

Voices Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting Vermont Square Branch Library 1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037 Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:00 pm* (New start time)



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- 5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each)
- 6. General Comments by Council Chairperson (3 mins)
- 7. Approval of Minutes- Discussion and Possible Action (3 mins)
 - October 2018 and November 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- 8. Approval of MERs Discussion and Possible Action (3 mins)
 - September 2018 and October 2018 and November 2018
- 9. Presentation by Mr. Armen Ross Discussion and Possible Action (10 mins)
 - Mr. Ross requested the opportunity to present the franchisee of the new 7-Eleven on 54th and Vermont
- Ms. Kelie Sturgis, Peacemakers, Inc., Request for Domestic Violence Training grant Discussion and Possible Action (15 mins)
 - Board will motion on NPG to provide \$400 scholarship for four individuals to participate in Domestic Violence Training to become a Victim Advocate.
- 11. Vacancy of Area 3 Representative Position Discussion and Possible Action (5 mins)
 - Board to motion on vacating the Area 3 Representative seat due to exceeding number of allowable absences (Please refer to our bylaws, Article V. Section 7, for Absences)
- 12. Board Liaison and Committee Reports Discussion and Possible Action (5 mins each)
 - SLAANC Liaison
 - Planning & Land Use Committee
 - Outreach Committee & Social Media Ad Hoc
 - Homeless Liaison
 - Resiliency Liaison
- Status on Formation of Standing Committees and Member Selection Discussion and Possible Action (5 mins)
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- 14. Adjourn

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Vacancies and Responsibilities

Faith-Based Representative - represents the interest of faith-based organizations in our community and who is a designated representative of a faith-based organization located within the boundaries of the VNC area. A "designated representative" shall be the individual who is selected by a faith-based organization to represent said constituencies to the VNC.

Recording Secretary – records Council and Stakeholder attendance, records minutes of General Board meetings and Special Board Meetings, lists vacancies and forwards applicants to the Corresponding Secretary for Board distribution and placement on agenda, records Stakeholder grievances, selects Ad Hoc Grievance Panel, coordinates time and place for panel meeting and forwards panel report and recommendations to the Board.

Vice Chairperson - performs the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence and other duties as delegated by the Chairperson. Secures meeting locations and permits, as necessary, assists the Chairperson in deciding what issues may deserve a special meeting, acts, with the Chairperson's approval as the chief liaison with other Neighborhood Council, maintain oversight of all committees to ensure they are functioning appropriately, and performs duties of the Parliamentarian's absence.

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- 1. Call to Order
 - The Voices NC Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:05.
- 2. Roll Call by Parliamentarian
 - The Voices Board Members present were Mr. Miles, S. Ale, Ms. Keaton, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Embrey.
 Ms. Zurita, and Mr. Parker. Mr. Rand, Ms. Rabb, Mr. Warren, and Ms. Lopez were absent. There was
 no quorum.
- 3. Senior Lead Officer/Public Officials (7 mins, each)
 - Brett Shears provided information to the Board and Stakeholders about the Neighborhood Council Elections that will be held for Voices NC in June 2019. Posters were provided by DONE which were displayed.
- 4. General Public Comment on Non-agenda Items (3 mins)
 - Michael Lawson, Los Angeles Urban League, was invited by Michael Parker. He was invited to address the Board and Stakeholders on LAUL activities.
 - Evan Buneh, peer of Ivette Ale and advocate for the formerly incarcerated, address the Board and Stakeholder to discuss local initiatives for equity for the formerly incarcerated. He additionally expressed interest in the Voices Faith Based Council vacancy.
- 5. Board Announcements of Upcoming Events (2 mins each)
 - No upcoming events were announced.
- 6. Approval of Minutes- Discussion and Possible Action (3 mins)
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- 7. Approval of MERs Discussion and Possible Action (3 mins)
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- 8. Holiday Bicycle Give Away Discussion and Possible Action (10 mins)
 - Vincente Miles reported to the Board and Stakeholders the provision of 10 names and five alternatives to the Office of Curren Price for their Holiday Bicycle Giveaway. Martha Sherrod and the Vermont Square Library personnel were very helpful in advertisement and collection of names.
- Vacancy of Area 3 Representative Position Discussion and Possible Action (5 mins)
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- f. Seniors (Vacant)
- g. Youth and Education (Vacant)
- 11. Election Planning 2019 Discussion and Possible Action (10 mins)
 - Board to motion on plans for election outreach reach efforts to encourage participation.
- 12. December Holiday Mixer (30 minutes)
 - Board to celebrate with members and stakeholders the Holiday Season and look toward great things to come in 2019.
- 13. Adjourn at 7:45 pm

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Voices of Neighborhood Counseling

Los Angeles, CA 90037

RE: Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)

Dear Members of the Board,

We are writing this letter to modify the start and requested funding dates noted in our original application submitted on August 16, 2018, due to our delay in presenting before the board in the latter part of 2018.

Our new start date will begin on April 1, 2019, and our new date that funds are required is March 1, 2019. There is no change in the expected completion date of June 27, 2019, as specified on the original grant application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our modify request dates.

Sincerely.

Executive Director

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Neighborhood Council Funding Program APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)





This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

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4-1	Project: PeaceMakers, Incorporated	95-4561298	CA	10/03/1995				
1a)	Organization Name	Federal I.D. # (EIN#)	State of Incorporation	Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable				
1b)	P.O. Box 82361	Los Angeles	CA	90082-0361				
	Organization Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code				
1c)	1826 W. 54th Street	Los Angeles	CA	90062-2601				
	Business Address (If different)	City	State	Zip Code				
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:							
·	Bernita Walker/Kelie Sturgis (323) 394-6265 walkerppmi@aol.com/kjs8ppmi@aol.com							
	Name	Phone	Email					
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one: □ Public School (not to include private schools) Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead	ols) or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)						
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4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

Please see the attached document for explanation.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

Please see the attached document for explanation.

Project: PeaceMakers, Incorporated Attachment Answers for NPG Application

Question #4: Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

To provide 40-hour Domestic Violence (DV) training to any individual who would like to become a victim advocate for Domestic Violence. The requested funds will provide training for up to four individuals who may have a financial hardship of attending. The total training cost is \$300 per person, which includes, catered dinner for all participants during each 4-hour evening class.

The 40-hour classes are held in the fall and spring during a fiscal year. Therefore, we are requesting that the grant funds be used in one or both classes, according to those individuals in the 90037 area who need financial assistance for either class.

Question#5: How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

This grant will sponsor those individuals in the community who would like to receive the 40-hour Domestic Violence (DV) state mandated classes to become an advocate. An advocate of Domestic Violence serves the community in providing information to the public at-large on the dynamics of DV; community-based resources; identifying signs of a victim and/or abuser to assist them with counseling or seeking further help through medical, law enforcement and/or legal entities.

As Domestic Violence effects families as a whole, it is imperative to have advocates in the community that have been trained to handle all aspects of DV, as well as, being proactive in outreach services churches and public community affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DISTRICT DIRECTOR 2 CUPANIA CIRCLE MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755-7406

Date: MAY 1 5 1996

PROJECT: PEACEMAKERS, INC. 2312 W. FLORENCE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90043

Employer Identification Number: 95~4561298 Case Number: 956039077 Contact Person: B. THORNTON Contact Telephone Number: (310) 316-9015 Accounting Period Ending: June 30 Foundation Status Classification: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) Advance Ruling Period Begins: October 3, 1995 Advance Ruling Period Ends: June 30, 2000 Addendum Applies:

no

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we

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will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If you are required to file a return you must file it by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. We charge a penalty of \$10 a day when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable

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cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty we charge cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. We may also charge this penalty if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard R. Orosco District Director

Enclosure(s): Form 872-C

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OH 45201

Date:

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PROJECT PEACEMAKERS INC 2516 W 54TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 Employer Identification Number: 95-4561298

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17053274793010 Contact Person: ERIK FILIAULT

ID# 31303

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500 Our Letter Dated:

May 1996 Addendum Applies:

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Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

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Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

Steven T. Miller

Steven T. Miller Director, Exempt Organizations

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