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## **ENC August 24, 2011 General Council Meeting Approved Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm , Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mr. Krokover, Ms. Kelson, Mr. Silver, Mr. Rubinstein, Ms. Strauber, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Barseghian, Mr. Martayan, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Arnstein, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Silk, Mr. Moses, Ms. Watson, Mr. Steinberg, Ms. Levin,

**Excused:** Ms. Rivlin, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Gamson, Ms Dardarian, Ms Moghimi-Patterson, and Ms. Rosen

**Absent:** Mr. Heller and Mr. Goldberger

- Welcoming of new faces
- Introduction of Tracie Field, Encino Community Center Director
- Presentation to the ECC of an official US flag flown over Congress  
flags are presented to organization who do outstanding work in their community  
flag presented by: Congressman Brad Sherman.

### **8. Guest Speaker(s): Time Adjusted by Speaker**

#### **US Congressman Brad Sherman:**

- Town hall meeting at Reseda High School Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm: Opportunity for constituents to ask more in depth questions about what's going on in Washington.
- Introduced Oscar Garcia and Matt Margolis of the Constituent Services Program. They are available to answer question and offer assistance
- As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Brad Sherman has been working to raise and then keep raised the conforming loan limit.
  - Until 2008 the conforming loan limit was \$417,000.
  - Need to maintain the current \$729,000 to \$750,000 limit. It expires on 9/30/11
- Sepulveda Basin Plan
  - Public comments period ends September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

#### **Questions and/or Comments**

**Question from Gerald Silver:** regarding helicopter noise

**Answer:** Co-sponsored a bill with Howard Berman to give communities the right to restrict helicopter noise. Efforts over the last 15 years to get a curfew for stage 2 and 3 aircrafts

**Question from Eliot Cohen:** Congressman Sherman, you brought up housing, and we all know that Wall Street was bailed out to 100's of billions of dollars. The banks are still not lending, and the people who created all this mortgage fraud and stuff like that, have not been punished. Can you share with us, what you're doing to bring justice and lending back to the United States?

**Answer:**

- Voted against the bank bail out bill
- "I kind of lead the effort on the democratic side against that bill and although we didn't defeat the bill we forced them to use it differently. They had testified that what they were going to do was buy toxic assets from the bank to give them marked money. It was called "cash for trash" for the worst mortgages they had in the back of the safe. With enough pressure we forced them to say no and buy preferred stock."
  - Result: We didn't loose all our money and in many cases we're getting it back
- Passed a Bill with Dodd-Frank

- The bill is half as strong as it ought to be
- A lot of the key decisions are left up to the regulators
- Trying to push regulators in right direction
- Senator Frank picked up my amendment and got it in the senate bill then it got watered down in the conference committee to deal with the credit rating agencies
  - Not here to pound them for downgrading the USA
  - Mistake they made was to give triple A to alt A
  - Triple A ratings have been given to subprime mortgages.
  - We need a new system for assigning credit rating agencies so they don't have a financial interest in demonstrating to their prospective clients that they're easy graders on particular types of mortgages offering
- To big to fail is too big to exist: I supported the amendment to say once you reach a certain size you must split up.
- What we were able to get in the bill is: the regulators have the option of breaking up those who are too big to fail.
  - So far the regulator's aren't doing it
  - Went from it can't happen, to its not happening, which is a step in the right direction
- We need to get the banks lending again

## 2. Approval of July General Meeting Minutes

Motion by Gerald Silver:

2<sup>nd</sup> By: Laurie Kelson

*"Move to approve the July 2011 Minutes with the following corrections."*

Vote: For: (16) Against: (0) Abstain: (0)

**ENC General Meeting Changes Passed Unanimously**

### Corrections:

- under 2: to read "Then, Mr. Silver moved 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms Kelson to approve consent items with exception of the following: coyote, air port, and national night out. Passed by unanimous vote Approval of the July 2011 General Minutes
- under 9 committee consent items: to read "this item was not pulled and should be funded"
- 9 A add: "reaffirmation of \$500 donation to the congress of Neighborhood Councils. Mr. Kaufman moved 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Martayan to approve budget as presented. No objection to Call for the question. Passed 17 pro, 1 opposed
- Under 10 Board Member Comments: "Moved to approve bylaws and send to DONE as reviewed by Mr. Bailey. Board Censure is not in current bylaws but is in template... be notified tomorrow 14 pro 4 opposed 2 abstain. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg." To item 9 under the bylaws committee report.

## 3. Reports from City Officials:

### LAPD:

#### Report By: Officer Daryl Scoggins

- Spike in burglaries South of the Blvd.:
  - Keep a watchful eye out for anything that looks suspicious and report it to the LAPD
  - There was a home invasion robbery south of the Blvd. In the hills off of Hayvenhurst. An elderly woman was tied up and robbed
- Chatsworth murder suspect was caught on Ventura and Noeline:
  - Suspect accused of murdering his two roommates. Bodies were found in a Chatsworth home after being relocated from the suspect's storage unit.
  - Suspect spotted by police and took off running. He shot at police while barricaded on a roof. Suspect had previously been in jail for 15 year after being charged with armed bank robbery. (late Sunday early Monday)
- 9/17 "Children Day" at Woodley Park
- Citizens Academy: 9/29 if you'd like to attend, sign up by emailing Rob Trulik: give name, address, and phone number to get on the list
- This weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> annual motorcycle memorial ride money goes to families' of fallen officers. Traffic will be affected until about 12pm. Route: start at the station at 10am westbound to Tampa, southbound on Tampa to the 101, 101 to Las Virgenes, Las Virgenes to PCH, PCH to the 405, 405 back to the station.

### Questions and/or Comments:

**Comment from Glenn Bailey:** 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a month cars have been dumped and set on fire with gasoline behind homes in the Encino Village area. Neighbors are concerned.

Issue has been brought to the attention of Officer Ham

**Response:** Officer Ham can also bring this issues to the attention of C CATS they are an undercover unit that specifically deals with stolen cars.

**Comment from Glenn Bailey:** There is a gate that's supposed to be locked where Oxnard ends at Aldea. The gate is not always locked, this allows for after hour activity to take place in this area.

**Response:** We do not have keys to that gate. The LAPD does not maintain it and is not responsible for locking it. Contact the agency responsible for doing so.

**Question from Greg Martayan:** In the past month and half, twice while driving home late at night, I have experienced another car trying to ram my vehicle, to presumably slow me down, or get me out of the vehicle. What do you suggest one does in this kind of scenario?

**Police Advice:** Call 911. Do not go home. Turn around if you can. Do not get yourself in a situation where you are boxed in. Try to get a license plate if possible or drive straight to a Fire or Police Station. Stay on the phone with 911 and do not stop the car and get out for any reason.

**Question from Greg Martayan:** There have been reports of an AT&T rep, along with other "fake workers" going door to door offering their services to customers. They do not have business cards or ID's and are going around asking people if they want to install fiber optic cables, and when they weren't going to be home. Should neighbors be concerned and what should they do?

**Police Advice:** In most cases if you didn't order a service, there shouldn't be a worker knocking on your door. Always ask for credentials. You can call the company to check on employee records. Call it in, any info we get is given to the burglary unit.

### **LAFD:**

No Report

### **City Council Offices:**

**Report by:** Jeff Ebenstein - Field Deputy to Councilmember Koretz

- Public safety is a paramount. If you have concerns based on what Officer Scoggins said, please call the council office, Officer Trulik office, or the neighborhood watch.
  - The more eyes and ears out there, the better
  - Neighborhood Watches have chat rooms and send out messages: "suspicious car in neighborhood" "worker's in the neighborhood, did anyone call in these people" etc.
- The Councilman's priorities are to get the City financially sound again
- Got pension reform on the ballot
- Also engaging in public and private sponsorship: we're working on a zoo and an animal shelter right now
- Two events coming up:
  - Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ Encino Park: "Family Movie Night" Free Event
  - Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ the Sherman Oaks Galleria: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Emergency Preparedness Event"
- Medical Marijuana Shops in Encino
  - For a decade now we have bad state law and the City didn't move on regulating the collectives. This has gotten us to where we are now.
  - The collectives have also banded together to sue the City, so we can't implement any of the restrictions that we want to.
  - Plus the City Clerk's office put out a list of approved locations and the two newest collectives are on the City Clerk's approved list
  - Once we can enact our restrictions, we will be able to shut them down.
  - This doesn't mean that putting pressure on the locations near the schools and the parks won't work.
  - We had a strip club that opened near here, the community was able to put enough pressure on the establishment to shut it down.
  - We want to work with the council and the community regarding this issue

### **Questions and/or Comments:**

**Comment from Louis Krokover:** The Neighborhood Council worked very hard with Koretz's office and the City Councilmember's to write and enact the city ordinance. I urge residents to write letters re. how they feel about the ordinance being pushed aside. Send them to the City Attorneys office and to the City Councilmember's offices so they can be presented in the case file.

**Question from Mr. Connely:** I am a retired sergeant, I live in Encino and my grandson goes to school right across the street from one of them. How did the City Clerk's Office approve a location so close to a church and a school?

**Answer:** It has to do with when the permits were submitted. Once we can enforce the restrictions we can shut it down.

**Question:** Is there any sort of timeline we can anticipate this being resolved by? I am a principal at a school and I have my own children in attendance. What can we do to resolve this?

**Answer:** The City Attorney will have a more accurate answer, I will get back to you. We need to work together to monitor the situation. Work with the LAPD; they are aware of the situation and the locations. They are patrolling the area, any sort of sketchy behavior going on should be reported.

**Los Encinos School Rep:** I am concerned that my kid's walk by a collective that is only 150 ft away from the school. School is starting very soon. We need to shut it down for the safety and security of the children.

**Response:** Tonya who is Public Safety Officer and I will work together and outreach to all the parents

**Comment from Mr. Connely:** One of our parents stopped by to visit the shop. The man was very nice, but when she left he took a picture of her license plate. That raised a red flag, who knows what he did that for.

**Comment Greg Martayan:** Do not approach these places on your own. Some of these places are run by unsavory people. Report any suspicious behavior to the police. Do not jeopardize you own safety.

### **Senator's Fran Pavely's Office Update:**

#### **Report by: Jason Levine**

- We are in session right now
- The Senator continues to make the Los Encinos Park pending closure a top priority.
- Finding ways to work with the community and business in the community to form some kind of partnership.
- Will have more information in the coming months

#### **Questions and/or Comments:**

**Question from Glenn Bailey:** What is the status of Assembly Bill 42?

**Answer:** I will look into and get back to the council

**Comment:** Louis Krokover: I spoke to Governor Brown, this is the first he's actually hearing about the negative side of closing Los Encinos Park. He **is open and willing to accept letters and emails from the community in response to not closing the park**

**Jason Levine:** If the governor's going to accept email then I urge everyone in this room to write one

### **Mayor's West Valley Area Director**

#### **Report by: Ms. Jessica Yas**

- Worked for Congressman Sherman for 2 years, now works for the Mayor
- Office in Van Nuys (Van Nuys Blvd. & Oxnard)
- Constituent Outreach: Two things I want to talk to you about:
  1. Congress of Neighborhoods: September 24th at City Hall
    - Entirely Funded by Neighborhood Council's
    - Opportunity for the citizens to become more engaged with government and government to become more responsive to the citizens.
    - There will be over 95 council participating
    - Topics will include: emergencies preparedness, outreach, green technology, budgets, spending, and government affairs
  2. Budget Day: tentatively October 25<sup>th</sup> (date is not set yet)
    - Urge you all to come to City Hall to discuss the elements of the city budget that you think would be best to add, and what you think should be taken away.

### **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**

#### **Report by Glenn Bailey**

- The alliance is made up of 34 Neighborhood Council's within the SFV.
- Meetings are held at the Sherman Oaks Hospital the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
- The meetings are mainly City focused
- September meeting guest speaker: Wendy Gruel

- October meeting guest speaker: Councilmember Mitchell Englander CD-12

### **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition**

#### **Report by: Glenn Bailey**

- Coalition of all 95 Neighborhood Councils within the City.
- Meet at the Hollywood City Hall the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am
- Meetings are open to the public
- Urge you all to attend, and keep these items on the agenda for periodic updates, so we can be informed of specials programs, issues and guest speakers.

#### **4. President's Report:** Louis Krokover

Moment of silence in the memory of Hi Hand who was a member and supporter of the ENC and our community.

#### **5. Vice-President's Report:** Laurie Kelson

- Next Month's regular meeting date 9/28 falls on the eve of Rosh Hashanah.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of September 9/21/11 in the Encino Woman's Club is available.

*Change of General Meeting date to 9/21/11 at the Encino Woman's Club*

Vote: For: (16) Against: (0) Abstain: (0)

#### **ENC General Meeting Changes Passed Unanimously**

- Update on Mulholland Bridge: The bridge is only open one lane in each direction and will be this way for the next 22 months. The private schools in the area will be starting on 8/29/11
- Do not use the Encino Hills or the Sherman Oaks Hills as a cut through

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Michael Kaufman has submitted quarterly updates to the Board and to DONE

- Approval of Monthly Expenditures July 2011

Motion by: Glenn Bailey: 2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Arnstein

*"Move to approve the July Expenditures"*

Vote: For: (16) Against: (0) Abstain: (0)

#### **Motion Passed Unanimously**

#### **Questions and/or Comments:**

**Question from Glenn Bailey:** Have the reports from 2 quarters ago have been submitted?

**Answer:** Yes to they have been submitted to DONE & Tom Soong

#### **7. Public Comment:**

##### **Comment by Mark Reed**

- Hosting a meeting regarding re-districting and a candidate forum at the American Legion Hall: 388 Canby Ave. Reseda
- For more info: [www.residentsforum.net](http://www.residentsforum.net) or email: markreed@residentsforum.net

#### **9. Committee Consent Items: (8:15 PM – 8:20 pm)**

- PLU consent item regarding property located at 15826 Ventura Blvd. Suite 225 - "JGP Collective"

MOTION #4/A by: Diane Rosen 2nd by: Talar Dardarian

*"The PLU Committee moves to disapprove of any Marijuana dispensary that violates the existing LA City ordinance approved in 2010. Under the ordinance, no marijuana dispensary may exist within 1000 ft. of a school, hospital, or house of worship. We urge the City to aggressively discourage marijuana dispensaries that do not meet the scheduled criterion."*

**No motion to pull from the Consent Calendar**

**Motion will be sent to the to the City Council Office and the City Attorney**

- Public Safety would like to work with the PLU Committee on this issue

## 8. Guest Speaker(s):

### Presentation by Bureau of Sanitation

#### **“Clean water Healthy neighborhoods. Ten-year Financial Plan For your L.A. Wastewater Infrastructure”**

##### **Presentation Points:**

- We are clean water stewards 24/7
- We convey and treat 350,000,000 gallons of wastewater every day.
- We produce 79,000,000 gallons of recycled water every day.
- We monitor 365 days a year for public and environmental health and run thousands of lab analyses every month.
- We use CCTV to monitor the condition of aging sewers
- We clean out sewers to prevent spills.
- Four City water reclamation and wastewater treatment plants operate around the clock. They have to be kept in good condition to prevent breakdowns, permit violations, and sewage spills.
- Los Angeles has 6,700 miles of sewers. Currently, we have 50 projects underway to repair old sewers and build new ones. Sewage spills are down 80% since 2000.
- Our sewers are getting older. 10 years 20 years 30 years 40 years 50 years 60 years 70 years 80 years The average lifespan of an L.A. sewer line before needing major repairs is 80 years...and about 30% are older than that.
- ...and over 50% of L.A. sewers are already over 60 years old.
- When we have budget to repair and replace sewers and treatment facilities, our city is a healthier place.
- When sewers fall into disrepair or become too small to handle the flows, our communities are at risk.
- When our treatment plants malfunction, the health of the environment is at risk.
- With our current budget, we can replace or repair our wastewater system components only once every 168 years.
- The average homeowner spends around 2% of their home's value on upkeep annually.
- We do too...but we have a bigger house
- Los Angeles Wastewater System
  - Value: \$20 billion
  - 2% annual upkeep
  - 2% of \$20 billion = \$400 million
- We've done more with less for a long time.
  - Staff reduced by 28% since 1994;
  - 14% in the last 3 years.
  - By installing automated systems, we've cut operating costs by \$27 million in the last two years.
  - By restructuring how we borrow money, we are saving \$15 million each year from 2002 to 2029 (projected savings of \$416 million).
- By tightening our belts, we've been able to meet our obligations. But there's nothing left to cut.
- Los Angeles sewer service charges have held the same for 14 of 20 years.
- Our sewer rates today are 4% less than in 1992, after adjusting for inflation.
- What is proposed in the 10-year plan?
  - An increase of approximately \$37 per year for each of the next 10 years for the average L.A. family.
- Why now? Four main reasons:
  - Our wastewater system meets the highest environmental and public health standards every year, but as it ages, it becomes more vulnerable to serious operational problems, permit violations, and lawsuits
  - Our award-winning water reclamation plants are over 30 years old, the end of their functional lifetime. The time for a major overhaul is now.
  - Major sewer projects have been deferred because of the shortage of funds. It is time to increase funding for current and future wastewater infrastructure projects.
  - The 10-year Financial Plan allows us to restructure the Los Angeles Wastewater Program... for the better...for the long-term...without raising SSC rates all at once.
- L.A.'s sewer service charges are in the middle of the largest 10 cities in the U.S.
 

San Diego, CA \$47.95	New York, NY \$36.73	Philadelphia, PA \$36.47
Dallas, TX \$34.92	Los Angeles, CA \$32.70	Houston, TX \$29.93
Chicago, IL \$29.10	San Jose, CA \$27.09	Phoenix, AZ \$26.92
San Antonio, TX \$20.11		
- Basic quality of life depends on sewers and treatment facilities that work.
  - The investment means something: it is something that is important to all of us...

- “Ocean floor habitats have made a remarkable recovery. \_  
-Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, 2010
- *State of the Bay Report: The City of Los Angeles is recognized for watershed based programs that advance our country towards greater water sustainability.* \_
- Clean Water America Alliance

**What we are proposing:**

- Increase in rates to about \$32 dollars a year per family (household)
- In the first 2 years of the program it will only be \$17 increase per year, per household. It is a 10 year financial plan.
- Trying to be proactive to minimize the burden on residents
- Contact financial management system with question and for assistance: [www.lasewers.org](http://www.lasewers.org)

**Questions and/or Comments:**

**Question from Glenn Bailey:** Is that a cumulative increase or is it added to what currently pay?

**Answer:** Yes it would be a cumulative increase

**Question:** How are the sewers in the valley different from the sewers in the city?

**Answer:** The valley sewers are newer, many were replaced after the Northridge earthquake

**Question from Greg Martayan:** How will these rates affect people with pools?

**Answer:** It's based on the 4 lowest months of water usage a year, hard to guess increase per family

**Comment from Greg Martayan:** The average LA house isn't the average Encino house. Graphs show mismanagement of city funds. Passing the buck on to the homeowners isn't the answer. Hike on our residents is never the solution

**Answer:** Clarification on how our funding works. We are not funded by taxes, all the money we collect goes straight back to the department. The bureau has a triple a rating and an award winning program

**10. Committee Reports:**

**Executive Report**

No Report

**Bylaws Report**

by: Glenn Bailey

- The Bylaws template was provided by the City and the language used is from our existing ENC Bylaws
- one item we didn't address:  
We need make a decision on whether or not we will include: Article 5 section 8

**Article 5, Section 8: Censure** - *“The Council can take action to publically reprimand a Board member for actions conducted in the course of Council business by censuring the Board member at a Council Board meeting. Censures shall be placed on the agenda for discussion and action”*

**Discussion:**

**Jean Strauber:** What actions permit a censure?

**Greg Martayan:** Does not want to see this as a way to team up on a member of the board whose opinion is in the minority

**Laurie Kelson:** This wording does specifically say. This is just a starting point to include this language in our Bylaws

**Ken Silk:** Could this be used as a substitute for removal.

**Jean Strauber:** Not in favor unless there is some type of language on what actions permit a censure.

**Motion by Gerald Silver:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Laurie Kelson**

*“I move to cut-off the debate”*

**Vote: For: (16)                      Opposed: (0)**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by: Greg Martayan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Gerald Silver**

*“Motion to approve the ENC Bylaws without Article 5 section 8”*

**VOTE: For: (11)                      Opposed: (1)    Abstaining: (4)**

**Motion Passed**



Motion by: Laurie Kelson

2<sup>nd</sup> By: Kobi Moses

*"Move to include the language of Article 5 Section 8 in the ENC Bylaws"*

VOTE: For (9) Against (7) Abstain: (0)

**2/3 vote required for any addition or change to the ENC Bylaws: Motion Failed**

### **Education Report**

by: Jean Strauber

- The Education Committee would like to commend Hi Hand for his generous work and comments. As well as the relationships he shared with our committee and our members.
- Tamar Galatzan, LASUD school board member, will be a guest speaker at our Oct. 17 committee meeting

### **Finance Report**

No Report

### **Outreach Report**

by: Eliot Cohen

- Getting an ENC newsletter established before the end of the year
- Email address campaign "bag in exchange for email's"
- Working on establishing a presence at Ralphs and Gelson's grocery stores

### **Public Safety Report:**

by: Tonya Barseghian:

Would like to thank everyone for all their help with National Night out, it was a success.

### **Parks Report:**

by Glenn Bailey

- Several of us attended the master plan hearing last Saturday
- There are some other issues of concern regarding the master plan policy and special events
- Request for a minimum of 90 days review and comment period for the ENC, Encino stakeholders, and the general public from the date of the community workshop: 8/28/11

Motion by: Glenn Bailey

2<sup>nd</sup> By: ????

*"Move to request a minimum of ninety (90) days review and comment period on the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan for ENC, stakeholders, and general public from date of Community Workshop August 20, 2011."*

Vote: For: (14)

Opposed: (2)

**Motion Passed**

#### **Discussion:**

**Gerald Silver:** The Basin is not "Central Park" as the Army Corp. likes to describe it. The Basin is a flood control area and was designed for minimal recreation use.

**Greg Martayan:** As the Religious Rep., culturally we have to accept large groups that come into the valley

**John Arnstein:** I see no issues with the 5,000 person limit. If the Master Plan has a limit of 5,000s person set, I don't understand the comments of there possibly being 10,000-20,000. I don't agree with the concept that there are significant limitation to the Basin, I think it's a great resource for the area, and I think there's a huge amount of open space.

**Gerald Silver:** 5,000 is by right, with exceptions there could be up to 20,000 people.

**John Arnstein:** Is there any historical basis that this has happened in the past?

**Sharon Brewer:**

- One of these exceptions has been The Israeli Festival. Anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 people attend this event. It has out grown the Basin. They close down Woodley Ave. and the parking lots. People illegally park in the wildlife area and local business are not asked to participate.
- Persian New Year closed off Lake Balboa for a for profit person. The park got money for the permit, but everything else went straight to the vendor. Problems with these events: They do not get local business to participate, they close off sections of the park, and greatly impact traffic.



**Glenn Bailey:** Just to clarify, in the lease that the City has with the Corp. (1965). It requires that if there is any event with more than 1,000 people, there must be written permission of the Corp. With the change of the language, they are trying to expedite that process up to 5,000 people.

Motion by: Gerald Silver  
"Move to cut off debate"

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Eliot Cohen

VOTE: For: (16) Opposed: (0)  
**Debate Ended**

Motion by Gerald Silver:

2<sup>nd</sup> By: Debbie Watson

"Move that the ENC ask that the Army Corp. to revise its policy 2D-Appendix A5 downward from 5,000 visitors to a maximum of 1,000 visitors to a single event. This policy should not be permitted because of the huge negative environmental impacts to the Basin."

Vote: For:6  
**Motion Fails**

Opposed:7

Abstaining:3

### **Traffic / Transportation Report**

by: Laurie Kelson

- I would like to comment on the cooperation of Zev Yaroslavsky and Paul Koretz's office. They have both been incredibly responsive to our Encino Neighborhood Council regarding the 405 project

### **Van Nuys Airport Report**

by: Debbie Watson

- At the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meeting, there was no quorum but there was a discussion regarding helicopter noise: There is still no solution to the problem

### **PLU Report**

- MOTION #6/A by: Jerry Silver 2nd by: John Arnestein

*"The PLU of the ENC moves that the ENC recommend the Martin Bus Bench contract include the clause from the previous Norman Contract that permitted a community or non-profit organization to replace a commercial bus bench at their expense"*

VOTE: For ( 7 ) Abstain ( 1 )

**Motion Passed**

**\*City Council voted to approve the Martin Contract prior to the ENC General Meeting:  
It includes a clause that allows groups to purchase benches.**

- Sidewalk Repair Transfer of Responsibility to Property Owners  
Update by: Glenn Bailey
  - The City wants to charge property owners for repairs of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters if the damage is done by tree roots
  - They can send you a 90 notice to make the repairs, if you fail to do so, you will be required to use one of their contractors, and they will add a 40% administrative fee
  - If you fail to pay they can go after you personally
  - At the City Council Public Works Committee Meeting, they heard concerns for the public and the NC's
  - By our next meeting we should have a report back and we can take action from there.

## **11. Board Member Comments: No Comments**

## **12. Future Meetings:**

- The next Executive Committee Meeting: September 13, 2011 at 1:00 PM
- The next General Board Meeting: September 21, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Theresa Houlberg

