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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 @ 7 pm
MINUTES**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION

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The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.

A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of one minute per item and five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Otherwise comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comment. Please be aware that time accumulates for any agenda items commented on.

Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

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Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Vacant Area 2 Rep	Alex Ventura Area 3 Rep	Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep	Michael Silva Area 5 Rep
Laurie Kelson Area 6 Rep	Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep	Heather Michaels At-Large Rep	Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep	Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Andrew Zucker Business Rep	Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep	David Krygier Encino Chamber Rep	Daniel Freedman EPOA Rep
Eliot Cohen HOME Rep	Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep	Darin Spillman PLU Rep	Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Brooke Resnik Youth Rep			

Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 2 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt
Vacant Area 6 Rep Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 ReQp Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1	Daniel Glaser At-Large Rep Alt 2	Vacant Apt/Condo Rep Alt
Vacant Business Rep Alt 1	Vacant Business Rep Alt 2	Vacant Education Rep Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep Alt	Vacant EPOA Rep Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Rep Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt	Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt	Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt	Vacant Religious Rep Alt
Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt				

1. Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.

- **Meeting called to order at 7:03pm**

2. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies, not limited to: LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634

- **Officer Walia was out on leave, Alex G. provided a brief report from Officer Walia**

Councilmember Nithya Raman: Emma Taylor, emma.taylor@lacity.org

- **Emma introduced herself, the former field deputy moved up north and she is looking for a new deputy for Encino. Emma proved an update including a drive for students on 7/30/22 at Hollywood United Methodist Church, no movement on the Land Rover dealer, closely looking at it and provided further Encino updates.**

Mayor Garcetti - W. Valley Area Rep. – **Not in attendance**

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: Sarah Martin (Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov)(818) 346-4521

LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416

- **Two updates were provided from the Supervisor's office**

West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, Michael.liu@lacity.org – **Not in attendance.**

Los Angeles City Planning – **Not in attendance**

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews Dina.Andrews@lacity.org

- **Dina Andrews provided an update from DONE**

CalTrans District 7: Cuong Phu Trinh Cuong.Trinh@dot.ca.gov – **Not in attendance**

- **The reports item was opened to public comment**

- **Four members of the public had comments for the officials**

Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey

- **Glenn B. provided a report from Budget Advocates**

3. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who wish to speak on multiple agenda items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments. This comment period includes comment on all numbered agenda items including public officials' reports.
4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public comments on non-agenda items within the ENC's subject matter jurisdiction is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Public calling in, please press *9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those who are using the Zoom application, please use the Raise Hand feature to speak.
 - **Public comment period was opened**
 - **Henry E. asked for clarification on the time limit**
 - **Alex G. provided clarification**
 - **Three member of the public spoke during public comment**
 - **Glenn B.. decided to provide clarification to the last commentor**
5. **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. Discussion and Possible Action. Per the ENC Bylaws (Article V, Section 1D.1): "If at any Board meeting, a Representative who is absent either (a) has no designated Alternate or (b) has an Alternate who is also absent, then the president or presiding officer may, with the approval of a majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting, designate an existing Alternate for any other Representative to serve and vote during the meeting in place of the absent Representative. In such an instance, the seat of any absent Representative temporarily becomes an At-Large Seat. **The appointed Alternate must be in good standing with all required training to be eligible.**"
 - **Alex G. nominated alternates to be seated**
 - **Glenn B. asked if alternates could be seated for vacancies**
 - **No objections from board members, alternates were seated**

6. **Officer's Reports:**

A. President's Report

1. Thank you Pat Bates!

- **Alex G. thanked Pat Bates for her service as President and looks forward to being President again.**

B. Vice-President's Report

- **Victoria M. provided an update, requested that the tree wells go to committee rather than working around it and an update on the Land Rover dealer**

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Motion to approve the [June 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#)

- **Pat B. shared the MER and mentioned the rollover should be available in August. Pat moved, Alex G 2nds**

- **The item was opened to public comment**

- **Following comment, vote took place, the MER was approved: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

D. * **Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

E. Secretary's Report: Approval of minutes of [June, 22, 2022 Meeting](#)

- **Glenn B. asked Alex G to introduce the items. Alex G. introduced the minutes**
- **A member of the public attempted to speak on homelessness**
- **The SAA stopped the speaker as the comments were not about the agenda item**

F. Sergeant-at-Arms Report

- **The SAA provided a report about training and the system not cooperating with members attempting to complete their training.**

7. **OLD Business:**

A. **Bylaws Committee: Motion to adopt [Standing Rules Article V, Section 3 B: Explanation of Vote Tally](#) (Victoria/Jess, Passed 5 yes/0 no/0 abstentions).**

- **Victoria M. introduced the item**
- **Glenn B. commented on the item**
- **Alex G. moved, Victoria M. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to the public**
- **Following public comment the item was opened to board member comment. No board member comment**
- **Following comments, the item was voted on and passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

* **Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

B. Executive Committee

1. **Motion to file the following CIS: [CF 11-1020-S3](#) would rename the Budget Advocates account to "budget advocacy" with no mention as to where the funds would go. Consider whether to adopt or adopt as modified the following position: The Encino Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 11-1020-S3. Neighborhood Councils form alliances when they want to join together to work on something of common interest. We want to be able to contribute specifically to alliances we support. The name of the overall fund is not important. What is important is that every recognized alliance has the ability to raise its own funds and those**

funds are reserved for its use and its use alone. Our Neighborhood Council wants the ability to direct our funds to a specific alliance and not to a fund that is allocated without our input. We ask that the City Council [motion](#) contained in CF 11-1020-S3 be amended to make this clear.
(Pat/Alex, 5 yes/0 no/0 abstentions)

- **Pat B. introduced the item commenting on the council file and the changes requested.**
- **Glenn B. provided a historical information and further commented on the item.**
- **Alex G. commented that there is a motion and before discussion we need a 1st and 2nd., and moved the motion. Henry E. 2nds**
- **Lee B. attempted to introduce an amendment providing the same information already mentioned by other board members.**
- **Glenn B. 2nds the amendment**
- **No other comments from the board.**
- **A member of another NC spoke regarding the item further shaming DONE**
- **No other members of the public spoke**
- **Following public comment a vote on the amendment took place. The amendment was voted on and passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- **It was noted that Sam A. joined the meeting, Daniel G. was seated for Sam A., however Sam A. is delinquent with his training.**
- **Glenn B. could not clarify on the next steps.**
- **Alex G. asked Sam A., if he would complete the training and join the next meeting.**
- **Sam A. agreed to complete the training and have the alternate continue in the seat.**
- **It was noted that Darin S. joined the meeting.**
- **Following board member and public comment the item passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**

*** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

2. **Motion to file the following CIS:** The ENC Executive Committee recommends that the Los Angeles Mayor and City Council add to their City's Legislative Program a request that Los Angeles County acquire or lease on a year-round basis at least two (2) CL-15 Bombadier (or successor) "Super Scoopers", along with instituting a program to train local personnel in operation of these fire-fighting assets. CIS to be filed. (Pat/Glenn Passed 4 yes/0 no/0 Abstentions)

- **Alex G. introduced the item and moved the motion.**
- **Anni K. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to public and board member comment.**
- **Following comment, the item passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
*** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

8. NEW BUSINESS – FUNDING:

Parks & Environment Committee:

A. **Motion** to recommend to the ENC board to schedule weed and trash cleanups along Ventura Blvd. and side streets within a block on either side. Sunday 8/14/2022, 8/21/2022, 8/28/2022, 9/4/2022, 9/11/2022, 9/18/2022. Further, authorize up to \$250 for supplies, equipment, and snacks. Pat/Amy 5 yes /0 no /0 abstentions

- **Alex G. introduced the item, read the recommendation from the committee and moved to approve the motion.**
- **Pat B. 2nds**
- **Glenn B. commented on the item**
- **Pat B. provided clarification on the recommendation**
- **Victoria M. questioned if this conflicts with the already scheduled cleanups from Robert Newman (an Encino resident hosting cleanups along Mulholland and Ventura Blvd).**
- **Following board and public comment, the item passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

*** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Parks and Environment Committee:

A. **Motion** to recommend to the ENC a Community Impact Statement strongly supporting CF 22-0483 and to recommend that Neighborhood Councils are included in all convenings. [CF 22-0483](#) instructs the Bureau of Sanitation, in partnership with the Biodiversity Expert Council and the Department of City Planning, to participate in convenings with local and regional jurisdictions, and conservation and environmental stakeholders regarding developing a Regionwide Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Plan. The motion already passed City council 6/29/2022. Pat/Glenn 5 yes /0 no /0 abstentions

B. [CF 22-0600-S20](#) Instructs the Fire Department to report to the Public Safety Committee on potential partnerships with the Conservation Corps for brush clearance efforts and other outside entities that use goats to eliminate invasive and overgrown brush. (Pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2022-23 Budget on May 18, 2022) **Motion to recommend the ENC file a CIS supporting CF 22-0600-S20 and include recommend collaboration and possible partnership with additional environmental and community groups including but not limited to the California Native Plant Society and impacted Neighborhood Council(s) Pat/Katie . 5 yes /0 no /0 abstentions**

C. [CF 22-0600-S61](#) instructs the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee on the feasibility of using wildlife, specifically goats, to support brush clearance activities in parks. (Pursuant to adoption of the Mayor's 2022-23 Budget on May 18, 2022) **Motion to Recommend the ENC file a CIS supporting CF 22-0600-S61 and collaboration and possible partnership with additional environmental and community groups including but not limited to the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) and impacted Neighborhood Council(s). Note that in 2021 RAP had an offer from the CNPS to do a 30 acre pilot goat grazing project in the Sepulveda Basin at no cost to the City. Unfortunately, RAP refused without explanation to respond to the proposal. That area is now filled with 6'**

high dense tinder-dry brush. Pat/Daniel 5 yes /0 no /0 abstentions

- **Alex G. commented that items 9A, 9 B & 9C all passed their respective committees following public comment and committee member comment and requested to vote on these as consent items.**
- **No objections and no comments, items 9A, 9 B, & 9C all passed unanimously, 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

Outreach Committee:

D. MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the ENC approve the following locations, for in person voting on June 18, 2023: LAFD Station 83, 4960 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91436 as the primary location and the Balboa Sports Complex, 17015 Burbank Blvd., Encino 91316 as the backup location for in person voting with hours of operation set from 10am – 4pm. Alex G. moved, Pat B. 2nds, passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

- **Alex G. introduced the item and moved the motion as written.**
- **Victoria M. 2nds**
- **Glenn B. commented on the item, asking about 2 hour setup and 1 hour cleanup afterwards. Also asked if the Sportscenter is aware they are the backup. Further commented that this is for the entire region and commented that the motion needs to include any additional languages needed.**
- **Dana C. asked if this was for the general election**
- **Alex G. clarified that it is for the NC election**
- **Anni K. asked if there would be online voting**
- **Alex G. clarified that there will be no online voting**
- **Following comments, the item was voted on and passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- *** Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting**

Executive Committee:

E. [CF 21-1472](#) - To Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Motion (Raman - Krekorian - Martinez) relative to instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the City Attorney and other departments, as needed, to report with options for a ballot measure for the November 2022 ballot, to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board is in support of CF 21-1472 to amend the City Charter to include an independent redistricting commission for the city. Alex G. moved, Pat B. 2nds. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- **Alex G. introduced the item, read the motion and moved. Glenn B. 2nds**
- **Glenn B. provided historical info regarding the motion**
- **Lee B. requested to copy the Mid-City NC, once again hindering the pace of the meeting.**
- **Alex G commented that this could have been brought up before and also commented that when the agenda was sent it was noted to read the agenda and send comments in regarding this specific item, Lee B. failed to do so, disrupting the meeting, once again, and that at this time we want to get a report back without having to define the specifics of the item**
- **Glenn B. was in agreement with the President's comments**

- Pat B. also agreed with Alex G's comments
- A member of the public spoke on the item asking how it can be determined how many districts there would be
- Glenn B. provided clarification
- Two more members from the public spoke
- Following public comment, Alex G asked if there was a 2nd to Lee B's request.
- A 2nd was not received for the amendment
- The original item was voted on and passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)
- * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting

F. Elections, Section 4. [Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status - Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation.] Verification of registered Los Angeles County voter status at an Encino address shall be an acceptable documentation method for resident Stakeholder status. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board support requesting that the City Clerk incorporate voter registration as a method of verification of eligibility for neighborhood council elections. Pat B. moved, Alex G. 2nds. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- Alex G requested to continue the meeting for another 20 minutes, introduced the item.
- Pat B. further provided comments regarding the item
- Alex G. read and moved the motion. Henry E. 2nds
- Glenn B. provided clarification
- The item was opened to public comment
- A member of the public meeting.
- Following public comment the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A)
- * Lee Blumenfeld voted on this item but had not completed the City's Anti-Bias (ABLE) training requirement according to the EmpowerLA webpage for the Encino NC as of the start time of the meeting

10. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

- Lee B. requested the BOE to give a presentation on the LA River project that is at 95% completion (design phase), this is the time to make requests
- Glenn B. asked if this is about the extension of the walkway and bike path
- Glenn B. further commented that there was a comprehensive report from the DONE but did not hear about the digital communications workshop, tomorrow night and anyone that uses social media should listen to and weigh in.
- Michael S. commented on a survey about returning to in person meetings and requested to have an agenda item so we can discuss the whether or not to return to in person meetings.
- Alex V. commented on the homeless on the Blvd., and he himself had 4 incidents within the past month and noted that something has changed recently with the homeless.
- Alex G. commented that there is a need for the public safety committee
- Dina A. thanked Glenn for mentioning the digital communications policy.
- Two members of the public spoke

11. Adjournment

- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm**