



**Winnetka Neighborhood Council  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 6:30 PM**



**Best Western Hotel – Winnetka Convention Center**  
20122 Vanowen St. Winnetka, CA 91306  
(Located in the Winnetka Bowl, ground floor of hotel)

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**The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting, or per the following:

[1] emailing [mihran@winnetkanc.com](mailto:mihran@winnetkanc.com), [2] by clicking the 'raise hand' button via Zoom during the period allotted for public comment, or [3] by dialing \*9 (if joining the meeting via telephone) to 'raise hand' during the period allotted for public comment when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard when the respective item is being considered.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. AB 361 UPDATES: 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.

**PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS**

The agenda for a regular or special meeting is posted for public review within Winnetka, 91306, at the following location: Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at [www.winnetkanc.com](http://www.winnetkanc.com). Additionally, supporting documents distributed to Board Members pertaining to Agenda Items will be posted for Download as well. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City’s Early Notification System at the website: <https://www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils>

- 1) **GENERAL WELCOME** [5 min]
- 2) **CONVENE MEETING and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [1 min]
- 3) **BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL** [2 min]

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Oct 13†</b>	<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>Feb 8†</b>	<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 16†</b>	<b>Jun 13</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>Sep 12</b>
Ajantha Sriramy	A	A	A	X	X	X	X	L	X	V	X	A	A	A	X
David Uebersax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X
Erick Lace	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
Samantha Ludwig	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X
Jonathan Vickburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	E
Victor Lerma	L	L	X	A	L	A	L	L	X	X	A	X	X	E	X
Mikhail Maniyan	X	A	X	A	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
Elizabeth Chapman	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judith Giglio	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X	V	V	A	X	X	/	X
Holden Tsao	/	/	/	/	X	X	A	X	LE	X	X	A	X	X	X
Mihran Kalaydjian	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	X
Janet Burt	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	E
Roy Hadavi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	E
Robert Stewart	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	X
David Bassani															LE

**X/V = Present/Virtual, A = Absent, E = Excused, /=Not on the Board at this time, L = Late, LE = Left early, †=Special Meeting**

- 1) **Secretary:** Approval of Minutes: We will review and approve the Minutes as available.  
A Motion to approve minutes for Board Meeting – September 12, 2023 (WNC-2023-0912-4A)  
**Roll Call Vote –**
- 2) **Our Special Guest Speaker is our Councilman Bob Blumenfield.** The Councilmen will be addressing the aforementioned topics for around 15 minutes, followed by a Q&A from the Board and general public.

**3) GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

A Updates/reports from officials/representatives of the offices of Mayor Bass, City Council District 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, State Senator Caroline Menjivar, State Assembly Jesse Gabriel, US Congressman Brad Sherman, LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, LAUSD Board Members Scott Schmerelson and/or Nick Melvoin, LAPD and/or CPAB, LAFD, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA), other local, state, or federal agencies.

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT**: Comments from the public on any items not specifically listed on this agenda. Board Members should not address or discuss these comments other than to direct matters to the appropriate Winnetka NC committee or other agency. [2 min each]

4) **TREASURER'S Action Item's** (Ludwig)

A Motion to approve September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report and authorize the Treasurer to submit the report to the City Clerk. (WNC- 2023-0912-A8)

5) Discussion about our board members' attendance at regularly scheduled board meetings.  
(Maniyan Parliamentarian) 5 Minutes

**Section 7. Absences** – Any Board member with three (3) or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings during any twelve (12) month period will be considered for removal from the Board. Each Regular Board meeting that is properly scheduled and noticed, in accordance with the Brown Act, shall constitute a “meeting” for the purpose of determining Board member attendance.

6) Officer Reports (3 minutes)

**President – Mihran Kalaydjian**  
**Vice President – Erick Lace**  
**Treasurer – Samantha Ludwig**  
**Parliamentarian – Mikhail Maniyan**  
**Secretary - Elizabeth Chapman**

### **Funding Agenda Items:**

- 7) Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of 500 business cards for each of 15 board members from ABC Printing & Graphics in an amount up to \$574.88. (M Kalaydjian)
- 8) Discussion and possible action to approve renting a size 2-S (5" x 5.5") post office box at Winnetka Post Office for WNC mail in an amount up to \$350 (including key deposit) for 12 months. (Kalaydjian)
- 9) Discussion and possible action on approving up to \$5,000 This grant would help SOLID renovate and furnish this area for the purpose of providing a meeting room for the community volunteers now serving the LAPD Devonshire Station. (Public Safety – Vickburg) (WNC-2023-101223-09).

### **Community Impact Statement (CIS):**

- 10) Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a CIS to support Council File 23-0359 to study a potential Democracy Vouchers Program to benefit local voters regarding local elections, and to give local community members a greater voice when it comes to representative issues in the City of Los Angeles. (Kalaydjian) Council File 23-0359

### **CIS Summary:**

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports Council File 23-0359 and the effort to direct the City's Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Ethics Commission, to report back on the feasibility of establishing a democracy vouchers program, including options to achieve full public financing of campaigns, in Los Angeles City.

Low income Angelenos and communities of color are often left out of our campaign finance system, which requires disposable income in order to participate.

A democracy vouchers program would empower all Angelenos, regardless of income or background, to have the opportunity to contribute to local campaigns, ensuring that donors, candidates, and officeholders are more representative of the electorate.

A similar program has been in place in Seattle since 2015, resulting in an expanded donor pool that is similar to voters in terms of age, income, and race, a larger and more diverse candidate pool, and increased levels of civic participation, especially among low-propensity voters.

To ensure our city government is representative of Los Angeles, we encourage the Council to research options for expanding our campaign finance and empowering more Angelenos to participate in our democracy.

- 11) Motion / Discussion / Possible Action to approve submitting a CIS statement to Council File 22—0392 regarding Los Angeles Metro's Transportation Communications Network. (Uebersax & Kalaydjian)**

### **CIS Summary:**

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council opposes Metro's immediate, untimely, and overly rushed Transportation Communications Network project, which incorporates digital signs, and asks that the City Council engages in a full and transparent outreach and public review process.

The proposed Transportation Communication Network (TCN) (Council File 22-0392) ordinance will allow Metro to erect up to 86 digital billboards on Metro owned property, approximately 50-foot long electronic, moving image billboards with up to 51,000 square feet of display area with an estimated income of \$15 million to \$25 million per year that will be split evenly with Metro and the City of Los Angeles (Metro's annual budget is \$9 billion dollars, LA City's budget is \$43 billion).

These billboards will be along freeways and surface streets. For little financial gain from the TNC, the citizens will suffer unnecessary visual blight and unsafe driver distraction.

Therefore, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the LA City Planning Department's ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow Metro to implement a Transportation Communication Network (TCN) (CF 22-0392).

- 12) Motion / Discussion / Possible Action to approve submitting a CIS statement to Council File 22-1232 regarding Charter Reform / Ethics Commission / Powers and Responsibilities / Ballot Measure. (Uebersax & Kalaydjian)**

**Below is a draft of CIS to be submitted:**

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports the recommended changes to the charter if amended. Our City's ethics commission was a model for the nation when it was created over three decades ago, and an update is long overdue.

We urge the city to do the work necessary to finalize a proposal for a future ballot. However, rushing this work and waiving it out of committee is patently unacceptable as an answer to the ever-evolving scandal at City Hall. This work cannot be done as an election stunt or for good press. It deserves a full and fair hearing in committee with robust discussion.

The Ethics Commission's recommendations would largely reflect input received on how to empower the body to enforce the law, meaningfully change policy, and would change power dynamics at city hall. However, they fail to equally enhance the independence of the commission. This could give rise to elected officials strong arming commissioners and meddling with the enforcement actions and policy proposals they carry out.

We recommend the following specific amendments:

- Independent Appointment:

The City of LA will not have a truly independent ethics commission until it ends the involvement of elected officials in the appointment process. The incumbent commissioners should be responsible for accepting and vetting applications through a public process like the Oakland and Long Beach Ethics Commissions.

Eligibility Requirements: The commission proposes adding restrictions excluding any bidder, contractor, developer, or someone with a direct financial interest in the work of the city from service on the commission. These restrictions are warranted but incomplete. We also recommend excluding anyone who is a recent candidate for the city of LA, former elected officials in the city of LA, and anyone who has donated or raised above a certain threshold for local candidates.

- Raise the vote threshold for removal of a commissioner: The commission recommends increasing the number of elected officials who may initiate removal and reduce the threshold to a majority vote. We recommend requiring a 2/3rds vote for all removal proceedings of ethics commissioners.
- Raise minimum budget: The commission recommends their budget be set at \$4.5 million and tied to CPI. While this would protect against retaliation or defunding during a financial crunch, this essentially freezes the status quo into the charter. \$4.5 million is a few hundred thousand above the commission's current budget. The recommendations include new expenditures, like outside counsel, which will require more money. If the Council is expanded, ethics will require more money. A minimum budget in the range of \$7-10 million would give the commission the resources needed to fulfill its broad sweeping mandate. These reforms would ensure the commission is sufficiently independent enough to be entrusted with the expanded power offered.

**13) Discussion and Possible Action with regards to a Community Impact Statement to request more time in order to have the applicant of the following project and/or impacted stakeholders present for PLUM Committee and WNC Board meetings to be scheduled: (Uebersax)**

8217 N WINNETKA AVE - DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS; NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

- ADM-2023-4274-DB-VHCA-ED1 <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4Mjgz0>
  - ◇ [New construction of a 7-story, 360 unit 100% affordable residential housing project with 269 parking stalls and 236,181 sf \(FAR/R FAR\). Project provides 80% Low Income and 20% Moderate Income, and therefore qualifies for ED 1 processing.](#)
- ENV-2023-5358-EAF <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY5Mzk50>

- **CPC-2023-4274-DB-PHP-VHCA-1A (Appeal Application)**  
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY5ODQ40>

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council discussed the original case submitted through the ENS system at its September 19 Committee meeting. We were not informed of the Appeal put forward (CPC-2023-4274-DB-PHP-VHCA-1A) at that time.

The WNC Board is therefore in favor of Denial of the Appeal, or the postponement by the city Planning Commission or City Council deliberations thereof for up to 60 days. This will allow Winnetka Neighborhood Council PLUM Committee to perform the appropriate outreach & discussion, so the WNC board can have a more comprehensive and fair discussion on this issue.

- 14)** Discussion and Possible Action with regards to the recommendation by the WNC to approve the updated Memo Of Understanding with the Department of Water and Power. (Uebersax)
- 15)** Discussion and possible Action submitting a letter of apposition to the mayor and city council members for the 7 story apartment buildings being plunked down in the middle of single-family neighborhoods without any public hearings and without the possibility of appeal through the City or through the Courts.

**16) Committee Reports:**

- **Youth Committee Report**
- **LA Neighborhood Council Coalition Report (LANCC) David Uebersax**
- **Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) (David Uebersax)**
- **Public Works & Transportation Committee (PWT) Report David Uebersax)**

**NOTICE: Meetings as needed currently on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00**

- **Public Safety Committee Report (Jonathan Vickburg / Judith Giglio)**
- **Report Los Angeles Budget Advocates**
- **Outreach & Social Media Committee (OSM) Report (Roy Hadavi or Samantha Ludwig)**
- **Rules & By-Laws Committee (REB) Report (Lace)**
- **Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) Report (Ludwig)**
- **Updates on any budget report.**

**17) LIAISONS REPORTS**

- A** LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee (David)
- B** LANNC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition )
- C** Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) (Mihran)
- D** Sustainability Alliance (Mihran, Sam & Janet)

**18)GOOD OF THE ORDER [2 min]**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED**

## **THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by email: [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org) or phone: (213) 978-1551 and/or either: The Winnetka NC President via email at [mkalavdijan@winnetkanc.com](mailto:mkalavdijan@winnetkanc.com)

## **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., CA 91306 and are available on our website at [www.winnetkanc.com](http://www.winnetkanc.com) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Winnetka President NC via email at [mkalavdijan@winnetkanc.com](mailto:mkalavdijan@winnetkanc.com)

## **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

## **PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE**

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad-hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days, for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board's Rules or Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, state law, and/or federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.

## **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION**

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE AVISAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. POR FAVOR CONTACTE VICTOR LERMA AL (818) 314-0333 O POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO Presidente [mkalavdijan@winnetkanc.com](mailto:mkalavdijan@winnetkanc.com) PARA AVISAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL O SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA,

## **Notice to Paid Representatives**

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