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MINC® BOARD RETREAT AGENDA

Saturday, September 13th, 2025 at 10:30 AM

In-Person: Re/creation Center - 4500 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles CA, 90016

SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

The Mid-City Neighborhood Council (MINC) currently holds its regular meetings on the second Monday of every month. MINC may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at the Eleanor Green Roberts Aquatic Center, 4526 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019, and on our website mincla.org and at empowerla.org. The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us. The Mid-City Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Mid-City Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Secretary at (323) 732-5085, or please send an email that states the accommodations that you are requesting to executive@mincla.org.

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCIÓN , FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA ENVIÁNOS UN CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A EXECUTIVE@MINCLA.ORG.

Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other 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.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (10:30–10:35 AM)

a. Call to Order (President)

- b. Roll Call of Board Members: Secretary
 - c. Purpose / Outcome: Call meeting to order, confirm quorum, note attending members
2. **Welcome & Retreat Overview** (10:35–10:45 AM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC President / Executive Committee
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Welcome members, set objectives, outline retreat goals, and expected outcomes
3. **Icebreaker** (10:45–11:05 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: Vanessa Trice Blais
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Get to know each other
4. **Citywide Governance & Neighborhood Council Mission** (11:05 - 11:20 AM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: DONE Representative
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Understand Neighborhood Council structure, board responsibilities, funding opportunities, and tools for resident empowerment
5. **Board Member Expectations** (11:20 – 11:35 AM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC President / Executive Committee
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Review proposed bylaw and standing rules changes; discuss Board Member roles, responsibilities, and engagement expectations
6. **2024–2025 Term Outcomes Review** (11:35–11:55 AM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC Executive / Outreach Committee
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Review MINC Neighborhood Purpose Grants, awareness campaigns, and engagement initiatives; evaluate successes and areas for improvement
7. **MINC Board Member Questionnaire & Survey Results** (11:55 –12:10 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC Executive Committee
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Review and discuss board member perspectives and priorities; identify alignment and gaps
8. **Constituent Survey Results** (12:10–12:15 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC Retreat Committee
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Review survey responses from area constituents on critical issues; identify priority themes for Mid City and LA City
9. **Stretch and Mini-Sound Bath** (12:15 - 12:20 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: Vanessa Trice Blais
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Reset for the rest of the day and de-stress techniques
10. **Coffee / Snack & Quick Break** (12:20–12:35 PM)
 - a. Purpose / Outcome: Refresh and restroom break
 - b. Lunch orders will be taken in advance and served during this time period
 - c. This will be a working lunch session to continue the meeting
11. **Community Demographics, Transit, and Public Safety** (12:35–12:55 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC Retreat Committee / Wilshire Police / Transit Planner
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Understand community composition, transit challenges (including K-Line expansion), and safety trends
12. **Policy & City Council Alignment** (12:55–1:15 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: CD10 Office Representative
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Learn city priorities, city policies, impact of budget challenges, and infrastructure updates.
13. **Wrap-Up & Adjournment** (1:15–1:30 PM)
 - a. Speaker / Lead: MINC President
 - b. Purpose / Outcome: Summarize retreat insights, next steps, and outline plan for October Board Meeting to finalize priorities and budget

Retreat Objectives

By the end of this retreat, board members will:

- Understand key citywide and neighborhood issues and their impact on the Mid City area.
- Review outcomes from the 2024–2025 term (including Neighborhood Purpose Grants, awareness campaigns, and engagement initiatives), evaluating successes and opportunities for improvement.
- Align 2025–2026 priorities and budget proposals with the Neighborhood Council’s core goals:

- Empower residents to participate in governance.
- Ensure government responsiveness to local issues. Foster community engagement through outreach, events, and campaigns.

The above will enable MINC board members to lead more effectively, engage residents meaningfully, and align priorities with citywide initiatives.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: For information on MINC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matter related to MINC, please consult the MINC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available in the notebook marked "MINC documents for public viewing" in the back of this meeting room and on our website www.mincla.org.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS: In compliance with Government Code § 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website: www.mincla.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an agenda item, please contact the Board Correspondence Secretary.

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