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AGENDA FOR 10/8/2019

Call to Order at **6:13PM**

Roll Call: **Present: V. Miles, A. Farias, J. Rabb, S. Nieto, E. Garren, P. Rand.**

Absent: S. Zurita, L. Ferguson, S. Embrey, O. Perez, I. Guevara, G. Guevara, A. Gray, R. Rodriguez.

Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Lead Officer Report: **None present**

Public Officials Report:

Councilman Curren Price reported on proposed and upcoming bridge and supportive housing sites within the Voices NC boundaries. There are two CARE units dedicated to CD9. It is difficult to address abandoned cars because many of them contain hazardous items; however, stakeholders should keep reporting them.

Brett Shears, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, reported that all CD9 is considered a hard to count area for the U.S. Census. Neighborhood Councils are requested to appoint two census liaisons.

Edith Vega, Mayor's Office, reported that staff is working with local organizations (e.g., black women for wellness, LA black workers center) to outreach for U.S. Census.

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: **None**

Adjourn at **7:52PM**

Action Items

All items listed are designated for discussion and possible action by the Voices Neighborhood Council. Council items identified as presentation may be proposed for action by the Council and will be reflected as such in the meeting minutes.

Item	Reference Number	Matter	Time Allotted
1.	1019-01	<p>Council Meeting Minutes Review and discussion of minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2019 Member/Committee: S. Nieto Proposed Action: Motion to approve the minutes for the August Regular Board Minutes. Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	3 mins
2.	1019-02	<p>Monthly Expenditure Report Review and discussion of MER for September July 2019 Member/Committee: L. Ferguson, V. Miles Proposed Action: Motion to approve the September 2019 MER. MERs to be submitted by September 30, 2019. Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	3 mins
3.	1019-03	<p>Crisis and Bridge Housing Voices NC to hear a presentation by Edith Vega, Mayor Garcetti's Office, on the Crisis and Bridge Housing Project. Voices NC to discuss the opportunities to support the initiative. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Committee Proposed Action: Motion to support the City Council of LA's resolution of HR 1384 as indicated in Los Angeles City Council File 19-0002-S157. Council to draft and submit for review a community impact statement to the Voices NC by October 2, 2019.</p>	15 mins

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		Edith Vega presented on the Mayor's initiatives to reduce homelessness in the City of Los Angeles.	
4.	1019-04	<p>Committee & Liaison Reports Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Committee • Planning & Land Use Committee • Arts, Parks & Recreation Committee • Youth & Education Committee • Budget & Finance Committee • CPAB (77th & Southwest) Liaison • Homeless Liaison • SLAANC Liaison <p>Proposed Action: No motions from updates. Committee and Liaison agenda motions will be listed individually for discussion and possible action.</p>	3 mins each
5.	1019-05	<p>Voices Vacancies Review and discussion of vacant council seat, unassigned committees, liaisons, liaison alternates, and recruitment of community stakeholders for committee assignment. Discuss council member absences. Invite all committee members to be sworn in during November meeting. Member/Committee: V. Miles, A. Farias Proposed Action: 5a. Motion to accept interested candidates for vacant council seats and unassigned community chair positions. 5b Motion to send letter to members who have exceeded number of absences to inform seat is at risk of vacancy. 5c. Motion to swear committee members in during November meeting. Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
6.	1019-06	<p>LA Census 2020 Voices to discuss strategy to increase community participation in the Census 2020. The Census 2020 may affect congressional representation and funding for social programs that are based an accurate population count. Member/Committee: V. Miles Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that the Outreach Committee develop a strategy to support the Census 2020 and report to Board by December meeting. Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
7.	1019-07	<p>Council File 19-0883, Assault Weapons / Prohibit the Possession / City of Los Angeles / Ordinance Introduced on August 6, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. Motion is requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to prohibit the possession of assault weapons within the City of Los Angeles. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC SUPPORT LA City Council File 19-0883 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement: "Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to prohibit the possession of assault weapons within the City."</p>	5 mins

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8.	1019-08	<p>Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p> <p>Council File 19-0848, Privately and Publicly Owned Entertainment Venues / Firearms Restriction / Off-Duty Law Enforcement Personnel / Provision of Secure Lock Box / Off-Duty Officer Firearm / Ordinance: Introduced on July 30, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. Motion is instructing the City Attorney with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department to prepare and present an ordinance requiring privately and publicly owned entertainment venues that restrict the carrying of a firearm by off-duty law enforcement personnel to provide a secure lock box for off-duty officer's firearms while they are on their premises. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Committee Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC SUPPORT IF AMENDED LA City Council File 19-0848 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement;</p> <p>"Voices NC will support this ordinance if it is amended such that the City provides resources for private entertainment companies to acquire secure lock boxes ."</p> <p>Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
9.	1019-09	<p>Council File 19-0849, Confiscated Firearms Tracking / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD): Introduced on July 30, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. Motion is directing the LAPD to report on its ability to identify and track confiscated firearms in the City, including but not limited to: The number of firearms seized, registration status, and whether weapons recovered are otherwise legal under California law. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC SUPPORT IF AMENDED LA City Council File 19-0849 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement;</p> <p>"Voices NC will support this ordinance if it is amended such that the City makes the data available to the public and that the neighborhood council area or zip code where the firearms were seized are also tracked and reported. "</p> <p>Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
10.	1019-10	<p>Council File 17-0116-S3, Posted Notices / Specific Businesses or Other Establishments / Services or Support Information / Slavery or Human Trafficking / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Ordinance: Introduced on July 30, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. The Motion is requesting the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would require specified businesses and other establishments to post notices with information related to slavery and human trafficking, as outlined in Section 52.6 of the California Civil Code. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC SUPPORT LA City Council File 17-0116-S3 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement;</p> <p>"Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to require specific businesses to post notices related to slavery and human trafficking."</p>	5 mins

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		Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.	
11.	1019-11	<p>Council File 19-0002-S160, SB 665/ Mental Health Services and Treatments / Individuals in County Jail Introduced on August 27, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The Resolution is requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 665 (Umberg), and any similar legislation that would authorize a county to use State funds to provide mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated in a county jail. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC SUPPORT LA City Council File 19-0002-S160 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement; "Voices NC supports LA City Council's resolution requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 665 and similar legislation that authorizes a county to use State funds to provide mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated in a county jail."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
12.	1019-12	<p>Council File 19-0882, Provision at No Cost / Feminine Hygiene Products / All Restrooms at City-owned Facilities Introduced on August 6, 2019 and referred to Information, Technology, and General Services Committee. The motion is instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of General Services to report on the feasibility and costs of providing feminine hygiene products at no cost at all restrooms in City-owned facilities and to identify any City facilities that currently offer free feminine hygiene products. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC SUPPORT LA City Council File 19-0882 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement; "Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to expand access to feminine hygiene products at all restrooms in City-owned facilities."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
13.	0919-04	<p>Council File: 19-0002-S157, HR 1384 / The Medicare for All Act / Medicare / Affordable Care Act Introduced on August 23, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The Motion is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 1384, The Medicare for All Act. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health & Safety Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement regarding council file 19-0002-S157; "Voices NC supports LA City Council's resolution requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 1384, The Medicare for All Act".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins

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14.	0919-05	<p>Request for NPG – The Friends of William Grant Still Adde Richards, Friends of William Grant Still, requests Voices NC to grant \$5,000 to offset the cost \$60,000 for print production of the Black Doll Show Commemorative Book. The Black Doll show is sponsored by the William Grant Still Center and Los Angeles Office of Cultural Affairs. Member/Committee: A. Grant & K. Guevara (Youth & Education), S. Zurita (Arts, Parks, & Recreation) Proposed Action: Motion to approve the Friends of William Grant Still NPG request for a \$5,000 grant for the cost associated with printing of the Black Doll Show Commemorative Book to be completed by 12/31/19. Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
15.	0919-06	<p>National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims Council to hear LaWanda Hawkins, Justice for Murdered Children, present on the National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims Peace Walk and Resource Fair on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year event will be at Vermont Square Park, due to the increase in gun violence at that park. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, S. Embrey, O. Perez, E. Garren, and J. Rabb Proposed Action: Motion to participate in, and possibly support, the National Day of Remembrance Peace Walk and Resource Fair on September 21, 2019. Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
16.	0919-09	<p>Lighting Improvement in South LA Council to discuss submission of a community impact statement on LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements. Member/Committee. P. Rand, Planning & Land Use Committee Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of Voices Neighborhood Council supporting LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements. <i>Proposed CIS Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members believe that lighting improvements address beautification, energy efficiency, as well as deter criminal activity in high crime areas. We urge the City of Los Angeles to increase lumens and improve distribution of lighting for the purposes of community safety. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements.</i> Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
17.	0919-10	<p>Vermont/Normandie Green Alley Network Council may hear a presentation by Paola Grano, City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works’ Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division and discuss support of the application for a \$2 million grant for South LA alleyways. Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning & Land Use Proposed Action: Motion to support the grant application for \$2 million dollars by the City of LA Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division. <i>Proposed Support Letter Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members believe in the City of LA Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division’s vision for the use of the \$2 million dollar grant. Their vision aligns with the Voices vision for safe walkways, community beautification, and increasing city greenspaces. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports the grant application of the LA City Department of Public Works.</i></p>	5 mins

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18.	0919-10	<p>Voices NC Community Clean Up Council to discuss proposed Voices NC Community Clean Up on Saturday, October 19, 2019 for a location in Area 3 for the purposes of outreach, recruitment of an Area 3 Representative, and community beautification. The Outreach Committee projects 50 participants and will provide refreshments of hot dogs and fruit from Served 2 Enjoy. Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee Proposed Action: No action proposed</p>	5 mins
19.	0910-11	<p>Voices Welcome Letter Council to review and discuss proposed Voices NC Welcome Letter to be sent to new subscribers to the Voices NC Website. Member/Committee: J. Rabb, Outreach Committee Proposed Action: Motion to approve the Voices NC Welcome Letter, with requested revisions if applicable.</p> <p>Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	3 mins
20.	0819-07	<p>Crisis and Bridge Housing Council to discuss the Current Price motion (File:18-1191) of the feasibility of a proposed facility of 5215 S. Figueroa St. to substitute the site from 5874 Miramonte Boulevard for suitability of development as a Crisis and Bridge Housing Program facility Member/Committee: A. Farias, P. Rand/ Planning & Land Use Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of the LA City Council File 19-1191 to study the feasibility of a proposed Crisis and Bridge Housing Project at 5215 S. Figueroa of the Crisis and Bridge Housing Project.</p> <p>Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins
21.	0819-09	<p>Cameras in Vermont Square Park Council to discuss submission of a community impact statement on LA City Council File:19-0330 and efforts of LAPD, the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, City of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, and local gang abatement organizations to address the recent surge of violent crime. Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning & Land Use Committee Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of Voices Neighborhood Council supporting LA City Council File: 19-0330 directing LAPD and the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report on the recent surge of violent crime. <i>Proposed CIS Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members have directly experienced violence within our Vermont Square Park. We urge the City of Los Angeles to take necessary steps to ensure the safety of our public space. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council File: 19-0330 directing LAPD and the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report on the recent surge of violent crime.</i></p> <p>Quorum not present; this item will be placed on next agenda.</p>	5 mins

Voices NC Council Vacancy

Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to VoicesNC90037@gmail.com. Additional information about Voices NC is available at <https://VoicesNC.org>

Council Vacancy	Description
1. Area 3 Representative	Represents all interests within Area 3 of the VNC.

Voices NC Council Liaisons

Council Liaison	Meeting Time	Assigned Member	Alternate Member
1. SLAANC	Fourth Thursday of the month	A. Farias	J. Rabb
2. LAPD 77th C-PAB	Second Thursday of the month	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB	First Monday of the month	Vacant	Vacant
4. Homeless	TBD	Vacant	Vacant
5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness	TBD	Vacant	Vacant
6. Clergy Council	Third Tuesday of the month	Vacant	Vacant
7. Budget Advocate	First Monday of the month	L. Ferguson	J. Rabb

Voices NC Standing Committees

All meetings are open to the public and will be posted on www.empowerla.org. All meetings will be held at Vermont Square Library unless otherwise posted. For more about Voices NC Standing Committees refer to Bylaws, Article VI, and Section 1.

Standing Committees	Assigned Council Member	Description
1. Arts, Parks, & Recreation	S. Zurita	The Arts, Parks and Recreation Committee will have the responsibility to discuss issues, promote partnerships on projects and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement and support. The Arts, parks and Recreation Committee will explore issues and ideas in order to define community identity and values by giving voice to its citizens and providing a form for group action and expression. The committee submits reports of meetings in written form and makes recommendations to the Board for action. The Chair selects meeting site, date and time and meets as directed in these Bylaws.
2. Budget & Finance	L. Ferguson	The Budget and Finance Committee Investigate and pursue sources of income and funding. Make an initial review of project proposals and provide a report to the VNC board with recommendations. Generate a budget for each fiscal year, showing planned income and expenditures. And, maintain the Council budget current and report any issues to the Board.

3. Outreach	J. Rabb	The Outreach Committee shall be charged with continuing to outreach to the VNC stakeholders by utilizing any acceptable and Board approved forms of media (e.g. flyers, newsletters, print, television/electronic media, signs, banners, website, etc.) to inform stakeholders regarding projects and events. The content and method of distribution must be pre-approved by the Board.
4. Planning & Land Use	P. Rand	The Planning & Land Use Committee shall review, take public input, report on and make recommendations of actions to the Board on any land use, beautification, and planning issues affecting the community in order to improve the health and quality of life of its citizens. The committee also reviews and recommends action regarding building development projects requiring land use permits within the VNC boundaries; advocates positions on land use and building design for the betterment of the community; and considers and provides recommendations to Council on other topics, such as rezoning, applications, development permits, and any subdivision that require council approval.
5. Senior Services	Vacant	The Senior Services Committee addresses the needs of senior citizens in the community and provides an environment where seniors can discuss current issues, share ideas and voice their concerns. The committee will be supportive of programs and services that provide seniors with maximum vitality and independence. It will identify, monitor and address issues that have impact upon seniors' quality of life. The committee will promote "Healthy Aging" by creating an environment where individual differences and needs are recognized; by promoting multicultural awareness, understanding and interaction; and by serving as a bridge to access government information and resources.
6. Youth & Education	A. Gray, K. Guevara	The Youth & Education Committee addresses the issues, concerns, programs and services related to the education of children, youth and adults and developing specific strategies and policies for influencing and achieving constructive outcomes within schools, classrooms, and other education/learning centers that serve the Voices community. Additionally, this committee has the general responsibility to discuss issues, foster collaboration on projects, and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement/support and participation.
7. Health & Safety	S. Nieto	The Health & Safety Committee seeks opportunities to organize and forums to mobilize the community in seeking safety practices. This includes partnering with Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Safety Task Force (to enhance the Services provided by the School Crossing Guards), School Crossing Guards, Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officers and Traffic Division and the Los Angeles Fire Department. Representatives of VNC will work to formalize a relationship with these City agencies and other entities responsible for "safety issues" in our community.