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FAC FOCUS: GUIDING RANCHO PALOS VERDES’ FINANCIAL PLAN

COMMITTEE FOCUS: FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) of Rancho Palos Verdes provides citizen input and advice to the City Council and Staff on financial matters. The FAC’s mission includes reviewing financial information, advising on economic development, and offering recommendations to support the City’s fiscal health. Composed of seven resident volunteers, the FAC provides input to the City Council on financial issues ranging from annual budget reviews to long-term planning strategies.

Throughout the year, the FAC addresses assignments outlined in an annual Work Plan adopted by the City Council. For FY 2024-25, these included reviewing and providing recommendations on the City’s Debt Policy, development impact fees, financial models, and financial reports including mid-year, year-end, and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The FAC also receives reports on pension liabilities and investment performance. As part of this year’s budget process, the FAC provides recommendations for reviewing certain revenue sources for City Council’s consideration in the upcoming year.

The current FAC members are Chair John MacAllister, Vice Chair Krista Johnson, and Members Becky Clark, Emily Colville, Jonathan Jung, Willie Wang, and Dr. Paul Weber.

SPOTLIGHT ON RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

RECREATION AND PARKS: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know?

- Recreation and Parks used to be known as Leisure Services.
- The City has a lot of open space-over 1,500 acres and 60 miles of trails. 16 miles of trails are temporarily closed due to landslide-related damage, but we are working on it!
- We have 17 parks - ranging from .17 to 76 acres.
- Ryan Park is the oldest park in the City. Named for former Mayor Robert Ryan, it used to be called RPV Park (bonus trivia-the long-gone rocket ship play structure wasn’t actually a rocket-it was a lighthouse).
- Ladera Linda Community Park is our newest-opened in February 2024 (the first Ladera Linda Park opened in 1982).
- The City is dog friendly! R&P manages two dog parks: one at the Ken Dyda Civic Center and one at Eastview Park.
- Grandview Park is aptly named-its view is grand!
- Movie and TV filming has a rich history at RPV parks including *Inception*, *Westworld*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Look for scenes of RPV in action on the big and small screen.
- Cold War ghosts are still around: There are two former Nike missile silos at the Ken Dyda Civic Center.
- The wonderful PVIC volunteer organization’s official name is Los Serenos de Point Vicente.
- There’s an open gym basketball program available March-November at Miraleste Intermediate School. Or you can hoop year round at Ryan Park or Ladera Linda.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



DAVID COPP, PUBLIC WORKS DEPUTY DIRECTOR

David Copp has been busy since becoming the City’s Public Works Deputy Director in December 2023. David recently took some time out of his busy schedule to talk about working in RPV.

Tell us about your prior work experience

Before joining the RPV team I worked for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering for over 18 years. During that time, I was a project and construction manager for over \$1.5 billion in projects ranging from large diameter sewer tunnels and homeless shelters to large-scale renewable energy and water recycling. Before that I worked at local refineries which included drilling wells. That experience has come in handy as of late.

What motivated you to come work in RPV?

I’ve always wanted to work in capacities that directly benefit the communities near where I live. With the City of LA I served in ways that helped improve the water quality at the local beaches my friends and family swim in, and the air that my

hometown of El Segundo breathes. My wife, son and I moved to Rolling Hills Estates in 2021. The opportunity to serve my neighbors next door in RPV as their Deputy Director of Public Works was perfect timing and I’m grateful to have been brought on board.

What qualities should an effective PW Deputy Director possess?

A Deputy Director should be ready to pivot on a moment’s notice, be as flexible as possible, and strive to learn new things every day. The job is very hands-on and requires a broad skillset. In the mornings I may negotiate contracts and review design plans, then in the afternoon I might meet with residents living in the landslide complex. The workflow

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BEACH AND TRAIL CLOSURES THIS SUMMER

The Portuguese Bend Landslide has caused significant damage to three City beaches and 16 miles of hiking trails. The City is working hard to make sure the public knows about these closures and is informed of alternative beaches and trails to visit. Avoid closed areas and have a safe summer.



Abalone Cove Beach, Sacred Cove, and the beach east of Inspiration Point are currently closed due to land movement-related damage and conditions. City beaches that are currently open include Ocean Trails Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes Beach, and Pelican Cove. Additionally, there are approximately 16 miles of trail closures within the popular Portuguese Bend, Abalone Cove, and Filiorum Reserves due to landslide-related damage and conditions. These reserves and beaches are experiencing active land movement, sink-holes, unstable trails and surfaces, and large-scale erosion and elevation changes. We request that the public please abide by all closures and closure signage for public safety.

The City is working closely with a variety of management partners to assess and manage these closures, including: the City geologist, LA County Fire Department and Lifeguards, California Coastal Commission, state and federal wildlife agencies, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. The City is also looking for ways to appropriately and safely repair and reopen these cherished open space areas. For current beach and trail conditions, please visit rpvca.gov/trailalerts or contact City Park Rangers at 310.491.5775.

SAFE HOUSE SUMMER

Keep your summer from being a bummer with these easy and effective safety tips.

Lock it up!

- Lock all exterior doors, windows, garages, and sheds, even when you’re home.
- Install extra security locks on sliding glass doors to prevent them from being easily forced open.



Make it look like someone's home!

- Leave a light, TV, or radio on when you’re away, especially at night.
- Use timers or apps on lights to turn them on/off automatically.
- Don’t let mail or packages pile up; pause delivery or have a trusted neighbor collect your mail.

Light up the Outside

- Install motion-sensor lights near all entry points and around dark areas of your yard.
- Keep front and back entrances well-lit to deter intruders.

Use a Security System

- If you can, invest in a home security system with cameras and alarms.
- Always keep the system activated, even when you’re at home.
- Do not write down or store the pin code near the keypad.
- To learn more about the City’s Security Camera Reimbursement Program visit: rpvca.gov/1329/Public-Safety-Reimbursement-Program

Bonus Tips:

- Trim bushes and trees around windows to eliminate hiding spots.
- Avoid publicly posting vacation plans or travel updates on social media.
- Call the Lomita Sheriff’s Station and request a ‘Vacation Home Check’ at 310.539.1661.
- Get to know your neighbors! They can help watch your home when you’re away.

Stay Safe. Stay Aware. Stay Protected. If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Contact the Lomita Sheriff’s Station at **310.539.1661** if you see any suspicious activity and call **9-1-1** immediately if you see a crime in progress.

FATAL FRUIT ATTRACTION



Citrus can be dangerous, and I don’t mean a drive-by-fruiting. A fatal tree disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) has been discovered in California. Spread by an insect called the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), HLB kills trees and there is no cure.

Destructive pests like the ACP and invasive fruit flies can pose a threat to our agricultural industry and to homegrown produce. State and local agricultural officials are working in impacted counties to eliminate these pests. There are a number of things you can do to help stop the spread.

Don’t move citrus in or out of quarantine areas or across state or international borders.

Inspect your trees monthly and when watering or pruning, look for signs of HLB, including asymmetrical yellowed leaves, stunted growth, and poor fruit quality.

Plant responsibly-use trees from licensed nurseries.

Talk to your local nursery-and ask about products to stop the Asian Citrus Psyllid and fruit flies.

Be mindful of clippings-dry or double bag plant clippings prior to disposal.

For More Information-call the Ca. Dept. of Food & Agriculture hotline at 1.800.491.1899 or go to Californiacitrusthreat.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON RECREATION (Continued from page 1)

- We’ve run a vibrant recreation program for people with developmental disabilities for over 40 years. Originally called CATS and SAFARI, the REACH program now offers 110+ events a year.
- We have class! Dozens of them in fact-everything from bridge to yoga!! Interested in attending (or teaching)? Check out our website below.
- Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC) is our best-attended park. Come for the views and stop in at the museum and you’ll see why.
- PVIC is built on the site of a former U.S. Army firing range.
- Pedro Pet Pals offer dog and cat adoptions the first Sunday of each month at Eastview Park. So if you're looking for a pet to pet, we're the place.
- The City has a butterfly mural at Ryan Park. It was designed by R&P staff Dana Torrey and painted by dozens of volunteers.

Want to learn more? Did you know you can go to rpvca.gov/parks to see all the parks, programs, activities, in RPV.

BOOK IT TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

The Palos Verdes Library District is excited to announce Summer @ PVLD. This summer, help PVLD achieve its ambitious goal to log 1 million reading minutes. Join this exciting challenge by visiting any Palos Verdes library or by using the ReaderZone app.



Picnic on the Peninsula: Summer Kick off

Saturday, June 7, 2025 10 am - 1 pm

Enjoy free crafts, music and snacks! Bring your own picnic and sign up for the PVLD summer reading program.

Malaga Cove School Lower Field
375 Via Almar, PVE



Summer @ PVLD

June 9 - August 16, 2025

Enjoy weekly programs for kids, teens & adults, sign up to help us meet the 1 million-minute reading challenge & win prizes.

Visit any PVLD library branch to sign up. Activities for the whole family.

FOURTH OF JULY IS FLYING HIGH!

Join us for a day bursting with community spirit, family fun, and Rancho Palos Verdes pride!

See the Recreation guide or go to rpvca.gov/parks for more information



LAND MOVEMENT UPDATE



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes continues to closely monitor land movement and perform emergency stabilization work in the Portuguese Bend Landslide area. Winterization measures implemented last fall to prepare the area for the rainy season held up very well during several storms. This work included filling fissures, lining canyons and installing drainage improvements to prevent rainwater infiltration into the ground, ultimately decreasing the potential for landslide movement. As of May 2025, the City’s network of deep dewatering wells had removed 226 million gallons — or nearly 700 acre-feet — of groundwater from the toe of the Portuguese Bend Landslide, significantly relieving water pressure and slowing movement.

For the latest landslide updates, visit rpvca.gov/landmovement. Get updates in your e-mail inbox by subscribing to the Land Movement E-Newsletter at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/U6po6hW>

STOP TAX ATTACKS IN THEIR TRACKS

TAX SAFETY TIPS

Tax season is a time when scammers are especially active, so it’s important to take precautions to protect your personal information and hard-earned money. Below are key tips from the Lomita Sheriff’s Station to help keep your refund and payments safe:



Opt for Direct Deposit

- Request that your tax refund be deposited directly into your bank account to avoid delays or lost checks. Track your refund status here: irs.gov/wheres-my-refund

Expecting a Paper Check?

- If you’re receiving a physical refund check, check your mailbox daily. Need a replacement check? Request one here: tinyurl.com/IRSReplacementCheck

Mailing Documents or Payments?

- Always use Certified Mail when sending tax forms or payments through the U.S. Postal Service to ensure they are trackable and secure. Learn more at: faq.usps.com/s/article/Certified-Mail-The-Basics

Report Any Suspicious Activity or Theft Immediately

- If you suspect your tax refund has been stolen, contact the following:
 - Lomita Sheriff’s Station – 310.539.1661
 - IRS (to report a missing or stolen refund): tinyurl.com/IRSReportCheck
 - USPS Postal Inspector: hotlineform.uspsaig.gov/en-US/

Be Aware of Scams

- The IRS will never contact you via email, phone, or text message. Do not provide personal or financial information through these channels
- Protect yourself by learning more at: tinyurl.com/IRSTaxScams

PALOS VERDES BLUE BUTTERFLY RELEASES IN THE PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE

A very special partnership has been hard at work for the past five years reintroducing the federally endangered Palos Verdes blue butterfly back into its historic region, which includes the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. This partnership is the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly Recovery Group, and it includes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, The Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College,



The Urban Wildlands Group, and the U.S. Navy. The butterflies are captively bred, and released into various locations on the Peninsula, including areas within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Five releases took place within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve this past spring. The City is excited to be a part of this wonderful team and effort. Please remember to stay on trails when hiking to avoid impacting Palos Verdes blue butterfly habitat and enjoy searching for these amazing small gray/blue butterflies during your hikes!



Photos by: Jana Johnson

DON'T BLOW IT

GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER BAN



Section 8.16.020 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers on single family lots. The prohibition ensures that landscaping and/or property maintenance activities are conducted in a manner that minimize the impacts to the environment and neighboring properties, which helps preserve the semi-rural ambiance of the City.

The use of electric-powered leaf blowers is permitted during the following day and hours of operation:

MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM-5PM
SATURDAY 9AM-4PM

PROHIBITED SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) offers rebates for eligible residential electric lawn & garden equipment including leaf blowers. For rebate details, please visit the AQMD website at aqmd.gov/home/programs.

For more information or questions regarding the use of leaf blowers in the City, please contact the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department at 310.544.5281 or via email at code-enforcement@rpvca.gov.

DAVID COPP (Continued from page 1)

keeps things exciting, and every day is different than the one before.

The landslide has had a tremendous impact on residents and the entire City. What has it been like dealing with such an unexpected and rapidly shifting challenge?

There are so many facets of the landslide I've had to understand. As with previous emergency responses I've been a part of, the landslide situation constantly evolves. Prompt response to emergent situations is imperative. Like many of my other colleagues, I keep in mind the friends and folks I've gotten to know living in neighborhoods affected by the landslide.

What other projects are you working on?

My overarching responsibility involves delivering the City's Capital Improvement Program of projects that range from roadway and sidewalk improvements to storm drain repairs, facility upgrades and open space improvements. Along with supporting the City's response to the landslide, I'm making every effort to keep these important infrastructure improvement projects progressing as well.

How are you enjoying the job so far?

I can't say enough about how friendly,

hardworking and supportive the RPV staff from every department have been since I joined the City in December 2023. I get to go home each evening with the feeling that I've made a difference.

Favorite movie/favorite book/favorite TV show? Favorite pro athlete and/or pro-team? Hobbies?

My favorite movie is a tie between "Pulp Fiction" and "The Graduate." My favorite TV show is "Parks and Recreation." I have two favorite athletes, both from California. The first is Josh Allen. One of my brothers lives in Buffalo, NY and has made a Bill-iever out of me. The second is Freddie Freeman. Last season he personified what it means to achieve excellence while persevering through some serious life challenges. He brought a new level of excitement to being a Dodger fan that I never thought possible.

My interests primarily revolve around the outdoors (camping with family and friends, backpacking and mountain hiking), baseball (coaching my son's Little League team – Go RHLL Athletics!, bleeding Dodger blue), and music (listening, recording and playing - mainly the drums these days).

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD YOUTH

Apply to Join RPV's
Youth Advisory Committee



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes invites RPV students in grades 7-12 to apply for one of 9 vacancies opening up this Summer. Email cityclerk@rpvca.gov for an application.

Apply by
June 30, 2025!
Selected
Students Begin
August 2025.

Want to make a difference in your community? Motivated to make changes? In middle school or high school? Then the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) may be just what you're looking for. The City Council created the YAC in 2023 to advocate for the needs of youth by engaging with the inner workings of local government.

Members of the YAC conduct monthly meetings to discuss local issues and City operations, and work on active projects.

Every year in August, the YAC recruits new members to replace those who have completed their terms. Members must live in Rancho Palos Verdes, be in grades 7-12, and complete an interview conducted by the City Council Subcommittee.

Members are selected based on the following criteria:

- Independent
- Collaborative
- Creative
- Genuine



YAC meetings take place on the second Monday of every month at 4:15 pm at the Ken Dyda Civic Center. Interested? For more information, visit rpvca.gov/yac.



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Your search ends here!

We're Hiring

Project Manager
(Facilities)

Administrative Analyst
City Manager's Office

Recreation Program
Supervisor

Accounting Clerk

Recreation Specialist
(REACH Program)

Recreation Specialist

Intern

For more information regarding these exciting career opportunities, please visit our website:
www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca





In line with the City's 2025 Legislative Platform, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes continues to actively monitor and respond to proposed legislation that could affect local governance, public safety, and quality of life. The City's Legislative Platform outlines top policy priorities and guides the City in engaging with lawmakers, drafting correspondence, and applying for state and federal grants.

This spring, the City Council submitted position letters in response to four significant state bills—two in opposition and two in support.

The City took an oppose position on **AB 647 (Gonzalez)**, which would allow up to 16 housing units on single-family lots—without public input, environmental review, or adherence to many local zoning standards. Also opposed is **SB 79 (Wiener)**, which would require ministerial approval of dense, multi-story housing projects near major transit stops, bypassing local land use authority. While RPV may not be directly affected by SB 79, the City's stance supports neighboring communities in preserving local control.

The City supports **AB 986 (Muratsuchi)**, which would amend state law to recognize landslides as qualifying disasters under the Emergency Services Act. This bill provides a clearer path for emergency declarations and resource access—critical for RPV, which faces ongoing land movement issues.

The City also supports **AB 262 (Caloza)**, which proposes a California Individual Assistance Act to help individuals recover from disasters that may not qualify for federal aid. The City has requested a key amendment to ensure landslides are included as eligible disasters under this program.

All four positions are consistent with the City's 2025 Legislative Platform and reinforce its commitment to local governance, public safety, and disaster preparedness. Once affirmed by the Council, the letters will be posted on the City's *Legislation Corner* webpage at rpvca.gov/legislationcorner to keep the public informed on the City's legislative advocacy.

TIME TO GET UNTRASHY

TRASH & STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

EDCO 310.540.2977,
www.rpvrecycles.com

June 2025: Regular schedule.
No changes.

July 2025: No trash/recycling collection or street sweeping on July 4, and a delay for *Friday routes only*. The Friday route will be swept on Wednesday, July 2.

August 2025: Regular Schedule.
No Changes.



Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day and remove empty containers by no later than 10 pm on collection day.

Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement: The City's Municipal Code (Section 8.20.330) has regulations on when trash, recycling and green waste carts can be left at

the curb for collection. Carts can be placed at the curb after 4 pm the day before collection day and empty carts must be removed no later than 10 pm on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight. Carts need to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and clean.

BACKYARD SERVICE: EDCO provides backyard service to customers at an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations or travel frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service. Questions? Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or viist www.rpvrecycles.com. Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

EDCO offers various discounts to customers: 1) Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount (a one-time only application is needed for a new senior citizen customer). 2) If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with the July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% annual pre-payment discount. 3) Low-income customers may qualify for a 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). These discounts are not exclusive and may be combined. For more information contact EDCO or check the City's website at: rpvca.gov/trash.

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City Clerk's Office
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Recreation and Parks
Building & Safety Division
Code Enforcement



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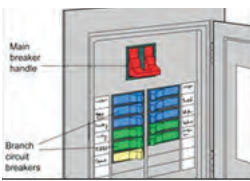
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EMERGENCY KNOW-HOW

HOW AND WHEN TO SHUTOFF UTILITIES IN AN EMERGENCY

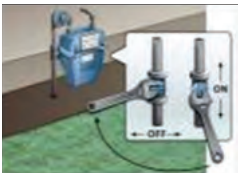
If you see water or sewage line damage or if officials instruct you to, shut off water valves at the main meter (usually located at the street/sidewalk) by turning the knob or handle clockwise, or at the water main leading into the home (to retain water in your water heater for emergencies)



main circuit.

If you suspect electrical damage (electrical devices burn when you plug them in, you smell insulation burning, or areas around switches/plugs are hot or black), if there is a fire or water leak, or if officials instruct you to, shut off the electricity at your electrical circuit box. Shut off all the individual circuits first, then the

If you suspect gas line damage (smell gas or rotten eggs, hear a hissing/blowing sound, see a broken line or large gas consumption at the meter) or if officials instruct you to, immediately evacuate the building and call SoCalGas at 800.427.2200, then 9-1-1. If safe to do so, shut off gas at the meter (typically outside your building near the front or side) using a 12-15-inch adjustable pipe or crescent wrench by turning the valve a quarter turn. The valve is closed when the tang (the part you put the wrench on) is crosswise to the pipe.



Do not turn back on any damaged lines or systems until your utility provider has inspected/repaired them.

Need a Lift?

Dial-A-Ride services are available on the Peninsula for seniors and people with disabilities (residents only)



Palosverdes.com/pvtransit/
or call (310) 544-7108



GREEN CORNER



RECYCLE AND WIN \$250!

In your July EDCO statement, you will find a "Recyclers of the Month" entry card. If you recycle, mail in your card. At each City Council meeting, two lucky verified recyclers each win a check for \$250 plus a personal emergency preparedness kit! If you pay online, please see EDCO's online link that is available in July and follow instructions. This is one way the City thanks RPV residents for recycling. If you need more blue or green recycling bins, call EDCO at 310.540.2977.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

To dispose of old paint, expired medicines, automotive oil, used electronics and much more, go to the Gaffey Safe Center located at 1400 N. Gaffey, San Pedro. It is open to LA County residents every Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm. For more information, visit: <https://cleanla.lacounty.gov/hhw/collection-centers/>



DON'T GET THE POINT
SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL FOR RPV RESIDENTS

Sharps Disposal Services is now offered by EDCO to RPV residents. The EDCO mail-back sharps disposal program provides a cost-effective solution for the disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets; as well as other types of sharps and small quantities of medical waste. If you have any calls or questions regarding this service, please contact EDCO at 310.540.2977 or visit: www.RPVrecycles.com

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

California law, Senate Bill 1383 (2016), requires organic materials be kept out of landfills. All residents must separate organics from their garbage and put food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in the Organics cart (formerly the Green Waste cart) for weekly collection. Let's do our part to recycle organic waste!

