All about Permits

One of your responsibilities as a neighborhood organizer is to sort out the complicated permitting laws that apply to MMLA concerts. And make sure that musicians and venues have the permits they need. We will go over this in detail later, but here are the most common situations:

1. If the performance is unamplified (i.e. not using electricity) and on the sidewalk, you will not need a permit.
2. If the performance is unamplified and in a Los Angeles park with an audience of over 25 people, you will need a parks permit to show that we’ve reserved the space.
3. If the performance is amplified and on the sidewalk, you will need a sound permit and nothing else.
4. If the performance is amplified and in a park, you will need both a sound permit and a park permit.
5. If the performance is in a community garden, whether amplified or not, the permits required (if any) will be supplied by the organization who maintains the space. Please address all questions to that organization/group or individual.
6. If the performance is on a closed-off street, the permits (including a sound permit) will be supplied by the nonprofit or community group that filed the application for a street closure.

http://makemusicla.org
City of Los Angeles

Special Event Permit

http://bsssppermits.lacity.org/spevents/

Overview of how to apply for a Special Event Permit

1) Applications must be submitted 45 days before the event.
2) Submit an online application form
3) Print and complete one or more of the following Petition Forms:
   a) Petition for Residential Areas
   b) Petition for Commercial Areas
   c) Petition for Temporary Selling Activities
4) Provide Proof of Insurance
   Have your insurance broker or agent access Track4LA at
   http://track4la.city.org and follow instructions to register submit the
   appropriate proof of insurance on your behalf.
5) Print and complete the “Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement” form.
6) Mail Completed and Signed Petition and Hold Harmless to:

   Street Services Investigation & Enforcement Division
   1149 South Broadway, Suite 350
   Los Angeles, CA 90015
   Phone: (213) 847-6000 Fax: (213) 847-6267
   Email: bssspevents@lacity.org

7) Estimated Fees: Cost/Fees associated with the permitting of the event will be
   provided once the application has been reviewed by all affected City
   Departments.
8) Applications received 21 days or less from the event will be assessed to a
   penalty fee of $312.
9) Any technical corrections to a submitted application is $100.
10) Additional fees may be incurred.
11) A Special Event Permit will not be issued