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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

Monday 19 December 2022 6:15 PM (meeting called to order 6:30 PM)

Zoom Electronic Meeting Online or by Telephone

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1. Technical checkout for online meeting (no substantive discussion or comment) [15 minutes]
[Board members and public are welcome to check to make sure telephone or computer access is working properly. NOTE: no comment or discussion relevant to Board matters is permitted — please reserve substantive comment for periods of public comment and agenda items.]
2. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items.
4. Call to order and roll call.
5. Board member comment on non-agenda items. *[May include comment on Board members' own activities/brief announcements; brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights or asking questions for clarification; introduction of new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting; or requests for research and a report back to the Board.]*
6. Approval of prior meeting minutes.
7. Report from Los Angeles Police Department [5 minutes]
8. Motion supporting the declaration of a local emergency regarding homelessness in the City of Los Angeles.
9. Motion regarding funding for the Los Angeles Emergency Department.
10. Motion regarding Los Angeles Metro's Transportation Communications Network.
11. Motion recommending streetlights on Paseo Del Mar.

12. Motion regarding security at Barlow-Saxton Bunker.
13. Motion to allocate funds to purchase business cards.
14. Treasurer's report.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

15. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for November 2022.
16. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Lloyd Staffing, Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency, The Mailroom, and office supplies.
17. Approval of funding requests received from committees.
18. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives.
19. Announcements.
20. Public comment on non-agenda items.
21. Adjournment.

8. Motion supporting the declaration of a local emergency regarding homelessness in the City of Los Angeles.

See attached "Declaration of Local Emergency"

Whereas, there exists an unprecedented number of unhoused individuals in the City of Los Angeles; and
Whereas, extraordinary measures are necessary to deal with the ongoing crisis of homelessness;
Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the declaration of local emergency requested by Mayor Karen Bass (CF 22-1545) and urges the Los Angeles City Council to adopt the motion forthwith.

9. Motion regarding funding for the Los Angeles Emergency Department.

Whereas The city's Resiliency Plan tasks Neighborhood Councils with producing emergency preparedness plans for their communities. So far, the city has offered little or no help, financial or otherwise, for these projects. The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance believes that help with these projects could be forthcoming if the city's Emergency Management Department were properly funded and staffed.

Therefore resolved: The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) views with concern the historic underfunding of the Emergency Management Department and calls on the city of Los Angeles to fund the EMD adequately. The Peer City Emergency Preparedness Programs Budget Comparison (FY2021-22) on page 7 of the Controller's Report shows the funding disparity between Los Angeles and other comparable jurisdictions. CSPNC recommends that the EMD yearly budget be increased to \$7 million.

10. Motion regarding Los Angeles Metro's Transportation Communications Network.

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes Metro's immediate, untimely, and overly rushed Transportation Communications Network project, which incorporates digital signs, and asks that the City Council engage in a full and transparent outreach and public review process.

11. Motion recommending streetlights on Paseo Del Mar.

Joint Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee and Coastline and Parks and Sunken City Committee

Whereas, there are no streetlights along Paseo Del Mar across from Joan Milke Flores park between Roxbury and the bend west of Gaffey street, and

Whereas, people frequently cross the street there and pedestrians can be extremely difficult to see are virtually invisible at night, and

Whereas, pedestrians are regularly endangered by oncoming traffic and the lack of light dramatically increases the likelihood that someone will be hit and possibly killed.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Transportation and the Department of Recreation and Parks to design a lighting system, with input from the community via the neighborhood council, and install the lighting by March 1st, 2023; and

Further resolved, that any lighting design conforms to the requirements of Section 30251 and Section 30253 of the California Coastal Act.

12. Motion regarding security at Barlow-Saxton Bunker.

Joint Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee and Coastline and Parks and Sunken City Committee

Whereas, the Battery Barlow Saxton Bunker located in Angels Gate Park is on the National Register of Historic Places as a means of protecting this valuable one of a kind example of military architecture and engineering, and

Whereas the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is in charge of managing and maintaining this site which is closed to the public. With the exception of occasional use as a movie or television set, no one is allowed into the structure, however, its unique hidden access has made it a mecca for day and night gang activity, drug and alcohol use, graffiti, trash, vandalism, trespassing, and fire building without consequences from any authority.

As a result of this long unchecked illegal activity within and surrounding the Bunker, it has become very dangerous for students attending the adjacent installations of LAUSD's Olguin High School Campus, the Pt. Fermin Outdoor Education Center, especially with its weekly overnight student programs, the Angel's Gate High School annex, the San Pedro High School Annex, and the new Mechanics Class Facility. The gang related tagging and unlawful activity has spread from the Bunker into Angels Gate Park and allows a bad message to persist in our community.

Whereas, Barlow Saxton Road is the main entrance to the adjacent facilities that have many cars and buses bringing students past the front of the Bunker's entrance, as well as the many people going to and from Angels Gate Cultural Center and campus studio buildings, the Hey Rookie Pool, South Bay Young Marines, Railroad clubs, Marine Exchange, Tongva Sacred Land site, Ft. MacArthur Museum, Marine Mammal Care Center, International Bird Rescue Center, and the Mission Maria Stella Maris Church, and Angels Gate Park is a walking area for many people enjoying the spectacular ocean vistas, and

Whereas, attempts have been made to address these problems by sending numerous communications to LAUSD's administrator of San Pedro Community of schools, Area Facilities Service Directors for LAUSD Maintenance & Operations, LAUSD school police, School Board of Education member, multiple requests to Senior Management, as well as the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, and

Whereas, many suggestions have been made to change the situation caused by these illegal activities, but only band aid fence repairs are done by LAUSD maintenance and only when stakeholders report the weekly vandalism, and

Whereas, there is potential liability for the School District, and

Whereas, Coastal Act Section 30251 Scenic and visual qualities states in part:

The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance,

and

Whereas, Coastal Act Section 30253 Minimization of adverse impacts (5) states:

(5) Where appropriate, protect special communities and neighborhoods which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council demands that the Los Angeles Unified School District hire a security company immediately to patrol the Battery Barlow Saxton Bunker area each day and night multiple times and install security cameras with a 24/7 feed to the security company, and hire an outside company to check and repair the fences daily without the requirement that community members report new vandalism, including holes cut in fences, graffiti, and trash, in order to have the area maintained in accordance with local laws and the California Coastal Act, and

Further Resolved, that LAUSD remove all gang tagging, graffiti and paint within the Bunker.

13. Motion to allocate funds to purchase business cards.

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates a sum not to exceed \$200 for business sized cards, not to exceed 2000 in number which will include the following wording:

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
CSPNC.org

The cards will not include the city or CSPNC logo.

For more information, please call 310-918-8650; write to CSPNC, 1840 S. Gaffey Street #34, San Pedro, CA 90731; or visit the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website at www.cspnc.org.

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 231(i) of the Los Angeles City Charter and Ch. 3, Section 8.27 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code provide that the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles has the authority to declare the existence of a local emergency as a result of any occurrence which, by reason of its magnitude, is or is likely to become beyond the control of the normal services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the regularly constituted branches and departments of City government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has at any given time approximately 41,980 people experiencing homelessness Citywide; and

WHEREAS, the number of unhoused people in the City of Los Angeles has increased dramatically in recent years, nearly doubling in the past decade, with the number of unhoused families increasing by 238 percent since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles represents 9.6 percent of the State of California's population but 25 percent of the State's unsheltered population, and the City represents only 1.2 percent of the total United States population but 7.2 percent of the United States population of people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, as a percentage of its population, the number of unsheltered people in the City of Los Angeles is approximately 18 times higher than the number in New York City and 14 times higher than the number in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, there are more people currently experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles than were displaced by Hurricane Harvey in Houston (30,000) or the 1994 Northridge Earthquake (20,000); and

WHEREAS, homelessness has disproportionately impacted Black, Indigenous and Immigrant Angelenos. Black people comprise only 8 percent of the population of the City of Los Angeles but, in the most recent homelessness count, accounted for 33 percent or more of people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, homelessness has increased dramatically and disproportionately among Hispanic and Latino Angelenos during the COVID-19 pandemic. The share of the population of people experiencing homelessness who are Hispanic or Latino increased by 30 percent between 2020 and 2022 and now constitute 42 percent of unhoused individuals. Black and Brown Angelenos comprise 75 percent of people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the homelessness crisis has had unacceptable consequences for Angelenos, including a significant death toll that has rapidly increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported an average of over 5 deaths per day of unhoused persons as of March 2021, a 200 percent increase in the death rate of persons experiencing homelessness over the past decade and a 56 percent increase over just one year prior; and

WHEREAS, women now comprise about a third of people experiencing homelessness and at least 60 percent of those women have experienced violence, and more than a third of LGBTQ+ women experiencing homelessness have experienced sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionate share of youth experiencing homeless identify as LGBTQ+ and lack adequate access to resources; and

WHEREAS, the murder rate for people experiencing homeless is at the highest recorded levels, and increased by 47 percent in 2021 alone; and

WHEREAS, severe overcrowding in Los Angeles has also led to increased deaths from COVID-19. In neighborhoods with 40 percent overcrowding as compared to a national average of 3 percent, residents are 11 times more likely to die because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, shelter and housing is particularly important during these coming winter months when people experiencing homelessness in the City are likely to face heightened exposure and dangers from living outdoors, and heightened dangers from the combination of COVID-19, flu outbreak and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It is projected that the City will face an acute shortage of winter homeless shelters through March 2023, with fewer than half the number of shelter sites available as in the winter of 2021-2022 and nearly two-thirds fewer shelter beds; and

WHEREAS, the City's eviction moratorium, which has protected many Angelenos from falling into homelessness, ends concurrently with the end of the City's State of Local Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic on February 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's COVID-19 State of Emergency, which has provided resources to keep many Angelenos from falling into homelessness, ends in February of 2023, thus requiring immediate action in order to create replacement and additional housing and shelter, and in order to support the necessary infrastructure and laws required to protect and provide that shelter and housing; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness suffer disproportionately from mental and physical health ailments, the treatment of which has strained the City's ability to provide appropriate shelter and housing and which require assistance from the County

Health Department to provide the necessary public services. Specifically, it is estimated that 47 percent of unsheltered people in the City of Los Angeles are affected by a health condition, 46 percent are affected by substance abuse, 34 percent are affected by a serious mental illness, 29 percent are affected by physical disabilities, 17 percent are affected by post-traumatic stress disorder, 7 percent are affected by developmental disabilities, and 6 percent are affected by traumatic brain injuries. Recent studies differ on the exact percentages but dramatic increases over time are prevalent in all of the data. The prevalence of extreme need significantly stress the City's public services; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that the State of California has enacted a CARE Court to address the crisis of untreated mental illness, the beds and necessary access to acute and subacute care is in development and steps must be taken in the interim to provide increased access to care; and

WHEREAS, the homelessness crisis has strained the City's public safety resources. Among other things, occurrences of fires related to homelessness have nearly tripled between 2018 and 2021, averaging 24 fires a day in the first quarter of 2021, and now constitute a majority of all fires to which the Los Angeles Fire Department responds; and

WHEREAS, paramedic calls to address the crisis on our streets and in our other public spaces are increasing at alarming rates and unhoused residents are 19 times more likely to require an emergency room transport by paramedics than housed residents; and

WHEREAS, the homelessness crisis confronting Los Angeles has grown both incrementally and exponentially, leading to death, illness, and deplorable living conditions even worse than those that created emergencies due to persistent and worsening conditions from prison overcrowding, deterioration in water quality, or fire risk due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the conditions in December 2022 are even more dire than when Mayor Bradley declared a local emergency due to the upcoming winter weather and its effects on the people experiencing homelessness in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the displacement of the number of people living on the streets of the City of Los Angeles today is a daily recurring emergency, empowering the Mayor to declare a state of emergency, no less than if the emergency was caused by an earthquake, fire, or flood; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of housing units, use mutual aid, and seek assistance and potential reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to this homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, during the pendency of the existence of a local emergency, the Los Angeles City Council shall retain its full authority to consider a variety of City ordinances to codify the measures necessary to address this homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic the City Council created the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap and committed the funding and resources needed to produce 6700 housing options in 18 months; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has 14,475 interim housing beds and the City Council continues to prioritize the building of interim and permanent supporting housing and yet need outpaces demand; and

WHEREAS, the City projects it will soon have a total of 12,908 supportive and affordable units, of which 3,861 have been completed already, 5,171 are currently under construction, and 3,876 are in pre-development; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that Council has been and is acting with urgency, including implementing a roadmap to house thousands of Angelenos and building an unprecedented number of supportive housing units and shelters, an emergency declaration is necessary to mobilize resources, save lives, and provide for the public health, welfare, and safety of all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has responded to the rapid increase in its homeless population with unprecedented investments into homelessness solutions, including a nearly \$1.2 billion commitment in the 2022-2023 City budget for the construction of thousands of units of supportive housing, the expansion of bridge housing, and the hiring of professionals to address the homelessness crisis and, notwithstanding these efforts, the number of those experiencing homelessness in the City continues to increase and outstrip the resources and services that the City has provided; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of loss of life, the persistent and disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the persistent discriminatory impacts of a lack of housing warrant and necessitate that I declare the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of this emergency declaration, coupled with past and future actions by the Los Angeles City Council to address the homelessness crisis, will help ensure that this local emergency will be of a temporary nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby declare the existence of a local emergency and direct all Divisions of the Emergency Operations Organization (EOO) and all other City Departments to take necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety in the City of Los Angeles.

I REQUEST, that the City Council adopt resolutions pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 10.1.1, 10.2.1, 10.5(a)(8), and 10.5.5 to expedite the procurement and contracting process for materials, equipment, and services necessary to respond rapidly to the homelessness crisis.

I DIRECT that, as Director of the EOO, I shall coordinate Citywide planning and response with respect to unsheltered individuals in conjunction with the City Administrative Officer, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Los Angeles City Housing Department, Los Angeles City Planning Department and any and all necessary departments and agencies.

I FURTHER DIRECT that the City coordinate its efforts to address this declared emergency with the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the federal government.

I FURTHER DIRECT, that the continuing state of emergency shall be regularly evaluated, in coordination with City Council, by reference to key performance indicators of progress in addressing the emergency, including, but not limited to:

- Decrease in the number and size of encampments;
- Regulatory relief from other jurisdictions and within Los Angeles City agencies to create flexibility to address the crisis;
- Relaxation in the restraints that limit the ability of the City's proprietary departments to create flexibility to address the crisis;
- Increased housing placements;
- Increased starts on new affordable housing options;
- An increase in temporary and permanent housing units;
- Increased outside aid through access to mental health and substance use beds;
- A decrease in the number of persons being evicted from existing housing units;
- A decrease in the number of persons falling into homelessness.

I FURTHER DIRECT that this Emergency Declaration sunset in six months subject to being renewed. The setting of a specific time frame allows for actions to be taken to make permanent, necessary structural changes.

I FURTHER DIRECT that all relevant City departments and agencies compile and deliver to the Mayor information about the specific and necessary resources and support that the

City should request from Los Angeles County, the State of California and the Federal government to address this crisis.

I THEREFORE DIRECT that the Declaration of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that notice shall be given of said Declaration through the most feasible means.



Karen Bass, MAYOR

Dated: December 12, 2022
at Los Angeles, California
Time: 9:20 a.m.

Filed with the City Clerk
Date: December 12, 2022
Time: 9:25 a.m.
By: Melinda Nava