

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



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**Special Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
6:00pm  
Vermont Square Branch Library  
1201 W. 48th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Meeting will be ONLINE ONLY  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2054518210?omn=85746937966>

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**AGENDA**

*Call to Order*

*Roll Call*

*Present:*

*Absent*

**Action Items**

All items listed are designated for discussion and possible action by the Voices Neighborhood Council. Council items identified as presentations may be proposed for action items identified as presentations may be proposed for action by the Council and will be reflected as such in the meeting minutes.

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1.	0218-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:</b> <b>Public comment will be LIMITED to 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.</b>
2	0218-02	<b>CLIFF - Neighborhood Purpose Grant</b> for Cultural Literacy Intelligence Foundation Federation in the Amount of \$3540. The grant was previously approved by the council but rejected because of an incorrect

		<p>date on the application. This agenda item is to reapprove and submit the grant in the same amount previously approved</p> <p>Member Jason Saunders</p>
3	0218-03	<p><b>Neighborhood Purpose Grant</b> for Cultural Literacy Intelligence Foundation Federation in the Amount of \$1000. The grant was previously approved by the council but rejected because of an incorrect date on the application</p>
4	0218-04	<p><b>Technology equipment purchase.</b> Approve up to \$1,000 of funds to purchase audio, video, and other equipment to run effective and efficient board meetings.</p>
5	0218-05	<p><b>Authorization to change web hosting and email hosting provider. Will run concurrently with existing web hosts up to \$300 per month.</b></p> <p>The neighborhood council should consider changing its website vendor to improve user experience, ensure better functionality, and provide integrated email services. The current website has presented usability challenges, and exploring more user-friendly options could enhance accessibility and communication.</p> <p>The board should consider research and evaluate potential vendors, like GoDaddy and facilitate a possible transition.</p> <p>Member Giovanni Garcia</p>
6	0218-06	<p><b>Community Retreat</b> - Discussion of community building get together. team building, strategizing. . Possible potluck,</p> <p>The neighborhood council may consider organizing a community retreat to foster team building, strategizing, and overall community engagement. This gathering could serve as an opportunity to strengthen relationships, discuss future initiatives, and enhance collaboration among members.</p> <p>Possible activities may include team-building exercises, strategic planning sessions, and informal discussions. A potluck or other communal meal could be incorporated to encourage participation and create a welcoming atmosphere.</p> <p>A discussion will be held to determine interest, potential dates, location, and budget considerations, with any necessary funding coming from the neighborhood council's budget.</p>
7	0218-07	<p><b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b></p>
		<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>

## ADJOURNMENT

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” 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 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 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Council, and given to the first 10 persons who submit Speakers Cards to the Recording Secretary.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

The City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure the Voices Neighborhood Council meetings are collaborative, supportive, and respectful of divergent opinions.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

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- Vermont Square Library, 1201 W. 48th St. Los Angeles, CA 90037
- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)

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If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations. 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. 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. 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.

(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 , 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. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

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#### **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

For information on the Voices NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org).

#### **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION**

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