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## NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 7 pm

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**The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.**

**A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of one minute per item and five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Otherwise comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comment. Please be aware that time accumulates for any agenda items commented on.**

Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

**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.

**Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members**

Lee Blumenfeld Area 1 Rep	Vacant Area 2 Rep	Alex Ventura 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	Vacant Encino Chamber Rep	Daniel Freedman 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	Brooke Resnik Youth Rep			

**Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates**

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Alt	Vacant Area 2 Alt	Vacant Area 3 Alt	Robert Wenger Area 4 Alt	Jonathan Gabriel Area 5 Alt
Vacant Area 6 Alt	Lenny Beckerman Area 7 Alt	Lissa Morrow Christian At-Large Alt 1	Daniel Glaser At-Large Alt2	Vacant Apt/Condo Alt
Vacant Business Alt 1	Vacant Business Alt 2	Vacant Education Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Alt	Vacant EPOA Alt
Daniel Kashani HOME Alt	Maury Geller Park/Advocate Environment Alt	Vacant PLU Alt	Vacant Public Safety Alt	Vacant Religious Alt
Vacant Volunteer Alt				

- 1. Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.**

**Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies, not limited to:**

- 2. LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, [34024@lapd.online](mailto:34024@lapd.online) (818) 374-7634**  
**Councilmember Nithya Raman: Itzel Sanchez-Morales, [itzel.sanchez@lacity.org](mailto:itzel.sanchez@lacity.org)**  
**Mayor Bass: Erin Seinfeld: [erin.seinfeld@lacity.org](mailto:erin.seinfeld@lacity.org)**  
**LA City Planning Dept: Courtney Schoenwald , [courtney.schoenwald@lacity.org](mailto:courtney.schoenwald@lacity.org)**  
**Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: (818) 346-4521: TBD**  
**LA County Supervisor Horvath:TBD**  
**West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor: Michael Liu, [Michael.liu@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.liu@lacity.org)**  
**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews [Dina.Andrews@lacity.org](mailto:Dina.Andrews@lacity.org)**  
**Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey**
- 3. Presentation - Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Briefing – Presenters: Jessica Henson from OLIN, Nur Malhis & Shun Yu Zhang from BOE.**

4. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who wish to speak on multiple agenda items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments. This comment period includes comment on all numbered agenda items including public officials' reports.
5. **General 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.
6. **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. Discussion and Possible Action. Per the ENC Bylaws (Article V, Section 1D.1): "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.**"
7. **Officer's Reports:**
  - A. President's Report
  - B. Vice-President's Report
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    1. Motion to approve the [February 2023 Monthly Expense Report](#)
  - D. Secretary's Report:
  - E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report

## 8. NEW BUSINESS - FUNDING:

### Outreach Committee:

- A. **ENC Swag Items for the Senior Symposium** – Each year we attend the One Generation Senior Symposium we have targeted items for seniors. Our CC Magnifiers have been a huge success and we should order more for the symposium. Another hot item are lanyards. You can see one here: [LANYARD](#) and you can view the total cost with shipping here: [LANYARD & CC Magnifiers](#). **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends that the board support the purchase of logo'd ENC lanyards and credit card magnifiers from 4 Imprint or similar for the One Generation Senior Symposium and further requests approval of up to \$750 for the purchase of the items. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- B. **Easter Egg Hunt** - We have been invited to have a table at the Encino Easter Egg Hunt. We usually bring things for the kids to do while they wait for their groups to go. **MOTION: The ENC's Outreach Committee recommends the board approve up to \$500 for coloring materials and light refreshments for the Easter Egg Hunt at either the Balboa Park Sports Complex or Encino Park. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

### Education Committee:

- C. **Lanai** – Consider Neighborhood Purposes Grant Request from [Friends of Lanai Booster](#) in the amount of \$2,500 to help with landscaping in front of the school. **Motion: The ENC Education Committee recommends that the ENC approve an NPG of \$2,500 to help pay for landscaping at Lanai School. Passed: 3 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- D. **Mulholland Middle School** – Consider Neighborhood Purposes Grant Request from [Mulholland Middle School](#) in the amount of \$5,000 to support their urban agriculture program. The recommendation of the ENC Education Committee is a grant of \$3000. **Motion: The ENC Education Committee recommends funding the Mulholland Middle School NPG request in the amount of \$2,500 contingent on receipt of a properly completed application subject to review and approval by the ENC Board. (Henry/Pat 3 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions**
- E. **Portola Middle School** – Consider Neighborhood Purposes Grant Request from [Portola Middle School](#) in the amount of \$3,500 to support a second year of the Mock Trial program. **The recommendation of the ENC Education Committee is a grant of \$3000. Passed 3 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

### Finance Committee:

- F. **Friends of the LA River (FOLAR)** – Consider Neighborhood Purposes Grant Request from [Friends of the Los Angeles River FOLAR](#) in the amount of \$2,300 to support two cleanups in the Sepulveda Basin. **Motion: The ENC Finance Committee recommends that the ENC approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to FOLAR in the amount of \$2,300 on the condition that the requested clarifications are contained in the final application. Pat/Henry 4 yes/0 no/ 0 abstain**
- G. **ENC Election** – Authorize up to \$300 for incidental costs related to the 2023 NC Election. Consider possible recommendations to the ENC board. **MOTION: The ENC Finance Committee recommends that the ENC support paying up to \$300 for incidental costs related to the 2023 NC elections, including but not limited to polling place rental and flyers. Pat/Henry 4 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions).**
9. **NEW BUSINESS CONSENT ITEMS: Items 9A. thru 9G. all passed their respective committees with full consent, following discussion by committee members and the public. Public comment was taken on all of the following consent items in committee. Unless a board member pulls an item, items 9A. thru 9F. will be deemed approved unanimously by the Encino Neighborhood Council. If an item is pulled, the remaining consent items will pass by consent and the pulled items will be discussed in the order on the agenda.**

### Executive Committee:

A. **LAMC §63.44 B.8** - This issue has been going on for probably 10 years now. large groups periodically come to Woodley park to fly "fighter kites", unfortunately over public as well as wildlife areas. These are not kid's kites (perhaps 100-150' of cotton string) but huge kites sometimes with motorized reels containing 1000s of yards of abrasive line. **Motion : As a result of continued flying of "fighting kites" in the vicinity of active raptor nests, and the large amounts of abrasive kite line left throughout the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area, and the known hazards of such activity to wildlife and humans alike, the ENC recommends that the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners and the Los Angeles City Council consider adding an additional category of prohibited flying devices to LAMC. Section 63.44.B.8 which currently reads: No person shall land, release, take off or fly any balloon, except children toy balloons not inflated with any flammable material,**

*helicopter, parakite, hang glider, aircraft or powered models thereof, except in areas specifically set aside therefor.* The additional prohibited device would be "fighting kites, defined as kites tethered to more than 150' of line." Passed 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).

**B. New GM Selection – MOTION:** The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that board support the following request when selecting a new General Manager for DONE: We call on Mayor Bass to engage in a process of consultation with Neighborhood Councils and their Alliances in choosing a new permanent General Manager of DONE. There should be direct and instant participation of the NCs for the entire process including but not limited to recruitment, nomination, interview, qualifications, background, and review procedures. Passed 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

**C. CF 20-0990 –** The ENC's Executive Committee recommends that the ENC file a CIS opposed unless amended for CF 20-0990. The Mayor's approval would extend authority to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). The amended ordinance for the Mayor to sign may be read here: [ORINANCE](#). The ENC's full CIS statement may be read here: [ENC CIS CF 20-0990](#). Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

#### Airport Committee:

**D. CF 17-1071-S1 – MOTION:** The ENC's Airport Committee recommends the board support filing a CIS in support of CF 17-1071-S1. Please see the following for the entire statement: [ENC CIS CF 17-1071-S1](#). Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

**E. CF 22-1489 - MOTION –** The Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF 22-1489: This motion supports the Van Nuys Citizen's Advisory Council's (VNY CAC) motion from November 1, 2022 placing a moratorium on all VNY projects until Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) provides a detailed written report on the following items within 60-90 days effective March 7, 2023: Please read the full CIS here: [ENC CIS CF 22-1489](#). Passed 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

**F. CF 22-1127 -** The Encino Neighborhood Council supports CF 22-1127: This motion supports the need for a VNY Specific or Master Plan, with the following amendments: Read the full CIS here: [ENC CIS CF 22-1127](#). Passed:

#### Parks & Environment Committee:

G. [Council File 22-1547](#): Designation of the Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) as the official tree of the City of Los Angeles. **MOTION:** The ENC's Park & Environment Committee recommends to the ENC Board that a CIS be filed supporting CF 22-1547: The Coast Live Oak is inarguably the dominant overstory tree of most if not all of the area comprising the City of Los Angeles. While normally found within 60 miles of the Pacific Ocean at elevations less than 2,300 feet, in southern California the Coast Live Oak occasionally occurs at up to 4,900 feet in altitude, so this includes the entire area of the City of Los Angeles. These magnificent trees may live over 250 years, are drought and fire-resistant and provide extraordinary amounts of habitat for native species. Among these are the California Sister, Propertius Duskywing, Mournful Duskywing, Golden Hairstreak, and Gold-Hunter's Hairstreak. The Coast Live Oaks helped sustain the Tongva and Chumash people for thousands of years. They were here to greet Spanish settlers and were given the name "Encino". For these and so many more reasons, the ENC enthusiastically endorses designation of the Coast Live Oak as the Official Tree of the City of Los Angeles and urges the City Council's prompt approval and authorizes the filing of a Community Impact Statement in favor of CF 22-1547. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).



## 10. New Business:

### Added at the discretion of the President:

- A. Board of Water and Power MOU** - The Board of Water and Power Commissioners have approved a [revised Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) with Neighborhood Councils for an additional five years. **MOTION: To recommend that the Encino NC approve the MOU and appoint/ratify its Representative and Alternate to the DWP/NC MOU Oversight Committee.**
- B. ENC Alternate Representative – Wildlife Steering Committee** – Pat Bates is the (non-voting) Representative of the Encino NC to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee and the Alternate position is currently vacant. **MOTION: To recommend that Glenn Bailey be appointed as the Encino NC Alternate on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee.**
- C. Valley Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (RVNOC)** - Following the 2021 redistricting which resulted in Council District 4 becoming a majority Valley District, the City failed to then reallocate RVNOC seats accordingly. Therefore Valley residents in Council District 4 (Encino, Reseda, Sherman Oaks and Studio City) have had no representation on the Valley RVNOC. **MOTION: The ENC recommends that the City Council immediately amend the Proposition K Regional Volunteer Oversight Committee ordinance to provide at least one, if not two, Council District 4 seats on the Valley RVNOC.**

## 11. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

## 12. Adjournment

**Next meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 2023 (As of the date of posting, the meeting will be at the Encino Community Center).**

**Announcements: Please see the Encino NC [website](#) for announcements of other events and to join our mailing list.**

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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