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## NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 7 pm

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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 Apikyran 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				

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

**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  
Councilmember Nithya Raman: Itzel Sanchez-Morales, [itzel.sanchez@lacity.org](mailto:itzel.sanchez@lacity.org)  
Mayor Bass: Erin Seinfeld: [erin.seinfeld@lacity.org](mailto:erin.seinfeld@lacity.org)  
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  
West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, [Michael.liu@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.liu@lacity.org)  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews [Dina.Andrews@lacity.org](mailto:Dina.Andrews@lacity.org)  
Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey**

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.
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.
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
  - B. Vice-President's Report
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    1. Motion to approve the [November & December 2022 Monthly Expense Report](#)
  - D. Secretary's Report: **All past due minutes completed: [July 2022](#), [August 2022](#), [October 2022](#) & [November 2022](#)**
  - E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report

7. **NEW BUSINESS - FUNDING:**

**Executive Committee:**

- A. **West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair** - On February 25, 2023 the West Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair at Pierce College. The ENC is able to have a table at the event with outreach items. The cost to have a table at the event is \$500. Additionally we would need to purchase ENC logo items to handout that relate to the event from Marco Promos or 4Imprint. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the ENC approve \$500 for a table at the West Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair being held at Pierce College on February 25, 2023 and further authorize an additional amount, up to \$500, for ENC logo items from Marco Promos, 4 Imprint or similar. Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- B. **Election Outreach** - Approval of funds, from the election budget, for future ENC election outreach at upcoming community events. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board authorize up to \$350 for Encino NC election information/outreach handouts at upcoming community events. Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

8. **NEW BUSINESS CONSENT ITEMS: Items 8A. thru 8F. 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 8F. 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.**

**Traffic and Transportation Committee (CONSENT ITEMS):**

**A. Fire Road Repairs - MOTION: The ENC asks the LA City and the MRCA to repair the fire road because of safety concerns and create no parking zone at Encino Hills Dr entrance at the gate for access. Kelson/Hand 8/0/0**

**B. Erosion Control at Calneva and Mulholland - MOTION: The ENC requests CD4, BOE to conduct erosion control study at Calneva/Mulholland for the constructions of a storm drain network (with velocity dissipaters) for safety of motorists and residents. KELSON/STEVENS 8/0/0**

**Homelessness Committee:**

**C. [CF 12-1690-S18](#): Motion by Blumenfield/Hernandez relative to directing the City Administrative Officer to identify funding to increase support for LAHSA's Winter Shelter Program and Augmented Winter Shelter Program, instructing the Emergency Management Department to review the Adverse Weather Annex, and requesting LAHSA report on increasing bed capacity and expanding Winter Shelter sites. **Motion: The ENC Homelessness Committee recommends that the ENC make a Community Impact Statement in support of CF 12-1690-S18 which requests that more Winter Shelters be opened quickly, and further make changes to Emergency Management Department and LAHSA operations to ensure the current situation with no Winter Shelters in Service Planning Area (SPA) 2 does not reoccur. Unsheltered people are at risk of developing and dying from hypothermia in even our Southern California area, especially with the current wet and chilly weather. We certainly hope action is being taken now on this situation, as this City Council Motion has not even been heard by committee yet. Consideration of the motion is worthwhile to ensure the availability of cold- or hot-weather shelters in the future. We support a report back from LAHSA regarding the failure to implement the Winter Shelter program in SPA 2. Pat/Rochelle Passed 5y/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions****

**Parks and Environment Committee**

**D. Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan - This includes the scope of the [February 2022 Task Order Solicitation](#) (pages 24-25 describes projects and locations) requesting bids on master planning and design consulting services, resulting in a contract which was awarded on [November 18, 2022](#). Besides the specific projects, consider commenting on the lack of notification of affected Neighborhood Councils that the Task Order Solicitation (TOS) had been issued. **MOTION: The ENC Parks/Environment committee recommends the ENC board support the following Motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council requests that any “Vision Plan” projects proposed for the Sepulveda Basin be subject to timely Encino Neighborhood Council notification (90 days advance notice) as well as including Encino Neighborhood Council and Encino community participation. The Encino Neighborhood Council supports in principle the proposed motion from Councilwoman Nithya Raman regarding the Vision Plan based on the current draft of the motion. The Encino Neighborhood Council, as well as Los Angeles City Council District 4 must be notified of all actions under the Vision Plan and invited to participate and engage in all phases of the development of the Vision Plan and projects. (Pat/Glenn 5 yes/ 0 no /0 abstentions)****

**Executive Committee: At the time of this posting, both council files were adopted by City Council**

**E. CF 23-0002-S16 - Resolution (Soto-Martinez - Raman for Lee - Yaroslavsky) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program, sponsorship or support for legislation to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to permit the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system to choose to operate remote meetings indefinitely. Additionally, CF 23-0002-S17 - Resolution (Blumenfield - Krekorian - McOsker) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 State legislative Program its position on legislative action that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to continue to meet virtually. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends the board support filing a CIS in support of CF 23-0003-S16 and CF 23-0002-S17 as written. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).****

**F. 2023 ENC Regular Meeting Schedule - For most of the year our regularly scheduled meetings, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, do not conflict with major holidays. The ENC elections will not be certified until July 3rd, we could hold a Special meeting on July 5th to introduce the new board and elect officers. November has 5 Wednesdays, we could schedule the last meeting on Nov. 29, 2023. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the board support keeping the ENC regular schedule for the 2023 term, tentatively schedule a Special meeting on July 5, 2023, cancel the regular meeting in November & December, and hold the last meeting of the year on November 29, 2023. Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)****

## **9. New Business:**

### **Executive Committee:**

- A. Drone for West Valley LAPD - Several cities, including Los Angeles, have started using drones to assist law enforcement officers on calls. Beverly Hills PD is currently using a drone called "Hawkeye" and reported a decrease in crime since the real-time monitoring started between January and October 2022. During that time, there were 2,384 flights, including responding to 1,283 calls from the police radio. About 674 times during that period, the drone arrived on scene before police officers. The drone was also used 317 times to keep an eye above traffic stops initiated across the city ([LA Times, Dec. 29, 2022](#)). While other divisions can launch the drone from the patrol vehicle. Currently the LAPD is severely understaffed, the use of a drone for the West Valley LAPD station would greatly assist our officers. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends the following:****
- **Have our Councilmember introduce a motion requesting a report on the Police Commission expanding the drone program to assist West Valley LAPD officers**
  - **Request that the Budget Advocates recommend to add at least \$500,000 to the LAPD Budget for the use of Hawkeye or similar drones for the West Valley LAPDa**
  - **Submit a community impact statement to the Police Commission recommending the use of drones at the West Valley LAPD station and expand the program to include assistance to officers for any call in which utilizing a drone will aid officers.**

**The motion passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**

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

- B. Encino Ballot Voting Model - The election clerk has sent over the Ballot Voting Model (BVM) for approval. After review, all requirements are consistent with our current Bylaws. However, it does not mention that 18 alternates are elected and should be added to the BVM. **Possible MOTION: The ENC has reviewed and supports the requirements noted in the BVM and requests to add, under Board Seats, "Alternate Seats - 18 are elected."****

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

## 11. Adjournment

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

**Announcements: Please see the Encino NC [website](#) for announcements of other events and to join our mailing list.**

- Open Board positions in the Encino Neighborhood Council. Open Positions Include: Area 2 Rep (1), Area 2 Alt (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Area 6 Alt (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Education Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Appointed position Encino Chamber of Commerce Rep & Alt (1). Encino Property Owners Association Alt. (1).

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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