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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
[DRAFT] MINUTES
Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

**6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments 7:00pm Meeting
Encino Women's Club 4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316**

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

This Encino Neighborhood Council meeting was live streamed to
the Encino Facebook page and can be viewed at

<https://www.facebook.com/encinoneighborhoodcouncil/videos/1716365188417304/>

City of Los Angeles Harassment and Diversity Policy: All City volunteers have a right to work in an environment free from all forms of discrimination and conduct which can be considered harassing, coercive, or disruptive.

- 1) Meet and Greet with refreshments.
- 2) Call to Order at 7:00pm.

Board Members in Attendance and Eligible to Vote (NAME-Board Position) {17}

LEE BLUMENFELD-Area 1 Representative; JESS WHITEHILL-Area 4 Representative; DIANE ROSEN-Area 5 Representative; LAURIE KELSON-Area 6 Representative; JIM ESTERLE -Area 7 Representative; SHERMAN GAMSON-Apartment/Condo Resident Representative; VICTORIA MILLER (Vice President)-Business Representative; ADRIOHN RICHARDSON-Education Representative; DEBRA LEE GEORGE (President)-Park Advocate/ Environment Representative; GLENN BAILEY (Sgt at Arms)-Public Safety Representative; ANNI KEUSSEYAN-Religious Representative; PATRICIA BATES (Treasurer)-Volunteer Service Representative; HENRY ESHELMAN-At-Large Representative; ALEX GARAY-At-Large Representative; CAROL LEVIN -Encino Property Owners Association Representative; GERALD A SILVER-Homeowners of Encino Representative; MARK LEVINSON (Secretary)-Encino Chamber of Commerce Representative.

Board Members in Attendance, but ineligible to Vote (NAME-Board Position){1}

ELIOT COHEN-Planning & Land Use Representative

Absent Board Members (NAME-Board Position) {4}

SCOTT LINDEN -Area 2 Representative; MIRIAM DAVIS-Area 3 Representative; SAMUEL APIKYAN-Business Representative; ALEXANDREA TURNER-Youth Representative (non-voting)

Alternates in Attendance whom were Seated and Voted (NAME-Board Position){3}

WALTER ALMORA-Area 2 Alternate (Seated Automatically to vote in lieu of Linden); SHELLEY BILLIK-Park Advocate/ Environment Alternate (seated in item 6-A); JOSEPH ALFANO-Apartments/ Condo Alternate (seated in item 6-A)

Alternates in Attendance whom were Not Seated (NAME-Board Position){1}

STEVEN TURNER-PLU Alternate (ineligible)

Alternates Not in Attendance (NAME-Board Position) {5}

DAVID ELLIS -Area 1 Alternate; CHRIS HUCKINS-Area 4 Alternate (Resigned Prior to this meeting); LYNN WALKER-Area 6 Alternate; ZACHARY HELSPER-At Large Alternate; MARLY TEMPLE -Homeowners of Encino Alternate;

3) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

4) Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Gurmet Khara, Valley Director (818-971-3088)
- C. Councilmember Koretz: Aviv Kleinman, Planning Deputy (818) 971-3088
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Community Police Advisory Board
- E. LAFD
- F. LA City Attorney: Raffy Astvasadoorian, Neighborhood Prosecutor (Raffy.A@lacity.org)
- G. Mayor's West Valley Rep: Tanaz Golshan
- H. LA Department of Public Works Representatives
- I. LADWP Representative
- J. County or State officials

5) PRESENTATION - Ron Tull, LA City Urban Forestry Division Street tree policies, Adopt-A-Median program, tree replacements on construction sites, LA City protected tree code

The livestream began during this part of the meeting and can be viewed from (0:00-~31:01)

Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council How to apply Available positions include: Alternates: Business (2); Education; Public Safety; Religious Organization/ Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; Area 3; Area 4, Area 5; Area 7 (~31:01-~32:06)

No Applications for Open Alternate Seats were Received

A Seating of Alternates to Fill Representative Seats for which the Representative and Alternate are not present, for this meeting only, as recommended by the President with the Approval of the Board. ' (~32:06- ~33:38)

President George Recommended to Appoint:

Shelley Billik (Park Advocate/ Environment Alternate) to fill the Area 3 Rep. Seat for this meeting only and Joseph Alfano (Apartment/ Condo Alternate) to fill the Business Rep. Seat for this meeting only.

MOTION: to Approve the President's Recommendations

Moved By: Miller Seconded By: Eshelman

Y= 17* N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Cohen)

YES: Blumenfeld, Almora, Whitehill, Kelson, Esterle, Gamson, Miller, Richardson, George, Bailey, Keusseyan, Bates, Eshelman, Garay, Levin, Silver, Levinson

*Rosen was not in the room at the time of the vote
MOTION PASSES WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

6) **Officer's Reports:**

A. Treasurer's Report – Update for Board - ENC Account and cash flow. (≈33:38- ≈33:38)

(1) MOTION: Approval of March 2018 Monthly Expenditure Reports

Moved By: Bates Seconded By: Keusseyan
Y= 19* N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Cohen) Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

*Rosen was still out of the room

B. Secretary's Report

(1) MOTION: Approval of January and March 2018 Meeting Minutes

Item Tabled, Minutes not Ready

7) **Election of Officers - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms**

(≈36:00-≈47:29)

A. **President**

Debra George nominated Alex Garay,

Glenn Bailey nominated Victoria Miller, but she declined and endorsed Alex Garay.

Garay spoke about his life-long residence in Encino and his journey as a member of the ENC over the last year and a half from Alternate to Committee Co-Chair, to Representative to now President.

Alex Garay was elected President 20-0-0-1 (Cohen)

B. **Vice President**

Debra George nominated Victoria Miller, she accepted the nomination for a third term as Vice President.

Victoria Miller was re-elected Vice President 20-0-0-1 (Cohen)

C. **Secretary**

Debra George nominated Mark Levinson, he accepted the nomination for a third term as Secretary.

Mark Levinson was re-elected Secretary 20-0-0-1 (Cohen)

At some point during the discussion of electing the Secretary, Diane Rosen nominated Lee Blumenfeld for Vice-President but as the vote had already concluded for that seat she withdrew the motion.

D. **Treasurer**

Glenn Bailey nominated Pat Bates for a third term as Treasurer. Blumenfeld commented that he could think of no one better for the job. Bailey continued to say that of all the ENC Treasurers he had known since the founding of the ENC, Pat is "the best Treasurer ever!" Pat accepted the nomination and the praise and said she too looked forward to serving a third term.

Pat(ricia) Bates was re-elected Treasurer 20-0-0-1 (Cohen)

E. **Sergeant at Arms**

Debra George nominated Glenn Bailey for a third term as Sergeant at Arms but he did not accept.

Diane Rosen nominated Lee Blumenfeld, who did accept.

Lee Blumenfeld was Elected Sergeant at Arms 20-0-0-1 (Cohen)

President George offered President (-Elect) Garay the opportunity to run the rest of the meeting, but he declined.

8) Consent Items:

Item B-1 Pulled by Comment Card; George Pulled the Outreach Items for Alex to discuss

MOTION: to Approve A-1 and B-2 on consent

Moved By: George Seconded By: Bailey
Y= 20 N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Cohen)

MOTION PASSES WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

(≈47:29-≈49:29)

A. Executive Committee

i) **MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF 17-0447 which investigates the feasibility of amending City land use codes to address the health impacts of oil and gas wells and drills sites in residential areas of Los Angeles. CIS to be filed. Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: George Seconded By: Bailey
Y= 20 N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Cohen)

MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

B. Education Committee

i) **MOTION: Approval of Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action (PESA) Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) request for \$1,000 to partially fund the Teen Court Program at Taft Charter High School (5461 Winnetka Avenue Woodland Hills, CA 91364) beginning in Summer 2018 (final dates and times to be given by presenter). 3-0-0**

Jerry Macias (Marketing Assistant for PESA) submitted the card and spoke about the program: The program is designed to divert young people with non-violent and minor offenses from going into the criminal justice system, they are taught about the law and why what they did is considered wrong and participants hold mock trials with advisory verdicts.

(≈49:29-≈54:51)

Silver: How much money do we have left? How much money are we spending if we approve everything on the agenda?

Bates: we have \$16,000 we just approved \$2,000 which drops us down to \$14,000, so if you add up all the Outreach [Committee] items, that would exceed what we have left.

Silver: By how much?

Bates: hold on let me add everything up

(≈54:51-≈55:44)

George: Meanwhile, while Pat's adding we have additional comment cards from Shaunie

[Stakeholder]

Shaunie: I'm here to speak against the Teen Court Program, I feel it has failed to live up to its lofty goals. I have 4 examples of the failures of the Teen Court Program, three are not personal, one is very personal. The First example is of when one child helped another child sucker-punch a peer at El-Camino High, the young man now has permanent

traumatic brain injuries¹ they had no prior history, it was just random, the young woman who helped the attacker got diverted to Teen Court and found Not-Guilty by a jury of her peers², and nothing was done.

My second example is of a child who was found with Meth paraphernalia and all that happened was they had to write a paragraph about what they did wrong, there was no Drug counseling involved and they were found not-guilty.³ My Third example is of a child who participated in an armed robbery with a knife, the robbery was done, the knife was found, no repercussions⁴. My fourth example is very personal.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: The ENC Moves to send this item back to committee for additional discussions and inclusion of specific dates, times and location of programs being funded by the ENC.

Moved By: Alfano Seconded By: Levinson
Y= 20 N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Cohen) * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES, Item Sent back to Committee

- ii) **MOTION: Approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) request by The Academy for Enriched Sciences for \$2,000 to purchase materials and resources for the Science Lab to bolster the school's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) program. The school is located at 17551 Miranda St, Encino, CA, 91316. 3-0-0**

Moved By: George Seconded By: Bailey
Y= 20 N= 0 A= 0 I= 1 (Cohen)

MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

C. Outreach Committee

- i) **MOTION - The Outreach Committee would like to purchase a countdown clock to aid the flow of ENC meetings from Amazon.com and are requesting up to \$100 for the purchase of the clock. Miriam D. moves, Carol L. 2nd's. Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: Garay Seconded By: Bates
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= * Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

- ii) **[a]MOTION: The Outreach Committee is requesting up to \$285 for 100 enamel pins from Pinmart. Miriam D. moves, Lee B. 2nd's. Passed 5-0-0**

- ii) **[b]MOTION: The Outreach Committee is requesting \$380 for 20 polo shirts, with the ENC logo, from Marco Promotions for Outreach Committee Members. Passed 5-0-0.**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= 20 N= _____ A= _____ I= * Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

¹ <https://www.dailynews.com/2016/12/06/west-hills-teen-sucker-punched-left-with-brain-injury-wants-to-know-why/>

² <https://www.dailynews.com/2017/03/15/girl-arrested-in-sucker-punch-case-found-not-guilty-by-la-teen-court/>

³ No clear source found to corroborate this example.

⁴ No clear source found to corroborate this example either.

iii) **MOTION: Outreach Committee is requesting up to \$7,500 for a digital sign to be placed outside the Encino Community Center. Gail R. moves, Carol L. 2nd's. Passed 5-0-0.**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

iv) **MOTION: Light Pole Banners - The Outreach Committee requests up to \$5800 for 40 single banners for placement on Encino light poles for 1 year from the AmGraph Group. Gail R. moves, Lee B. 2nd's. Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

v) **MOTION: The Outreach Committee requests up to \$5800 for 40 single banners for placement on Encino light poles for 1 year from the AmGraph Group. . Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

vi) **MOTION: The Outreach Committee is requesting \$1000 to cover the costs of envelopes, stamps, paper and printing costs for the PLU Committee's Outreach mailer campaigns. Gail R. moves, Carol L. 2nd's. Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

vii) **MOTION: The Outreach Committee would like to invite the remaining candidates from the April 3rd, District 45 election to the May ENC meeting for a short forum (30 minutes). The Outreach Committee will coordinate the forum. Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

viii) **MOTION: The Outreach Committee would like to change items in the MER from Outreach to "Office" to avoid confusion from Outreach expenses. Passed 5-0-0**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= _____ A= _____ I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

9) **Non Consent Items (20 minutes) A.Executive**

Committee

i) **MOTION: Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF 18-0002-S41 Resolution in support of CA AB 1362 (Friedman) which prevents clustering of treatment centers in residential neighborhoods and grants greater licensing oversight for small facilities. CIS to be filed**

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ 15 _____ N= _____ 0 _____ A= _____ 1 (SHELLRY) I= _____ * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

Yes lee, walter, jess jim, sherman, alex glenn debra, joey mark, pat carol, jerry

Opposed
Abstain 1 (SHELLEY)

- ii) **MOTION: the Encino Neighborhood Council urges the LAPD to consider the Neighborhood Council boundaries when setting Basic Car boundaries. CIS to be filed: 17-0860 LAPD Basic Car Boundary Study**

Moved By: DEBRA Seconded By: LEE
Y= 15 N= 0 A= 1 (JOEY) I= 1 * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

B. Education Committee

- i) **MOTION: Approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) request by Lanai Road Elementary (4241 Lanai Road Encino, CA 91436) for \$1,829 to purchase the following materials and resources for the Active Classroom for Diverse Learners Project to enable the integration of students on the High-Functioning portion of the Autism Spectrum with students who are not on the Autism Spectrum and to promote acceptance: 12 wobble chairs, 1 sensory pod, 1 crash pad, 1 weighted sensory lap pad, a soft play wall, 1 comfy couch, 1 round floor table, 2 comfy floor seats, and multi-sensory raised lined paper.**

2-0-0-1(r)

Moved By: DEBRA Seconded By: CAROL
Y= 14 N= A= 2 (LEE & Shelley) I= * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

C. Planning and Land Use Committee

- i) **MOTION: Request for Reconsideration of Item 8B2 from the March 28th ENC Board Meeting (Passed 11-4-3) Request is made by Board member on the prevailing side:**

Moved By: Seconded By:
Y= N= A= I= * Unanimous Consent
MOTION PASSES/FAILS

MOTION: The ENC strongly urges the city to adopt the Common-Sense Growth Model. That if development above the current level be considered, the following factors Must be addressed before an increase in Zoning or Rezoning, deviation from, or variance is given. This is not a new concept but is in current zoning code called "Q" Conditions . It's not a NO on development, but an urgent plea for reasoned and planned development Therefore, we ask for these studies and conditions be met before new development be built.

- (1) Required Utility Demand and usage study to include but not limited to the availability, life remaining, and capacity of, but limited to, water, Storm Drains, Sewers, power distribution including peak demand for gas and electricity, and parking.**
- (2) Accessibility and availability of commercial districts within a given neighborhood, with the requirement of a minimum of one.**
- (3) Density Bonuses cannot be combined with any other municipality, state, county or federal bonus laws.**
- (4) An independent regional (defined as county border or 5-mile Radius) traffic study be conducted to ensure outside NC or Commercial corridors do not get overwhelmed causing congestion and traffic pollution, and overspill into Non-Primary and Arterial Streets.**
- (5) An independent Non-Arterial / Residential traffic study to account for traffic that has di-**

verted from major thoroughfares onto feeder or residential streets. This addresses not only Vision Zero, but solving the original problem the city tried to address in the "super block" layout resulting from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children from 3 to 14 years old." study of 2009 (the reason for keeping residential streets for residents/local access only)

- (6) An area report of capacity for Schools (k-12), Emergency response times for EMS, Hospital capacity for health, Open Space requirement per capital. The City must generate a current state of affairs, encased in the community plan borders, allowing developers to accurately reflect the true effect of projects. A Scale of Excellent, Good, Fair, under-performing, and Critical with numerical values must be applied.
- (7) Special Funds, such as Quimby, arts, and Developer Fees generated by development must be identified and available for public viewing in an easily understood format, and only used to cure current needs or future needs created by the development in the Community Plan borders. No movement of funds outside of affected area. Details should include, but not limited to, Amount generated by project, amount of funds used, where used, how much used, reason for use, and approval signature of ZA with input from NCs. This is a Public Records Act Request.
- (8) Any Variances, CPC hearings, ZA Hearings, Planning and Development meetings about properties, community plans, studies, must be held in and around affected area, and during non-business hours. To ensure compliance with the Due Process Clause from the Governmental Ethics Ordinance. Affected areas are to be given notice of a minimum of 1000' AND the local NC per the "reasonable notice" and "reasonable opportunity to be heard" provisions.
- (9) A weighted consideration of localities CIS, and input formulation of plans. (Due to the State, County, and City not having sufficient knowledge of the on goings, needs, and problems of neighborhoods nor the funding to do so). Distribution List: Letters to be generated to LA City Planning by ENC Executives via CIS and sent with urgency. Confirmation is requested to be given to the PLU when items are sent and received.
 Chief Zoning Administrator, Charlie Rausch 213 978-1306 Fax
 Numbers Expediting, Room 721, CH 213 978-4656
 Expediting, Room 721, CH 213 978-1343 Zoning
 Administrative Office, Room 763, CH..... 213 978-1334 For 17760 Ventura
 Blvd Expedite Planner Jenna.Monterrosa@lacity.org Jenna
 Monterrosa..... 213 978-1377 Lucy Martinez;
 lucerito.martinez@lacity.org Additional letters to be sent to: COUNCILMAN Paul
 Koretz, Aviv Kleinman-Valley Planning Deputy for Councilman Koretz, City
 Planners: Director of Planning, Vince Bertoni, CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
 President-David H. Ambroz, Vice President-Renee Dake Wilson, Members: Caroline
 Choe Richard Katz, John W. Mack, Samantha Millman, Marc Mitchell, Veronica
 Padilla-Campos Dana M. Perlman, Elva O'Donnell, Sarah Molina-Pearson CITY
 PLANNERS Thomas Glick, Christine Saponara and Adrineh Melkonian. Cohen/Mass
 6/0/0

10) Committee Reports (5 minutes)

- A. ByLaws - Jess Whitehall/Glenn Bailey
- B. Education - Adriohn Richardson
- C. Government Affairs - Patricia Bates
- D. Outreach - Alex Garay:
- E. Parks/Environment - Debra George
- F. Planning & Land Use - Eliot Cohen

- G. Public Safety - Glenn Bailey
- H. Traffic/Transportation - Laurie Kelson

11) Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (10 minutes) Limited to Two MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all comment is limited to 10 minutes

Board Members			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Notes
Lee Blumenfeld	Area 1 Representative	P	
Scott Linden	Area 2 Representative	A	
Miriam Davis	Area 3 Representative	A	
Jess Whitehill	Area 4 Representative	P	
Diane Rosen	Area 5 Representative	P	
Laurie Kelson	Area 6 Representative	A	
Jim Esterle	Area 7 Representative	P	
Sherman Gamson	Apartment/Condo Resident Rep.	P	
Victoria Miller (VP)	Business Representative	P	
Samuel Apikyan	Business Representative	A	
Adriohn Richardson	Education Representative	P	At 9:30pm
Debra Lee George (Pres.)	Park Advocate/ Environment Rep	P	
Eliot Cohen	Planning & Land Use Rep.	P	
Glenn Bailey (Sgt at Arms)	Public Safety Representative	P	
Anni Keuseyan	Religious Representative		
Patricia Bates (Treasurer)	Volunteer Service Representative	P	
Henry Eshelman	At-Large Representative	P	
Alex Garay	At-Large Representative	P	
Carol Levin	Encino Property Owners Assoc.	P	
Gerald A Silver	Homeowners of Encino Rep	P	
Mark Levinson (Secretary)	Encino Chamber of Commerce Rep	P	
Alexandrea Turner	Youth Representative	A	

Adjournment at 9:00pm - Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd

Alternates			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Voting?
David Ellis	Area 1 Alternate	A	
Walter Almora	Area 2 Alternate	P	For Linden
Lynn Walker	Area 6 Alternate	A	
Steven Turner	PLU Alternater	P	No
Zachary Helsper	At Large Alternate	A	
Shelley Billik	Park Advocate/Environment Alt	P	For Miriam Davis
Joseph Alfano	Apartments/Condo Alternate	P	For Sam Apikyan
Marly Temple	Homeowners of Encino Alternate	A	