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## **Approved Minutes of Encino Neighborhood Council Education Committee Meeting: September 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by the Co-Chair Harout Keosian. Present were members: Co-Chair Shelley Rivlin, Bonnie Youngdahl, Hi Hand and Jean Strauber. Excused was Frances Zamir. Guests were John Brigham, PTA president at Emelita Street School, Sharon Brewer and Leon Woods, Encino Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Chair. Special guest was Steve Zimmer, LAUSD Board of Education Member Seat #4. Mr. Zimmer was accompanied by his aide Dena Cervantes.

Harout Keosian stated that self-introductions would be made when our guest speaker arrived.

The minutes for the July 20, 2009 meeting were read and approved. There wasn't an August meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

It was moved and seconded that Roberts Rules of Order be suspended. Motion passed.

Harout announced that the letters to the participants of the spring project funding application program had been prepared and were about ready to be mailed.

The chair encouraged committee members to bring in ideas for volunteering in the schools. The committee discussed the importance of setting guidelines to follow.

At this point, Mr. Zimmer arrived.

Mr. Zimmer began by providing a little of his personal history and why he ran for office. He discussed at length the importance of "everyone putting their heads together"- of the community, by the community and for the community. He sees the importance of articulation between K-12 grade teachers so that the different grade levels are aware of the educational standards and programs of the different levels. He shared information about an articulation program conducted by the City of West Hollywood. Ms. Cervantes will provide Ms. Rivlin with the name of a resource.

He expressed that one of the most important goals is to keep the schools whole. He feels that the schools are community. He would like to see the schools become a Community Center. He wants the public to stay involved and not give up on Public Education.

He shared what he has seen in his visits to 17 schools in his district. He reported on former administrators and counselors coming in during the initial days of this school [year.to](#) assist the schools from which they had retired

He feels that schools will really feel the budget pinch in November and December when the "extras" have been stripped away. He expects that teacher burnout will be more significant. He also feels that the school site councils will become very important. When asked about the LAUSD volunteer offices, he stated that he thought the offices had been closed and would find out if LAUSD still has an Adopt-A-School program. He closed by thanking the committee for inviting him to speak to the group and that he would like to address the Encino Community during an Encino Neighborhood Council meeting. Shelley Rivlin volunteered to act as contact for Mr. Zimmer's appearance .

The chair, on behalf of the committee, thanked Mr. Zimmer for meeting with us.

Leon Woods announced to the committee that the Encino Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting would be meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Buca de Beppa. Volunteering to attend were Harout Keosian, Hi Hand, Shelley Rivlin and Jean Strauber.

The committee thanked the chair for providing the group with refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Strauber,  
Ed Comm Recording Secretary