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Executive Committee

Glenn Bailey — President
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Board Members

Sean C. Laird Barbara Nitkin

Vacant: Business/Employee; Resident (4)
Shefali Mistry — Appointed CSUN Faculty/Staff (pending)
Golden Bachelder — Appointed CSUN Student
(vacant) — Youth
Alternates: Christopher Meredith, Philip Dagort,
(vacant)



Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

Effective March 30, 2023 NENC Board meetings will resume being held in-person pursuant to the California Government Code and City of Los Angeles policies. However, Government Code Section 54953.8 (Chapter 605 effective October 8, 2023) authorizes Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions as specified.

Board Regular Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
Northridge Woman's Club, 18401 Lassen St., Northridge, CA 91325

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on this agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the State 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 on a future Board or Committee meeting agenda. General Public Comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the Board presiding officer.

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1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (Public Comment, Refreshments, Recycling and Recusal Reminder)
2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias; Gender Expression/Gender Identity training will be required soon ([CF 20-0990](#)); view Board member training status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC), Abstentions="No"
 - a. Welcome to Shefali Mistry, CSUN Associate Vice President of Government & Community Relations, CSUN President appointee as CSUN Faculty, Administration and Staff Board Member (pending as of agenda deadline)
 - b. Board member remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f) ([AB 2449](#)). [NOTE: Disclosure of anyone age 18+ also present is required.] - possible MOTION

3. Notice of NENC Board Vacancies - Four Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025), one Youth seat (2025) and one Alternate seat (2025). 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. - possible MOTION(s)
 - a. Seating of New Board Member(s) and/or Alternate(s)
4. Agenda Setting Meeting 11/6/23 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux
5. Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2023 (pending), September 20, 2023 and any other earlier dates
 - a. Links to Zoom video recordings of Board meetings will be posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)
6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$513.43. (All NC MERs are posted on City Clerk’s [NC Funding System Dashboard](#); 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/>).
7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers
 - a. **19th Anniversary of Northridge East Neighborhood Council** - Certified November 30, 2004
 - b. **Welcome and Introduction of Sean Regan, Northridge Field Representative for Congressman Brad Sherman**
 - c. **Public Hearing for Case No. [CPC-2021-6426-GPA](#)** scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via [Zoom](#) (Zoom Meeting ID 860-0287-3494 Passcode 483122) - General Plan Amendment pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32E to reclassify Etiwanda Avenue between Halsted Street and Vincennes Street and Lindley Avenue between Halsted Street and the former Plummer Street from Collector to Local Street in the Mobility Element and as referenced in the Northridge Community Plan. (Both street segments are contained within the boundaries of the CSUN campus.) [NENC voted 8-0-0 to support the request on 9/21/2021]
8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
9. 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 in advance): Mayor (TBA), City Attorney (Ayelet Feiman/Alin Sahagian), CD 12 (Myrka Martinez); LAUSD BD 3; County SD 3 (Mirna Ezquivel); State - SD 27 (Madeline Houry), SD 20 “deferred” (Andrés Garcia), AD 40 (Uzoamaka Aniezue); Federal - CD 32 (Sean Regan)
 - a. Mayor: [Executive Directive #5: Improving Customer Experience](#) issued 10/30/2023
 - b. CD 12: NENC priority locations for repair of street lights requested
10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments such as LAPD/C-PAB), LAFD (Batt. Chief John Ignatczyk), DONE (NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), BONC (North Valley Commissioner Keren Waters) 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 - Shefali Mistry and Golden Bachelder
 - i. Orange Grove Bistro building demolition scheduled between 11/27/2023 to 1/15/2024
 - b. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA [November 2023 report](#). Department meetings underway. NENC City budget and service priorities (Fiscal Year 2023-24 adopted Budget is posted at [CF 23-0600](#)); Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/
 - c. BONC: [NC Board Member Code of Conduct Policy](#), as amended, approved on 11/7/2023.
 - d. DONE: Reappointment of Vanessa Serrano as Interim General Manager [CF 23-1200-S150](#)
 - e. EMD: City of LA 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - [Community Hazard Awareness Survey](#)

- f. Planning: Update to the General Plan Housing Element for the period 2021-2029 (includes Council File [21-1230](#), and related CFs [21-1230-S1](#), [21-1230-S2](#) (Livable Cities Initiative), [21-1230-S3](#), [21-1230-S4](#) - referred to Planning and Land Use Committee/possible MOTION

11. Items from Previous Board Meetings

- a. [Senate Bill 411](#) was signed by the Governor on 10/8/23 and has been Chaptered by the Secretary of State (Chapter 605, Statutes of 2023). It provides, in part, : “...an eligible legislative body may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if two-thirds of the eligible legislative body votes to do so. The eligible legislative body shall notify the city council if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.” An implementing Resolution, [Council File 23-1114](#), was approved by City Council on 11/1/23.

NENC previously voted and filed Community Impact Statements to CF [23-1114](#) and related CFs [23-0002-S16](#) and [23-0002-S17](#).)

MOTION: The NENC elects to use teleconferencing for some or all of its Board and/or Committee meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B) with the justifications previously filed to Council File [23-1114](#). In addition, the NENC objects to the City Attorney’s misinterpretation of the new law by requiring a two-thirds vote of the total number of NENC positions (15) rather than two-thirds of the NENC Board members present and voting equal or greater than a quorum (8). (Board most recently ratified a similar motion by a vote of 9-0-0 on 10/18/2023.)

Executive: MOTION (Thiroux/Mills) to recommend that the NENC object to the two-thirds of Board seats interpretation as not explicitly required by Senate Bill 411. (Passed 3-0-0 on 11/6/23)

- b. UPDATE: [CF 22-1196-S1](#) Independent Redistricting Commission / City Charter Amendment / Ballot Measure. Likely on November 2024 Ballot. (NENC voted to support if amended on 9/20/23.)

12. Committee Reports - Standing: Beautification (Baker/Bachelder); Education (Peterson); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Ross); Outreach (Mills); Planning and Land Use (Diamond/Nitkin); Public Safety (Thiroux/Nitkin) and Sustainability (Bailey/Nitkin). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Bylaws (Bailey/Mills); Dearborn Park (Diamond/Nitkin); Van Nuys Airport (Nitkin/Diamond); Northridge Earthquake 30th Anniversary/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall; Weed Abatement (Bachelder) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. Establishment of new Ad Hoc committees - possible MOTION
- b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board: Northridge Earthquake 30th Anniversary/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee
- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs
- d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 12/9/23, 9 am; Executive 12/11/23, 4:30 pm; Animal Welfare 12/18/23, 3 pm (all dates/times subject to confirmation)
- e. Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Thiroux) to recommend including a “Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statements” item on every City Council and Committee agenda separate from Public Comment. (Passed 4-0-0 on 9/11/2023)
- f. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Bailey) to recommend support of [Council File 23-1113](#), relative to directing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report on technology, support and other resources needed to provide Neighborhood Councils with the ability to meet virtually through the end of Fiscal Year 2024-25, and that DONE continue to provide discounted Zoom licenses to all NCs that request them and that funding be provided until January 1, 2026 as well as any extension after the (Senate Bill 411) initial expiration date. (Passed 3-0-0 on 11/6/23)
- g. Executive: MOTION (Bailey/Mills) to recommend the installation of a City “Northridge” sign be installed on westbound Chatsworth Street west of Lindley Avenue. (Passed 3-0-0 on 11/6/23)
- h. Outreach: Report on [Granada Hills Street Faire](#) held 10/21/23

- i. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch meetings will resume in January 2024
 - j. Beautification: Clean-ups update including volunteer coordination by CD 12
 - k. Bylaws: DONE [Bylaws Workshop held 10/5/23](#) and [slides](#); [Template](#); amendments due 4/1/24
 - l. Dearborn Park update - request use of security cameras - possible MOTION
 - m. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below)
 - i. Case No. [ZA-2022-1310-CUW](#) located at 18473 Devonshire St. - Proposed 50 foot wireless telecommunication facility. Applicant: Verizon. Public hearing was held 8/15/2023; [Hearing Notice](#) (Board voted 12/21/22 to oppose project). **Applicant’s representative recently requested to “discuss possible design choices for the proposed Wireless Facility”** - Michael Hasegawa of Delta Groups Engineering
 - n. Reports by other Committees listed in item 12 above
13. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)
- a. President’s Report: Executive Committee has voted to hold its future meetings virtually.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report
 - c. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons
 - i. DONE requests reappointment of Homelessness Liaisons - MOTION (see item 15k)
 - d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports:
 - i. VANC 11/9/23 meeting featured Jared Rivera of the Mayor’s office and Scott Schmerelson, LAUSD Board member - [link to recording](#)
14. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action:
- a. [CF 22-1070](#) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report, dated January 27, 2023, relative to viable options for the conduct of in-person, virtual, and/or hybrid NC meetings..
15. Informational Items/Announcements
- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>
 - b. **Board of Neighborhood Commissioners [upcoming meetings](#): 11/20/23, 12/5/23 and 12/18/23**
 - c. **DONE: EmpowerLA Youth Conference 1/27/24, 9 am - 4 pm; ages 14-17, [apply](#) by 12/18/23**
 - d. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meetings via Zoom (see NENC [website](#) for details); there are four [Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers](#) who cover portions of NENC: 17A95 (SLO Knopp), 17A67 (SLO Zamora), 17A35 (SLO Parker), and 17A49 (SLO Sellers) - Email: DevonshireSLO@lapd.online
 - e. LAPL Northridge Library: [upcoming events](#)
 - f. Recreation and Parks: [Board of Commissioners](#) to [meet 12/7/23](#), 9 am in Encino
 - g. Northridge Vision met 11/8/23; next virtual meeting 12/13/23, 2 pm
 - h. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study: [UCLA website](#), including study overview, research timeline, and information about the study team is now live. Also, Environmental Health Research is a related non-profit organization; its [website](#) includes newsletter sign-up
 - i. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Case No. [ZA-2023-2542-CUB](#) located at 18473 Devonshire St. to allow the sale of full-line alcohol beverages in conjunction with an existing mini mart/service station with hours of operation from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., daily. Public hearing was held 10/24/23; [Hearing Notice](#). (NENC voted 7-1-1 to not support on 10/18/2023)
 - ii. Case No. [PAR-2023-4028-AHRF-ED1](#) located at 17829 Halsted St - New construction of a 230 unit 100% affordable housing project, measuring 7-stories in height with a total residential floor area of 158,817 square feet. (Informational item - no hearing date set yet)
 - iii. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024

- j. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org.
 - k. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Zaroff/Aguirre/Lundquist/Diamond/Laird/Ross/Bachelor); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Dwiggins); Resilience (Dwiggins/Lundquist)
 - l. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 12/14/23, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 12/2/23, 8:30 am), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 12/2/23, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 12/9/23, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 11/25/23?, 10 am), [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 12/10/23, 6:30 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance (next meeting TBD).
 - m. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: [NC Budget Day](#) 6/17/24; [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) 9/28/24
16. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 8; up to two minutes per speaker)
17. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion
18. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.)
- Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): December 20, 2023, 7 pm
 Subsequent Board regular meetings: January 17, 2024 (in-person) and February 21, 2024.

A reasonable effort will be made to end this meeting by the announced adjournment time; any items not discussed will be carried over to the next Board meeting, or referred to a committee.

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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.

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