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**NEIGHBORHOOD
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WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 2/11/25 @ 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Online ONLY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81855966845>

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AGENDA

SB 411 Updates:

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(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 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order by Presiding Officer
- b. Roll Call quorum
- c. **Discussion and possible action** to approve board meeting minutes

II. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Los Angeles Police Department/CSP:
- b. Los Angeles Fire Department:

III. RULES & ELECTIONS, Oscar Rizo

- a. **Discussion and possible action** on WNC board members who are or at risk of being out of compliance.
- b. **Discussion and possible action** on Responsibilities and Conduct as WNC board members.
- c. **Discussion and possible action** on WNC 2025 Elections and Ballot System..
- d. **Discussion and possible action** to approve a WNC Community event for March 29, 2025.
- e. **Discussion and possible action on motion to Censure Watts Neighborhood Council Board**

Member Storm Hopkins:

WHEREAS, the Watts Neighborhood Council (Watts NC) Hosted a Board meeting on September 10, 2024 & October 8, 2024.

WHEREAS, On September 10, 2024 board meeting Storm became disruptive and spoke over other board members. NEA Alfonso Manzo had to repeatedly remind Storm of their code of conduct due to their tone during the discussion. The Chair, Cartashia Perkins, called the Watts NC meeting to order multiple times because of Storm's continuous behavior and outbursts. DONE continued to remind Storm of the code of conduct due to the interruptions, unprofessionalism, and disruption of order.

WHEREAS, Storm ignored DONE's reminders and efforts to call order to the meeting. Due to the numerous failed attempts to move forward with the agenda items, Alfonso Manzo recommended that Chair Cartashia Perkins adjourn the meeting. The September Watts NC meeting ended due to Storm's continued aggressive tone, unwarranted behavior, interruptions, and unprofessionalism.

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2024, during a Watts NC board meeting, Storm continuously interrupted board members, DONE representatives, presenters, and community members while they were talking and/or presenting, disrupting the order of the meeting several times.

WHEREAS, Storm was combative even when their comments were agreed upon, continuing to have rebuttals that delayed the meeting. Storm was condescending and harassing board members, specifically Tenesha Taylor on October 8, 2024.

WHEREAS, Storm called Watts NC Board Member, Tenesha Tayloy and the presenter inappropriate and unprofessional names such as "Sweetie" more than once.

WHEREAS, Tenesha Taylor, Oscar Ruiz, And Elcis Diaz requested STORM to stop their use of the word sweetie, specifically while speaking to women.

WHEREAS, Storm continued to use the term "sweetie" and continued to be hostile, argumentative, and rude to the Watts NC board and stakeholders, blurting out unwarranted comments attacking the Watts NC board.

WHEREAS, these actions directly violated multiple provisions of the Watts NC Bylaws and Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy, specifically:

- Code of Conduct Attachment A, Section 1: Policy on Professionalism and Civility, which mandates that "Neighborhood Council Board Members and Committee Members

IV. BUDGET & FINANCE, Tasha Johnson

- Discussion and possible action** to approve January 2025 MERs.
- Discussion and possible action** to approve NPG grant for Beautify LA for up to \$5000.
- Discussion and possible action** to allocate funds to local nonprofits or schools to help fire victims for up to \$5000.
- Budget Representative Updates.**

V. PRESENTATION - Kedren Children’s Village, Theodora

VI. ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Los Angeles Mayor: Watts Area Representative
- County Supervisors 2:
- Council District 15:
- Assembly District 64:
- Congressional District 44:
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:

VII. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (HACLA):

- HACLA Updates
- Watts Rising Collaboration

VIII. LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD):

LAUSD Representative:

IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT NONAGENDA (2 mins per speaker)

Parliamentarian, Rock Lester

X. WNC COMMUNITY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Area Representatives (5)
- Community Interest Representatives (8)
- At-Large Representatives (2)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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