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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

**6:30pm Meet & Greet with Refreshments 7:00pm Meeting**

**Encino Community Center Auditorium**

**4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino CA 91316**

**1. Call to Order at 7:00pm. Roll call; determination of quorum. (5 minutes)**

Board Members			
Name	Board Position	Present?	
Laura Shovlowsky	Area 1 Representative	absent	
Scott Linden	Area 2 Representative	Absent	
Kenneth Silk	Area 3 Representative	present	
Jess Whitehill	Area 4 Representative	present	
Diane Rosen	Area 5 Representative	absent	
Laurie Kelson	Area 6 Representative	present	
Jim Esterle	Area 7 Representative	absent	
Sherman Gamson	Apartment/Condo Resident Rep.	present	
Victoria Miller (VP)	Business Representative	present	
Varant Majarian	Business Representative	absent	
Adriohn Richardson	Education Representative	present, Left @ 9:15pm	
Debra Lee George (Pres.)	Park Advocate/ Environment Rep	present	
Eliot Cohen	Planning & Land Use Representative	present	
Glenn Bailey (Sgt at Arms)	Public Safety Representative	arrived at 8:00pm	
Anni Keusseyan	Religious Representative	present	

Patricia Bates (Treasurer)	Volunteer Service Representative	present	
Doug Kriegel	At-Large Representative	Absent	
Henry Eshelman	At-Large Representative	present, Left @ 9:00pm	
Carol Levin	Encino Property Owners Association	Absent	
Gerald A Silver	Homeowners of Encino Rep	present	
Mark Levinson	Encino Chamber of Commerce Rep	present	
Alternates			
Name	Board Position	Present?	Voting?
Alex Garay	Area 3 Alternate	Present	no
Carolyn Richardson	Area 4 Alternate	Absent	
Samuel Apikyan	Business Alternate	Absent	
Shelley Billik	Park Advocate/ Environment Alt	Present	no
Athena Novak	Planning & Land Use Alternate	Absent	
Kathy Moghimi-Patterson	At-Large Alternate	Absent	
Norma Landau	Homeowners of Encino Alternate	Absent	
Brandon Rapport	Encino Chamber of Commerce Alternate	Absent	

**2. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies: (25 minutes)**

**A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups**

	Kathleen Quinn - \$5,000 extra granted to NCs this years
	311 app service requests on DONE website.

**B. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs), Community Police Advisory Board, & LAFD Captains  
LAFD**

**C. City Attorney's Office - Raffy Astvasadooria, Neighborhood Prosecutor [raffy.A@LACity.org](mailto:raffy.A@LACity.org)**

Working on catching porch pirates

- Have items sent to an address you can access that you know someone will be at
- Postal inspector phone # 877-876-2455

Homelessness Townhall recap, what can and can't be done

-ACLU sued LA over treatment

9pm-5am you CAN sleep on the sidewalks with your stuff, you are supposed to clear it out at 5am however there are limits, you have up to 60 gallons worth of stuff, not counting contraband, human waste, a tent or a working bicycle

D. LA Council District 5 - Councilmember Paul Koretz / Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy (818) 971-3088

Friday night 11pm-5am Ventura Blvd will be shut down and resurfaced overnight, most homes are more than 500 feet away

E. State Assembly or State Senate Offices - Field Deputies & Reps

Assembly member Matt Dababneh spoke to introduce himself and his staff Marc Berkman

NCs front line in democracy and public service.

**3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (20 minutes)** Limited to maximum FIVE MINUTES (5) per speaker; total time for all public comment is limited to 20 minutes. Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Board's Secretary. Time may be adjusted at president's discretion.

-Rabbi Gerald Goldstien- I live in Sherman Oaks, we're sister communities, I'm here to discuss measure M, I visited Denver to visit my grandson who showed off with great pride the light rail, why don't we have that in the SFV? Well we could if we vote for Measure M we could have light rail from the Valley to LAX, it's probably not going to happen in my lifetime, but it needs to happen. If we don't fix the transit we're going to suffocate this city. We stole the mastermind of Denver's transit revolution Phil Washington, a man who knows how to make a big staff with a big budget make big things happen.

-James Latham- balanced recreation conservation park ranger. There's a Measure (A) coming up that would secure more open spaces with more patrol hours. All out rangers are law enforcement, fire fighting and conservation. There are no secret trails, secret caves, secret areas anymore. People are gravitating towards open spaces. We want to provide more open space with more security

-Walt Young - Park Ranger (Mountain, there was a measure 4 years ago for a property tax increase it, why vote on it again? These things are on 10 year cycles. I was asked what I want and I knew what I want, and I got this idea from your friends on Vanalden, what we asked for is Cameras for the hills because even with all the money in the world it would be impossible to patrol west of the 405 effectively with cars alone.

-Juan Carlos - Red Cross Community Ambassadors program

Wayne- everyone's here is saying 'give me more taxes for this, more tax money for that', say no to all of it, it won't go to services, it'll all go to pensions. We're paying enough to have the best

Christa- I live in Encino, I think we're all aware that there's this problem on Burbank Blvd between Balboa and Hayvenhurst, we've called the city, Sanitation, LAPD, we can't get the encampments dealt with

Eliot Cohen- PLU Rep and Chair I object to the Rabbi's false equivalence with Denver, the reason they could do what they did outside of

#### **4. Guest Speaker: (40 minutes)**

1. Mayor's Office of Public Engagement report on the progress of Mayor Garcetti's 'Back to Basics' agenda and collaborative opportunities moving forward. (West Valley Area Representative, Kevin Taylor)

Took this job about a day ago, the day I took this job is the day I stepped down on as president of the Reseda Neighborhood Council, so I like to remind NC people that I'm one of them

I'd Like to do a little Q+A on the Homelessness Issue

Mayor put 138 Million Dollars into the budget for homelessness resources. The strategy we're pursuing is called housing first, instead of worrying about making sure

3 Pillars of Homelessness Strategy

- Street engagement - HOPE Teams go out, look for hot-spots and plan outreach
- 2. longterm investments in housing- City is putting in a lot of investment
- 3. Prevention, free year of Community college, \$15 Min Wage

Let's talk specifically about Burbank Blvd, I did get a chance to spend half a day on Burbank Blvd with our local police chiefs and homelessness specialists, by the end of the day we got 2 pregnant women set up with services and they will not be having their babies on the street or in the woods.

We're looking into how to solve the problem rather than waste money on models that we know don't work. There's a lot of people working together

Whitehill: how do you practically implement housing first? Where's

Taylor: there is a belief and evidence that providing housing and then providing services is a more cost-effective. As for where's the housing going to come from, where's it going to go? It's going to require NCs to deal with some controversial issues and allow for projects that they would normally say they don't want.

Silver: thank you Mr. Taylor you did 20 minutes

Have you traveled to other cities where they've solved the problem? In the 1900s the private charities used to handle this load.

Taylor: question #1 yes absolutely , there are several people on our

Silver: have you found any pay-dirt, any solutions?

Taylor: yeah like we said, housing first we borrowed from Utah, we are building in

Silver: what about private charities or is this now the job of the government

Taylor: if every house of worship had a few beds that would go a long way for addressing the issues, but that's not a fair burden to put on them, we welcome all partners private and public

Kathleen: as he mentioned we have a lot of opportunities for involvement

Taylor:

Wayne: the 9th circuit Court of Appeals says you have a right to be homeless from 9pm to 6am, if the land is leased by the city from the feds, so you're on the hook for the liability right?

Debra: let's wrap up the rest of the presentation

Taylor: Mayor Garcetti has been working on

Transportation- the Metro Board with Mayor Garcetti and the Metro Board put together a long-term plan, we're putting that on the ballot, as a representative I can't publicly comment on this.

Since Mayor Garcetti took over, we've cut unemployment in half

We've been changing how we work with NCs, Pothole blitz 50 sq feet paved a day

-providing meals for seniors, since Garcetti took office

-#s from sustainability :

- City 20% water reduction
- 36% water reduction on city owned facilities
- 180 MW panels
- 1000 + bike share bikes
- 6 new gold line stops
- 7 new expo line stops
- Performance.lacity.org

-311

- 98% of reported illegal dumping is cleared by the next trash days.

Kevin.taylor@lacity.org

-Silver I have no interest that the city spent money on a 1,000 bicycles

## **5. Consent Items: (5 minutes) (votes taken after 9:00pm)**

### A. Executive Committee

- 1. MOTION: Contribution of \$500 for the VANC Planning Forum to be held November 10, 2016 and the 14th Anniversary Mixer to be held March 9, 2017. Both to be held at CBS Studios. 5-0-0**

Items 5

Moved by: Silver \_\_\_\_, Seconded By Bates \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSES**

12 / 0 / 1(Bailey)

### B. Planning and Land Use Committee (PLU)

Items 5B 1+ 5B2 voted on as a group

Moved by: Silver \_\_\_\_, Seconded By Bates \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSES 13/0 /0**

**1. MOTION: Encino Neighborhood Council supports adoption of a “Newport Beach” style noise ordinance. CF 12-1824-S1**

**2. MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council strongly encourages City Council and its Committees to approve version B+ of the citywide sign ordinance as adopted by the City Planning Commission on October 22, 2015 which helps protect our communities and neighborhoods by:**

- (a) restricting all new off-site signs including digital billboards to sign districts in a limited number of high-intensity commercial areas;**
- (b) requiring existing billboards be taken down in exchange for new off-site signs in sign district at a ratio that will significantly reduce the number of billboards on the city’s commercial streets**
- (c) establishing a schedule of administrative penalties for sign law violations that will be a real deterrent to companies and property owners who flouted sign regulations in the past (as well as providing the City with additional funds**
- (d) denying amnesty to billboards without permits or out of compliance with their permits**
- (e) prohibiting the visual blight of billboards, banners and other forms of off-site signage in City-owned parks and recreation facilities.**

**Furthermore, it strongly opposes:**

- (a) billboards being erected via the waivers and Conditional Use Permits, which take undue advantage of and unfairly impacts both economically disadvantaged neighborhoods and those already poorly served by government agencies.**
- (b) ANY new digital billboards on City-owned property in exchange for a share of revenue and the takedown of a certain number of existing billboards.**

**The Encino Neighborhood Council opposes the erection of any additional billboards as the City has too many billboards.**

**6. New Business**

**A. Executive Committee**

**1) MOTION: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports the renovation and revitalization of the Encino Community Center, the Encino Women’s Club Building, and the Genesta Park building to correct Code violations, improve safety, and to enable greater use by the community to include, the establishment of more arts related recreational activities. Letter to be sent to Councilmember Koretz**

Moved by: Silver, Seconded By Bates

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**2) MOTION: Authorize up to \$500 for legal secretarial assistance with updated Bylaws. Vendor to be Apple One or Partners Diversity.**

Moved by: Silver, Seconded By Bates

**MOTION PASSES**

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**3) MOTION: Reimburse Debra George \$8.40 parking fee. Councilman Koretz office visit September 22nd.**

-Comment from "Wayne": I want the Councilman to start validating parking like they do in the West LA office,

Silver: moved to amend the motion, to encourage CM Koretz to validate parking at the Encino Office

Amendment accepted 13-0-0

**AMENDED MOTION: Reimburse Debra George \$8.40 parking fee. Councilman Koretz office visit September 22nd. The Encino Neighborhood Council Encourages Councilman Koretz to Validate parking at his Encino Office**

Moved by: \_Silver\_\_\_, Seconded By \_Bates\_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSES**

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- 4) **MOTION: Reimburse Debra George \$96.47 for printing of promotional flyers for October 20th Candidate Forum.**

Moved by: \_Silver\_\_\_, Seconded By \_Bates\_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSES**

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- 5) **MOTION: Reimburse Debra George \$56.42 for the purchase of legal size hanging file folders and labels.**

Moved by: \_Silver\_\_\_, Seconded By \_Bates\_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSES**

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- 6) **MOTION: Encino Neighborhood Council supports the original ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code which will establish joint administration of the Neighborhood Empowerment Trust Fund between the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk. CF 11-1020-S2 CIS to be filed**

**Bailey:** instead of supporting this, we should oppose unless amended to the original language

**Substitute Motion** to table this item

Moved by: \_Silver\_\_\_, Seconded By \_\_George\_\_\_\_\_

11/2 (Bailey, Miller)/0

**MOTION PASSES – Item Tabled until December 7, 2016 meeting**

- 7) **MOTION: Encino Neighborhood Council supports providing Neighborhood Councils with priority in the use of shared space at City facilities for Board and Committee meetings and also office space where available. CF 16-0298 CIS to be filed**

Moved by: \_\_Levinson\_\_\_, Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSES**

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## 7. Officer's Reports: (10 minutes)

### A. President's Report –

1. Meet and Greet with Vince Bertoni, LA's new director of the Dept of City Planning to be held on Wednesday, Nov 30th at 7pm

B. Sergeant-at-Arm's Report – Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct

C. Vice-President's Report – Committee Chairs and Membership

1. Appointment and approval of Outreach Committee Chair(s)

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT SKIPPED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS

D. Secretary's Report

~~1) MOTION: Approval of September 2016 Meeting Minutes~~

2) MOTION: Approval of revised June 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT SKIPPED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS

Richardson left around 9:15pm

E. Treasurer's Report – Update for Board - ENC Account and cash flow.

1. MOTION: Approval of September 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

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8. **Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council (5 minutes)** Available positions include: Alternates: Apartment/Condo; Business; Education; Public Safety; Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; At Large Representative; Area 1; Area 2; Area 4; Area 5; Area 6; Area 7

No Applications Received, Item Skipped

9. **Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (5 minutes) Limited to ONE MINUTES (1) per speaker; total time for all comment is limited to 5 minutes**

10. **Adjournment at 9:24pm**

NO NOVEMBER MEETING!!!

**Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7th. Encino Women's Club, 4924 Paso Robles Ave**