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NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

SPECIAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 29th, 2020
6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments
7:00pm Meeting

Encino Womens Club
4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316

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

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.

Public Comment: Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board's Secretary. **TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker is allotted; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes.** Time may be adjusted at President's discretion. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items will be heard after Old Business & New Business. Public Comment on agenda items will be heard when the respective item is up for consideration. All speaker cards (non-agenda and agenda items) must be turned in prior to the item being voted on or before the public comment period on non-agenda items.

Meet and Greet with refreshments 6:30pm-7pm

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Seating of Alternates

Discussion and Possible Action: Should any Representative and its Alternate be absent The President may nominate Alternates of other seats to fill that seat for this meeting only, whom may be seated upon approval by the seated members of the Board.

MOTION: To approve President Garay's Recommendations for the seating of alternates



1. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (25 min):

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups – **Gibson Nyambura (5 min)**
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: **Chris Givens**, Field Deputy for Encino (818) 971-3088 **(5 min)**
- C. Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: **Jeremy Saraie**, Field Rep for Encino (818) 346-4521 **(5min)**
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers: **Officer Walia (5 min)**
- E. Budget Advocate: **Jeffrey Mausner**

2. PRESENTATION (20 minutes): Nick Melvoin, LAUSD District 4 Board Member

3. Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 min):

Open Positions Include: Education Rep (1) & Alt (1), At-Large Alt (2), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Planning & Land Use Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Rep Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Area 1 Alt (1), Area 2 Alt (1) & Area 3 Alt (1).

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

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Officer's Reports:

A. **President's Report (5 min) – Spoof Emails & Board Member Petition received for the censure & removal of the Area 7 Alternate per Section 9 of the Encino Neighborhood Council's Bylaws. Board member to be censured and removed is Manjeri Krishna (Alternate for Area 7) for the following cause: Failure to complete the required training per the Encino Neighborhood Council's Bylaws, LA City & State requirements: a) Training missed: Code of Conduct, Ethics & Funding, b) Section XIV of the Encino Neighborhood Council's Bylaws.**

B. **Vice President's Report (5 min) – Current Committees and Membership Information**

C. **Treasure's Report – (10 Minutes):**

C1. **MOTION – Approval of December 2019 MER**

D. **Sergeant at Arms' Report (2 minutes): Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct – training required of members.**

E. **Secretary's Report (5 min): MOTION: Approval of the ENC General Board November 2019 minutes. The ENC's November General Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed at: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483334-5526.pdf>**

5. Consent Funding Items, 5min.

(The following consent items passed at a publicly held Executive Committee meeting on January 14, 2020):

5A. VANC Mixer: Approval of \$250 to the VANC mixer which will be held on March 12, 2020. **MOTION, EXE-20-01-0098:** The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council approve \$250 to the VANC Mixer to be held on March 12th, 2020 at Carla's Café in the CBS Studios, 4024 Radford St., Studio City, CA. Victoria M. moves, Pat B. 2nds. **Passed: 3-0-0.**



5B. ENC Email Addresses for all board members: MOTION, EXE-20-01-0104: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support obtaining unique “ENC” email addresses for all positions from the Web Corner to separate personal emails and to assist with PRA requests. The additional email addresses will add an additional, up to \$70 per month the current Web Corner invoice. Pat B. moves, Victoria M. 2nds. **Passed: 3-0-0.**

6. Consent Items, 5min.

(The following consent items passed at a publicly held ENC Committee meetings: Executive Committee meeting held 01/14/2020, Homelessness Committee meeting held 01/08/2020 & PLU Committee meeting held on 01/14/2020. Pulled items will be heard during committee reports/non-consent items):

6A. Board-and-Care Facilities: Motion HOM 20-01 001: The Encino Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council Files 19-0002-S184 (Supporting document <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5535.pdf>) and 19-1516 (Supporting document <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5536.pdf>): Resolution 19-0002-S184 provides that the City of Los Angeles support any legislation or administrative action which would increase the State payment rate for licensed board and care facilities which serve vulnerable communities. Motion 19-1516 requests that the City Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department and the City Administrative Officer to work with the County of Los Angeles and any other appropriate entities, and report with recommendations to retain and preserve board-and-care facilities in the City; and recommend any legislative or administrative actions that the City could take to secure resources, including Mental Health Services Act funding, to preserve these facilities. Most residents of these facilities are at high risk for becoming homeless in the event of closure; the last thing needed is to have more severely disabled people landing on the streets. **Passed: 8-0-0.**

6B. Managed Encampment and Shared Housing: Motion HOM 20-01 002: The Encino Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 19-1413 (Supporting document, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5537.pdf>) Motion recommending that the CAO explore the applicability of the Modesto encampment model in Los Angeles, and also to explore feasibility and implementation of a Shared Housing Program. In support of this motion, it is important to keep in mind that a solution which might not be workable in one area of the City of Los Angeles could work well in a different area. We need all the tools in the toolbox. **Passed: 8-0-0.**

6C. Loose Litter Program: Motion HOM 20-01 003: The Encino Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in favor of Council File Motion 19-1526 (Supporting document <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5538.pdf>) to fund a litter abatement program that would employ homeless individuals. This program would assist homeless individuals by providing paid employment, job training, career development services and a pipeline to full-time City employment as well as housing and other supportive services as needed. It is long overdue.. **Passed: 8-0-0.**



6D. LAHSA Performance Data: Motion HOM 20-01 004: The Encino Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File Motion 19-1524 (Supporting document, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5539.pdf>) requesting that LAHSA produce a detailed accounting of all its funding sources expenses by category, program, and provider, and any other performance data that it has collected on its programs over the past 4 years in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of programs and partners, and better prioritize the programs that perform best at achieving long term sustainable solutions to homelessness. The most recent financial statements I can find for LAHSA is for fiscal year ending 6/30/17. There is a lot of money going through LAHSA and it is important that there be transparency and accountability on the use of public funds. **Passed: 8-0-0.**

6E. Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services: Motion HOM 20-01 005: The Encino Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of council File Motion 19-1556 (Supporting document, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5540.pdf>) requesting that the CAO submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review and approval a funding request totaling \$6 million in HHAPP funds to augment the “Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services” line item in the City budget. This is yet another way to try to stem the influx of newly-homeless people. **Passed: 8-0-0**

6F. Council File 17-0447, Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Wells and Drill Sites / Impact on Local Communities / Legal Analysis A subsequent action has created the following supplemental Council File, CF 17-0447-S1(supporting document, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5529.pdf>). At the April 25th, 2018 ENC General Board meeting the board voted to support filing a CIS in favor of CF 17-0447(supporting document, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5528.pdf>). We can have our original CIS added(see supporting document, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5527.pdf>) to the supplemental file or the ENC can submit a new CIS based on the supplemental Council File or refer to the Parks & Environment Committee. **MOTION; EXE 20-01-0100:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends adding the ENC’s original CIS, filed in April 2018 to the supplemental file. Alex G. moves, Victoria M. 2nds. **Passed: 3-0-0**

6H. CF 19-0604: At the August 2019 ENC General Board meeting, the ENC voted to support CF 19-0604, a motion introduced by Councilmember Koretz regarding idling vehicles (see supporting document CF 19-0604, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5533.pdf>) but a request for a CIS was not included in the motion from the Traffic and Transportation Committee. Since the ENC voted to support the motion, we can request an administrative change to file a CIS in support of the motion without having it to go back to committee. **MOTION; EXE 19-11-0103:** The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council support filing a CIS to a motion already approved by the Encino Neighborhood Council at the August 2019 General Board Meeting in support of the council file. Pat B. moved, Victoria M. 2nds. **Passed: 3-0-0.**

7. Committee Reports & Non-Consent Items: 20min.

7A. Executive Committee: Alex Garay

- 1. CF 19-1279** To Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee Motion (Martinez - Ryu - et al.) relative to a request to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to name the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve in memory of Park Ranger Captain Albert E. Torres, in recognition of his distinguished career of service to the Department of Recreation and Parks and to the people and City of Los Angeles: At the time of the meeting, it was expressed that the Torres family opposes having the Basin named after Al Torres. **The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends referring this back to the Parks and Environment Committee for discussion and possible action.**



2. BONC Proposed Policies: BONC is proposing changes to how NCs deal with internal issues (see supporting documents: <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5530.pdf>, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5531.pdf>, <https://www.encinonc.org/docs/34483391-5532.pdf>) and the ENC can weigh in on whether or not we agree with the proposed changes as the entire board or as individuals. **MOTION; EXE 19-11-0102: The ENC's Executive Committee recommends supporting the proposed changes on how NCs deal with internal issues. Alex G. moved, Victoria M. 2nds. Passed: 3-0-0. Note: Lee B. objected to the motion prior to leaving the meeting and was not in attendance to vote.**

3. Update and Possible Motion on Safe Sidewalks LA: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) available for public comment for individuals & associations. 60-day public comment period: December 26, 2019 to February 24, 2020.

Upcoming Public Meeting Dates: <https://safesidewalks.lacity.org/>

• **Locations to review DEIR:** <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>

Purpose of Proposed Sidewalk Repair Program: Continue & expand implementation of Safe Sidewalks LA. The proposed Sidewalk Repair Program would repair & upgrade sidewalks and curb ramps in the City of LA. Street tree removals and replacements, along with utility relocations, may be needed. The City may adopt policies and/or ordinances to expedite administration of the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program and its objectives, and at the same time reduce or eliminate public input on specific sites. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) is prepared to analyze and disclose the potential environmental impacts as a result of the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program. The Draft EIR and technical studies are now available for public review and comment at: <http://sidewalks.lacity.commentinput.com/>. Members of the public are urged to comments during the 60-day Public Review Period December 26, 2019 to February 24, 2020 via the program website, email, mail or at any of the 7 public meetings held during the Public Review Period. Further details are available on the program website.

Motion:

Whereas, the Sidewalk Repair Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) proposes to reduce our city's tree canopy during the next 30 years, and not return to 2017 levels again until 2047, and

Whereas, the EIR proposes to mitigate tree loss at different ratios during different years of the project, only planting the minimum number of trees necessary to return to 2017 levels in 2047, and

Whereas the EIR claims the project to have minimal environmental impacts, and

Whereas, tree canopy is an essential first line of defense against extreme heat days, which will become more frequent during the next 30 years and localized tree loss will result in a dangerous increase in local temperatures, especially on extreme heat days, and

Whereas, loss of tree canopy also means reduced air quality, loss of habitat, loss of stormwater filtration, and loss of aesthetics and property values,

Therefore, the Encino Neighborhood Council requests

- 1) that the EIR be amended to include the significant adverse impacts of removing tree canopy, with binding mitigation measures, and
- 2) that all trees removed for the sidewalk repair program be mitigated with as many trees as needed to equate to the canopy size of the removal



- 3) that mitigation trees be located in the same neighborhood as those removed,
- 4) that only those trees absolutely necessary to be removed for sidewalk repair be removed and every reasonable effort made to redesign sidewalks around trees, including meandering sidewalks, bulb outs, flexible sidewalk joints, and other alternatives as implemented in many other cities.

7B. Planning & Land Use: Eliot Cohen

1. Encino/Tarzana Community Plan CEQA comments, VI Continuing. PLU Supporting Document PLU-09-19-0056 Motion 3C. Continuing Review of the Encino Tarzana Community Plan. Encino-Tarzana Community Plan (the South West Valley Plan Update) Case Number: CPC-2019-1741-CPU; CPC-2019-1742-CPU; CPC-2019-1745-CPU; ENV2019- 174-EIR Ref Number: 2019039154

Motion PLU-09-19-0056: The ENC PLU adds the following comments to previously discussed Encino Tarzana Community Plan CEQA comments – (See attachment IV Energy)

**Cohen / Diane (6,0,0) – Consent Item, Comments to be added to previous CIS and sent to
Planning Supervisor : Claudia Rodriguez claudia.rodriguez@lacity.org Michelle Montenegro: (818) 374-9905
michelle.montenegro@lacity.org**

**Lucy Martinez: (818) 374-5058
lucy.martinez@lacity.org**

**Erika Lam: (818) 374-5046
erika.lam@lacity.org**

Attachment IV Energy

VI. ENERGY. Would the project:

a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?

- Study current utility demand/usage vs existing infrastructure (and lifecycle) comparing original Community Plan VS Proposed RA to RE proposed Rezoning to include:**

1) Prevailing setbacks

2) “DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING GENERALIZED SUMMARY OF ZONING REGULATIONS Updated June 2019.”

3) Changing (Upzoning) RA to RE size homes results in fixed population vs larger homes

a. Metrix Comparison Requested: LADWP Sunset Blvd “Reliability Project.”

b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?



- **Study:**
 - 1) **Net loss of the Urban Forest due to non-enforcement mechanism of existing Community Plan Standards for open space at Plan Check counter.**
 - 2) **The mansionization plan of RA to RE directly conflicts with both Mayor Viragosa & Garcetti Tree planting initiatives and the City of LA Green New Deal.**
 - 3) **Frequent site construction for additions or remodel expand buildable area of lot and thus result in removal of trees (non protected)**
 - 4) **Conflicts with BSS Cooler Streets initiative – RA to RE Zones results in net loss of trees due to larger footprint of builds and removals of existing mature trees**
 - a. **Initiative indicated Trees Reduce Heat Island Effect by 10-25%**
 - b. **Trees are the most effective means of reduction of the Heat Island Effect**

7D. Homelessness Committee: Pat Bates

7E. Airport Committee: Victoria Miller/Jim Esterle:

7F. Outreach Committee: Alex Garay

7G. Parks & Environment: Glenn Bailey/Shelley Billik

7H. Bylaws Committee: Karie Purcell/Lee Blumenfeld

7I. Public Safety: Samuel Apikyan

7J. Traffic & Transportation – Laurie Kelson

8. Public Comment on “Non-Agenda” Items (10 min): Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board’s Secretary. **TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker is allotted; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes.** Time may be adjusted at President’s discretion.

9. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items (10 min).

Adjournment at 9:00pm

Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – Presentation by LA City Controller Ron Galperin.**

Community Events:



The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC), is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials' and the Community on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of ENCINO. The ENC is made up of volunteers who are ELECTED by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO. The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by various committees and the general board.

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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 2 minutes per speaker per item, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board or Committee.

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