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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments

7:00pm Meeting

Encino Womens Club

4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/>

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. Meet and Greet with refreshments.**
- 2. Call to Order at 7:00pm.**
- 3. 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.**

4. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies: (20 minutes)

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Gurmet Khara, Valley Director (818-971-3088)
- C. Councilmember Koretz: Aviv Kleinman, Planning Deputy (818) 971-3088
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs): Officer Ham (25717@lapd.lacity.org), Officer Para (34488@lapd.lacity.org)
- E. Community Police Advisory Board and LAFD
- F. LA City Attorney: Raffy Astvasadoorian, Neighborhood Prosecutor (Raffy.A@lacity.org)
- G. Mayor's West Valley Rep: Tanaz Golshan
- H. LADWP Representative
- I. County or State officials

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

How to apply

Available positions include:

Alternates: At Large, Apartment/Condo; Business (2); Education; Public Safety; Planning and Land Use, Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; Area 3; Area 5; Area 7

6. Seating of Alternates (5 minutes)

7. MOTION: Approval of July, August, September, October, November Meeting Minutes (5 minutes)

8. Consent Items: (10 minutes)

A. Planing and Land Use

- 1. Motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council urges Richard Llewellyn-Interim CAO, The Planning Commission, The Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Garcetti to keep the current appeal at \$89.00 so residents and activist groups can appeal projects they feel are not in keeping with their community. The Encino Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed 15100% increase to \$13,538.00 as reported by the LA Times (08/29/2017). Letters stating our opposition to a fee increase will be sent to: MAYOR Eric Garcetti, Richard Llewellyn-Interim CAO, COUNCILMAN Paul Koretz, Aviv Kleinman-Valley Planning Deputy for Councilman Koretz, City Planners: Director of Planning, Vince Bertoni, CITY PLANNING COMMISSION President-David H. Ambroz, Vice President-Renee Dake Wilson, Members: Caroline Choe Richard Katz, John W. Mack, Samantha Millman, Marc Mitchell, Veronica Padilla-Campos Dana M. Perlman, Elva O'Donnell, Sarah Molina-Pearson. Councilman David Ryu and Councilman Bob Blumenfield. Cohen/Mass 6/0/0 Public Comment: None**

2. MOTION: Letter to Henry Stern, State Senator for the 27th District and Councilman Koretz:

The Encino Neighborhood Council represents 48,000 constituents. The well-intended State Density bonus laws are creating unintended consequences regarding our ability to plan rational buildings and solutions in Encino along the Ventura Corridor. These density bonuses override local control and commonsense. They allow oversized building to be built that are not needed in our area that cause additional traffic nightmares and more pollution, and inconvenience all persons travelling on Ventura Blvd. Specifically, in Encino where there are areas of high density traffic, buildings are being planned over the allowable heights of 4 stories and adding to an already gridlock situation for traffic and creating scarcity of parking, infrastructure strain, school overcrowding, a lack of open space, and required setbacks. On average, a 2-mile commute down Ventura Blvd. takes 35 minutes, leading to additional pollution, delays and frayed nerves. Additionally, the smaller residential feeder streets are being used as short-cuts causing additional noise and safety hazards, particularly near schools. During our meetings, unfortunately neither the ENC nor the City Councilman Paul Koretz or the L.A Department of Planning can offer any real solution due to the state law over riding local ordinances. We owe our constituents better in both service and answers. We understand the need for density bonus, but the area must first be able to handle the additional burdens coming from such proposed developments. Which is why top down planning does not work.

What we propose is quite simple and filed with common sense. In the city of Los Angeles under the existing zoning laws, a "T" condition exists before a building can go to the next level in zoning or rezoning. Once outside factors, such as installing mass transit that does not compete with ground level traffic (such as above or below grade mass transit) is completed, the "T" condition disappears, and allows further development. Our aging infrastructure such as our electric grid, water, sewer and storm drain built in the 1960s or earlier, was never meant to handle such an ambitious increase in population. Our infrastructure simply cannot support it. The L.A. Times recently reported that if we have a severe cold snap there will not be enough natural gas to heat our homes. Why do we have to meet out mass punishment to our already existing residents to add a few dozen additional housing units that enrich the developer and hurt our quality of life or actually endanger our life? Furthermore, our schools, open space, and emergency services have not kept up with current demand (police response for non-life-threatening crimes is about 2.5 hours if they show up). In addition, the lowering of the parking threshold does not alleviate the transportation nightmare; what it is in reality doing is causing additional traffic and parking congestion on feeder streets and adding to the competition for access with the inadequate bus system competing for those same streets. Commuting to the business districts takes about 1.5 hours between the hours of 6-9. Due to our inability to expand streets or purchase additional infrastructure upgrades we need to slow down development before adding more demand on our already overstressed ability to adequately serve our citizens' basic needs. We are asking for a slight modification in state bonus density law to allow the localities, such as the neighborhood council or municipality (who best know what overdevelopment looks like) to be able to modify the size of invasive buildings. What we are seeing now is the

cart before the horse and a recipe for expensive catch-up projects later on. We need some futuristic thinking. For example, before a building is torn down, that's the time to put and plan for a subterranean or aerial monorail station. If Elon Musk's Boring Company is going to be greenlighted we now should be planning on how to provide easy access to his underground solution to our pressing traffic problems.

We urge you with all deliberate speed to address our citizens needs immediately, so our fine city can grow and maintain its status as a world class city.

**Addressed to: State Senator Henry Stern Calabasas District Office 5016 N. Parkway Calabasas Suite 22 Calabasas, CA 91302 & State Capital Room 3070 Sacramento, CA 95814
Councilman Koretz Valley District Office 15760 Ventura Blvd, Suite 600 Encino, CA 91436**

6/0/0

3. MOTION: Letter to be sent by the ENC to the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Department as it relates to notification and location of public hearings:

As a result of the Encino Neighborhoods' overwhelming concerns with development during the city sanctioned community plan update, the ENC PLU hearings of the cases, and in accordance and compliance with Due Process Clause in the Government Ethics Ordinance requiring both reasonable notice and reasonable opportunity & access to be heard; The ENC is requesting the following concerning Planning and Land Use Cases:1) 17760 Ventura Blvd ZA-2017-4754-CU-SPPA-SPP & 2) 16161 Ventura Blvd CPC-2017-3172 & VTT-77140

1. Notification of each hearing date be communicated to both the Encino Neighborhood Council and the Encino PLU via Info@ENC.org, ENC@empowerla.org, and pluchair@encinonc.org at the earliest established date.

2. Due to working hours, familial obligations, and expensive and time-consuming commute, that the hearings be held near the impacted area. Suggested venues are the Encino Community Center (1 mile away) or the Marvin Braude Building in Van Nuys, CA (5 miles away). Downtown locations are neither accessible, ADA nor senior friendly, nor reasonable to residents of affected areas. Start times should be at 7:00PM.

We thank you for your hard work and dedication in making this city a world class city,

**Signed,
The Encino Neighborhood Council.**

Cohen/Zeisler 6/0/0

4. Motion: MOTION: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Ordinance CPC-2017-3136-CA

The ENC understands the urgent need to help the homeless. The ENC urges the Los Angeles Dept. of Planning and the City Council to remove and reject several provisions of the PSH Ordinance. In order to stream line the approval process the PSH plan overrides or gives “relief” from requirements for zoning, parking, free space, height, and setbacks. This effectively negates all the time and money spent on Zoning, Community and Specific Plans. It abolishes the need for Environmental Impact Studies and Traffic Studies which must be done to access impacts. Adequate parking must be required in all PSH developments. Housing for the Homeless must not be too close to schools, parks and other sensitive locations. PSH developers should be subject to the same requirements as all other developers, including notification and approval from the Neighborhood Councils. We fear that a dual standard for normal and another standard for PSH will create chaos and undermine the authority of the Planning Department, hurt Public Safety and create density where it might be most undesirable.

The ENC additionally believes, mandatory testing for drugs and alcohol should be a requirement to have placement into a PSH facility. Rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen of Los Angeles should be a requirement for placement and living in these facilities. Create a list of priority clients such as families with children, veterans or the disabled, is a must. Motion to be sent to City Council and Councilman Koretz 6/0/0

- 5. MOTION: The committee moves to adopt the following: The Encino PLU understands the need for Permanent Supportive Housing. However, this must be done without over-riding the existing codes and zoning laws which have made our neighborhoods viable. We recommend the City of Los Angeles investigate using existing facilities, such as unoccupied warehouses and/or big box stores, to create super centers for the provision of services and supportive housing to those in need akin to the “soldier one stop model.” We believe the PSH ordinance should assist individuals on a temporary, transitional basis on their way from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Cohen/Eshelman 7/0/0 Public Comment: None**

6. MOTION: The ENC strongly urges the city to adopt the Common-Sense Growth Model. That if development above the current level be considered, the following factors Must be addressed before an increase in Zoning or Rezoning, deviation from, or variance is given. This is not a new concept but is in current zoning code called “Q” Conditions . It’s not a NO on development, but an urgent plea for reasoned and planned development

Therefore, we ask for these studies and conditions be met before new development be built.

1. Required Utility Demand and usage study to include but not limited to the availability, life remaining, and capacity of, but limited to, water, Storm Drains, Sewers, power distribution including peak demand for gas and electricity, and parking.

2. Accessibility and availability of commercial districts within a given neighborhood, with the requirement of a minimum of one.

3. Density Bonuses cannot be combined with any other municipality, state, county or federal bonus laws.

4. An independent regional (defined as county border or 15-mile Radius) traffic study be conducted to ensure outside NC or Commercial corridors do not get overwhelmed causing congestion and traffic pollution, and overspill into Non-Primary and Arterial Streets.

5. An independent Non-Arterial / Residential traffic study to account for traffic that has diverted from major thoroughfares onto feeder or residential streets. This addresses not only Vision Zero, but solving the original problem the city tried to address in the “super block” layout resulting from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children from 3 to 14 years old." study of 2009 (the reason for keeping residential streets for residents/local access only)

6. An area report of capacity for Schools (k-12), Emergency response times for EMS, Hospital capacity for health, Open Space requirement per capital. The City must generate a current state of affairs, encased in the community plan borders, allowing developers to accurately reflect the true effect of projects. A Scale of Excellent, Good, Fair, under-performing, and Critical with numerical values must be applied.

7. Special Funds, such as Quimby, arts, and Developer Fees generated by development must be identified and available for public viewing in an easily understood format, and only used to cure current needs or future needs created by the development in the Community Plan borders. No movement of funds outside of affected area. Details should include, but not limited to, Amount generated by project, amount of funds used, where used, how much used, reason for use, and approval signature of ZA with input from NCs. This is a Public Records Act Request.

8. Any Variances, CPC hearings, ZA Hearings, Planning and Development meetings about properties, community plans, studies, must be held in and around affected area, and during non-business hours. To ensure compliance with the Due Process Clause from the Governmental Ethics Ordinance. Affected areas are to be given notice of a minimum of 1000' AND the local NC per the "reasonable notice" and "reasonable opportunity to be heard" provisions.

9. A weighted consideration of localities CIS, and input formulation of plans. (Due to the State, County, and City not having sufficient knowledge of the on goings, needs, and problems of neighborhoods nor the funding to do so).

Distribution List: Letters to be generated to LA City Planning by ENC Executives via CIS and sent with urgency. Confirmation is requested to be given to the PLU when items are sent and received.

Chief Zoning Administrator, Charlie Rausch 213 978-1306

Fax Numbers

Expediting, Room 721, CH 213 978-4656

Expediting, Room 721, CH 213 978-1343

Zoning Administrative Office, Room 763, CH..... 213 978-1334

For 17760 Ventura Blvd

Expedite Planner Jenna.Monterrosa@lacity.org

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Lucy Martinez; lucerito.martinez@lacity.org

Additional letters to be sent to: COUNCILMAN Paul Koretz, Aviv Kleinman-Valley Planning Deputy for Councilman Koretz, City Planners: Director of Planning, Vince Bertoni, CITY PLANNING COMMISSION President-David H. Ambroz, Vice President-Renee Dake Wilson, Members: Caroline Choe Richard Katz, John W. Mack, Samantha Millman, Marc Mitchell, Veronica Padilla-Campos Dana M. Perlman, Elva O'Donnell, Sarah Molina-Pearson CITY PLANNERS Thomas Glick, Christine Saponara and Adrineh Melkonian.

Cohen/Mass 6/0/0

B. Traffic and Transportation Committee

- 1. Motion: The ENC supports adding additional seconds to the Northbound Hayvenhurst Ave traffic light. Many cycles are three seconds which is not adequate for the volume of cars entering and exiting Gelson's market and the bank/medical building on Ventura Blvd. This is also a heavy pedestrian zone. Kelson/Grossman Vote: 6/0/0**
- 2. Motion: The ENC requests a meeting with CD 5, BSS, public works (Kevin James) and Cal Trans to get the paving of Hayvenhurst Ave under the 101 underway. Kelson/George Vote: 6/0/0**
- 3. Motion: The ENC supports a left hand arrow at White Oak S to Burbank E. Kelson/Grossman Vote 6/0/0**

4. **Motion: The ENC requests a study of potential stop sign, speed bumps, and sidewalks along Magnolia between Haskell and Libbit to address speeding issues. Kelson/Jarvis Vote: 6/0/0**
5. **Motion: The ENC requests a Dash Bus for Encino joining Tarzana and Sherman Oaks with local stops to be determined. Kelson/George Vote: 6/0/0**

9. Verizon Cellular Tower Presentation (10 minutes)

10. Officer's Reports: (5 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 November/December 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports**
- D. Secretary's Report
 - 1.
- E. Sergeant at Arms Report
 1. Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct - training required of members
 2. Reminder to Board regarding serial meetings

9. Committee Reports (5 minutes)

1. ByLaws - Jess Whitehall/Glenn Bailey
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

10. 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

Adjournment at 9:00pm -

The Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28th .

Community Events

Friday, February 23rd at 6:30pm - Encino Community Center Daddy/Daughter Dance - Girls ages 4 to 12 - grab your Dad, Uncle, Grandfather, or other favorite adult and come enjoy this fun night of dancing, dinner, and desserts! Dress fancy! Tickets sell out! reg.laparks.org

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Encino-Tarzana Branch Library and the Encino Community Center

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For information on the ENC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the ENC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.encinonc.org

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