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WLASNC Elections
Sunday, March 26 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
West L.A. Civic Center lobby
(See more info below under Election Committee)

**WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting -- Agenda
Wed., Mar. 22, 2023 -- 7:00 PM**

Video Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82474769234> [**NEW VIDEO LINK**]

Meeting ID: 824 7476 9234 (and press #)

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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: Feb. 22 and Mar. 15 meetings:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/i8a3KYhPaA55xcVIMs28tnC4h7zTzh8Rr4FJIB163Fhn48zQjGwoXPlscogP0j_u.GOeyAsq-ZQtVUrat
 - b. MERS: Feb. 2023 (Monthly Expenditure Reports).
 - c. Meetings: In-person meetings for Board and Committees are mandatory after Mar. 30 (Per BONC hearing on Feb. 27 to extend to Mar. 30).
 - i. Format: Hybrid - quorum of 9 members must attend in person (members in excess of quorum may use video – maximum of 6, as long as 9 are in person).
 - ii. Motion: Hold meetings at:
 1. Felicia Mahood Center - 11338 Santa Monica Blvd. Hold April meetings at Mahood Center until ADA certification for Stoner Park.
 2. Stoner Park dance building - 1835 Stoner Ave. (free \$0 because staff already is there). April meeting must start at 7:15 pm because previous use until 7:00 pm. Need ADA review.
 - iii. Motion: The WLASNC allocates up to \$600 for Board and committee meetings to be held at the Felicia Mahood Center through June 2023.
 - iv. Motion: Extend video license for WLASNC to May 2024 (\$200) – ends in May 2023.

- v. Motion: File CIS to support two Council Files, [23-0002-S16](#) and [23-0002-S17](#), which address [Senate Bill 411](#), which would amend the Brown Act and allow Neighborhood Councils to meet virtually without there being a declared emergency.
 - vi. Dept. of Disability: Requested improvements to parking lot and bathrooms at Mahood Center. Requested ADA review of Stoner Park.
 - 1. John Rodriguez John.S.Rodriguez@LACity.org , Luis Mata Luis.Mata@LACity.org, Armando Ruiz Armando.Ruiz@LACity.org
 - d. Motion: Allocate \$200 per month for media (printing, online) for meeting notifications and materials.
 - e. Motion: Request that City purchase/lease new photocopier for NC office.
 - f. In-person meeting will require paperwork, starting in April.
 - g. Motion: Monica Mejia-Lambert to represent NC at SCAG Regional Conference (May 4-5).
 - h. Motion: Monica Mejia-Lambert to represent NC in California Walks (pedestrian and sustainable advocacy group).
 - i. Motion: Appoint representative to Stoner Park Advisory Board.
 - i. Candidates: TBD.
 - j. Monthly profile: Cornerstone training (see Exhibit at end of Agenda).
 - k. Legislative updates from DONE:
 - i. Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hWqWBCnVcBEKsn8AXeXJ9i2g_MbSTjrW
3. General Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum).
 4. Government/Agency/Community Partner updates (contact info at end):
 - a. Website for affordable units: <https://LAHousing.LACity.org/AAHR>
 5. Ex parte communications: J. Ross - Brett Engstrom, LiquorLicense.com, Gelson's market; Randy Sakamoto, Japan Institute of Sawtelle.
 6. Officer Reports: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.
 7. Review of Resolution (May 12, 201): Solutions for homelessness, poverty and lack of affordable housing (see Exhibit at end of Agenda).
 - a. Supply side: More funding for housing, physiological/mental health services, education.
 - b. Demand side: Higher wages, more equal distribution of wealth, more jobs.
 - c. Better governance focused on issues and solutions.
 8. Slow streets: Publicize street improvements including roundabouts installed in mid-February (see Exhibit at end of Agenda).
 9. Discussion and possible motion: New West Charter School - possible violations of CUP for operations (vehicle pickup and dropoff), possible request for LAPD Traffic Patrol enforcement, possible request to CD11 and Planning Dept. to review CUP / Conditions of Approval.
 - a. Representative: Mark Herrera.
 10. 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. City and County will determine by February 2023 if they will enact design changes requested in NC resolution of June 29 (public park with grass and playground, and permanent skateboard facility).
- c. CD11 motion to create public amenities at Idaho Ave. parking lot.
- d. Info: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/prj2022-000303>
- e. EIR: Scoping meeting (Jun. 14):
 - i. Presentation: <https://youtu.be/fv0enzMvt8I>.
 - ii. Public testimony: https://youtu.be/zl2-E_stSuU
- f. Planners (for public comment):
 - i. L.A. City: Polonia Majas, Milena Zasadzien, Alan Como – Milena.Zasadzien@LACity.org Polonia.Majas@LACity.org
 - ii. L.A.County: Jolee Hui - JHui@Planning.LACounty.gov.

11. Committee Reports:

- a. Planning and Land Use Management (J. Ross, Chair).
 - i. Gelson’s Market: Motion about CUB for alcohol at market at WestEdge project (old Martin Cadillac).
 - ii. Japan Institute of Sawtelle: Motion about discretionary request for renovations.
 - iii. Motion: The NC requests that the City postpone the Housing Element’s proposed upzoning of our neighborhood until the zoning capacity is fully disclosed. Request that City use the State HCD handbook criteria that advocate fair housing and social justice goals, instead of the City’s current criteria, if upzonings are determined to be needed. Request that the City collaborate with the NC to analyze local demographics, and create a better upzoning (if warranted) that complies with fair housing and social justice goals. Request that city channel zoning to NC’s list of parcels on commercial corridors and adjacent to 405 freeway (13,000 units, 27,000 persons).
 - iv. West L.A. Community Plan update:
 - 1. Responses to conceptual land use suggestions will be in the Fall (based on last year’s community meetings).
 - 2. Info: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-update/planning-westside#home>
- b. Homeless (J.Handal, Chair).
- c. Outreach and Communications (W.Chiu, Chair):
 - i. DONE website with marketing/ outreach/ campaign info and how to get involved in the NC: www.99NCs.com .
- d. Budget Advocates (J.Handal, Chair).
 - i. Budget Day: Jun. 17.
 - ii. Website: <https://www.BudgetAdvocates.org/reports>
- 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.

- f. Public Safety (R.Migdal, Chair).
 - i. Motion: Request that DOT assess the Santa Monica/ Bundy/ Ohio intersection to improve traffic safety.
- g. By-Laws (J.Ross, Chair): No update.
- h. Environmental (J.Ross, Chair) - N.C. Sustainability Alliance www.NCSA.LA (Phil Ganchev, representative):
- i. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Monica Mejia-Lambert, Chair):
 - i. DEI to host the Japanese-American seniors advocacy group, Save Our Seniors Network's town hall meeting at Stoner Recreation Center on Sun., April 23 (Approved at Mar. 15 special meeting).
 - 1. JH submitted MM's event packet/budget request to City Clerk on Mar. 16.
 - 2. Motion: The WLASNC moves to allocate up to \$400 for a senior event to be held at Stoner Recreation Park on Apr. 23, in accordance with the event packet and budget as submitted.
 - ii. Presentation: Impact of Housing Elements (D.Sanchez).
 - iii. Motion: The NC shall host a Legislative and Data Workshop on the Housing Element Update led by Professor David Sanchez, prior to deliberating on City zoning policies, so that Board members and stakeholders can learn about the impact of the state laws passed since the previous cycle.
 - 1. These new state housing laws:
 - a. Impact the process by which the City will account for and the State will evaluate the Element's outcomes.
 - b. Detail data and disclosure obligations of the City and their impact on municipal funding.
 - c. Integrate civil rights and environmental justice.
 - d. Extend the City's zoning deadline until 2025.
- j. NC Elections (J.Ross, Chair):
 - i. NC website-Election folder: <https://tinyurl.com/4m89dnb2>
 - ii. City clerk: Naima Pulliam, Election Division (213) 978-0444.
 - 1. Email: Clerk.ElectionsNC@LACity.org
 - 2. Website: clerk.lacity.org/ncelections
 - iii. Candidates: <https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/nccandidates>
 - 1. Northwest (1 seat): Walton Chiu.
 - 2. Northeast (1 seat): Eric Nam, Kent Kaisaki, David Sanchez.
 - 3. Southeast (1 seat): David Swartz.
 - 4. Southwest (1 seat): Alexandra Polin.
 - 5. Large Business (1 seat): Jay Handal.
 - 6. Small Business (2 seats): Vince Peagler, Adriane Ransom, Danilo Torro.
 - 7. Organization (2 seats): James Altuner, J. Ross.
 - 8. At-Large (6 seats): Lacy Stine, Alexandra Caryotakis, Isaac Regev, Victor Pacheco, Pierre Tecon, Monica Mejia-Lambert, Ron Migdal.

- a. I.Regev notified Clerk of withdrawal on Feb. 22, but past deadline to remove name from ballot.
 - iv. Mail-in ballots: Request via Angeleno Account at <https://angeleno.lacity.org/> (deadline past).
 - v. Webinars for campaigning: Mar. 18.
 - 1. RSVP: www.tiny.cc/CandidateSessions or <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/empowerla-11891498859>
 - vi. Candidate forum: Mon., March 20, 7:00 pm (via video).
 - vii. DONE website with campaign info and how to run for the NC: www.99NCs.com .
 - viii. Election date: Sun., Mar. 26, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (WLA Municipal Building).
 - ix. Poll workers needed for Election Day (paid positions by City Clerk).
 - 1. Application: <https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections/2023-nc-election-resources>
 - x. New Board will be seated on Jul. 1, with new officers and new committee member elections (after all NC elections are completed).
12. WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils): <https://westsidecouncils.com/>
- a. Homeless Committee (J.Handal, Chair).
 - b. Land Use and Planning Committee (J.Ross, representative).
 - i. Motion: Motion: The ____ NC/CC insists, on behalf of the stakeholders it represents, that prior to the completion of Community Plan updates the City inform communities of the methodology by which they determine the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of Housing Element.
 - ii. These include, for each Community Plan and Community or Neighborhood Council area:
 - A) Current zoning capacity (including existing density bonuses & commercial zones that allow residential uses) and reasonably expected population change.
 - B) The methodology which will be used to allocate RHNA growth numbers.
 - C) RHNA allocation of units in each community.
 - iii. We also urge the Planning Department to thoughtfully consider the input (submitted by previous written comment or imparted in real time) of Neighborhood and Community Councils as well as stakeholders that come together for the purpose of contributing to the community plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions. This essential input must be implemented by Planning staff, and the contributions reflected by being substantively included in the outcome/drafting of revised Community Plans. We urge that a report back mechanism be implemented by planning staff, in order to inform communities of where and how their input has been received and incorporated into the final drafting process.

- iv. We'd like to understand the role of the Westside Community Plan Advisory Group (WCPAG) and to be assured that their voice will not outweigh that of local stakeholders (LUPC approved).
 - c. Transportation Committee (J.Ross, representative).
 - d. Public Safety (Ron Migdal, representative).
13. General Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum).
14. Member announcements.
15. Adjournment.

Government/agency partners:

- a. Mayor Karen Bass: West Area field deputy - Lisa Payne. Lisa.Payne@LACity.org - (213) 320-8205.
Westside info/events: <https://sites.google.com/lacity.org/westarea/>
- b. Council District #11: Traci Park - Traci.Park@LACity.org WLA Field Deputy - Michael Amster Michael.Amster@LACity.org Gabriela Medina Gabriela.Medina@LACity.org .
- c. Transportation-Claire Eberle: Slow Streets Claire.Eberle@LACity.org .
- d. Supervisor District #3-Lindsay Horvath: Field Deputy - TBD ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov Zachary Gaidzik ZGaidzik@LACounty.gov
- e. State Assembly District #30-Sydney Kamlager: Field Representative – TBD.
- 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 - Karen Calderon Karen.Calderon@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. Stoner Park: Adria Deliberto, Director rap.stonerrc@lacity.org .
- l. DWP: Deborah Hong - Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com .

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Attendance: 13 of 15 members attended the Feb. meeting.

	Regular	Special	Regular	Special	Regular	Special	Regular	Special	Regular	Special	Regular	Special	Regular	Special	Regular	Special
West L.A. Sawtelle N.C. Meeting Attendance	3/23/2022	4/27/2022	5/25/2022	6/13/2022	6/22/2022	6/29/2022	7/27/2022	8/24/2022	9/28/2022	10/10/2022	11/30/2022	1/25/2023	2/22/2023			
W. Chiu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
D. Sanchez																
G. Pindell	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO			
D. Swartz																
A. Pollin																
T. Temme	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
E. Zahedani	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	NO	NO	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	NO	NO			
P. Tecon	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes			
R. Migdal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
A. Ransom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
J. Handal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
M. Mejia																
D. Torro	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	NO	NO	NO	Yes	NO	NO	NO	NO	Yes			
J. Ross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
J. Keeton	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
									no quorum							

#2-D. Monthly profile (Feb. 3, need March): Status of Boardmember trainings

2/10/2023: D.Swartz completed required Code of Conduct training.

2/23/2023: Ron completed trainings (3/9 Ethics completed).

First Name	Last Name	Board Seat	Ethics Expiration (Expires every 2 years)	Funding Expiration (Expires every 2 years)	Code of Conduct Expiration (Expires every 2 years)
Jay	Handal	Large Business Representative (2023)	11/19/2023	8/1/2024	6/27/2024
Jamie	Keeton	Organizational Representative (2023)	6/27/2024	11/8/2024	8/11/2023
Ron	Migdal	At-Large Representative (2023)	10/23/2022	10/10/2024	1/27/2024
Jay	Ross	Organizational Representative (2023)	2/14/2024	10/7/2024	11/2/2023
Pierre	Tecon	At-Large Representative (2023)	12/23/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024
Galen	Pindell	South West District Representative (2023)	12/23/2022	12/22/2022	12/22/2022
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	12/2/2024
Alexandra	Polin	At-Large Representative (2023)	11/7/2024	11/7/2024	11/7/2024
Teri	Temme	At-Large Representative (2023)	10/15/2024	1/16/2025	10/10/2024
David	Swartz	South East District Representative (2023)			
Adriane	Ransom	Small Business Representative (2023)	3/8/2024	3/7/2024	3/7/2024
Walton	Chiu	North West District Representative (2023)	3/9/2024	3/7/2024	3/7/2024
Monica	Mejia-Lambert	At-Large Representative (2023)	9/7/2024	8/25/2024	9/6/2024
David	Sanchez	North East District Representative (2023)	11/15/2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024

Item #7: Resolution on homelessness, poverty and housing crisis (May 2021)

City: Mayor, CD11

Re: Solutions to affordable housing and sustainability

To the City,

At the May 12, 2021, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 9-0-0, to advocate for the following policies to increase affordable housing, improve the environment, reduce government corruption, and reduce poverty, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

1. Good planning:
 - a. Adaptive re-use shall be promoted (instead of more expensive and more damaging demolition), especially big box and commercial / office.
 - i. This construction is better for the environment than demolition and new construction, and can be quicker and cheaper.
 - b. Single-family housing shall be protected. Subdivisions of single-family lots shall be prohibited.
 - i. Sufficient zoning capacity already exists in Los Angeles for 9,000,000, so upzoning is not needed to increase density. Density can increase in limited areas, such as transit / commercial corridors.
 - c. Existing neighborhoods shall be protected.
 - i. Taller buildings on corridors shall respect the neighboring homes behind them, including green/tree buffers, setbacks and stepbacks, and breaks in the buildings (not monolithic cubes).
 - d. Housing shall be developed on the numerous parking lots, empty big boxes and transit corridors with short buildings that are available.
 - i. Downtowns should have taller residential buildings, because of their location near jobs and transit.
 - e. ADUs shall be of limited sizes (i.e. 700 sf).
 - i. This will produce smaller housing, which is more affordable, and prevent 3-story full-size houses to qualify as ADUs.
 - f. Modular shall be developed, which is faster and cheaper (but also smaller with fewer amenities).
 - g. Municipalities shall be penalized for failure to meet RHNA standards (especially affordable) – loss of State transportation funding, lawsuit by Attorney General.
 - i. If cities must subsidize affordable housing, then they must generate funds to do so, instead of saying “it’s developers’ responsibility, it’s not ours.”
2. Reduce poverty:
 - a. Industrial zoning shall be preserved to allow for good jobs close to residents.
 - b. Healthcare funding shall be increased.
 - i. Prevent medical bankruptcies, which creates much poverty and and homelessness. Preventative medicine is cheaper than emergency treatment later in taxpayer-funded emergency rooms.

- c. Education funding shall be increased.
 - i. Best solution to increase income and move the most persons out of poverty.
 - d. Policies that increase the middle class shall be enacted – no tax cuts for corporations and the rich, close corporate loopholes, and strengthen unions.
3. Public safety: Development shall be limited in high-fire zones and sea-level rise zones.
 4. Sustainability:
 - a. Tree requirements shall be increased for all parcels, including downtown commercial areas.
 - b. LEED Gold and solar panels shall be required for all new buildings.
 5. Good government: The State’s gut and amend process shall be eliminated, and local hearings shall be required for State-level laws that legislate local zoning.
 - a. This process allows legislators to introduce bills sponsored by special interests without public notice and transparency.

Facts and background:

1. The high cost of new affordable housing is due to stricter LEED and green standards, and prevailing wages paid to contractors. The cost can be reduced by eliminating these requirements. But the trade-off is that middle class/ blue collar workers will be paid less, and the new housing will cost more in the long run and be less resilient and sustainable.
2. A single \$1 billion housing bond (Prop. HHH) is insufficient. The city’s residents needed to approve 3-4 similar bonds during the past decade to prevent homelessness from mushrooming, but didn’t.
3. 1-2 affordable housing projects in a neighborhood is insufficient. The city’s residents needed to fund and approve 3-4 other projects during the past decade, but didn’t.
4. 1 bridge housing project in a council district is insufficient. The city’s residents needed to fund and approve 1-2 other projects during the past decade, but didn’t.

Findings and justifications:

1. A grand compromise is required that addresses housing, climate change and increased income. Pinpricks and isolated policies will not cure the larger, underlying issues that produce poverty and homelessness. All of these issues must be advocated together.
2. A dispersed approach is ineffective in order to address housing, climate change, sustainability and quality of life. A global, all-encompassing approach that addresses population projections, housing density, quality of life, sustainability historical preservation, equity, and economic opportunities shall be considered, and advocated together. You can’t pick and choose, and ignore ones that you don’t like.
3. Housing should not be legislated separately without incorporating climate change and poverty.
4. The best solution to cure affordable housing is to increase incomes of poor people. This is done by increasing funding for education, increasing funding for healthcare, and strengthening unions – all of these have been cut the last 40 years.
5. Corporate taxes make up 7% of government funding, down from 35% in the past. The 50 top corporations pay no income taxes.
6. The middle class has decreased from 60% to 49% since 1980.

7. Failure to decrease the global warming will cost more than “jobs will be lost” – sea level rise will destroy property (increased cost of land), the huge cost of fighting fires (increased state budgets and taxes), decreased agricultural productivity (less food), decreased fish in the ocean (less food), groundwater depletion (less water), and lost productivity (economic losses) from traffic jams.

Item #9: Slow Streets – LADOT newsletter

Updated Slow Streets Treatments Make Their Way To Sawtelle

Newly updated slow streets treatments are now installed in the Sawtelle neighborhood. This is all a part of Phase 2 of our Slow streets program update. Recently our crews added brand new signs along various neighborhood streets in Sawtelle. They are comprised of sturdier and more durable design treatments such as traffic circles, centerline gateways, and signage to calm traffic within neighborhoods.



The Slow Streets L.A. program was launched as a COVID-19 program to calm traffic on residential streets. The goal was to create space for neighbors to remain physically active while socially distant, in response to the closure of parks, gyms, trails, and other venues for recreation and exercise during the pandemic.

Due to the popularity of the program, we are transitioning existing slow streets networks to a more long-term program that incorporates best practices learned from the L.A. Slow Streets program.