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NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday August 14, 2023 @ 7 pm
Encino Community Center
4935 Balboa Blvd.
Encino, CA 91316

Public Comment: Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Public wishing to speak on non-agenda items will fill out a speaker card and turn it in to the Secretary.

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.

When turning in the speaker card, indicate which items you wish to speak on. 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.

Committee members:

1-*Pat Bates: Chair, 2-*Samuel Apikayan 3-Joshua Sautter*4- *Robert Wenger 5- *Roy Nwaisser 6- Varant Majarian

Alternate Committee Members:

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*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)



1. **Call to Order, Start recording. Roll call, determination of quorum, selection of voting Public Safety Committee Members, Selection of Secretary for the meeting.**
2. **Approval of Public Safety Committee minutes.** First meeting in 2 years, no prior minutes
3. **Introductions, city updates including presentations/comments from public officials**
4. **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
5. **Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
 - a. **Encino Disaster Preparedness and Response:** The Encino Disaster Response team which operated under auspices of the Encino Chamber of Commerce suspended operations during the pandemic. Our Encino community as well as our region is subject to disasters such as wildfires and earthquakes. Fostering preparedness of the entire community and having trained responders available is critical to our wellbeing, and all these goals need to be supported. **Motion:** To sponsor a City of Los Angeles CERT and Encino Disaster Response Team drill at Encino Park or other Encino Location on October 8, 2023 and to fund up to \$750 for refreshments and supplies.
 - b. **Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance:** The [Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance](#) generally meets on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, currently via Zoom. The Chair has an ongoing conflict with this meeting and would like one of the board members to attend and report back on items of interest to our community, and also to sign up with the NCEPA as a member if necessary.
 - c. **Crime prevention and response:** Discussion and selection of committee members who will concentrate on this area. Areas to concentrate on - crime statistics, reporting crime (super important), Neighborhood Watch organizing and signage, reporting unhoused people who should receive assistance. There is a fortunate trend for community members to form social media trees to share important community issues. This will factor both into all aspects of public safety from crime prevention to disaster preparation and response. Let's gather concrete ideas for pursuing.
 - d. **Other Encino Public Safety Issues for discussion:**
 - i. **Brush clearance along city streets:** This is an on-going situation involving multiple agencies denying responsibility for the dangerous flammable brush along streets and in medians. The ENC filed a [Community Impact Statement](#) addressing this issue a year ago and the same brush is there with this year's new growth.
 - ii. **Goats:** There are City Council File Motions before the City Public Safety Committee [22-0600-S20](#) and before Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee [22-0600-S61](#) requesting feasibility studies on using goats to clear dangerous flammable brush. The ENC and other NCs have filed CISs strongly supporting these, yet they sit in committees.
 - e. **Community Resources for Encino NC Website:** Pass these on to the Chairperson for inclusion in our website.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair’s discretion. Public comment on agenda items will be heard when the item is up for discussion.

7. Committee Member Comment on Items NOT on this Agenda

8. Adjournment (8:30 PM)

Next Public Safety Committee Meeting: 9/11/2023 @7PM

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC), is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials’ and the Community on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of ENCINO. The ENC is made up of volunteers who are ELECTED by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO. The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by various committees and the general board.

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