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# NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

**Encino Womens Club**  
4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316

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

The Encino Neighborhood Council may be live streamed to the Encino Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/>

1. Meeting opened at 7:12pm.

Removal warning for individuals "willfully interrupting meeting".

2. Seating of alternates: Katie Bull for Tatiana B.

**3. Public comment:**

Ryan Levey - Brush clearing on Mulholland Dr between Calneva Dr and Encino Hills Dr, nothing done so far, no help from MRCA despite contacting them in May.

Lissa - Several complaints of rat infestation (100s in houses) near site of proposed assisted living facility.

4. Reports from public officials/departments/community agencies:

**4-A Gibson N.** Report on ethics training. Leadership Academy taking place Saturday 9:30am in Valley, others taking place later at other Valley locations. Reminder: bylaw amendments process open. Spoke of participation in Census process and update of demographics info for the region.



**4-B Chris Givens**, Encino Field Deputy for Councilmember Paul Koretz—Koretz supports ENC parking lot measure. Requested Encino Hills mitigation plan for restrictions. At last meeting, suggested ENC present wish list, including utility box project, identification of streets that need to be reslurried and alleys that need to be repaved, identification of top 10 traffic spots in Encino. Overgrown brush on Burbank has been taken care of, let him know if you have additional clearance needs.

**4-C LAPD Senior Lead Officer Walia** announced events, announced crime statistics (info available on LAPD website and Facebook), answered questions. Events: June 1<sup>st</sup> open house at police station, August 26<sup>th</sup> fundraiser golf tourney at El Cab for lockers for division. Answered questions: Yes, you can have an audible alarm for your house. LAPD doesn't have facial recognition, but shares data with those that do. Call emergency line if you see a "suspicious car", 911 if you see someone get out and walk around casing the neighborhood. Re: privacy concerns about LAPD helicopters in area: they are "greatest asset we have", used with car pursuits and active shooting calls.

**4-D Blake Clayton:** You can report to LA-HOP where a homeless person is with the person's description, they will send an outreach team. Supervisor coauthored motion on Roundup herbicide, county has temporary ban pending research. Beach Bus runs year round from Warner Center to Santa Monica beaches, fare is \$1, \$0.50 for seniors.

## **5. Presentations on Ballot Measure EE, 16 cent/sf parcel tax to fund LAUSD public schools.**

PROS: Elmer Roldan, Director of Civic Engagement from LAUSD Office of the Superintendent, spoke for EE. Said teachers frequently request classroom items like pens, pencils, towels, wipes, etc. that school district doesn't provide. Teachers buy essential supplies out of pocket. Measure will raise \$500M/year for teachers & support staff. Tax is 16 cents/sf of footprint (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> floor area built structures, NOT sheds, garages etc.), 65+ and disabled exempt, nonprofit and govt buildings exempt, sunsets in 12 years. Flat parcel tax unfair because those with less would pay higher percentage. Current class sizes too large: 40 per class. Teachers take 2<sup>nd</sup> jobs like Uber to get by. Kids unprepared for new automated economy. There will be 9 member oversight committee to make sure money goes where intended.

CONS: Armando Flores, Legislative Affairs Mgr from Valley Industry & Commerce Association, spoke against EE. Said measure doesn't make sense, district "mismanaged". Questioned necessity of special election for measure. Money raised is about equal to district deficit, will be used to fill hole. Property owners will pass along costs by raising rents. Those exempt must reapply every year for exemption.

Questions for speakers:

Q: Why was \$12.5M spent to have special election for EE instead of it being in the general election? A: Roldan: Urgent need—we're already dipping into reserves to pay for teacher raises won in strike.

Q: Why no money for school system? We have a bifurcated system with many going to private schools, how do we bring kids back to public schools? A: Flores: LAUSD has been mismanaged for years, now wants a bailout. A: Roldan: What fixes that is when schools are funded enough to have a decent student teacher ratio.

Q: Any comment on lawsuit over wording of bill? A: Flores: Too late to fix. A: Roldan: Will be addressed. Parking structures etc. are not taxed, only inhabitable land. Flores is lying about this despite that LAUSD board has said twice they will not be taxed. Only part taxed is footprint of inhabitable land.

Q: Why not a bond measure instead? A: Roldan: This is more progressive than a bond measure due to the exemptions. A: Flores: Process was rushed.

Q: LA teachers are #2 in pay with poor proficiency #s, charter schools do better, projection is that benefits will consume 1/3 of budget by 2021—why throw money at problem? A: Roldan: We have 3 closed schools in Woodland Hills. Charter schools exclude students to boost their numbers. Our schools are underfunded, class sizes way too large, we



need this measure to properly fund them. A: Flores: We need a guarantee of reduced class sizes before we spend money.

Q: Why is LA city budget less than LAUSD's? A: Roldan: LAUSD covers more than LA city, also includes nearby areas.

Q: If this doesn't pass, we will still have to pay pension obligations, so why put kids in debt? A: Flores: There's no expenditure plan, we want a "real solution". A: Roldan: Oversight committee will make sure money goes where intended, why have faith in ENC oversight but not LAUSD oversight?

6. Applications for open positions on ENC: we can start accepting applications, will put out notice on social media.

7-A. President's report—we have a lot of unspent money. Can rollover max \$10k to next fiscal year.

**7-B1. MOTION to approve April 2019 monthly expenditure reports: PASSED (Y 15, N 0, Ineligible 1)**

**7-B2. MOTION, final revision of ENC budget: PASSED (Y 15, No 0, Ineligible 1)**

### **8. Consent funding requests—NPGs & Funding:**

**8-A NPG**—Valley Cultural Center. Proposed PopUp Art Event at Encino/Genesta Park. NPG rep gave background info: event based on estimated crowd of 300, concert with food trucks, emerging musicians and tribute band, possible date 8/17 or in September. Councilmember Koretz has agreed to contribute \$4999 to event. ENC funding amount not listed on agenda; Kevin P. said do special meeting by 6/1 or will have to push to next fiscal year. Henry E. moves, Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup> to have ENC funding amount be match of \$4999 Koretz contribution. PUSHED TO SPECIAL MEETING.

**8-A2 NPG**—Hope Mill. \$2000 grant to fund 400 backpack CarePacks, which we will then fill with essential survival items for area homeless men and women. Hope Mill partners with Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Homeless Services Team, which will use CarePacks for outreach in local area including Sepulveda Basin. Pat moves, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED (Y 12, N 1, Abstain 2, Ineligible 1)

### **Non-consent funding requests—NPGs & Funding:**

**8-B NPG**—Clean Streets/Clean Starts—Northridge Beautification Foundation. \$5000 grant to fund Clean Streets/Clean Starts project to operate in Encino/Sepulveda Basin area. Project pays homeless residents to clean up area: \$25 gift card/food voucher for estimated 3 hours work. PASSED (Y 15, N 0, Ineligible 1)

**8-C NPG**—Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. \$850 grant to sponsor Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on 10/12. Pre-registration online starting 7/1. PASSED (Y 14, N 0, Abstain 1, Ineligible 1)

**8-D NPG**—LA Parks Foundation. \$1900 grant for condenser mics, cables, and foundation overhead for Encino Community Center. PASSED (Y 14, N 0, Abstain 1, Ineligible 1)

**8-E Languages 4 You Translation Services.** A request was made for Korean translation services at the April ENC General Board Meeting. The ENC is required to pay for the service and the City will reimburse the ENC. Cost of service was \$600. PASSED (Y 11, N 2, Abstain 2, Ineligible 1). Kevin P. requested attorney to look into this, appears to be malicious request from non Korean speaker.



**9. New business—consent non-funding items—Executive Committee:**

**9-A MOTION: EXE-19-05-0056**, Encino medians via the Encino BID. The Encino BID is working on a project to install lighting in the medians within the BID boundaries to reduce amount of collisions with the medians. ENC Executive Committee recommends that ENC send a letter to Susan Levi (BID Controller) in support of the median project within the Encino BID, providing that a BOE permit is pulled & the Board of Public Works (CONAD) administers the project. Executive Committee further encourages use of solar lighting. PASSED (Y 15, N 0, Ineligible 1)

**9-B MOTION: EXE-19-05-0057**, Encino decorative planters on street poles via the Encino BID. The Encino BID is working on a project to add decorative planters to light poles within the Encino BID boundaries. ENC Executive Committee requests that ENC send a letter to Susan Levi (BID Controller) in support of the planter project within the Encino BID boundaries. APPROVED

**9-C MOTION: EXE-19-05-0058**, Dissolve the Ad-Hoc Election Committee. ENC elections have concluded, ending the need for the Ad-Hoc Election Committee. ENC Executive Committee requests that the ENC support ending the Ad-Hoc Election Committee by 6/30 after a rep from the Election Committee retrieves all election materials from City Personnel and returns it to ENC office. APPROVED

**New business—consent non-funding items—Planning & Land Use:**

**9-D MOTION**, interpretation of city sign ordinance, citywide regarding signs on freestanding walls, DIR-2018-6787-BSA-1A. Applicant has challenged the department of planning & building and safety's determination that independent walls do not constitute structures, and hence signs can be placed on walls constructed in front of buildings. Appeals question: "the overall issue involved as to whether or not the definition of a wall sign allows a wall sign to be placed on both buildings and free-standing walls or structures with four walls but no roof will generally apply to other sites in the City." The ENC PLU supports the determination and findings of the department of building and safety and the zoning administrator in case DIR-2018-6787-BSA-1A and requests that the ENC support sending a community impact statement. APPROVED

**New business—non-consent items—Planning & Land Use:**

**9-F Sadaf Restaurant**, Conditional Use Permit application, case # ZA-2019-442-CUB. Ms. Liliger Damaso with Liquor License Agents will represent Sadaf Restaurant located 16240 Ventura Blvd., Los Angeles CA 91436. They have submitted a CUB application for the continued use of their type 47 liquor license for on-site consumption of a full line of liquor in conjunction with their restaurant. APPROVED

**10. Board member comments of non-agenda items:**

Henry encourages ENC to budget meeting time according to calendar. Glenn: include budget reps on next agenda.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.**

