

SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION COMMITTEE
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DEI PUBLIC MEETING (REVISED DEI AGENDA FOR JOINT PLUM AND BOARD MEETING)

TUESDAY 06.20.2023 7:20 PM – 9:45 PM

In-Person: Stoner Park small gym (south of main building) – 1845 Stoner Ave.
West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025

Join Online or By Telephone

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81811639087>

Meeting ID: 818 1163 9087 (and press #)

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DEI COMMITTEE: AGENDA AMENDMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Call to order
2. Attendance
3. **NOTE TAKER/SECRETARY (recorded meeting)**

PUBLIC COMMENT [NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS, 1 minute MAX/SPEAKER]††

AGENDA**

1. **Civil Conduct Values Motion:** That the board establish a set of Community Civility Values, adopt the posited statements below as part of these Values, and issue the subsequent apology.
The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee posits the following:
 - That microaggressions may be defined as a "brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, and environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative slights or insults" (Sue et al, 2007),
 - That microaggressions may appear to be a compliment but contain an implied insult to the target groups in which it was delivered. People who engage in microaggressions can be ordinary folks who experience themselves as good, moral, decent, individuals (Sue in Wiley, 2014),
 - That microaggressions may occur outside the level of conscious awareness (Sue in Wiley, 2014),

- That microaggressions, subsuming assaults, insults, and invalidations, represent a continuum from deliberate and overt to implicit and surreptitious,
- That because microaggressions are cumulative phenomena, in the aggregate they are capable of delivering a macro and systemic impact that silences individuals and/or groups,
- That because microaggressions individually may transpire without acknowledgement and conscious recognition, this systematic impact can have its unrecognized effect even in communities that hold egalitarian values,
- That because of their potential for unperceived and systematic impact, microaggressions represent one of the gravest threats to diverse voices, especially those relaying unpopular perspectives, and
- That awareness that makes possible the tolerance of diverse opinions strengthens communities.

In light of:

- A formal complaint from a long-standing female stakeholder of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council for having been verbally uncivilly silenced on three occasions at Board and Committee meetings, followed by her resignation from her incredible years-long contribution to the Communications Committee,
- A formal complaint from a long-standing female stakeholder of Asian descent of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council for having been verbally uncivilly silenced at Board meeting during Asian-American, Pacific-Islander month,
- The fact that in order to grow as a community body, areas of deficiency must be acknowledged,

the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee apologizes to these women and to the community at-large for having failed in its duty to ensure an equitable atmosphere for all voices and renews its commitment to raising awareness of unconscious, biased behavior and environments. We will continue to strive towards providing a forum where all voices may be heard and where as a community we vigilantly and compassionately look after our own blind spots.

2. **Community-Led Development Grant Support Letters:** That the WLASNC Board motion Council District 11 and County District 3 to pursue and support Sawtelle applicants and partners in grant funding for community-led affordable housing including land assembly, ground leasing, culturally-specific special-needs supportive services, eldercare, and housing/land trust models, as well as authorize the Chair to submit letters of support for REAP 2.0.
3. **Motion:** The DEI Committee voted, X-X-X to recommend that the Board request the following revisions to the West LA Community Plan Update's proposed Commercial Zoning Standards, and authorize the Chair to submit a Community Impact Statement:
 - 3.1. Identify and rank all Sawtelle streets based on width, traffic volume, and number of trees;
 - 3.2. Direct density to broader, more highly trafficked streets, with fewer or no pre-existing trees;
 - 3.3. Expand mixed-use zoning in areas adjacent to light and hybrid-industrial zones, within the TOC, and along rapid bus lines to create walkable neighborhoods and reducing personal vehicular trips;
 - 3.4. Provide density bonuses for meaningful open space;
 - 3.5. Provide permit streamlining for net-zero carbon projects;
 - 3.6. Provide permit streamlining for lower carbon footprint construction methods;
 - 3.7. Provide a map overlay of historically and culturally significant sites in Sawtelle specifically in WLA 7, 8, 9, 39, and 44;
 - 3.8. That City Planning collaborate to draft a specific-plan for historically and culturally significant areas in Sawtelle Japantown to maintain its community identity;
 - 3.9. Prioritize a feasibility analysis for the Senior Care Facilities segment of the new Zoning Codes' Public Benefits Systems - General Incentives Program and a by-right zoning and permit-streamlining overlay.

4. **Motion:** That the WLASNC endorse Ted Lieu's and Judy Chu's call for an investigation into the COVID-related deaths at Kei Ai Los Angeles and authorizes the Chair to issue an endorsement letter for Save Our Seniors Network.
5. **Motion:** That the CD 11 explore innovative Barrington Plaza relocation plans that are equitable.
6. **Motion:** To pursue educational and daycare center grants for Sawtelle and authorizes the Chair to issue letters of support for partners and applicants.
7. **Housing Element, Community Plan Update, Draft-GPLU Rezoning Motion:**

With regards to the Community Plan Update's draft GPLU that will fulfill the Housing Element by eliminating virtually all single-family home (SFH) zoning in Sawtelle, the DEI Committee motions the NC to propose, in addition to the PLUM Committee's recommended resolution, a back-up request to the City to preserve R1/R2 areas that have retained their SFH-character by redirecting that density to R1/R2 areas whose single-family-home character/use has already been harmed as a result of the negative impacts of rezoning and/or development including, but not limited to, blocks already adjacent to incentive-densified multifamily, industrial, or commercial zoning, as well as blocks on or adjacent to high-speed streets and by re-evaluating the consistency of the Expo-Transit Neighborhood Plan west of South Bundy Drive (e.g. 2300 Wellesley PLUM 2019) and authorizes the Chair to submit a community impact statement.

Rationales

This approach:

- allows the City to preserve as many SFH properties as possible, while still helping properties already harmed by rezoning;
- instructs the City to engage in more efficient rezoning by first identifying and correcting inconsistencies, including in areas adjacent to the delineated CPU sub-areas, as a means of fulfilling the Housing Element's Fair Share as opposed to thoughtless over-zoning that would result in piecemeal development, which would impact all SFHs;
- complies with "no-net loss" principles that enables the City to respond to the community's desire to maintain SFH housing in Sawtelle without requiring a redistribution of the area's Housing Element Fair Share to other parts of the City that would be equally resistant to such a change;
- accounts for the City's ill-disposition to foregoing higher potential tax revenue from commercially zoned sites;
- acknowledges that the legal complexities the City would encounter in rezoning commercial properties for residential use, would reduce the likelihood of development so as to make no significant contribution to realistic zoning capacity, as per AB 1397;
- provides the economies of scale necessary for incentivizing costlier community needs such as low-income, supportive housing for the elderly and disabled;
- facilitates the viability of greater percentages of affordable housing per development thereby reducing the number of developments necessary to meet the City's Fair Share;
- protects our community from the *complete* loss of single-family-home zoning by serving as a "back-stop, back-up" plan in case the City were to decline consideration of the NC's primary recommendation; and
- ensures the stability of State and Federal funding for the City of Los Angeles by providing a recommendation that does not jeopardize the State's certification of the LA Housing Element.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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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.

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