting in concerns and questions. Senior Concerns is here to help. Speak with an advocate by phone or over Zoom for information and assistance regarding:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Legal issues
- Government benefits
- Senior programs
- Completion of forms and applications for programs and services.
- Other resources



In-Home Geriatric Assessment Program

An in-home geriatric assessment by a social worker that provides a comprehensive evaluation of the older adult's physical, emotional, social, and environmental needs. A comprehensive report is provided back with recommendations. Provided for a fee and includes the following:



Assessment of care needs and options (including ADL and IADL supports)

Evidenced-based assessments (Depression, Cognition and Quality of Life)

Home safety assessment

Nutritional assessment

Social support system assessment

Discussion of legal protections (Advance Directives, Powers of Attorney, and POLST)

Discussion of healthcare and long-term care planning

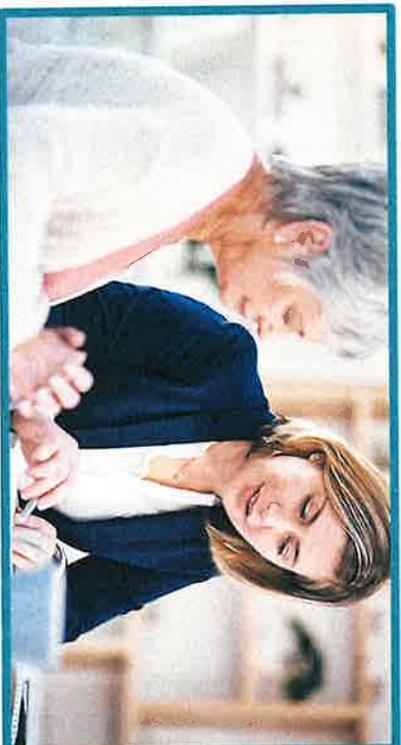
Pro-Bono Legal & Financial Services

Senior Concerns works with experienced professionals, including certified financial planners and estate planning attorneys, to provide financial and legal services to seniors in need, free of charge.

Financial Concerns

Services include:

- Retirement planning
- Long term care planning
- Budgeting
- General estate planning
- Other related financial services.



Legals Concerns

Services include:

- Estate Planning questions
- End of Life issues
- Conservatorship questions
- Healthcare directives
- Power of Attorney questions

Educational Seminars

Senior Concerns offers educational seminars and workshops on topics that pertain to family caregiving, aging issues and important resources and information. These seminars are offered in-person and over Zoom.



Watch past recorded seminars and sign up for future ones on our website!

<https://www.seniorconcerns.org/programs/seminars/>

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