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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024 @6:30 PM

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Voting Committee Members all present: *Patricia Bates(Chair), *Robert Wenger, *Kelvin Tolbert, *Roy Nwaiser, *Josh Sautter, Varant Majarian

***Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate; no more than five (5) ENC Board Members and/or Alternates may be seated at one time during any ENC Committee Meeting**

1. **Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.** The chair addressed issues and deficiencies in public preparedness for disasters which will happen (we may not know when) and described a process for incorporating RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) with Neighborhood watch (NW) organizing efforts. The role of the City Emergency Management Department (EMD) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in this process was described. We briefly discussed that everyone needs to be prepared - there will be no central store of supplies. In the event of a major regional disaster we will be on our own for several days. Pat stressed the need for having AC-interruption lights. They are inexpensive and can save you from serious injury.

2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** No members of the public were present, board member LeeVante haywood joined late in the meeting.
3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies** None were present
4. **New Business – Motion, Discussion, and Voting may be taken on all Items:**
 - A. **Motion to recommend that the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) board file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) supporting [Council File 24-0036](#), requesting that the Bureau of Street Lighting report on the feasibility of installing solar-powered street lights when responding to lighting outages caused by copper wire theft or other maintenance issues, and further report on the feasibility of converting to solar-powered lighting throughout the City.** Pat/Varant Motion passed 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions.
 - B. **Motion to recommend the ENC board file a CIS opposed to the City Emergency Management Department 2024-2025 budget unless amended to include three new positions (draft motion is attached to this agenda), which are reportedly not included in the draft budget. This will attach to Council File 24-0600 (likely) when opened and will be opposed to the EMD budget unless amended to include these positions.** Pat/Varant Motion passed 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions
 - C. Discussion and possible motion regarding scheduling and supporting Encino NC Area meetings addressing public safety with LAPD and possibly other city agencies including LAFD and LA City EMD, including possible motion authorizing funding up to \$500 for meetings, publicity, refreshments, and materials expenses, with possible budget reallocation to support such meetings for each Area, up to \$500 per area and an aggregate of \$3,500. After discussion or divergent needs of different segments of the community we arrived at the following: **Motion to recommend the ENC support 3 community meetings addressing public safety and disaster preparedness with LAPD, EMD, LAFD and any other relevant agencies including up to \$500 per meeting for refreshments, publicity, materials and any related costs. The three meetings will alternatively target the following segments of our Encino community: Multi-Family residents and property owners/managers, Single-family residents north of Ventura, and single-family residents south of Ventura Blvd.** Pat/Varant Motion passed 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions
 - D. **Motion to recommend the ENC file a CIS opposing unless amended the LAFD budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 unless positions for CERT training are restored to 7 instructors. This will attach to Council File 24-0600 (likely) when opened.** Pat/Varant Motion passed 6 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

5. **Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda**

We had some discussion of CERT and how people can obtain CERT training. Pat promised to put the link to training in these minutes and answered the question about whether training could be done online. Here's the link for LAFD CERT events

:<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/lafd-cert-program-7803155391>. Here's a link to FEMA online training, it's possible you will need one in person session for City certification:

https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/cert-trainings?language=en_US

The county and other cities also offer training. Pat mentioned one step to preparedness is getting your personal information and contacts together, see <https://www.ready.gov/> and specifically <https://www.ready.gov/plan-form> for a family communication plan with essential information.

Roy had questions regarding a possible town hall with the West Valley LAPD NW officer. There were questions about how large a group this might be and whether it might be structured as a town hall. Pat will look into possible issues. Roy also had questions regarding a possible website for a NW group and whether the ENC might reimburse that. Pat said definite no to that and she needs to research whether this is the sort of thing the NC could support, not unlikely.

Varant mentioned the GratefulHearts preparedness/public safety event which is 4/6/2024 in Warner Park that we need staffing for our table, Josh confirmed and noted it will be a great outreach event.

Robert noted that we could use more police. I agreed and pointed out we can all make comments individually on CF 24-0600 (City Budget)

6. Next ENC Public Safety Committee Meeting: 11 March 2024

Announcements:

April 6, 2024 Grateful Hearts 9 AM-4PM Warner Park

May 8, 2024 8 AM CERT Disaster Drill - Encino Park

4th Saturdays 10AM-12:30 PM Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance