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Beautification Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 6:30PM

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- The public is requested to dial *9 if participating by phone or “Raise Hand” if participating by computer, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the NB Committee 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 Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period.
- Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comments period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee or Board meeting.
- Public comment is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per speaker per item with a maximum of 10 minutes total per meeting, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

- Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration.

AB 361 Update

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Chair: Myrra Bolla

Board Members of Neighborhood Beatification Committee: Kathy Schreiner, David Harari, Danielle Rouillard

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| 1. Welcome, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance | Chair Myrra Bolla |
| 2. Approval of March and June 2022 Minutes | Chair Myrra Bolla |
| 3. Presentation on 311 LA City Services | 311 Director Donna Arrechea |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview of Los Angeles 311 Non-emergency Services b. MyLA 311 mobile app features and website c. Kind of intake services handled (potholes, nonworking streetlights, trash collection, or dumping) d. Information about other LA city services e. Q&A | |
| 4. Discussion and Actions on Informing Van Nuys Communities About 311 Services | Chair Myrra Bolla |
| 5. Proposed Action by Palms Neighborhood Council to Require the city to Prioritize Planting of Native Trees and Plants. | VP Kathy Schreiner |

To send the following letter in support of planting native trees in Palms to Rachel Malarich, Hector Banuelos, and Stephen Duprey at Urban Forestry, David Miranda, and Councilmembers Martinez, Krekorian, and Raman:

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species, and

Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the

heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting nonnative landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council.

6. **General Public Comment** on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder) A stakeholder who wishes to provide public comment may indicate to the Chair before providing public comment whether they wish to provide one minute or two minutes of public comment.

7. Adjournment

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Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

We pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride.

I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own.

I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion.

I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it.

To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles,

I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.