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**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 10-19-11  
Fire Station 83 Community Service Room- 4960 Balboa Blvd.**

Call to order by Chair, Tonya Barseghian, at 6:10pm; committee members present include Todd Rubinstein, Eliot Cohen and Vicki Jarvis (late arrival). Excused absence: Ken Silk and Sharon Brewer. Quorum was determined.

No objections as to the approval of 8/17/11 minutes.

As of Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the “no parking” signage at Garvin Dr. has been posted. On behalf of Garvin Dr. residents, Harlan Barbanel contacted the Chair and thanked the public safety committee for its efforts in ensuring the installation of the sign. We hope drivers will obey the sign and keep the road clear so that in the event of an emergency, law enforcement officers and/or emergency personnel will be able to gain entry onto the street. This was a joint effort with CD5, LAFD and DOT.

In response to complaints at the general council meeting regarding marijuana clinics in operation near schools and religious institutions, Chair contacted CD5 and Office of the City Attorney, and identified four potential marijuana dispensaries in operation within Encino. At least three of these clinics may be in violation of the 2010 approved LA City Ordinance. Chair was advised by a city attorney that lawsuits have been filed and are pending against at least two of the dispensaries. City attorney advised Chair to inform residents who have complaints regarding noise, loitering, dumping and/or other issues to report such nuisances to the Office of the City Attorney. As such, the committee proposed the following motion:

*Motion by Eliot Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tonya Barseghian*

The Public Safety Committee recommends inserting an explanatory article, in question and answer format, onto the ENC web site, which provides details on how to effectively deal with nuisances caused by medical marijuana dispensaries. [Unanimous approval]

Chair has been working closely with the Encino Chamber of Commerce, Encino Community Center, LAFD, LAPD, Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield, Councilman Koretz and other representatives and organizations with regards to preparing the Encino community in the event of a major disaster, such as a devastating earthquake. This community wide effort has been in its planning phase for several years. It has been determined that West Valley Medical Center on Balboa Blvd. will admit the walking

wounded as patients. Since hospitals are expected to go into lockdown and only take the most critical of patients, West Valley Medical Center will treat the non-life threatening patients. An information center will be set at Encino Park (formerly known as Genesta Park). There will be an Incident Commander and Assistant Incident Commander who will assign major positions such as, Volunteer Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Safety/Security Officer, Medical Director/First Aide Officer, Liaison Officer, Volunteer Check-in and Rescue Officer. The volunteers will disseminate information to the people at the information center.

This is an ongoing preparation effort in sustaining our community and local economy in the face of a disaster. A representative of behalf of the Encino Chamber of Commerce will brief the committee in more detail in the near future.

*Motion By Tonya Barseghian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Rubinstein*

The Public Safety Committee recommends distributing, by Eblast, the attached "Preparing the Encino Community" flyer to ENC's list of stakeholders, and also posting it onto the ENC and Encino Patch web sites. [Unanimous Approval]

LAPD: West Valley Update- A fire broke out on the morning of October 17<sup>th</sup> at N. Petit Avenue. The flames were extinguished by local firefighters within 17 minutes. A woman was taken to the hospital for minor smoke inhalation about one hour later.

We continue to have problems with petty thefts and burglaries, mostly from vehicles. As always, remember to keep all windows locked and secured at place of residence and work. Also, do not leave valuable items in vehicles in plain view.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) is a certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which advises City and other Governmental Officials on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of Encino.

The ENC is made up of elected persons who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of Encino.

The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs.

The ENC General Meetings are usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the: Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd at 7:00pm.

For further information – Please go to: [www.encinocouncil.org](http://www.encinocouncil.org)

**PUBLIC INPUT AT ENC MEETINGS** - An opportunity for the public to address the Council or Speaker on agenda items will be provided before or during consideration of the item. Members of the public who wish to be recognized on any item are requested to complete a question card for each item they wish to address, and present the completed card(s) to the Sergeant-At-Arms. Speaker cards are available at the back of the meeting room.

The Council will also provide an opportunity for the public to speak on any [Non-Agenda Items\*] during "Public Comment". The Council may not take any action or discuss matters addressed in "Public Comments". However, the Council President may refer such matters to the appropriate Council Committees for further consideration.

\* **Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.**

\* **ENC COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS** – ENC Councilmember's requesting to speak will be recognized by the President in the order requested. **For any item, the Chairperson of the Committee, or the maker of the original motion shall have up to five (3) minutes to discuss the item. Councilmember's may speak up to TWO (2) minutes each on the matter unless extended by the President or Council.** After all members desiring to speak on a question have had an opportunity to be heard once, **the time for each Member desiring to speak again shall be limited to a maximum of ONE (1) minute unless extended by the President or Council.** A motion calling the "Previous Question" may be introduced by any member during a Council debate.

If adopted, this motion will terminate debate on a matter and the matter will then be submitted for a vote.

**VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS** - Most motions require a majority vote of the Councilmember's present and voting will be by hand vote unless otherwise decided by the Council.

Unless requested for further consideration by an ENC Councilmember, any item which has been forwarded to the Council by a unanimous committee vote shall be approved as a "Consent Item" without further discussion.

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