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## NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 7 pm

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**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 calling in, please press \*9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those that are using the Zoom Webinar please use the raise your hand feature to speak.**

**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.**

**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.

**AB 361 Updates:** Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

**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 Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Brooke Resnik Youth Rep			

**Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates**

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Alt	Vacant Area 2 Alt	Vacant Area 3 Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Alt
Vacant Area 6 Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Alt 1	Daniel Glaser At-Large Alt2	Vacant Apt/Condo Alt
Vacant Business Alt 1	Vacant Business Alt 2	Vacant Education Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Alt	Vacant EPOA Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Alt	Vacant PLU Alt	Vacant Public Safety Alt	Vacant Religious Alt
Vacant Volunteer 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 Horvath:TBD**  
**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 [January 2023 Monthly Expense Report](#)
    2. **Motion to approve the [Revised Budget](#)**
  - D. Secretary’s Report: Approval of the [January 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)
  - E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report
7. **NEW BUSINESS - FUNDING:**

**Outreach Committee:**

- A. **ENC Logo’d Ez Pop Up** - The ENC does not have logo’d [EZ-Up canopy](#) like other NCs have and should consider purchasing a 10’ x 10’ logo’d canopy from the EZ Up Store ([EZ Up Store Quote](#)) or similar. **MOTION: The ENC’s Outreach Committee recommends the board support the purchase of a logo’d “EZ” style 10’ x 10’ popup tent to use at outdoor events & further requests the board authorize up to \$1000 for the purchase of the EZ Up from the EZ Up Store or similar. Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

**The following funding item was added at the discretion of the President - time sensitive**

- B. **Senior Symposium 2023** - On May 20, 2023, One Generation will host the 14th annual Senior Symposium at the One Generation’s Soccer Field, 17400 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys. The ENC has been a regular sponsor as it brings in several Encino residents to the event. **Possible motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports sponsoring a booth at the 14th Annual Senior Symposium on May 20, 2023 at One Generation’s Soccer Field located at 17400 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA. Discussion and possible action**

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

**Planning and Land Use**

**A. Smart and Final** - Smart and Final Store #477 located at 16847 W. Ventura Blvd., seeks a Conditional Use Permit of the off-site sale of a full-line of alcoholic beverages. Documents may be viewed here:

**Documents**. **MOTION: The ENC's PLU Committee recommends the ENC approves case # as presented along with any recommendations from the police commission. Passed: 6 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

**B. CF 23-104** Small Housing Provider Assistance Program - LA City Council members proposed City Council file 23-104 for a \$10M Relief Program for Small Landlords. Proposed **MOTION: The ENC's PLU Committee recommends that the ENC support the 10 Million Dollar Small Housing Assistance Program for landlords and encourages a larger amount. Passed: 7 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

**Executive Committee:**

**C. City Clerk Budget Increase for NC Elections** - To make voting in NC elections easier, the City Clerk should mail a ballot to registered voters within the city of Los Angeles, if requested. An estimate of 2.5 million dollars was presented as a cost of postage, the printing is an additional cost. As an example, the special election for CD6 is running about \$7.6 million dollars. Although a large figure, making it easier to receive a ballot will increase voter participation in NC elections. **MOTION: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends the board support requesting the budget advocates recommend adding up to 7 million dollars to the City Clerk's budget to allow for the printing and mailing of NC election ballots to registered voters within the City of Los Angeles. Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

9. **New Business:**

**Planning and Land Use:**

- A. Al Fresco Dining Ordinance** - LA City's draft Al Fresco Ordinance may be read here: **Al Fresco**. The ordinance was discussed by the ENC's PLU Committee on Feb. 16, 2023 and the following recommendation is presented; **MOTION: The ENC's PLU Committee recommends that the ENC not support the Al Fresco Ordinance as currently written and urges a more friendly ordinance that will help restaurant owners succeed. Passed: 5 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A)**
- B. 4954 Encino Ave, Case #: ZA-2020-179-CU** - The applicant seeks a conditional use permit to convert a single family home into a place of worship. The case summary may be read here: **Case Summary**. The item was discussed at the Feb. 16, 2023 Planning and Land Use Committee meeting. The PLU Committee presents the following motion; **MOTION: The ENC's PLU Committee recommends the ENC to conditionally support the CUP subject to all conditions agreed upon in the settlement are being met. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 2 (A)**

## **Added at the discretion of the President:**

- C. Restoration of the annual budget** - During the first 7 years of the NC system, the annual budget for NCs was \$50,000, the amount was reduced due to the 2008 recession and has not been restored. Additionally, NCs should be able to rollover up to \$100,000 from the 2 previous fiscal years. The fiscal year 2023-2024 budget council file will be 23-600 (to be established soon). **Possible motion: The ENC supports restoring the NC annual budget to \$50,000 with a rollover of up to \$100,000 from the two previous fiscal years. Discussion and possible action.**
- D. LADWP MOU** – The Board of Water and Power Commissioners has approved renewal of our Neighborhood Council - Department of Water and Power Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for another five years. The newly revised document is available here: "[LADWP-NC MOU Renewal](#)" Each neighborhood council needs to agendize a board vote to approve Participation in the MOU. **Possible MOTION: The ENC supports participating in the LADWP NC MOU. Discussion and possible action.**

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

## **11. Announcement, Public Input Needed (No Action Will Be Taken):**

- A. [CF 20-1575](#)** - Share your comments on the ordinance to ban the use of cruel devices that force rodeo animals to perform by leaving a comment on the L.A. City Council file. The City Council will review comments on the file before it goes to a full council vote. This ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld on 12/8/2020 and passed a full City Council vote on 2/23/2021. It passed a vote in the Personnel, Audit and Animals Welfare (PAAW) Committee in December 2021, and is waiting to be scheduled for another full L.A. City Council vote. You can submit a public comment by clicking here: [CF 20-1575 Public Comment](#)
- B. [CF 21-1457](#)** - Share your comments on what should replace the pony rides at Griffith Park. Right now, the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is determining what should replace the pony rides. Please submit your comments/suggestions here: [CF 21-1457 Public Comment](#)

## **12. Adjournment**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (Location TBD).**

**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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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 one (1) minute per speaker per item, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board or Committee. Consent items which have been unanimously approved by a public committee meeting are exempted unless pulled from the consent section by a Board member.

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