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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 30, 2022 @ 7 pm**  
**MINUTES**

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**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	Vacant 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				

- **Board members who are highlighted above were in attendance.**

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

- **Meeting called to order at 7:01pm**

**Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies, not limited to:**

2. **LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, [34024@lapd.online](mailto:34024@lapd.online) (818) 374-7634**

- **SLO Walia provided a crime update, biggest crime in the community are burglaries.**
- **Board members commented on his updates.**
- **Members of the public had comments for the SLO**  
Councilmember Nithya Raman: Josef Siroky, [josef.siroky@lacity.org](mailto:josef.siroky@lacity.org)
- **Josef provided updates, including passing the baton to a new field deputy**  
Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: (818) 346-4521: TBD  
LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, [BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov) (818) 880-9416
- **Blake C. provided an update from the Supervisor's office, he will be working with the transition team as it's the Supervisor's last week**

West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, [Michael.liu@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.liu@lacity.org)

- **Michael L. provided an update from his office, including best practices for deliveries.**  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews [Dina.Andrews@lacity.org](mailto:Dina.Andrews@lacity.org)
  - **Dina A. provided an update from DONE**  
CalTrans District 7: Cuong Phu Trinh [Cuong.Trinh@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Cuong.Trinh@dot.ca.gov)  
Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey
  - **Glenn B. provided an update from the Budget Advocates, including an opening for Region 3 and to save the date for the annual NC budget day on June 17, 2023 – will update if in person**
  - **Sean R. from Congressman Sherman’s office, including securing \$20 million for improvements in the Valley, including: \$1.2 million for the Encino Community Center, \$750K for infrastructure and more.**
  - **The item was opened to the public for comments.**
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.
- **A member of the public spoke at this time on multiple agenda items.**
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.
- **The item was opened.**
  - **Two members of the public spoke on non-agenda items**
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.**”
6. **Officer's Reports:**
- A. President’s Report
    - **Alex G. provided a quick update with warm wishes for the holiday season**
  - B. Vice-President's Report
    - **Victoria M. thanked the committee chairs for all the hard work throughout the year**
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    - 1. Motion to approve the [October 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#)
      - **Pat B. shared her screen to show the MER and moved to approve. Victoria M. 2nds**
      - **The item was opened for discussion**
      - **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
      - **\* 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**
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  - D. Secretary’s Report: **To view last month’s ENC meeting click here: [October 26, 2022](#)**
- **Glenn B. commented that an active link to last month’s recording is on the agenda**

- **Lee B. questioned Glenn if he had prepared the request from last month's meeting regarding absences**
- **Glenn B. commented he did not have it ready**  
E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report
- **Henry E. provided an update on board member training**
- **Lee B. asked if the SAA has followed procedure regarding the absences and attempted to have an open discussion**
- **The discussion was stopped, and the meeting continued**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS - FUNDING:

### Outreach Committee:

- **A. Encino Enterprise Election Advertising** - The ENC advertised in the Encino Enterprise in the last election cycle, which led to a higher candidate pool than in previous years. 4 ads will be consistent in size, ¼ page at \$350 each, one ad will be a ½ page (\$825) with instructions on how to become a candidate, the largest ad will be a Jr. page (\$950), listing all certified candidates and how to request/vote in the election. Budget request includes one additional ad if needed: **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends the board support spending up to \$3200 for up to 6 ads in the Encino Enterprise, beginning in January 2023 with the final ad in the 1st June edition. Alex G. moved, Michael S. 2nds. Passed: 6 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- **Alex G. introduced the item and moved the motion. Glenn B. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to board member comment**
- **Darin S. asked if we planned on mailing postcards again**
- **It was clarified that postcards would be sent**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Following comment, the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- **\* 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**

### Education Committee:

- **B. Funding for NPGs** - The Education Committee will begin their annual campaign reaching out to Encino schools who are in need of grants. In order to properly advocate for all of the schools, not just within the Encino boundaries, but including feeder schools (middle & high schools) in our neighboring communities. **MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council's Education Committee requests that the board approve earmarking \$10,000 for possible grant request approvals from schools not limited to schools within the Encino boundaries but to include feeder schools in neighboring communities. Jennifer G. moved, Jim E. 2nds. Passed: 3 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- **Alex G. introduced the item and turned it over to the Chair of the committee.**
- **Jennifer G., spoke on the item, and moved the motion. Alex G. 2nds**
- **A conversation took place regarding feeder schools for the community, Encino does not have it's own middle school or high school.**
- **Alex G. proposed an amendment to reduce the amount for this motion to \$4,000 and to remove the mention of feeder schools.**
- **Victoria M. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to public comment**

- **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- \* 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
- **The amended motion was voted on and passed: 17 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A), 1 (I)**
- \* 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 CONSENT ITEMS: Items 8A. thru 8C. all passed their respective committees with full consent, following discussion by committee members and the public. Public comment was taken on all of the following consent items in committee. Unless a board member pulls an item, items 8A. thru 8G. will be deemed approved unanimously by the Encino Neighborhood Council. If an item is pulled, the remaining consent items will pass by consent and the pulled items will be discussed in the order on the agenda.**

- **Prior to moving to the consent items, Erin S. from the Mayor's office provided a quick update from the Mayor's office .**
- **Alex G. introduced the consent calendar – no board members pulled an item**
- **Victoria M. provided a quick update regarding the VNYCAC**
- **Eliot C. provided an update as he has a seat on the VNYCAC**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **Following comment the consent items were all deemed approved by consent**

**Executive Committee (CONSENT ITEMS):**

**A. Immediate Area/Community Based Representation for Encino** - When Encino was in CD5, various appointments were made by our councilmember. The redistricting process shifted Encino into CD4, resulting in the dismissal of the appointed representatives. Representation on the Van Nuys Citizens Advisory Council (VNYCAC) and the Ventura/Cahuenga Planning and Review Board (**Ventura/Cahuenga PRB**) are critical to the Stakeholders in Encino. To date, CM Raman has not appointed and representation from Encino on the two boards. Additional boards/councils where Encino should have representation are: Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board and the Valley Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (**Valley RVNOC**). Rather than the memberships to these boards/council be Council District. there should be a change to community/area based representation. Redistricting happens every 10 years and with current developments it is possible that we will go through another redistricting process, perhaps changing our district. With area/community based representation, Encino will continue to have a voice at these critical councils/boards. These positions are open to any member of the community . **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board support Encino community/area based representation on the following boards/councils: Van Nuys Citizens Advisory Council, Ventura/Cahuenga Planning and Review Board, Valley Regional Neighborhood Oversight Committee & the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board to ensure constant Encino representation. We further request that Councilmember Raman request the changes and immediately appoint Encino residents to these boards. Alex G. moved, Pat B. 2nds. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

**B. MyLA311 - Request to add Traffic Enforcement violations** - Traffic patrol and enforcement on “no” parking times, meter violations, anti-gridlock hours, expired tags/no plates and other parking violations are not being enforced resulting in vehicles blocking traffic areas, street maintenance not being able to sweep, and losing valuable revenue for the City. Requests to have areas partoled and requests for enforcement of these and other occurrences are not occurring. The MyLA311 App gives Angelions the opportunity to report a multitude of violations and parking violations should be added to help the City expedite enforcement of violations. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board support requesting Councilmember Raman introduce a motion to City Council to add the reporting of parking violations to the MyLA311 App and further request that the Budget Advocates include the recommendation in their report. Alex G. moved, Victoria M. 2nds., Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

## Airport Committee:

C. A. Support the motion for a moratorium on growth at Van Nuys Airport. Motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council Airport Committee moves that the Encino Neighborhood Council support the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) motion passed at their November 1, 2022 meeting for a Moratorium on Growth at Van Nuys Airport and file a Community Impact Statement (CIS). The VNY CAC sent their letter to LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, and copied LA City Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12, the LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners and LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci, and the members of the VNY CAC on November 8, 2022. We would also like to copy LA City Council District 5. \*see attached document Motion moved by: V. Miller, 2nd: J. Esterle Y:8, N:0, A:0 M

- All consent items were approved by consent
- \* 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:

### Wildlife Ordinance (recommendations from the ENC's Parks & Environment & PLU Committee:

A. **Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and related issues:-** A code amendment to Sections 12.03, 12.04, 12.32, 13.21, 13.22, and 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to create a new "Wildlife District," or "WLD," Supplemental Use District and a zone change to apply the Wildlife District and its regulations to properties within the district. The proposed Wildlife Ordinance and related materials may be read by clicking: [Wildlife Ordinance](#). In 2014 the ENC voted to support the project but at the time there were no details. The motion passed by the ENC was: "Motion to support [CF 14-0518](#), which instructs the Planning Department to prepare and present an ordinance to create a Wildlife Corridor in the eastern area of the Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance zone). We recommend that this ordinance be applicable to all of the Santa Monica Mountains within the City of Los Angeles. Community Impact Statement to be filed and communication sent to Planning and Land Use Management." Now that the draft ordinance has been created, we are able to review and comment on the report. It should be noted that City Planning decided it was best to integrate the Ridgeline Ordinance development with the Wildlife Study, see [CF 11-1441](#) and [11-1441-S1 2](#) regarding the Ridgeline, Baseline Mansionization and Baseli.

Recommendation from the ENC's PLU Committee: **The ENC PLU supports the concepts and goals of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance, but some concerns still remain in terms of the security of property owners, feasibility, and interlinking limitations of wildlife corridors. Hopefully the ordinance could be tailored down because of community-based input. It is also our recommendation that all required trees provide adequate canopy. 7 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain \* NOTE: The PLU Committee's recommendation is on the original ordinance, the revised ordinance has not been reviewed by the ENC's PLU Committee.**

Recommendation from the ENC's Parks and Environment Committee: **The ENC Parks/Environment committee recommends the ENC support implementation of the Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance, but requests that modifications be made to the ordinance. Specifically, the requirement should be revised to 90% of the glazed surface (exterior windows/glass surfaces) to prevent bird strikes: <https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/existing-ordinances/>. The ordinance lot coverage standards should apply to all properties without exempting R1 and R2 zones. The overall height restriction should remain at 35 feet. The ENC further recommends that the Ordinance be implemented without delay and expanded city-wide (see [C22-0483](#) which ENC has already commented on). Further it recommends the city set aside significant financial resources for acquisition of property or conservation easements in all identifiable wildlife areas for preservation in perpetuity as habitat**

and open space. Said opinion would be in the form of a Community Impact Statement filed to CF 14-0518 and referencing planning cases City Planning Case: CPC-2022-3413-CA, CPC-2022-3712-ZC Environmental Case: ENV-2022-3414-CE (Pat/Marianne passed 4 yes/0 no/1 abstention)

Discussion and possible action based on the recommendations from committees to file a CIS supporting the *Revised Wildlife Ordinance*.

- **Pat B. commented on the recommendation from the Parks Committee and on the ordinance and further commented that the recommendation from Parks should be approved.**
- **Alex G. read and moved the motion, Pat B. 2nds.**
- **The item was opened to board member comment**
- **Following several comments from board members, the item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment, Lee B. had a clarifying question**
- **Glenn B. commented that the text city-wide and wording in parentheses would be removed**
- **The item was voted on and passed: 11 (Y), 4 (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**
- **It was noted that Sam A. left the meeting**
- **Alex G. requested a hard close at 9:25pm**

### Executive Committee:

**B. Legislative Committee** - There are times when city legislation does not fall within the purview of any of our standing committees. Often legislation is time sensitive and critical to the quality of life for our residents. The ENC should form an Ad-Hoc Legislative Committee, through the end of the term, to provide recommendations on city legislation that does not fall within the scope of current committees and possibly select a Chair(s).. **MOTION - The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that we establish an Ad-Hoc Legislative Committee, through the end of the current term (2022/2023) and possibly select a Chair. Glenn B. moved, Alex G. 2nds Passed 50 (N), 0 (A).**

- **Alex G. introduced the item and moved the motion. Victoria M. 2nds**
- **The item was opened to board member comment.**
- **Following board member comment the item was opened to public comment**
- **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 15 (Y), 1 (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**
- **Daniel G. commented that he would like to join the committee.**
- **Glenn B. commented that he would join as a member**
- **Alex G. commented that he would assist starting it if there was a Co-Chair**
- **Pat B. commented she would Co-Chair**
- **Glenn B. moved to accept Alex & Pat as Co-Chairs.**
- **The committee was formed.**

### Parks Committee:

**C. LA City [Council File 22-1474](#)** - Recent "secret" conversations were discovered regarding the Sepulveda Basin and the Olympics. With the recent departure of Councilmember Martinez and while we wait for the others to step down, it is imperative to rebuild public trust by supporting Council File 22-1474 and include the recommendations from the Parks Committee via a community impact statement. You may view the Parks Committee motion here: [PARKS MOTION](#). At the time of the Parks Committee meeting, the motion

recently introduced by Councilmember Koretz had not been posted. The motion introduced by CM Koretz may be read here: [CM KORETZ MOTION](#). Should the ENC file a community impact statement, supporting the motion introduced by CM Koretz and include the recommendations from the Parks Committee & Wildlife Steering Committee? **Discussion and possible action.**

- **Pat B. introduced the item and moved to file a CIS in support of the motion and add to rescind any contracts executed without public input.**
- **Alex G. 2nds**
- **Glenn B. requested to include the Parks motion and the wildlife steering committee motion as an addendum to the CIS and commented on the impacts this may have on our community.**
- **Eliot C. asked about provisions in the lease from the Army Corps**
- **The item was opened to public comment**
- **Glenn B. further commented that the full name, for the record, is the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee**
- **Following public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 16 (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**

**Added at the discretion of the President (Time Sensitive):**

- D. LA City Council File [22-1200-S63](#) - Nurit Katz, an Encino resident, has been appointed by Mayor Garcetti to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2023. Ms. Katz will fill the vacancy created by Jill Banks Barad, who has resigned. Ms. Katz will be the only DWP Commissioner for the San Fernando Valley. **Possible MOTION: The ENC supports the appointment of Nurit Katz to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2023.**
- **Alex G. introduced the item and moved the motion.**
  - **Pat B. 2nds**
  - **Glenn B. added background information about Nurit**
  - **Following board member and public comment, the item was voted on and passed: 14 (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**
  - **It was noted Eliot C. left the meeting**

**10. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.**

- **Board members commented on non-agenda items.**

**11. Adjournment**

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2023**