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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 @ 7 pm
MINUTES**

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Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Jodie Francisco Area 2 Rep	Miriam Davis Area 3 Rep	Jess Whitehill Area 4 Rep	Michael Silva Area 5 Rep
Laurie Kelson Area 6 Rep	Jim Esterle Area 7 Rep	Heather Michaels At-Large Rep	Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep	Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Andrew Zucker Business Rep	Jennifer Goldstein Education Rep	David Krygier Encino Chamber Rep	Kathy Moghini-Patterson EPOA Rep
Eliot Cohen HOME Rep	Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep	Darin Spillman PLU Rep	Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Vacant Youth Rep			

Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Rep Alt	Walter Almora Area 2 Rep Alt	Vacant Area 3 Rep Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Rep Alt
Vacant Area 6 Rep Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 ReQp Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Rep Alt 1	Vacant At-Large Rep Alt 2	Vacant Apt/Condo Rep Alt
Vacant Business Rep Alt 1	Vacant Business Rep Alt 2	Vacant Education Rep Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep Alt	Daniel Freedman EPOA Rep Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Rep Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Rep Alt	Melody Korehe PLU Rep Alt	Vacant Public Safety Rep Alt	Vacant Religious Rep Alt
Vacant Volunteer Rep Alt				

- 1) **Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.**
 - **Meeting called to order at 7:05pm**
 - **SAA Henry Eshelman made introductory remarks regarding public comment on agenda items as well as on non-agenda items.**

- 2) **Determine compliance with all required training; Sergeant-at-Arms Report.** Note the new Anti-Bias Learning for employees (ABLE) is required with a completion deadline of November 30, 2021.
 - **One board member is waiting to complete ethics training and 2 alternates still need to complete a training.** The SAA will follow up with the board members that need to complete their training.

- 3) **Open Board positions in the Encino Neighborhood Council. Open Positions Include:** Youth Rep (1), Area 3 Alt (1), Area 6 Alt (1), At Large Alt (1), Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (2), Education Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1),
 - **Open positions were announced, no current applications.**

- 4) **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. **Discussion and Possible Action:** *If at any Board meeting, a Representative who is absent either (a) has no designated Alternate or (b) has an Alternate who is also absent, then the president or presiding officer may, with the approval of a majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting, designate an existing Alternate for any other*

Representative to serve and vote during the meeting in place of the absent Representative. In such an instance, the seat of any absent Representative temporarily becomes an At-Large Seat. The appointed Alternate must be in good standing with all required training to be eligible. (10 min #1-#4)

- **President Bates announced that Jodie Francisco withdrew from the board and was thanked for her service. We will also look for a new Secretary this evening.**
- **The President recommended to seat Lyssa Morrow for the Area 2 absence and to seat Jonathan Gabriel to fill the Education Rep seat.**
- **The item was opened to public comment. Two members of the public spoke briefly.**
- **No objections were received from the board.**
- **The President requested to lower public comment to 1 minute on agenda items.**
- **A board member requested that when someone from the public comments on an agenda item to keep the comments pertinent to the agenda item.**

5) **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies. Due to a very large agenda for this meeting, the question and answer period will be limited to 1 minute per speaker. Any unaddressed issues will be forwarded to the designated official. Further guidance from DONE will be announced if received prior to the meeting.**

* **LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, 34024@lapd.online (818) 374-7634**

* **An update was provide by Officer Walia. There is a pattern going on regarding burglaries. Back gates and doors are not locked and many are not using the alarms properly. A gentle reminder to keep the alarm equipment up-to-date. West Valley is 6th in the City in crime reduction with a 7% drop from last year. Burglaries and aggravated assaults are the most common calls in Encino.**

* **Councilmember Paul Koretz: Chris Givens, christopher.givens@lacity.org (818) 971-3088**

* **Chris was not in attendance.**

* **Mayor Garcetti - West Valley Area Representative**

* **Erin Seinfeld is the new West Valley Representative and provided an update from the Mayor's office. Introduced the assistance program. Safe pass LA will begin November 8th, patrons will be required to show proof of vaccinations. ERAP will cover back rent and future rent as well as some utilities. Apply at housingiskey.com**

* **Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel:(818) 346-4521 Valerie Berkley (Valerie.Berkley@asm.ca.gov) and Sarah Martin (Sarah.Martin@asm.ca.gov)**

* **Sara Martin provided updates from the Assemblymember's office.**

* **LA County Supervisor Kuehl: Blake Clayton, BClayton@bos.lacounty.gov (818) 880-9416**

* **Blake Clayton provided an update from the County and shared dates with important tele-briefings. Tomorrow there will be a virtual town hall, from 6pm til about 8pm regarding booster shots, holiday safety, vaccinations for kids and much more.**

* **West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, Michael.liu@lacity.org**

* **The Valley prosecutor provided updates from his office. Party house and noise complaints continue to happen in Encino. Reminded to keep calling regarding the complaints so that officers can be dispatched.**

* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Adriana Cabrera, adriana.cabrera@lacity.org

* No one from DONE was in attendance. Glenn Bailey provided an update.

* Budget Advocate: Lee Blumenfeld, encleeb@gmail.com

* Lee Blumenfeld provided an update regarding the Budget Advocates and their activities. There is an opening in Region 3 for a budget advocate.

* The President opened the floor for board member comments.

* Two board members had comments, one will follow up with West Valley Prosecutor on three items and the other asked the Assemblymember's representative if he was going to introduce legislation regarding the modification of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act

* The item was opened to public comment. Three members of the public spoke on the item.

6) Officer's Reports:

A) President's Report

- Thanked Jodie Fransisco, who resigned, for her service. Further commented that the ENC's CIS regarding CF-21-0773 helped support it getting on the council agenda as well as passing by council. Encino was divided into 2 council districts at the last redistricting meeting.

B) Vice-President's Report

- As we're reaching the end of the year, please keep in mind of all the holidays when scheduling committee meetings.

C) Treasurer's Report Approval of the [September 2021 MER](#), emailed to the board on 10/11/2021, and posted to ENC Financials webpage

- The MER was shared and a motion to approve was introduced. Andrew 2nd the motion. The item was opened to public comment.
- Two members of the public made comments on the MER.
- After public comment a roll call vote occurred. The MER was approved: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

D) Approval of [August 25, 2021](#) and [September 22, 2021](#) General meeting Minutes

- The President made a motion to approve the August and September meeting minutes & received a 2nd from Laurie K.. The item was opened to public comment.
- Two members of the public spoke on the meeting minutes.
- A suggestion was made by a board member to have a link on the agenda to the meeting minutes recording so anyone would be able to access the minutes.
- No objections were received, motion passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

E) Selection of Encino Neighborhood Council Secretary

- 1) Candidate Speeches (2 minutes each)
- 2) Public Comment (1 minutes per speaker)
- 3) Board Discussion (Discussion and Questions from Board Members, all candidates will have the opportunity to answer each of the questions even if not addressed to them, 1 minute per speaker)
- 4) Roll Call vote

- **The President opened the item to nominations for the ENC’s Secretary.**
- **A board member nominated Alex G.**
- **Three other board members supported the nomination.**
- **No further nominations were received.**
- **The nomination was accepted**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **Two members of the public made comments.**
- **The President called for a vote, the nomination was approved: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

7) Old Business - Non-Funding - Motion, Discussion and Vote may be taken on all items:

Please note that the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission has a statutory deadline of October 29, 2021 for its final map and report to be in the hands of the Los Angeles City Council. The City Council is required by the City Charter to have the approval process done by December 31, 2021. In addition, do keep in mind that the City Council is expected to begin its Winter Recess on December 10, 2021 through Wednesday, December 29.

- A)** Discussion and possible action regarding the LACCRC 2021 Final [Map K 2.5 \(Amendment 5\)](#), which divides the residential areas of Encino into two Los Angeles City Council Districts. Include the issue of the Sepulveda Basin, as a whole and further, as to Basin areas proximate to Encino residential communities and those portions within the boundaries of the Encino NC.
- B)** Based on the above actions, prepare and file an updated Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the Los Angeles City Council File [20-0668](#) to convey the position of the Encino Neighborhood Council on City Council redistricting issues, and further authorize related communication with Los Angeles City Council representatives.
- C)** Discussion and possible action to fully authorize posting on all Encino NC social channels regarding the redistricting process for informational purposes, including links to public documents such as Los Angeles City Council Files and related materials, instructions on how people can make public comments to various agencies, etc., but shall not
- D)** Request from Board Member for reconsideration of motion passed at October 21, 2021 Special General Board Meeting “Alternative to moving Encino Residential Area to CD “4 or 2”- possible motion.
- E)** Discussion and possible action regarding request from Board Member to revise the proposed Council District “ 4-or-2”, 3 and 6 boundaries in Van Nuys and Encino.

- **The President introduced the items regarding the redistricting. A motion was shared by the President.**
- **In addition to the motion being shared on the screen, it was read in its entirety.**
- **The motion received a 2nd from Andrew Z.**
- **The item was opened to board member comments.**
- **Several ENC board members commented on the motion and on the redistricting process and how unfair it is to the public.**
- **A few corrections were made to the motion.**
- **Additional board members commented on the corrections and map that was shared.**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **Three members of the public spoke on the item.**
- **An additional amendment was proposed and received a 2nd from Victoria M.**
- **Further discussion from board members took place.**
- **The item was opened for public comment.**
- **A vote took place on the amendment, the amendment passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- **A vote took place on the original motion with the amendment. The motion passed: 19 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

8) New Business - Non-funding: Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items - Board members please inform the Chair prior to the meeting of consent items to be pulled for discussion.

A) Executive Committee:

- 1) Recommendation of appointment of Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Representative and Alternate for voting purposes.
- **Glenn B, introduced the agenda item. The policy has changed to one representative and one alternate. The NC can designate additional representatives/alternates but only one of each would be recognized at meetings for voting purposes. A motion to have Glenn B. be the representative with Pat B. as the alternate with Heather M. as the backup alternate was introduced. The motion received a 2nd from Victoria M. A question was asked if there are any objections.**
 - **The meeting was extended another 30 min.**
 - **The item was opened to public comment. Two members of the public made comments.**
 - **No objections from the board were received to the recommendation.**

B) Education Committee:

- 1) **EDU 21-10-0002:** Motion to ask the Encino Neighborhood Council to support [Proposed Map 2](#) because it maintains continuity through preK - 12 students, in alignment with the following Community Impact Statement: *Encino has been split between Districts 3 and 4 since the prior map was drawn. Whereas being split in two raises the same issues with the school district as it does with the city and all other forms of government: it reduces our ability to act as a unified entity advocating for our kids. Instead, we are split, with one NC managing relationships across two different school board members' offices.*
 - *Whereas the aforementioned split is not even vis a vis geography. One portion of Encino belongs to District 3, an entirely Valley district. The other portion belongs to District 4— which stretches over the hill across a wide swath of Los Angeles with which we have no particular relationship or connection. Critically, we are dwarfed by the dollars and voices on the other side of the hill.*
 - *Whereas our public schools are split between two districts: for example, Lanai Elementary, Hesby Oaks Charter, and Encino Charter are in District 4, while Emelita Charter is in District 3.*
 - *Whereas our public school elementary students are assigned to Portola Middle School (Tarzana), Mulholland Middle School (Lake Balboa), Birmingham High School (Lake Balboa), and Reseda High School (Reseda).*
 - *Accordingly, we urge the Commission to create a map that keeps Encino intact, and attached to the Valley neighbors with whom we share school communities, as one Board District. Rivlin/Goldstein 4/0/0*

2) Discussion and possible motion: The Encino Neighborhood Council DOES NOT support [Draft Map 2 proposal-revised of 10/21/2021](#) because it DOES NOT maintain continuity through preK - 12 students, in alignment with the Community Impact Statement described in 8.B.1

- **Pat B. introduced the items and opened the item for discussion.**
- **A request was made to combine the 2 items into 1.**
- **A 2nd was received by Lee B.**
- **There were no comments from board members.**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **The question was called. A vote to file a CIS as written was taken. The item passed: 18 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

C) Planning and Land Use committee (consent):

- 1) **PLU 21-10-0083** The ENC PLU requests that Councilman Koretz request the City Attorney to prepare a motion requesting a legal feasibility study action against the state of California for breach under the city rights and constitution, specifically relating to sections 100, 101, and 102. Additionally, SB-9 and SB-10, due to lack of infrastructure upgrades, is a threat to public safety, and it is, therefore, meritorious that the city considers a lawsuit to protect the common good.

(Details of motion to be determined)

- **The item was introduced.**
- **The item was opened to board member comment.**
- **Several board members spoke regarding the item.**
- **The item was opened for public comment.**
- **Two members of the public spoke.**
- **Anni K. left the meeting.**
- **The question was called. The motion passed: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 1 (A)**

D) Traffic & Transportation Committee (Consent)

- 1) **MOTION: TRA 21-10-0038** The Traffic/Transportation Committee requests flashers at La Maida and Ventura Blvd be added to the existing crosswalk because of many accidents and near misses including the center median being hit several times. Kelson/Jarvis Vote: 9/0/0
- 2) **MOTION: TRA 21-10-0039** The ENC Traffic/Transportation Committee requests the West Valley Traffic Officer to spend more time ticketing drivers on Hayvenhurst Ave at Bosque, Adlon and Escalon. Levey/Kelson VOTE: 9/0/0
- 3) **MOTION: TRA 21-10-0040** The ENC Traffic/Transportation Committee requests that CALTRANS AND LADOT study ways to improve congestion on Balboa both Northbound and Southbound at the 101 West onramp and on the onramp. Is there a way to widen the ramp to accommodate more cars and have 3 cars were green light to enter the freeway? Kelson/Morrow Vote: 9/0/0

4) **MOTION: TRA 21-10-0041** The Encino Traffic/ Transportation Committee requests STOP AHEAD painted on Hayvenhurst Ave North and South of Escalon. Levey/Kelson Vote : 9/0/0

- **The President introduced the items as consent items from committee.**
- **Laurie K. suggested to postpone the items.**
- **Glenn B. requested to vote on them as consent items.**
- **Lee B. introduced a motion to pass the items.**
- **Victoria B. 2nd the motion.**
- **The item was opened to public comment.**
- **Two members of the public spoke.**
- **Jess W. left the meeting.**
- **A vote took place, all 4 items passed with full consent from the board; 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

9) **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public comments on non-agenda items within the ENC’s subject matter jurisdiction is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair’s discretion. Public calling in, please press *9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those who are using the Zoom application, please use the Raise Hand feature to speak.

- **Laurie K. left the meeting.**
- **Public comment on non-agenda items was opened.**
- **Two members of the public spoke during the session.**

10) Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

- **Glenn B. commented that the City Council Files for SB 9 and 10 are: 21-0002-S18 (SB9) & 21-0002-S21 (SB10)**
- **Lee B. requested to appoint an interim Chair to the Ad-Hoc Redistricting Committee in the event the NC needs to weigh in on something.**
- **Pat B. commented that if needed, a special meeting would be called.**

11) **Adjournment**

- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm**

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Please see the Encino NC [website](#) for announcements of events