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(vacant) — Appointed CSUN Student
William Parnell — Youth
Alternates: Christopher Meredith, (two vacant)



Northridge East Neighborhood Council Making Northridge a Better Place to <u>Live</u>, <u>Work</u>, <u>Play</u> and <u>Learn</u>

Until further notice, NENC Board meetings will be held as virtual webinars; public access and public comment details are below.

Board Regular Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, October 19, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and in furtherance with the Mayor's actions to minimize risk and exposure to the Coronavirus COVID-19, this Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board meeting will be conducted telephonically in a webinar format.

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When prompted by the presiding officer to provide public input at the meeting, the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. 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 "Public Comment on non-agenda items" 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 "Public Comment on non-agenda items" period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment on non-agenda items is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. Alternatively, public comment *may* also be sent to info@NENC-LA.org at least two hours prior to the meeting starting time; include in the email Subject Line "Public Comment" and the appropriate agenda item number; every effort will be made to read such comments aloud during consideration of that agenda item within the announced time limits.

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- 1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (Public Comment and Recusal Reminder)
- 2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias; view status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC), Abstentions="No"
 - a. Notice of Vacancies; discussion and possible action: Three Resident seats (2023 & 2025), one Business/Employee seat (2023) and two Alternate seats (2023). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving may obtain more information by emailing: info@NENC-LA.org Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by the Board.

- 3. Agenda Setting Meeting 10/10/22 Participation: Bailey, Ross, Mills, Diamond (and Dagort)
- 4. Approval of Minutes September 21, 2022 and any other earlier dates
 - a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> webpage
- 5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Items Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of September 2022 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER)
 (All NC MERs are posted on City Clerk's <u>NC Funding System Dashboard</u>; click on MER tab.

 Recent NENC MERs with back up documentation are also posted on the NENC website under Finance Committee: https://www.nenc-la.org/committees/budget-and-finance-committee/)
 - Education: MOTION (Manchester/Diamond) recommends that the NENC approve the corrected Neighborhood Purposes Grant submitted by the North Valley Family YMCA for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets distribution for low-income families in the amount of \$2,500. (Passed 4-0-0 with one ineligible on 10/8/22)
 - Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Diamond) recommends \$1,500 for the amount provided to the North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving Food Baskets Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application as this has been the amount granted for the past several years. (Passed 3-0-1 with one recusal on 10/10/22)

[NOTE: The amount remaining in the initial Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Category for NPGs is \$500; the revised Budget would add \$9,000 in Rollover funding to this Category but as of the agenda deadline, the Rollover funding has not yet been approved by the City.]

- 6. Presentations/Guest Speakers/Announcements (informational items only)
 - a. Closure of Northridge Main Post Office and Construction of Mixed Use/Northridge Student Apartments Project Update - The Post Office formerly at 9534 Reseda Boulevard was vacated June 1, 2022; no replacement retail location has been announced yet. Post Office Boxes have been temporarily relocated to the Granada Hills Post Office. This Post Office served the 91324, 91325, 91326 and 91330 (CSUN) ZIP Codes. Telephone callers to 818-349-0331 are being temporarily referred to three other Post Office locations based upon the caller's Northridge ZIP Code. Northridge Student Apartments mixed-use project (CPC-2015-3702-GPA-VZC-SPR Staff Report) has completed excavation for the subterranean parking.
 - Metro North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor/BRT Network Improvements Project
 <u>update</u> Statutory Exemption through Senate Bill 288 (SB 288) and the California Environmental Quality
 Act (CEQA process) was the subject of a <u>community meeting</u> held September 29, 2022.
 - c. **Westbound 118 Freeway Reseda Boulevard Offramp Closure** Caltrans began the drainage repair work in early October and expects to complete work by the end of this year.
 - d. **LA DWP Water Conservation** Yard watering is now restricted to two specific days a week depending upon the property street address. Visit LADWP <u>website</u> for more details.
- 7. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
- 8. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials (please email report in advance of meeting) (up to three minutes each unless arrangement for additional time is made at least six days days in advance): Mayor (Erin Seinfeld), City Attorney (Ayelet Feiman/Alin Sahagian), CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); LAUSD BD 3; County SD 3 (Jessica Orellana); State (SD 18, 27; AD 38 (Diana Oganesyan), 45 (Alberto Vargas), 46); Federal (CD 25, 29, 30) (NOTE: State and Federal redistricting boundary changes will be effective December 2022/January 2023)
 - a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: https://cd12.org/
- Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments such as LAPD (SLO/C-PAB), LAFD, DONE (NEA Octaviano Rios <u>octaviano.rios@lacity.org</u>), BONC (North Valley Commissioner Jennifer Valdivia) and Representatives of CSUN and Other Public Agencies and

NC-Related Entities (up to three minutes each unless arrangement for additional time is made at least six days in advance)

- a. CSUN reports and updates Victoria Dochoghlian and CSUN Student Member
 - i. New traffic signal at Plummer Street and Darby Avenue now operational
 - ii. CSUN Vote Center: 10/29 to 11/7/22: 10 am 7 pm and Election Day 11/8/22: 7 am 8 pm
- b. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA report; NENC City budget and service priorities; NC Budget Day 6/17/23; Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey and Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/
- 10. Committee Reports Standing: Beautification (Baker); Education (Peterson); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Mills/Ross); Outreach (Mills); Planning and Land Use (Dagort/Diamond); Public Safety (Thiroux) and Sustainability (Dwiggins/Bailey). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Dearborn Park (Diamond); Election (Mills/Ross) Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Appointment of Committee Chair or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board
 - Approval of additional, or removal of, Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs
 - c. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 11/12/22, 9 am; Executive 11/7/22, 4:30 pm; any others?
 - d. Education: MOTION (Meredith/Manchester) to recommend that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council is concerned about dangerous traffic conditions on Plummer Street and Prairie Street and other streets around our local schools including Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy and Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School. We call on [The NENC calls upon] the city to increase enforcement of traffic and parking laws and to fully fund the crossing guard program to help protect students traveling to and from school safely. (Passed 5-0-0 on 10/8/22)
 - e. Ad Hoc Dearborn Park: Update on Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Report <u>22-232</u>: "Dearborn Park Children's Play Area Fencing Installation (PRJ21659) Project Commitment of \$69,712.34 in Park Fees" as well as ongoing maintenance and enforcement issues at the park.
 - f. Beautification: Planters on east side of Reseda Boulevard (at Nordhoff, Dearborn, Prairie, Plummer (south and north) and Superior Streets) are being watered, weeded and trash removed by members; additional volunteers are needed and are welcome.
 - g. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within NENC including but not limited to:
 - Proposed 50 foot wireless telecommunication facility at 18473 Devonshire St. (Case No. <u>ZA-2022-1310-CUW</u>) Applicant: Verizon (presentation and possible action scheduled for 12/21/22 NENC Board meeting)
 - ii. Former restaurant building at 9224 Reseda Blvd. demolished; reportedly the new grocery store will be a Trader Joe's.
 - iii. New Home Depot Store in North Hills Shopping Center This project proposes to demolish the easterly portion of the shopping center and replace it with a new 136,009 square foot store. It is located at 16830 Devonshire Street which is within the boundaries of the <u>Granada Hills South NC</u> (GHSNC) (Balboa Boulevard is the dividing line between the two NCs in this area). The Case Number is <u>CPC-2022-1981-CU-SPP-SPR</u>. More project information is posted on GHSNC webpage, <u>linked here</u> and the Town Hall slide show is <u>linked here</u>.
 - iv. PlanCheckNC monthly meeting report website: https://plancheckncla.com/
 - v. Northridge Community Plan update process is anticipated to begin in 2024
 - h. Planning: Pending citywide proposals and any updates (<u>Planning.Liaison@lacity.org</u>). Visit the PlanCheckNC <u>website</u> for planning updates and meeting notices (second Saturdays at 10 am).

- Executive (10/10/22 consensus to agendize): Recently disclosed racist remarks made by three members of the Los Angeles City Council (Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon and Gil Cedillo) and requests that they resign or be removed - possible MOTION(s). [NOTE: Nury Martinez has since resigned from the City Council.] See <u>CF 22-1189</u> and <u>CF 22-1195</u>, also listed under Item 12 below)
- j. Reports by other Committees listed above
- 11. NENC President, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to:
 - a. President's Report:
 - i. ADA inspection report still pending; Virtual/in-person/hybrid meetings Readiness Survey results and StoryMap; BONC EVG Hybrid Work Group 2.0 update; CF 22-1070 (below)
 - ii. December meeting is scheduled for 12/21/22 confirm guorum possible MOTION
 - iii. Congress of Neighborhoods held 9/24/22; recordings posted attendee comments
 - b. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Zaroff/Aguirre/Lundquist/Diamond/Laird/ Ross); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Dwiggins); Resilience (Dwiggins/Lundquist) and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons
 - c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: <u>Valley Alliance of NCs</u> (VANC), <u>DWP MOU/Advocacy</u> <u>Committees</u>, <u>LA NC Coalition</u> (LANCC), <u>PlanCheckNC</u>, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, <u>NC Sustainability Alliance</u>, <u>West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness</u> (WVNAH), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance
 - i. LANCC's recent NCs and DONE Survey results
 - ii. WVNAH: Next meeting 10/23/22, 4 pm
- 12. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions Community Impact Statements (CIS) Discussion and possible action:
 - a. <u>CF 20-0990</u> DONE and Civil + Human Rights, and Equity Department joint report, dated March 8, 2022, relative to implementing mandatory diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-bias, and gender expressions and gender training for all members of LA Neighborhood Councils.
 - b. <u>CF 22-1070</u> Motion (Lee Buscaino) relative to instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the City Attorney, to report on viable options for conducting Neighborhood Council meetings in the future, and how these approaches would relate to emergency declarations.
 - c. **NEW** <u>CF 22-1146</u> Motion (Raman Koretz) relative to instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report on the status of the Community Impact Statement (CIS) Portal, and with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency, on the necessary technological upgrades needed to ensure CISs are being transmitted.
 - d. NEW <u>CF 22-1189</u> Motion (Krekorian et al. Koretz) relative to the City Council of Los Angeles does hereby resolve that Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo are hereby censured for their conduct and statements during the referenced meeting of October 2021, and the Council joins the community in demanding their immediate resignation from the Council.
 - e. **NEW** <u>CF 22-1195</u> Motion (Blumenfield Rodriguez Price O'Farrell) relative to resolving, pursuant to Charter 209, to censure Councilmembers Cedillo, DeLeon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, as reported in the media, which constitute a gross failure to conform with and meet the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, even if their actions do not constitute a ground for removal from office under the Charter.
- 13. Items from City Departments and Other Public Agencies Discussion and possible action:
 - a. DONE: Monthly Update all Board members need to review every month
 - b. BONC: New <u>Digital Communication Policy</u> became effective 10/4/22

- c. BONC: Proposed <u>revisions to Code of Conduct Policy dated 7/19/21</u>, <u>12/20/21 DONE memo</u>, <u>links to supporting materials</u> and <u>red-lined 2/2/22 version</u> update and possible MOTION
- d. City Clerk: 2023 Ballot Voting Model (pending) possible MOTION; NC Elections website
- e. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meeting via Zoom (date TBD)
- f. LAPD: Valley Traffic Division Community Safety discussion usually second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- g. Northridge Vision met 10/12/22; next virtual meeting 11/9/22, 2 pm
- h. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group (CAG <u>website</u>; LA County <u>website</u>) Don Dwiggins/Phil Dagort and Cristina Vega (CAG meetings on hold)
- 14. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair 11/13/22, 10 am to 4 pm at Exposition Park, 3986 Hoover St., Los Angeles
- 15. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 7; up to two minutes per speaker)
- 16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion
- 17. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.)
 - Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): November 16, 2022, 7 pm.
 - Subsequent Board regular meetings: December 21, 2022 and January 18, 2023

All items on this agenda are considered possible action items, and a vote may be taken on any item listed on this agenda. A reasonable effort will be made to end the meeting by 10:00 pm; any items not discussed will likely be carried over to the next Board meeting.

<u>Public Comments</u>: The presiding officer will offer an offer an opportunity for the public to comment on each agenda item before action is taken; click on Raise Hand on Zoom or if on the phone, enter *9 which prompted to do so. Comments from the public on matters relating to the Northridge community within the subject matter jurisdiction of the NENC, but not appearing on the Agenda, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items which is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. 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.

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<u>Public Access to Records:</u> In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority of all of the board members in advance of a meeting, may be linked from the agenda or may viewed at www.NENC-LA.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at smillsnenc@gmail.com, or other Executive Board member using the contact information below.

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The Council is always looking for volunteers to fill various roles. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at: info@nenc-la.org. Events and calendar postings should be sent to events@nenc-la.org. The NENC monthly agenda setting (Executive Committee) meeting is held on the Monday nine days prior to the third Wednesday (unless otherwise announced) at 4:30 pm as a virtual meeting until further notice. If you wish to request that an issue be placed on the agenda, please make sure the request is submitted in writing to the officers prior to the agenda setting meeting.

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