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Glenn Bailey — President
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Sean C. Laird Barbara Nitkin

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



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

Effective March 30, 2023 NENC Board meetings resumed 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, March 20, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

(Revised for "Senate Bill 411 Updates" per DONE)

Held Virtually via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92753645271>

This meeting is being held using teleconferencing pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B) (Senate Bill 411 - Chapter 605, Statutes of 2023), the implementing action of the Los Angeles City Council (Council File [23-1114](#) approved on November 1, 2023), and the required two-thirds vote of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council Board on November 15, 2023 electing to use teleconferencing for some or all of its Board and/or Committee meetings.

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 (audio/visual participation and recusal reminders; ~~refreshments; recycling;~~ public comment)
2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct (renewal due by 6/3/2024), Anti-Bias, Gender Expression and Gender Identity (due by 6/3/2024); view Board member training status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC); Abstentions="No"

- a. Board member remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f) ([AB 2449](#)). [NOTE: If applicable, 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) and one Youth 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)
4. Agenda Setting Meeting 3/11/2024 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux, Diamond
5. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2024 (pending) and any other earlier dates
 - a. Links to Zoom recordings of Board meetings are posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)
6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of February 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$270.40. (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/>)
 - b. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Diamond) to recommend approval of \$500 [Neighborhood Purposes Grant](#) to the Canoga Park Senior Citizens’ Club for Salute to Recreation Senior Dance (to be held at Northridge Recreation Center on May 3, 2024. (Passed 4-0-0 on 2/12/2024) (Postponed from 2/21/2024 Board meeting) [NOTE: The applicant is the non-profit 501(c)(3) fiscal agent for this year’s event and it is now in good standing with the State of California.]
 - c. RECONSIDERATION: MOTION (Meredith/Mills) that Northridge East NC participate as a Platinum \$2,500 sponsor of the Department of Recreation and Parks Salute to Recreation Valley Festival being held at Northridge Recreation Center on May 3, 4, and 5, 2024. (Passed 9-0-0 on 2/21/2024) [Sponsorship levels: Diamond \$5,000; Platinum \$2,500; Gold \$1,000; Silver \$500; Bronze \$250]. - If reconsideration is approved, possible new MOTION
 - d. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Diamond) to recommend that the NENC purchase outreach items (dog bag dispensers, reusable aluminum cups and cord wraps not to exceed \$4,000. (Passed 4-0-0 on 3/11/2023)
 - e. Possible MOTION to approve a funding contribution to “Neighborhood Council Budget Day,” a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Special Account, for an amount up to \$2,500 to partially cover expenses associated with Budget Day, additional Budget workshops and essential administrative needs.
7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers
 - a. **Welcome and Introduction of Sean Regan, Northridge Field Representative for [Congressman Brad Sherman](#)**
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](#) (as of December 2024), [SD 20](#) “deferred” (Andrés Garcia), [AD 40](#) (Uzoamaka Aniezue); Federal - [CD 32](#) (Sean Regan)
 - a. CD 12: Street lighting copper wire theft and impact on public safety
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. DONE: Women’s Leadership Event 3/28/2024 - [RSVP](#)

- b. BONC - 6/3/2024 deadline for new Code of Conduct and Gender Expression/Identity trainings
 - c. City Clerk Election Unit: Drafts of the 2025 [NC Election Timeline](#) and [NC Election Handbook](#) have been released for comment; deadline is 5/5/2024; Region 2 NC Elections on Saturday, 5/31/2025
 - d. CSUN reports and updates - Shefali Mistry and Golden Bachelder
 - i. Hiring of Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations
 - ii. [Associated Students](#) update
 - e. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA [March 2024 report](#). [Town Hall on DONE FY 2024-2025 Budget Request](#) via Zoom 3/23/2024, 10 am - [Register](#). Department meetings are concluding. New Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Council File will be [CF 24-0600](#). NENC City budget and service priorities. Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/
11. Items from Previous Board Meetings (none)
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); 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
 - c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs
 - d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 4/13/2024, 9 am; Executive 4/8/2024, 4:30 pm (all dates/times subject to confirmation)
 - e. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Bailey) to recommend the nomination of Ken Ross as NENC's Outstanding Senior Awardee. (Passed 4-0-0 on 3/11/2024) (Award would be presented at the Senior Dance event on 5/3/2024.)
 - f. Executive: MOTION (Mills/Diamond) to recommend that the NENC have an exhibitor table at Northridge Recreation Center SpringFest on March 30, 2024. (Passed 4-0-0 on 3/11/2024)
 - g. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch meetings
 - h. Beautification: Clean-ups update including volunteer coordination by CD 12
 - i. Dearborn Park update
 - j. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below)
 - k. 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
 - i. Presidents/Legal Liaisons Brown Act training held 2/29/2024
 - ii. BONC held North Valley meeting on 3/4/2024 within NENC and we provided refreshments
 - iii. 18444 Plummer St. (former Rite Aid store, 1.45 acres zoned commercial/parking) update
 - iv. NENC mailing address and possible sharing of a USPS Post Office Box
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons
 - d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports:
 - i. VANC 3/14/24 meeting featured Councilmember John Lee and 405 presentation presentation - [link to recordings webpage](#)
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.
- b. [CF 22-1232](#) Motion (Koretz - et al. - Raman - et al.) relative to requesting the City Attorney prepare and present documents necessary for a ballot measure based on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Charter Reform Subcommittee and approved by the City Ethics Commission
- c. [CF 23-1113](#) Motion (Soto-Martinez - Hutt) 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; [DONE report](#) dated December 5, 2023.
- d. [CF 23-1027](#) Motion (Krekorian - Harris-Dawson - McOsker) relative to directing the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the City Attorney and City Clerk, to report with best practices for a Charter reform process and options to create a commission to evaluate and provide recommendations on Charter reform for the 2024 and 2026 ballots.
- e. [CF 24-0254](#) Motion (Lee - Yaroslavsky) relative to requesting the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, Republic Services, and the Bureau of Sanitation, report on the status of addressing the current complaints about odors emitting from the landfill facility, the root causes of the odors, and steps being implemented. [NOTE: NENC is located downwind of this facility.]

15. Informational Items/Announcements

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>
- b. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners **recent** [3/18/2024](#) and [upcoming meetings](#): 4/2/2024
- c. DONE: [SB 411 FAQs](#) (December 2023)
- d. LAFD: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) classes
- e. 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
- f. LAPL Northridge Library: [upcoming events](#)
- g. Recreation and Parks: [Board of Commissioners upcoming meetings](#); next Valley meeting 6/6/2024
- h. Northridge Vision met 3/13/2024; next virtual meeting 4/10/2024, 2 pm
- i. 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
- j. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Case No. [CPC-2021-6426-GPA](#) - 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.] Public hearing was held on 12/12/2023 and **City Planning Commission approved on 2/22/2024. Will next be considered by City Council.**
 - ii. 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). City [approved project 1/25/2024](#). **Appealed to the North Valley Area Planning Commission and a public hearing will be held Thursday, April 4, 2024 after 4:30 p.m in Van Nuys. (No hearing notice nor Commission agenda found on the City Planning website as of this agenda deadline.)**

- iii. 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. (NENC voted 7-1-1 to not support on 10/18/2023.) **Application was withdrawn and case was terminated effective 2/21/2024.**
 - iv. Case No. [PAR-2023-4028-AHRF-ED1](#) located at 17829 Halsted St - New construction of a 230 (255?) 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) **[NOTE: Related [article posted by Urbanize LA on 3/11/2024](#)]**
 - v. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024.
 - k. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org.
 - i. 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
 - l. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Diamond/Laird/Ross/Bachelder); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Thiroux); Resilience (Lundquist)
 - m. NC Alliance and Coalition Meetings/Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 4/11/2024, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 4/6/2024, 8:30 am), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 4/6/2024, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 4/13/2024, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 4/27/2024, 10 am), [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 4/14/2024, 6:30 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance (next meeting TBD).
 - n. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: [NC Budget Day](#) 6/15/2024; [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) 9/28/2024
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): April 17, 2024, 7 pm
- Subsequent Board regular meetings: May 15, 2024 (in-person) and June 19, 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.

Public Comments: The presiding officer will offer an opportunity for the public to comment on each agenda item before action is taken. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters under the Board's jurisdiction, but not appearing on the agenda, will be heard during Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items which is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer.

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Senate Bill 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 Government Code 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 Government Code 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 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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