

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
A Coalition of Councils
General Meeting Agenda
Saturday September 2, 2023 10:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99882612542>

1. Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council Elected Representatives.

LAFD Chief Beard thanked the neighborhoods for help offered during the hurricane, and warned people to be aware of the subsequent uptick in mosquitos which can spread West Nile virus. Jennifer Goodie noted they can also cause heartworm in pets. NCs that would like to see the City approve use of goats to control brush growth in fire-prone areas should contact Councilmembers to address City labor's opposition on the grounds such use would take jobs away from employees.

2. Approval of outstanding minutes.

Minutes were not distributed but were on website. Moved by Lydia Grant, seconded by Miran Kalaydjian. No additions or corrections. Motion passed with 14 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint Liz Amsden as a corresponding secretary.

Moved by Lydia Grant, seconded by David Rockello.

Discussion: LANCC Bylaws provide for only four officers, so this would be an unofficial position unless the current LANCC Secretary steps down or is removed. Motion passed with 15 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention

4. United Neighbors, a coalition of City (and State) wide organizations and neighborhoods, who advocate for community-based solutions to our affordable housing needs. We will be presenting what the LA city Planning Department is proposing to rezone in our residential neighborhoods through the Housing Element that will allow multi story apartments in single family neighborhoods and higher density apartments in low multi-family neighborhoods.

Presentation by Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Maria Pavlou-Kalban and Jeff Kalban available at: <http://www.lancc.org/lancc-meetings.php>

Request for people to spread the word in their neighborhoods to ensure more community engagement in the Housing Element and Community Plans to remove needless rezoning of R1 and sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family areas and focus on adding housing in existing commercial corridors.

Significant discussion on a number of different angles of the problems with a request to bring to the next LANCC meeting as a motion. Maria can be contacted for presentations et al at: mpkalban@gmail.com

5. Report from LANCC's WG4CC committee- Liz Amsden

a. WG4CC report of LANCC – September

Report on actions of the Working Group including meeting with the Neighborhoods and Communications Committee on August 15

b. Town Hall Report-back: What Went Good, What Went Bad with the Neighborhood Council Elections
Report from Jennifer Goodie on Town Hall. Issues boiled down to timing, transparency and more timely communication with the NCs. Concerns and suggestions will be circulated to all board members before Congress for further discussion at the NC level.

c. Proposed Motions from WG4CC:

- i. Motion for Neighborhood Councils and individuals to call on City Council to address the appearance of collusion and corruption in its rejection of the appointments of Jamie York as an Ethics Commissioner, and the impact of continuing to operate while the Ethics Commission cannot make quorum.
Seconded by David Rockello
Significant discussion about what occurred at City Council on August 18.
Motion passed with 14 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention

- ii. Motion requesting DONE maintain a list of facilities suitable for NC meetings and that City departments support such pursuant to the instructions approved by the City Council under CF 02-0090 on October 29, 2002: 1. INSTRUCT all City departments to offer meeting facilities to NCs free of charge for official City meetings; and, 2. INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to develop a listing of every meeting room in every City facility and make the list available to certified NCs.
Seconded by Lydia Grant/Tony Wilkinson.
Motion passed with 15 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions

- iii. Motion for Neighborhood Councils to support a letter to the acting GM, cc: the Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement, for help in finding appropriate spaces to meet, and to immediately convene an open meeting to brainstorm ideas on addressing finding and securing facilities.
Seconded by Miran Kalaydjian and Lionel Mares.
Motion passed with 15 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions

6. Council File Updates.

CF 22-0560 is on a revised Municipal Lobbying Ordinance submitted by the Ethics Commission, subsequently watered down at the City Council level, and sitting in the Rules Committee where, too often, good ideas are sent to die. At the moment, any CIS should be to support *only if amended*. Neighborhood Council Leader letter is at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sy2g4so6zlsQpA7Keb7n3r-1GDehLASZWhckSQeWyuQ/edit>

CF 22-1232 calls for a City Charter change to make the Ethics Commission more independent, streamline and expand the enforcement processes, and increase the integrity and effectiveness of the Ethics Commission.

Both are essential ethics reforms and should be reviewed, discussed and CIS submitted by every NC to emphasize their importance.

CF 23-1200-S130 was the Council File for the appointment of Jamie York to the Ethics Commission. Although it has now expired, those who wish to express their opposition to what transpired at the City Council meeting on August 18, can use it until a more suitable Council File is established. We need to show the City Council that this type of abuse won't be overlooked.

CF 23-0846 is a motion that would ban cashless retail businesses in Los Angeles, which can have delirious effects on those who don't have access to the traditional banking system. NCs should keep an eye on this and discuss how it will impact different subsets of their communities before submitting comments.

7. Update from Budget Advocates – Co-Chairs Glenn Bailey/Kay Hartman

If she follows the precedent set by Garcetti, Mayor Bass should release a letter later this month directing the departments on her budgeting expectations for FY 2024/25. People interested in working with the Budget Advocates on Department

meetings and Reports should contact them at labudgetadvocates@gmail.com. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/>

8. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2023 Congress September 23, 2023.

This will be the first in-person Congress since 2019 and will have a livestream component to its keynote portions. Neighborhood Councils can contribute to cover the expenses of Congress at any time during their fiscal year at: <https://clerk.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2023-04/Congress-Budget%20Advocacy%20Funding%20Contribution%20Form%20fillable%20rev041923.pdf> but should be sure to check the second box: "Congress-Event". Further information can be found at: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>

9. Update from DONE.

TABLED, no-one present.

Glenn Bailey advised that the DONE meet-and-greet earlier this week was well received, that DONE and BONC need to circle back on the Digital Communications Policy, and that DONE is now distributing hard and digital copies of an updated handbook that people can request from their NEA.

10. Update from BONC Len Shaffer

TABLED, no-one present.

Glenn Bailey advised that the next BONC meeting will be hybrid on Tuesday at 6 pm with a physical location of City Hall. The agenda contains a link to an August revision of the previous revisions of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy. People should check the link in the agenda <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LHJspdK3R4lvTz8wsPbxqhHxGRAXi-4m/view> to see if prior complaints about this document have been addressed and, if not, submit comments.

11. Update from other NC Regional Alliances

The virtual DWP meeting was moved to next Saturday (September 9) so the costs of LA100 can be addressed.

VANC will guest someone from ITA to address MyLA311 service requests.

12. Announcements

NCs that have yet to sign onto the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights are invited to agendize support for this document. Given sufficient notice someone from the Working Group (lanccWG4CC@gmail.com) can attend your meeting to explain its relevance and importance.

13. Adjournment-Meeting ended at 1:08 PM