

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils
General Meeting Agenda
Saturday January 6, 2024 10:00AM

1. Call to order at 10AM
Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council Elected Representatives.
2. Approval of November 4, 2023 minutes.
Mihran Kalaydjian moved to approve, Lydia Grant seconded.
Approved with 11 for, no-one opposed, and 1 abstention.
3. Jared Rivera, Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement update on GM selection: posting closed late December and they are finalizing selection for first round interviews starting the end of January. Submissions from the survey were incorporated in the criteria and his office has reached out to 6 or 8 BONC Commissioners and NC Presidents to attend the first round of interviews. The second round, with the Mayor, will be mid-February with the selection sent to the City Council for approval by the end of the month. Jared will then work with appointee to go around the city including possibly, virtual meetings to address geographically specific issues.

Everyone is encouraged to submit further comments to Jared at jared.rivera@lacity.org on what would be important in a new General Manager to improve the NC system.

4. Mihran Kalaydjian from LANCC's WG4CC committee (lancCWG4CC@gmail.com) presented the following motions:
 - a. Motion that LANCC formally request BONC and DONE to forego expulsions under the new Code of Conduct Policy for 90 days, so that NCs and participants can receive implementation guidelines, and that NCs be consulted in the development of those guidelines.

Len Shaffer advised that the Code of Conduct was not effective until signed, hopefully at the next BONC meeting when they will also discuss the challenges of implementation including translation into other languages as needed, enforcement mechanisms, and training compliance requirements.

Liz Amsden moved to approve, Tony Wilkinson seconded.

Approved with 16 for, no-one opposed, and 2 abstentions, with Len excluding himself.

- b. Motion that LANCC strongly recommend that participants in the NC system send their own written recommendations for qualities in a new DONE GM and send those to jared.rivera@lacity.org and also posting it as a public comment on CF 23-1200-S150.

Mihran Kalaydjian moved to approve, Tony Wilkinson seconded.

Approved with 18 for, no-one opposed, and 1 abstention.

- c. Motion that LANCC strongly recommend all NCs to immediately adopt a resolution to use online teleconferencing as permitted by SB411, as well as in-person meetings when those are required or desirable. The justification for adopting the power to hold online teleconference meetings include ___ [the ability to more easily gain a quorum, and the ability to better serve stakeholders who can participate in online meetings more easily than traveling to in-person meetings]. The resolution should be filed as a CIS on CF 23-1114 and also sent to all members of the City council, with copies to DONE and BONC. Tony noted that this was to leave options open, not to commit to online only.

Mihran Kalaydjian moved to approve, Lionel Mares seconded.

Glenn Bailey, seconded by David Rockello, moved to strike the reference to sending it to City Council

Amendment passed with 15 for, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Revised motion reads: Motion that LANCC strongly recommend all NCs to immediately adopt a resolution to use online teleconferencing as permitted by SB411, as well as in-person meetings when those are required or desirable. The justification for adopting the power to hold online teleconference meetings include ___ [the ability to more easily gain a quorum, and the ability to better serve stakeholders who can participate in online meetings more easily than traveling to in-person meetings]. The resolution should be filed as a CIS on CF 23-1114 with copies to DONE and BONC.

Motion approved with 20 for, no-one opposed, and 1 abstention.

- d. Motion that LANCC and all concerned Neighborhood Councils immediately request that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and the office of the City Attorney strongly support an interpretation of SB411 whereby the vote by the “eligible legislative body” is clarified to mean human bodies in attendance and not empty seats.

Mihran Kalaydjian moved to approve, Liz Amsden seconded.

Approved with 18 for, no-one opposed, and 1 abstention.

Kay Hartman seconded by David Rockello moved to add quorum and rephrase the final clause.

Amendment passed with 16 for, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Revised motion reads: Motion that LANCC and all concerned Neighborhood Councils immediately request that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and the office of the City Attorney strongly support an interpretation of SB411 whereby the vote by the “eligible legislative body” at which there is quorum is clarified to mean 2/3 of those present and voting and not 2/3 of the number of seats.

Motion approved with 21 for, no-one opposed, and 1 abstention.

- e. Motion that LANCC formally ask DONE to support immediate use of online teleconferences by NCs who have voted to do so, without waiting for "resources," reports or discussions pursuant to CF 23-1113.

Mihran Kalaydjian moved to approve, Glenn Bailey seconded.
Approved with 19 for, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Note: Report back from DONE is available at
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-1113>

5. Update from Budget Advocates: Co-Chair Glenn Bailey encouraged people to review the Controller's Audit on LAPD Air Support Division (on helicopter use): https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-1422_rpt_ctrl_12-12-23.pdf and post comments. The Budget Advocates are working on department meetings and reports for the White Paper this month. They are short Budget Reps and Budget Advocates The in a number of areas; people who may be interested should contact them at LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com. Budget Day 2024 is schedule for June 15, hopefully in person. They are also talking with DONE about another Town Hall on the DONE proposed budget with further information to come.

Update on Congress: Kay Hartman advised that the group will be meeting in January to elect new officers.

6. Update from DONE – no-one in attendance.
7. Update from BONC: Len Shaffer advised that Ray Regalado has resigned, and Joy Atkinson is acting as president. Vis-à-vis Motions 5(d) and 5(e), the Brown Act definition is two-thirds of the body so the issue would have to be addressed in the next California legislative session. While the Brown Act needs updating, changes may face pushback from various organizations that fear the loss of their ability to present to their elected officials in person. To be continued...
8. Updates from other NC regional alliances.
 - the VANC meeting on Thursday will address Olympic venues in the valley
 - the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance will send out a proposed CIS on concerns about the level of EMD's budgetary support; have also requested that its budget be posted prior to the April 8 deadline so everyone can weigh in
9. Announcements
HCNNC brought up concerns about the impact on neighborhoods of the Union Station to Dodger Stadium Gondola project www.metro.net/aerialrapidtransit
10. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM