

WLASNC Board FY 2021-2022

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**WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting -- Agenda
Wed., June 29, 2022 -- 7:00 PM**

Video Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86290121637>

Meeting ID: 862 9012 1637 (and press #)

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE WLASNC MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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Physical: WLANC office - 1645 S. Corinth Ave., West LA (glass door, west side by the ramp)

Website: <https://www.westlasawtelle.org/committees> (click on "Board of Directors")

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- Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required.
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All items on the agenda are subject to discussion, possible action and filing of a Community Impact Statement to the Office of the City Clerk.

1. Call to Order: Board is 15 members, 9 are required for quorum.
2. Administrative: This is a regular meeting, not a special meeting, because it is held at its regularly scheduled time (per DONE's virtual meeting requirements).
 - a. **Minutes: May** meeting - recording:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Q5nQqGvJ0KWHDAMAPa2i0pFqOU43T1leHTWZzdYhtV5ZVrW4RjkCZZpaNQKxfqjb.dBUoJyCDcEnlxOax>
 - b. **MERS: April and May** (Monthly Expenditure Reports).
 - c. **Monthly profile:** Cornerstone training (see Exhibit at end of Agenda).
 - d. **Board seats - Small Business:** Resignation of Diedra Greenway.
 - i. Nominations of candidates: Adriane Ransom.
 - ii. Application: <https://tinyurl.com/bp9sevfk>
 - e. **Legislative updates from DONE:**
 - i. Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hWqWBCnVcBEKsn8AXeXJ9i2g_MbSTjrW
 - f. **Congress of NCs:** Sept. 24, 8:00 to 4:00 pm.
 - i. Info: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>.
3. **General Public Comment:** Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum).
4. **Government/Agency/Community Partner updates:**
 - a. Mayor Eric Garcetti: West Area field deputy - Vivesh Anand.
Vishesh.Anand@LACity.org - (213) 320-8205.
Westside info/events: <https://sites.google.com/lacity.org/westarea/>
 - b. Council District #11-Mike Bonin: Planning Deputy - Jason Douglas, WLA Field Deputy - Gaby Markley.
Jason.Douglas@LACity.org, Gaby.Markley@LACity.org
 - c. Dept. of Transportation-Clare Eberle: Slow Streets update .
 - d. Supervisor District #3-Sheila Kuehl: Field Deputy - Zachary Gaidzek,
ZGaidzik@BOS.LACounty.gov
 - e. State Assembly District #30-Sydney Kamlager: Field Representative - Josef Siroky, Josef.Siroky@Sen.CA.gov
 - f. State Assembly District #54-Isaac Bryan: Field Representative - Michelle Persoff, Michelle.Persoff@ASM.CA.gov
 - g. U.S. House of Representatives-Ted Lieu: Representative - Janet Turner
Janet.Turner@Mail.House.gov
 - h. Police Dept.: Senior Lead Officer James Lavenson - 30627@lapd.online
 - i. Citizens Forestry Advisory Council (Urban Forestry): CD11 representative- Isabelle Duvivier.
 - j. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: John Darnell

John.Darnell@LACity.org

- k. DWP: Deborah Hong - Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com .
- l. Website for affordable units: <https://LAHousing.LACity.org/AAHR>
5. Ex parte communications: J. Ross - conferred with Lara Regus, Abode Housing for scheduling (West LA Commons); Rebecca Rothstein, California Cryobank, for scheduling and outreach; Troy Nakumatsu, Sawtelle Sake, for scheduling; Matthew Hayden, 2450 Barrington Ave., for scheduling.
6. Officer Reports: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.
7. Presentation and possible motion: United to House L.A. Citizens ballot initiative. Savannah Walseth, representative.
 - a. Information:
 - b. <https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/united-to-house-la-los-angeles-housing-homelessness-real-estate-tax-5-million-election-november-ballot-measure>
 - c. [https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/movela/pages/1677/attachments/original/1639683798/United to House L.A. Measure Summary 12.15.21.pdf?1639683798](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/movela/pages/1677/attachments/original/1639683798/United_to_House_L.A._Measure_Summary_12.15.21.pdf?1639683798)
8. West L.A. Commons (civic center / courthouse re-development):
 - a. Case #: City - CPC-2022-3679-DB-VCU-MCUP-SPR-HCA. VTT-83475. ENV-2022-1357-EAF. County - PRJ2022-000303, RPPL2022-000742.
 - b. Motion: The NC requests the following design changes -- 20,000-30,000 sf of parkland shall be added on the south side near the apartments on Iowa Ave. (grass), and a permanent skateboarding facility (permanent ramps, steps, pipes) shall be added onsite, possibly at site of Felicia Mahood Center. Another option is to re-build the skateboard facilities at the Idaho Ave. city parking lot, and to vacate Idaho Ave. to provide more open space.
 - i. The height of the apartment buildings may increase to accommodate units (preferred height increase should be in the buildings in the center or north of project, away from Iowa Ave. apartments).
 - ii. Senior center may be moved and incorporated into the Municipal Building, Courthouse or other new buildings.
 - c. EIR: Comments due on Jun. 30:
 - i. Scoping meeting (Jun. 14):
 1. Presentation: <https://youtu.be/fv0enzMvt8l>.
 2. Public testimony: https://youtu.be/zl2-E_stSuU
 - ii. Info: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/prj2022-000303>
 - d. Planners (for public comment):
 - i. L.A. City: Courtney Shum - Courtney.Shum@LACity.org.
 - ii. L.A.County: Jolee Hui - JHui@Planning.LACounty.gov.
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Planning and Land Use Management (J. Ross, Chair).
 - i. West L.A. Commons: Motion - The NC shall oppose the project as submitted to City and County planning departments (and presented at the town hall meeting on Nov. 9), and requests the following revisions:

1. Reduce the height of south buildings along Iowa Ave. to 4-5 story buildings (can step up to taller buildings in middle or along Santa Monica Blvd.).
2. Include an open space park area of 30,000+ sf on south side (playground equipment, grass) and more green space in general.
- ii. California Cryobank mural (11915 La Grange): Mural on wall on west side of Armacost Ave. - discussion of outreach to neighbors and possible motion.
 1. Representative: Rebecca Rothstein, California Cryobank.
- iii. Sawtelle Sake tasting room (1836 Sawtelle Blvd.): Motion to support submittal of CUB application for sake tasting room.
 1. Representative: Troy Nakumatsu, Sawtelle Sake.
 2. Info: www.SawtelleSake.com .
- iv. West L.A. Community Plan update:
 1. EIR Notice of Preparation will be released in the summer.
 2. A Community Plan Advisory Board will be formed with applications available in the Spring – application due May 30 (35-40 members, including 1 PLUM member for each NC).
Link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgr7uuljOKX1vYe8OEpWEkHLfNk--YHNy7r37Bsqs4Yzksmw/viewform> .
 3. Responses to conceptual land use suggestions will be in the Fall (based on last year's community meetings).
- b. Homeless (J.Handal, Chair).
- c. Outreach (A.Ransom, W.Chiu, Co-Chairs):
 - i. Nomination of member: Kent Kaisaki (neighbor seat).
 - ii. Website updates and posting of documents.
 - iii. Email / paper newsletters.
- d. Budget Advocates (J.Handal, Chair).
 - i. Website: <https://www.BudgetAdvocates.org/reports>
 - ii. Budget Day: Sat., Jun. 18.
- e. DWP: Updates:
 - i. LA Equity 100 program (clean energy).
 - ii. EMF impacts from new high-power lines.
 - iii. Proposal to build new office building on Nebraska Ave.: Original proposal for 60-ft tall building to start CEQA review.
 1. Response to neighbor comments.
- f. Public Safety (R.Migdal, Chair):
 - i. Slow Streets: Update from Clare Eberle (Dept. of Transportation) - our neighborhood streets are scheduled for improvements this summer.
- g. By-Laws (J.Ross, Chair).
- h. Environmental (J.Ross, Chair) - N.C. Sustainability Alliance www.NCSA.LA (Phil Ganchev, representative).

- i. Motion: Oppose CF 21-0002-S106 - city proposal to oppose AB 1401 (allows cities to eliminate parking minimums with ½-mile of high-quality transit stations).
 - ii. Motion: Support for CF 22-0151 - city proposal to prohibit natural gas connections for new residential and commercial buildings, in order to reduce greenhouse emissions [city passed on Jun. 2].
 - iii. Motion: Support for CF 21-1463 - city proposals to study and develop strategies to reduce greenhouse emissions from existing residential and commercial buildings during retrofits.
 - i. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Walton Chiu, Chair).
 - j. NC Elections (J.Ross, Chair):
 - i. Info (NC website-Election folder): <https://tinyurl.com/4m89dnb2>
 - ii. Nominations of members: Jamie Keeton, Adriane Ransom.
 - iii. NC Council Election Information Worksheet due to City Clerk by Aug. 1 (select location and time).
 - iv. Election workshop: Sat., Jul.16.
 - v. Candidate applications enrollment opens: Nov. 26.
 - vi. Election date: Sun., Mar. 26, 2023, time ____ (location: ____).
 - vii. Volunteers needed for Election Day:
 - 1. Greeter: A poll worker who greets voters and assists with managing the queue of voters.
 - 2. Registration Clerk: A poll worker who registers voters according to the eligibility requirements set forth in each NC's Bylaws.
 - 3. VBM Clerk: A poll worker who checks the voter registration against the VBM roster.
 - 4. Ballot Clerk: A poll worker who issues ballots to voters.
 - 5. Provisional Clerk: A poll worker who processes voters who have to cast a provisional ballot.
 - 6. Ballot Box Clerk: A poll worker who ensures that all voted ballots are cast into the ballot box
10. WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils): <https://westsidecouncils.com/>
- a. Homeless Committee (J.Handal, Chair).
 - b. Land Use and Planning Committee (J.Ross, representative).
 - c. Transportation Committee (J.Ross, representative).
11. General Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum).
12. Member announcements.
13. Adjournment.

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- Dropbox:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3zce0mtjhjz9zk0/AADaYoJMX2Sggsc5S1q7wYca/2020/BOARD%20OF%20DIRECTORS/Board%20Meeting%2009.23.20?dl=0&subfolder_nav_tracking=1

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Attendance:

elle NC: Meetin	Regular	Special	Cancelled	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Special	Regular
	<u>11/17/2021</u>	<u>12/8/2021</u>	<u>12/15/2021</u>	<u>1/26/2022</u>	<u>2/23/2022</u>	<u>3/23/2022</u>	<u>4/27/2022</u>	<u>5/25/2022</u>	<u>6/13/2022</u>	<u>6/22/2022</u>
W. Chiu	--	--	--	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M. Rudnick	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO
G. Pindell	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes
A. Ghorbani	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	NO
J. Shigematsu	Yes	Yes	--	NO	NO	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO
T. Temme	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes
E. Zahedani	NO	NO	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	NO
P. Tecon	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	NO
R. Migdal	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A. Ransom	--	--	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J. Handal	Yes	NO	--	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
vacant										
D. Torro	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	NO
J. Ross	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J. Keeton	Yes	Yes	--	NO	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes

#2-D. Monthly profile (June 6):

First Name	Last Name	Board Seat	Ethics Expiration	Funding Expiration	Code of Conduct Expiration
Jean	Shigematsu	At-Large Representative (2023)	12/7/2022	12/3/2022	3/4/2024
Jay	Handal	Large Business Representative (2023)	11/19/2023	8/13/2022	6/23/2022
Jamie	Keeton	Organizational Representative (2023)	6/23/2022	11/10/2022	8/11/2023
Ron	Migdal	At-Large Representative (2023)	10/23/2022	10/23/2022	1/27/2024
Arman	Ghorbani	South East District Representative (2023)		11/29/2022	11/11/2023
Jay	Ross	Organizational Representative (2023)	2/14/2024	10/27/2022	11/2/2023
Pierre	Tecon	At-Large Representative (2023)	11/15/2022	11/7/2022	11/9/2022
Galen	Pindell	South West District Representative (2023)	12/23/2022	12/22/2022	12/22/2022
Mollie	Rudnick	North East District Representative (2023)	3/5/2023	3/4/2023	3/4/2023
Ehsan	Zahedani	At-Large Representative (2023)	12/11/2021	2/23/2024	2/23/2024
Danilo	Torro	Small Business Representative (2023)	10/10/2022	10/5/2022	10/5/2022
Teri	Temme	At-Large Representative (2023)	11/26/2022	2/9/2023	11/26/2022
Adrian	Ransom	At-Large Representative (2023)	3/8/2024	3/7/2024	3/7/2024
Diedra	Greenaway	Small Business Representative (2023)	4/6/2024		4/6/2024
Walton	Chiu	North West District Representative (2023)	3/9/2024	3/7/2024	3/7/2024