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# NOTICE AND AGENDA

## ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments

7:00pm Meeting

**Encino Community Center Auditorium**  
4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino CA 91316

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

**City of Los Angeles Harassment and Diversity Policy: All City volunteers have a right to work in an environment free from all forms of discrimination and conduct which can be considered harassing, coercive, or disruptive.**

1. **Call to Order at 7:00pm. Roll call; determination of quorum. (5 minutes)**
2. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (10 minutes) Limited to maximum TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes. Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board's Secretary. Time may be adjusted at president's discretion.**
3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies: (15 minutes)**
  - A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups
  - B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Gurmet Khara, Valley Director (818-971-3088)
  - C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs): Officer Ham ([25717@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25717@lapd.lacity.org)), Officer Para ([34488@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:34488@lapd.lacity.org))

The Encino Neighborhood Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (Jan - Oct).

- D. Community Police Advisory Board and LAFD
- E. LA City Attorney: Raffy Astvasadoorian, Neighborhood Prosecutor ([Raffy.A@lacity.org](mailto:Raffy.A@lacity.org))
- F. Mayor's West Valley Rep: Kevin Taylor
- G. County or State officials

**4. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 minutes)**

How to apply

Available positions include: Alternates: Apartment/Condo; Business (2); Education; Public Safety; Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; Area 3; Area 5; Area 7

**5. Consent Items: (5 minutes)**

A. Outreach Committee

1. **MOTION - Name Badges with Lanyards - Outreach would like to print name badges for all ENC Board Members to be used at our ENC meetings and events. Lanyards and holders can be purchased at Office Depot, we would like up to \$65 to purchase the lanyards and holders. Passed 4-0-0.**

B. Planning and Land Use Committee

1. **MOTION: Approval of the remodeling plans of the McDonalds Restaurant located at [15700 Ventura Boulevard, Encino CA 91436](#) as presented. Passed 8-0-0**
2. **MOTION: Proposed increase in the Planning Appeals Fee being proposed by Richard Llewellyn, Eric Garcetti's Mayoral Office Attorney. Interested parties should call Councilmember Koretz and or his Planning Deputy Aviv Kleinman to voice their concerns. The Encino PLU Committee opposes such a fee increase as it would freeze out appeals except from the wealthiest individuals and groups and give developers a big gift of silencing their opposition. Passed 8-0-0**

**6. Non Consent Items: (45 minutes)**

A. Executive Committee

1. **MOTION: Approval of new street signs for the intersection of Morrison and Densmore Streets in Encino in homage to Jim Morrison, lead singer and John Densmore, drummer for the band The Doors. The Doors were a Southern California band formed in 1965. Reveal of the new street sign(s) would include a small ceremony to include Councilmember Koretz, Mr Densmore and the former guitarist for the band Robby Krieger.**

B. Planning and Land Use Committee

1. Specific Plan Exception Case: Change of Use to Legalize Existing Synagogue  
CN:APCSV-2017-827-SPE-SPP/ENV 2017-828-EAF  
**Haichal Moshe Synagogue** seeks to update the Certificate of Occupancy on their currently leased 3,215 sf space. The current C of O shows a Pool hall with an alcohol license. The synagogue has been leasing and using the space for 12 years and now needs an Assembly occupancy. The Exception is to allow this use to continue with 10 parking spaces.

Brandon Finch and Matt Goulgy, representing the owners, presented a parking demand study which shows that of their 102 congregant households 75% live within a quarter mile of the synagogue. They stated that the 10 spaces would adequately support this function since congregants walk to synagogue in lieu of driving.

Rabbi David Loloyan stated that the organization uses the building for prayer, youth counseling, business functions and management of offsite clubs. 15 people are there on a typical work day.

Committee Member Questions and Comments:

Q: (Scott Linden) With only 10 spaces, how many will be handicapped?

A: 2 handicapped and 8 regular spaces will be restriped.

Q: (Al Mass) When there is an event such as a Bar Mitzvah, and how will you make sure there is enough parking?

A: Out of town guests stay near enough to walk to the event or get dropped off.

Q: (Scott Linden) Can you share parking with adjacent schools or offices?

A: Yes but not needed per the Parking Study. Most use is before businesses open or after close.

Q: (Jerry Silver) If we looked at the building and safety online complaints what would we find?

A: Two orders, 1 Notice to comply with occupancy and 1 for building without a permit which has been rectified.

Q: (Shelley Bilik) Was the Parking Study a consecutive week of review?

A: No, there were personnel issues that prevented consecutive days.

Q: (Shelley Bilik) What do you do regarding parking for High Holidays?

A: They are held at a local school (Nestle Avenue School)

Public Comments:

Wayne from Encino, resident: This LADBS complaint is bogus and unreasonable. Get Paul Koretz to support the exception.

Homan Mobasser, congregant: Observant members do not drive on Sabbath or Holidays. He used to walk from his house on Louise and Burbank, now lives closer and always walks.

**MOTION:Support the Change of Use and Exception to the Ventura Specific Plan for the Haichal Moshe Synagoge, including the Variance for parking allowing 8 regular and 2 handicapped parking spaces which shall apply only to the Haichal Moshe Synagogue use. 6-0-1 PLU**

2. The Encino NC PLU committee has received several detailed presentations and extensive written documentation describing a proposed 114 unit, 86 ft. high, mixed use project at [16161 Ventura Blvd., Encino](#). The project is described in detail in the PLU agenda, dated September 12, 2017. The developer has asserted that the project qualifies for approval for numerous entitlements by right.

“The state of California calls for high-density development near transit stops, while requiring a certain percentage of lower-income units. Yet, the experience with this kind of “inclusionary zoning” is not a happy one. Such laws tend to increase the prices for market-rate housing, raising the prices for everyone else, including the more numerous poor who do not win the “affordable housing” lottery.” [[Joel Kotkin](#) and [Wendell Cox](#), Los Angeles Daily News - Sept 10, 2017]

After receiving extensive public comment in opposition to this project, the PLU committee makes the following recommendations:

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**MOTION:**

1. That the Encino NC go on record to oppose the project (16161 Ventura Blvd Encino)as described.
2. That the traffic, parking, access and vehicle capacity on Ventura Blvd. cannot support this 114 unit mixed use project.
3. That the Encino NC urges the City of Los Angeles to reconsider its “inclusionary zoning” policy and mobility policy that seek to force residents out of their cars and on to foot, bicycles or mass transit.
4. The project is out of character with other housing along Ventura Blvd. in the Encino corridor. 7-0-1 PLU

**7. Officer's Reports: (10 minutes)**

A. President's Report

B. Vice-President's Report – Committee Chairs and Membership

1. Current Committees and membership information

C. Treasurer's Report – Update for Board - ENC Account and cash flow.

1. **MOTION: Approval of August 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports**

D. Secretary's Report

1. **MOTION: Approval of August 2017 Meeting Minutes**

E. Sergeant at Arms Report

1. Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct - training required of members

**8. Committee Reports (5 minutes)**

1. ByLaws - Jess Whitehall
2. Education - Adriohn Richardson
3. Government Affairs - Patricia Bates
4. Outreach - Alex Garay
5. Parks/Environment - Debra George
6. Planning & Land Use - Eliot Cohen
7. Public Safety - Glenn Bailey
8. Traffic/Transportation - Laurie Kelson

**9. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (10 minutes)** Limited to Two MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all comment is limited to 10 minutes

**Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th.**

### **Community Events**

#### **ReCode LA - Proposed Zoning Code Amendment**

Wednesday, September 20th - Marvin Braude, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys

#### **Interim Motel Conversion Hearing**

Monday, September 25th - Marvin Braude, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys

#### **Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair**

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Northridge Fashion Center - Pacific Theatre Parking Lot

[www.valleydisasterfair.com](http://www.valleydisasterfair.com)

#### **Encino Family Festival**

Sunday, October 8th - Ventura Blvd, Encino

#### **OurLA2040 General Plan Community Conversations on Open Space and Community**

will be held throughout October - <https://www.ourla2040.org/upcoming-events>

The Housing Element 2013-2021 was adopted on 12/3/13 and the Mobility Plan 2035 was adopted 1/20/16.

Both will not be revised as part of OurLA2040.

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Encino-Tarzana Branch Library and the Encino Community Center

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