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**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council**

Serving the communities of: Gramercy Park/
West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, and Vermont Knolls

General Board & Community Meeting Agenda

**Monday, May 15, 2023
6PM – 8PM**

Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90044

- I. **Call To Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Administrative Motions** (Discussion & Possible Action) (min)
 - a. Approve Minutes from April 2023 (Secretary ShaRon Davis)
 - b. Approve Monthly Expenditure Report from March and April 2023 (Treasurer Timothy Henry)
 - c. Funding deadlines (Treasurer Timothy Henry)
- IV. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

*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. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to **1 minute per speaker**, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. (**4 minutes total**)*
- V. **Public Safety Update** (15 min)
 - a. LAPD SLO (Currently Vacant) ([Basic Car Area 12A73](#))
LAPD SLO Ruben Cardenas 35197@lapd.online (424) 364-9046 ([Basic Car Area 12A53](#))
www.lapdonline.org/lapd-contact/south-bureau/77th-street-community-police-station/
 - b. Discussion on [SB50](#) (proposed legislation to End Pretextual Stops By Police).
[Prosecutors Alliance of California petition](#).
- VI. **Presentations - Government Representatives/Organizations**
 - a. **Council District 8** Deputy Akinyele Turner (akinyele.turner@lacity.org) (10 min)
- VII. **Old Business** (Discussion & Possible Action)
 - a. The 3 largest cities in the United States and their representation (by population)
 1. New York 8.5 million 51 Councilmembers each serving approx. 166,000
 2. Los Angeles 4 million 15 Councilmembers each serving approx. 265,000
 3. Chicago 2.7 million 50 Alderman serving approx. 54,00 people.

The Road to Reform LA tour continues in May and June providing community members the opportunity to make public comments regarding governance reform. Each meeting will include a briefing from the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), presenting the issues arising from a specific area of redistricting reform, including size and number of Council districts, the process to be used in selecting members of an independent

redistricting commission, what criteria or requirements a commission should consider in drawing district maps, and the support systems a commission may require, including a City data bureau to collect and analyze data regarding the City's population and its needs.

Should the City of LA increase the number of Councilmembers in an effort to decrease the amount of people each serves? Redistricting commissions in the past have been accused of being too politicized. Each Councilmember was allowed to appoint members to the body. What should be done to ensure its independence and what rules should be put in place to ensure its decisions are non-partisan and fair. Get involved in the process by sharing your perspectives. Click [here](#) for more information and to find the dates and locations of the next meetings. You can also register your thoughts on Redistricting Reform at LACOUNCILCOMMENT.com Council File # 22-1196-S1

- b. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of marketing materials (t-shirts, mugs, pens, postcards, balloons, decorations) in an amount not to exceed \$4000.
- c. Discussion and possible action on changing the June 2023 General Board and Community Meeting to Monday, June 26th instead of holding it on the 19th due to the Juneteenth holiday.
- d. Discussion and possible action on purchasing packaged food and beverages for the June 2023 General Board Meeting in an amount not to exceed \$600 to celebrate and show appreciation for the service of the 2021-2023 board.

VIII. **New Business** (Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on providing input on the Neighborhood Council "Bill of Rights" being proposed by the Budget Tribunes and the Budget Advocates.
- b. Discussion and possible action on purchasing decorations for the ECSWANDC booth at the CyclAvia South LA event being held on June 18th between 9AM-4PM in an amount not to exceed \$50.

IX. **Community Impact Statements** (Discussion & Possible Action) (10 min)

- a. [20-1536-S4](#) Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) / City Toilet Program ? Tranzito-Vector LLC / Status
- b. [23-0002-S40](#) SB 37 (Caballero) / Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities housing Stability Act / Targeted Housing Stabilization Program Homelessness

X. **Committee Updates** (Discussion and Possible Action) (10 min)

XI. **Announcements / Future Agenda Items** (Discussion and Possible Action) (5 min)

XII. **Adjournment**

*Find meeting materials/handouts on the ECSWANDC website
southwestnc.org*

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