

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 6:00 pm  
VIA Telephone or Internet (Zoom)

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 Roll Call

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4.	1220-04	<p><b>Community/Government Reports and Announcements</b>          A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St.          B. Council District 9 - Kendal Lake          C. Mayor's Office - Edith Vega          D. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson          E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Karen Hernandez</p>	35 min.
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6.	1220-06	<p><b>Arts Park and Rec Mural Contest</b>          Quick introduction to artists and renderings for electrical boxes.          Proposed Action: Voices NC board to APPROVE final artwork for 5 artists to submit to CD9 and Street Services for Approval..</p>	10 min.
7.	1220-07	<p><b>Arts Parks and Rec Mural Contest</b>          Beautification project to solicit artist to paint electrical boxes          Member/Committee: S. Zurita          Proposed Action: Voices NC board to APPROVE a not to exceed amount of \$5,000 (\$1,000 per artist including art supplies)</p>	10 min.
8.	1120-08	<p><b>Coalition to Honor Kobe Brant and Preserve Figueroa Street</b>          City Council motion to change the name of Figueroa Street from Olympic down to MLK to Kobe Bryant Boulevard.          Member/Committee: A. Farias          Proposed Action: Voices NC Board to support if amended the council file to extend Kobe Bryant Blvd to Vernon Ave. in addition to investments south of King Blvd.</p>	10 min.
9.	1120-09	<p><b>Council File 20-0990 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training for Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members</b>          Member/Committee: A.Farias/Planning &amp; Land Use/Health &amp; Safety Committee          Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT Council File 20-0990 with amendments.</p>	30 min.
10.	1120-10	<p><b>Swag/Heart of South LA Items</b>          Member/Committee: J. Rabb / Outreach</p>	10 min.

		Proposed Action: Voices NC board the APPROVE the purchase of swag items not to exceed \$5,000.	
11.	1220-11	<b>Planning &amp; Land Use Door Tag Design &amp; Purchase</b> Member/Committee: J. Rabb / Outreach Proposed Action: Voices NC board the APPROVE the design and purchase of door tags not to exceed \$150.	10 min.
12.	1220-12	<b>Community Safety Partnership, Edith Vega, LA Mayor's Office</b> Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC APPROVE a letter advocating for the expansion of the Community Safety Partnership to include Vermont Square Park & Julian Dixon Park in light of the shootings over the past few years.	10 min.
13.	1220-13	<b>Neighborhood Stabilization Ordinance (NSO) CF 20-1265</b> Proposed Action: Motion that the Voices NC to SUPPORT extending the southern border of the NSO overlay to Vernon Ave.	10 min.
14.	1220-14	<b>PG Hole Caribbean Social &amp; Cultural Center</b> Proposed Action: Motion that the Voices NC APPROVE letter of concern to the director of the non-profit inviting them to the next Special Joint board and PLUM and Health & Safety Meeting in Jan 2021.	10 min.
15.	1220-15	<b>Kipp Charter Middle School</b> Proposed Action: VoicesNC Board to approve a letter to Kipp, CD9, and other interested parties outlining amendments and community concerns.	10 min.
16.	1220-16	<b>Voices Vacancies</b> 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 the December meeting. Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: 1) Council to motion on approving email to be sent immediately to Anita Gray, Kelvin Guevara, Ingrid Guevara, Parker Rand, Abasi Patton who have exceeded the number of absences to inform them that the seat is at risk of vacancy. 2) Council to appoint vacant board seats. 3) Appoint Matthew Crawford as chair of the ad hoc Community Police Relations Committee.	15 min.
17.	1220-17	<b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b>	3 min.
18.	1220-18	<b>Contribution to Community build to help mitigate COVID-19 impact on our stakeholders</b> Proposed Action: Council to approve a contribution in the amount of \$5000 to Community Build to help mitigate COVID-19's impact on stakeholders by providing up to 80 families with a Fire 7 tablet.	10 min.

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Government code Section 54957.9

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Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)

<b><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></b>	
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<b>Council Vacancy</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Corresponding Secretary</b>	Prepare and release formal board approved correspondence, routinely inform the public of the Council’s activities and inform the Board of City meetings and activities, oversee the maintenance and updating of the website and other social media platforms, maintain and update the stakeholder database

<b><u>Voices NC Council Liaisons</u></b>			
<b>Council Liaison</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Assigned Member</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>
<b>1. SLAANC</b>	Third Thursday of the month (6:30pm)	A. Farias	J. Rabb
<b>2. LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> C-PAB</b>	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
<b>3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB</b>	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)	S. Embrey	A. Patton
<b>4. Homelessness</b>	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	A. Farias	K. Benoit, A. Gray, P. Rand
<b>5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness</b>	TBD	S. Zurita	S. Embrey
<b>6. Budget Advocate</b>	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)	S. Nieto	E. Garren
<b>7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance</b>	TBD	K. Benoit	A. Patton

**Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities**

Primary Signer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Signer	Alternate Signer	1 <sup>st</sup> Bankcard holder	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bankcard holder
S. Nieto (Treasurer)	A. Farias	J. Rabb	A. Farias	J. Rabb

**Voices NC Standing Committees**

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Standing Committees	Assigned Council Member	Description
<b>1. Arts, Parks, &amp; Recreation</b>	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.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	S. Nieto	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.
<b>3. Outreach</b>	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.
<b>4. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	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.

<p><b>5. Senior Services</b></p>	<p>Vacant</p>	<p>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.</p>
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<p><b>7. Health &amp; Safety</b></p>	<p>S. Nieto</p>	<p>The Health &amp; 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.</p>

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Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Lead Officer Report - SLO Canizales 323-387-9612: burglary from and theft of vehicles in down. Aggravated assault is up. Impounding nuisance vehicles. Captain Neil: Since June 2020 violence has increased. Homicides up by 11 from this time last year. Personal theft is down from last year. Rape is down from last year. Gun violence is up in this area. Deploying more drug/vice units.

Public Officials Report - Brittney from CD9: major street sweeping and vehicle removal on Vermont, Normandie and Fig are next. Vehicles were removed on Hoover. 200 meals delivered to seniors in this area. Will distribute 1,500 more as well as care packages this week. Speed humps are supposed to be installed in Oct and have been delayed again. Camera installation is also delayed again. Ed asks about removing abandoned cars parked near Hoover and Gage, Brittney specifies that cars that appear to be inhabited can not be removed. Stephen Wesson: USC working with city and county to offer free flu shots for community members. Stresses that immigration status is confidential when filling out paperwork for flu shots. Edith Vega from the Mayor's Office: Follow-up regarding the CSP program at the park, says she will advocate to bring that program into the park. Thomas Soong from Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment: highlights changes to bylaws. Stakeholders must live in the area of the NC for one year to be eligible to serve on the board. Outreach for NC elections. Sherilyn says speed humps to be installed this month.

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

*General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)*

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5.	1120-05	<p><b>Presentation from Sherlyn Correa, CD9 on Slauson Connect</b>                  Overview of grant submission with Rec and Parks (Prop. 68).                  Member/Committee: A. Farias                  Proposed Action: VoicesNC Board to SUPPORT CD9's grant application with Rec and Parks for Prop 68 funding.  <b>No action taken.</b></p>	30 min.
6.	1120-06	<p><b>Coalition to Honor Kobe Bryant and Preserve Figueroa Street</b>                  City Council motion to change the name of Figueroa Street from Olympic down to MLK to Kobe Bryant Boulevard.                  Member/Committee: A. Farias                  Proposed Action: Voices NC Board to support if amended the council file to extend Kobe Bryant Blvd to Vernon Ave.  <b>Tabled due to no quorum.</b></p>	10 min.
7.	1020-07	<p><b>Council File 20-0990 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training for Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members</b>                  Member/Committee: A.Farias/Planning &amp; Land Use/Health &amp; Safety Committee                  Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT Council File 20-0990 with amendments.  <b>Tabled due to no quorum..</b></p>	10 min.
8.	1120-08	<p><b>Swag/Heart of South LA Items</b>                  Member/Committee: J. Rabb / Outreach                  Proposed Action: Voices NC board the APPROVE the purchase of swag items not to exceed \$5,000.  <b>Tabled due to no quorum..</b></p>	10 min.
9.	1120-09	<p><b>Arts Parks and Rec Mural Contest</b>                  Beautification project to solicit artist to paint electrical boxes                  Member/Committee: S. Zurita                  Proposed Action: Voices NC board to APPROVE a not to exceed amount of \$4000 (\$750 per artist + \$1000 for supplies)  <b>Tabled due to no quorum..</b></p>	10 min.
10.	1120-10	<p><b>Voices Vacancies</b>                  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 the July meeting.                  Member/Committee: A. Farias                  Proposed Action: 1) Council to motion on approving letter/email to be sent immediately to members who have exceeded the number of absences to inform them that the seat is at risk of vacancy. 2) Council to appoint vacant board seats.</p>	15 mins.

**RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

54954.2. (a) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the 5 meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words. The agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for

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Government code Section 54957.9

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Any person who resists removal by a Peace Officer is subject to arrest and prosecution.

Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)

<b><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></b>	
Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to <a href="mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com">VoicesNC90037@gmail.com</a> . Additional information about Voices NC is available at <a href="https://VoicesNC.org">https://VoicesNC.org</a>	
<b>Council Vacancy</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Corresponding Secretary</b>	Prepare and release formal board approved correspondence, routinely inform the public of the Council’s activities and inform the Board of City meetings and activities, oversee the maintenance and updating of the website and other social media platforms, maintain and update the stakeholder database

<b><u>Voices NC Council Liaisons</u></b>			
<b>Council Liaison</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Assigned Member</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>
<b>1. SLAANC</b>	Third Thursday of the month (6:30pm)	A. Farias	J. Rabb
<b>2. LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> C-PAB</b>	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
<b>3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB</b>	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)	S. Embrey	A. Patton
<b>4. Homelessness</b>	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	A. Farias	K. Benoit, A. Gray, P. Rand
<b>5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness</b>	TBD	S. Zurita	S. Embrey
<b>6. Budget Advocate</b>	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)	S. Nieto	E. Garren
<b>7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance</b>	TBD	K. Benoit	A. Patton

**Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities**

Primary Signer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Signer	Alternate Signer	1 <sup>st</sup> Bankcard holder	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bankcard holder
S. Nieto (Treasurer)	A. Farias	J. Rabb	A. Farias	J. Rabb

**Voices NC Standing Committees**

*All meetings are open to the public and will be posted on [www.empowerla.org](http://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
<b>1. Arts, Parks, &amp; Recreation</b>	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.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	S. Nieto	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.
<b>3. Outreach</b>	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.
<b>4. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	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.

<b>5. Senior Services</b>	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.
<b>6. Youth &amp; Education</b>	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.
<b>7. Health &amp; Safety</b>	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.

# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: November 2020 Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: Voices of 90037

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$32600.50	\$5506.53	\$27093.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27093.97

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$30991.25	\$506.53	\$13593.97	\$0.00	\$13593.97
Outreach		\$5000.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$3500.00	\$0.00	\$3500.00	\$0.00	\$3500.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$10000.00	\$0.00	\$7200.00	\$0.00	\$7200.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$14690.75	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	11/01/2020	Monthly website/email mailbox fee.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$202.50
2	EXTRA SPACE 1562	11/12/2020	Regular storage monthly expenditure.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$253.20
3	Interpreters Unlimited	10/30/2020	Proxy payment for translation of document.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$50.83
4	St Johns Well Child and Family Center	10/27/2020	Motion that Voices Neighborhood Council contribute \$5,000 to St. John's Well Child and Family Center for coronavirus-related health efforts.	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$5000.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$5506.53</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>

The Web Corner, Inc.

19509 Ventura Blvd.  
Tarzana, CA 91356

# Invoice

**PAID**  
**11/01/2020**

Date	Invoice #	Terms
11/01/2020	21168	

Bill To
Voices Neighborhood Council Jaime Rabb

Ship To

QTY	Description	Price Each	Amount
1	Monthly Maintenance: includes up to 1.5 hour for; phone support, web development, requests, & website adjustments	150.00	150.00
15	Email Standard Mailboxes: 15 Accounts for voicesnc.org	3.50	52.50
0	Hosting for voicesnc.org (included in maintenance)	15.00	0.00

Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.  Thank you for your business!	<b>Total</b>	\$202.50
	<b>Payments/Credits</b>	-\$202.50
	<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



**From:** Extra Space Storage [extraspaces@mail.extraspacesstorage.com](mailto:extraspaces@mail.extraspacesstorage.com)  
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**Date:** November 12, 2020 at 12:08 AM  
**To:** [chair@voicesnc.org](mailto:chair@voicesnc.org)



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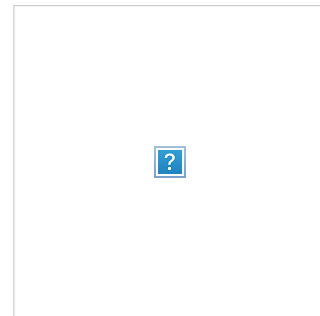
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1701 W Slauson Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90047  
(323) 243-1017

[Get Directions](#)

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**Date:** 11/12/2020 8:08:02 AM

**Amount:** \$253.20

#### Account

**Number:** 1006378707

**Unit Number:** 2467

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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment  
 200 N. Spring Street,  
 Suite 2005,  
 Los Angeles, CA, 90012

**INVOICE NO : 244948**

**INVOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICES**

Invoice Date: 2020-09-08  
 Type: Translation  
 Language From: English  
 Language To: Spanish  
 Date Of Service: 2020-09-08  
 Project: V9NC Survey  
 Word Count: 299  
 Requested by: Guadalupe Aguilar False

Notes:

Trans \$ 50.83

Total: \$ 50.83

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 Thank You.  
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Office of the City Clerk – Administrative Services Division  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
Proxy Authorization Form

For \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion/Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the proxy authorization is for a payment request, please complete the following:

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Date of Invoice	Amount
<b>Total</b>			

Reason for Proxy Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Department Authorizing Payment:

- Office of the City Clerk
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Karen Hernandez Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Thomas Soong Date: \_\_\_\_\_



808 W. 58th St.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90037  
 Phone 323.541.1600 Fax 323.541.1601  
 Tax Id: 95-4067758

**Invoice Date:** 10/19/2020  
**Invoice No.:** 10-01  
**Billing Period:**

**SUBMIT INVOICE TO:**

**Voices Neighborhood Council**  
 PO Box 82160  
**CITY, STATE & ZIP:** Los Angeles, CA 90082  
**Grant Title:** Covid -19 efforts in the Community

Description	Quantity	Amount
Covid-19 Assistance from Voice of Neighborhood Council		\$ 5,000.00
	-	\$ 5,000.00

**Amount of Payment Requested:**

*I hereby certify that the amount claimed is accurate and a true representation of the amount owed.*

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	Controller	10/19/2020
<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>



Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: February 28, 2003

Person to Contact:  
Tracy Garrigus #31-07307  
Customer Service Representative  
Toll Free Telephone Number:  
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST  
877-829-5500  
Fax Number:  
513-263-3756  
Federal Identification Number:  
95-4067758

St. John's Well Child And Family Center, Inc.  
514 W. Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007-2616

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the amendment to your organization's Articles of Incorporation filed with the state on August 13, 2002. We have updated our records to reflect the name change as indicated above.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued on February 8, 1994 granted your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its 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.

St. John's Well Child And Family Center, Inc.  
95-4067758

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

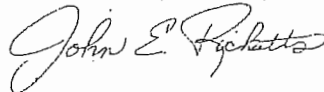
The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your organization's exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE  
Customer Account Services





Shawna Priscila Dungo &lt;shawna.dungo@lacity.org&gt;

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## Payment Request for St. John's Well Child and Family Center

2 messages

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**Shawna Priscila Dungo** <shawna.dungo@lacity.org>  
To: Steven Nieto <treasurer@voicesnc.org>

Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 3:23 PM

Good Afternoon Steven,

I hope this email finds you well. We received your funding request for St. John's Well Child and Family Center. In reviewing your request, we will need further clarification: how will the funds be used for Covid-19 assistance; what type of items will be purchased? Please advise.

Best,

**Shawna Dungo**

Funding Representative for the South LA, Harbor, and West LA areas

Office of the City Clerk  
Administrative Services Division  
Neighborhood Council Funding Program

Phone: (213) 978-1058

Website: [clerk.lacity.org](http://clerk.lacity.org)

General Email: [clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org)



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**treasurer@voicesnc.org** <treasurer@voicesnc.org>  
To: Shawna Priscila Dungo <shawna.dungo@lacity.org>

Fri, Oct 23, 2020 at 8:40 AM

Good Morning Shawna,

I hope your are well. I am happy to answer these questions for you. The funds will be used to provide COVID-19 testing and contact tracing for patients who visit St. John's brick and mortar locations within our boundaries (4 locations). It is especially important to monitor COVID-19 in South LA given the high number of residents here who already have chronic conditions. The funds will also go towards the purchase of PPE and sanitary supplies for distribution to patients and healthcare workers at brick and mortar locations within our boundaries.

Best,  
Steven

**Steven J. Nieto, PhD**  
Treasurer

10/23/2020

City of Los Angeles Mail - Payment Request for St. John's Well Child and Family Center

Voices Neighborhood Council

[www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)

E-mail: [treasurer@voicesnc.org](mailto:treasurer@voicesnc.org)

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Office of the City Clerk

Administrative Services Division

Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program

Board Action Certification (BAC) Form



NC Name: Meeting Date:

Budget Fiscal Year: Agenda Item No:

Board Motion and/or Public Benefit Statement (CIP and NPG):

Method of Payment: (Select One) [ ] Check [ ] Credit Card [ ] Board Member Reimbursement

Vote Count
Recused Board Members must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is complete.

Table with 8 columns: Board Member's First and Last Name, Board Position, Yes, No, Abstain, Absent, Ineligible, Recused. Rows include Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corr. Secretary, Parliamentarian, Education Rep, Comm/Nonprofit Rep, Youth Rep, At-Large Rep, Area 1-4 Rep.

Board Quorum: Total:

We, the authorized signers of the above named Neighborhood Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with all laws, policies, and procedures. The above was approved by the Neighborhood Council Board, at a Brown Act compliant public meeting where a quorum of the Board was present.

Authorized Signature [Signature] Authorized Signature: [Signature]

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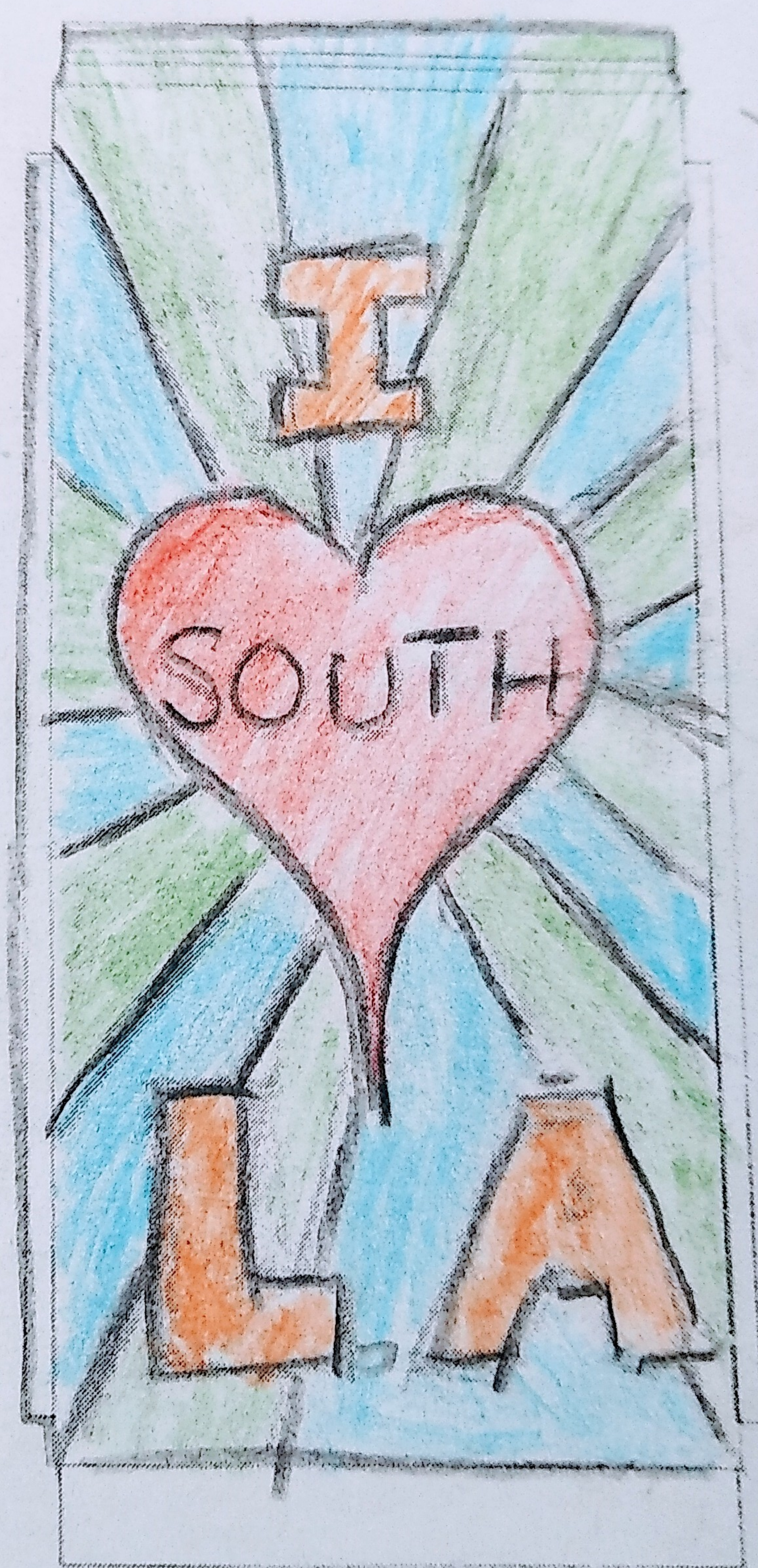
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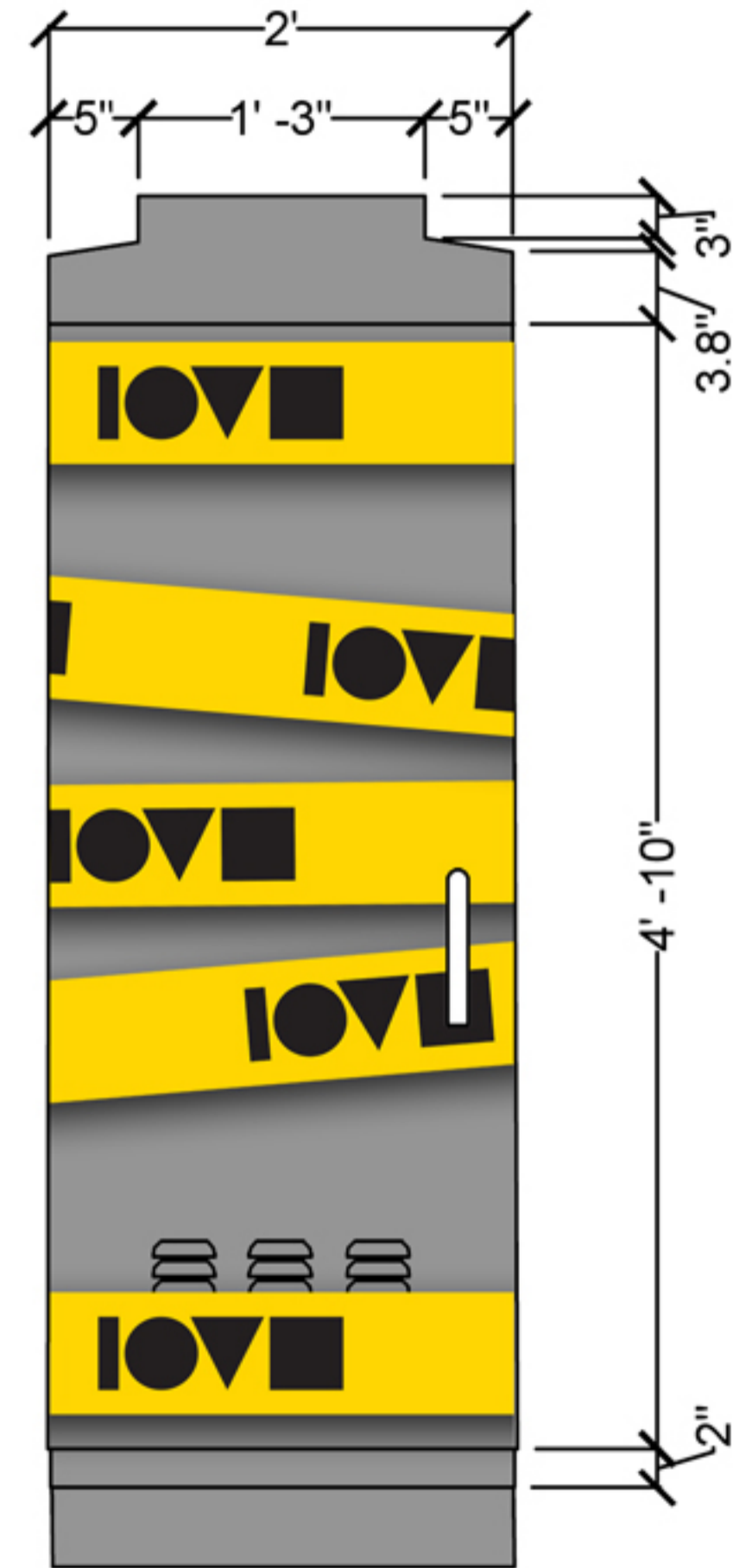
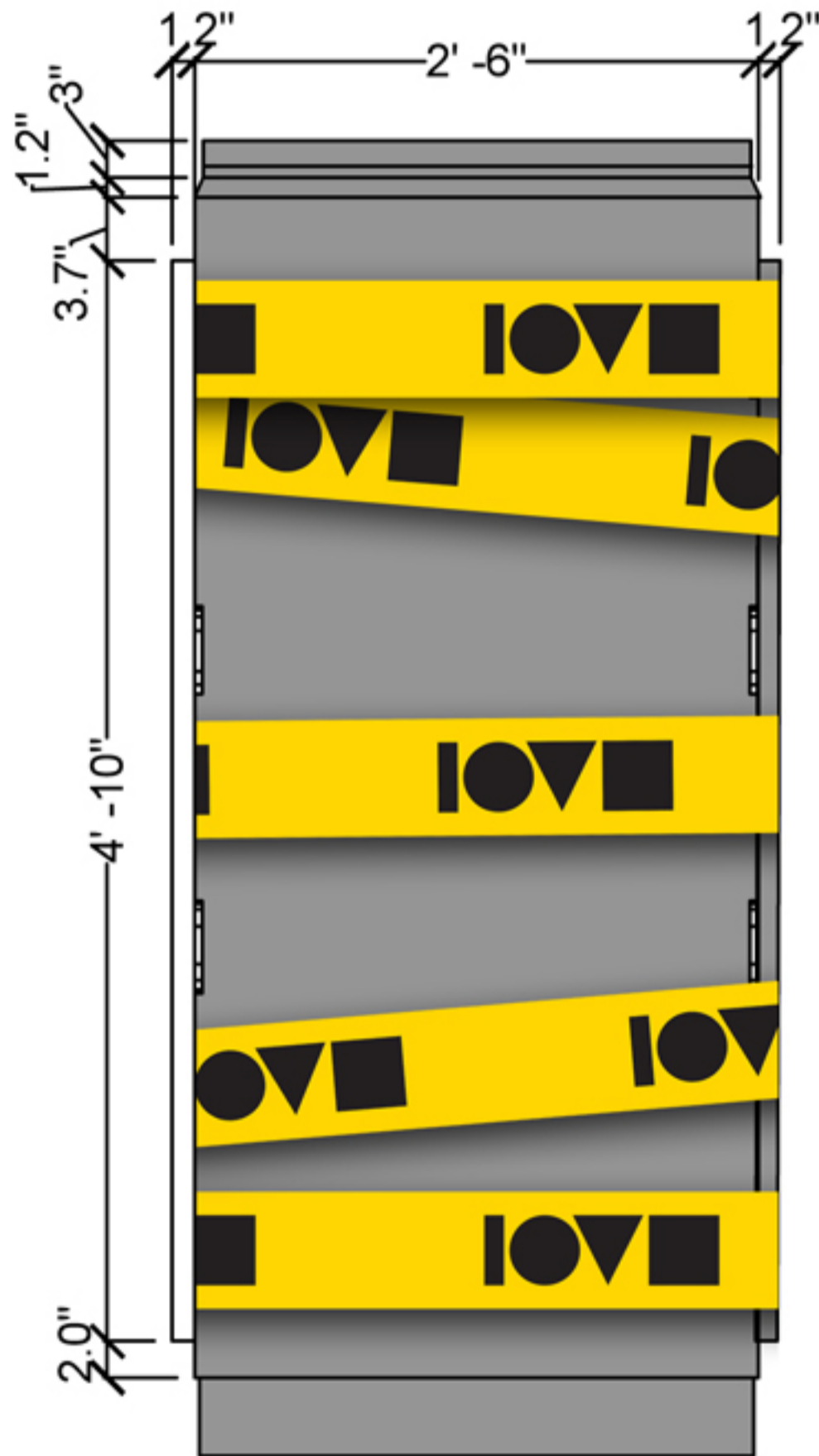


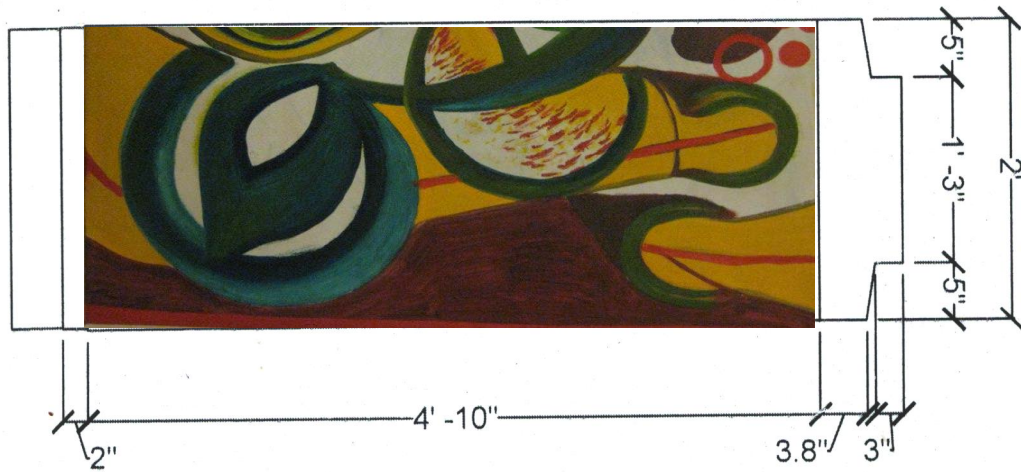
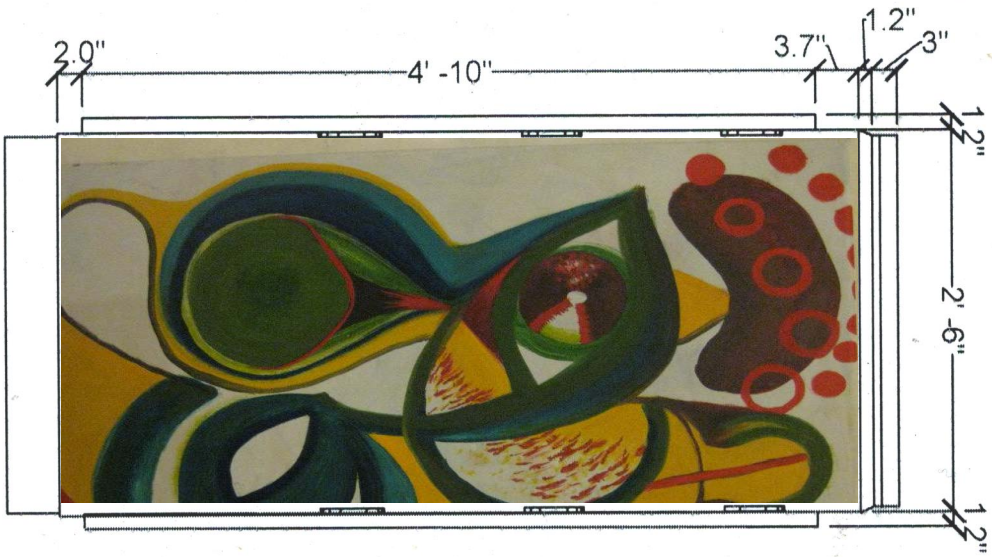


# ARTWORK (DESIGN CONCEPT) REFERENCE

# “LOVE”

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# VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL General Board



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*Anita Gray*

December 8, 2020

Councilman Curren D. Price Jr.  
4301 S. Central Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90011

RE: Changing the name of Figueroa Street from Olympic Boulevard to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to “Kobe Bryant Boulevard”

Dear City Councilmembers and Voices NC Stakeholders,

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020 the Voices Neighborhood Council voted to SUPPORT the renaming of Figueroa Street with amendments if they continue investment into South LA and extend the street name to Gage Ave. The Voices NC agrees that investment into the community South of MLK Jr. Blvd should be more than just a name change to include Kobe Bryant’s name but should also include investments and street cleaning along the newly named street and investment in small businesses to change support the changes.

Kobe Bryant’s legacy should be recognized as his talents and philanthropy have given so much to the Los Angeles community. His legacy especially holds true in the hearts of black and brown Angelinos. His name has the potential to unite our community and bring pride to South LA. The proposed boundary for the new street name contributes to a hard line at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard that further divides the community Therefore, we urge the City Council to extend Kobe Bryant Boulevard into the Heart of South LA. Rarely is there an opportunity to instantaneously build community within in our neighborhood such as this.

Sincerely,

Only two parks keep safe as possible;

Albert J. Farias, PhD, MPH  
Chair  
chair@voicesnc.org

CC:





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November 10, 2020

Councilman Curren D. Price Jr.  
4301 S. Central Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90011

RE: CF 20-0990 Racial Equity, Social Justice, Diversity & Inclusion, and  
Implicit Bias Training for Neighborhood Councils

Dear City Councilmembers and Voices NC Stakeholders,

On Thursday, October 23, 2020 we held a special joint board, planning and land use, and health and safety committee meeting with over 10 stakeholders and board members present. We discussed CF 20-0990 which directs DONE, in consultation with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, and the Civil and Human Rights Department and the Civil and Human Rights Commission, to report back to the City Council with a plan to implement mandatory Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training and anti-bias training for all members of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. The committee recommended that the Voices NC SUPPORT Council File 20-0990 with amendments. The Voices Neighborhood Council General Board at our monthly meeting on Nov 10 approved the recommendation (0-0-0).

We acknowledge the inherent challenge of creating training curriculum which focuses on extremely sensitive and painful subject matters with the goal of creating lasting behavioral change. We acknowledge the inherent challenge of attempting to unravel years of institutionalized and instilled racism and bias while progressing towards a culture of parity when bridging the gap between the city and the community. We acknowledge the inherent challenge of bringing neighborhood council board members to the table to be enlightened, changed, and empowered. However, we believe that there is no challenge, large or small, that the great citizens of this city cannot overcome. We envision an educational platform that will minimize unintended bias and microaggressions amongst neighborhood council board members and towards members of the communities they serve. To this end we call for the following:

**1. The Inclusion of NC Members in Developing the Curriculum, as Trainers and/or Panelists.** Who better to speak to our experiences than us? We have endured the attacks. We have felt the pain. We have served on boards with colleagues who say they respect us but who's actions say otherwise. We have used the vehicles in place to seek justice. We have felt the disenfranchisement when justice was not served.

**2. The Inclusion of NC Members in the Search for Trainers.** We are a volunteer force of professionals from a variety of fields, many of whom have experience in recruiting, training, and development. Our expertise in these areas, and our rolodexes, should not be overlooked when it comes to searching for and hiring qualified trainers.

**3. Trainers with Diverse Backgrounds.** This is a clarion call to avoid myopic training. This endeavor fails from the start if the training panel is not representative of the nine federally protected classes and if it fails to include the LGBTQ+ demographic.

**4. Trainers with Experience in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training.** This work cannot be improvised. It is a discipline. We submit for your serious consideration, Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Founder & Chief Equity Officer, The National Training Institute on Race & Equity, Dr. Akilah Cadet of Change Cadet ([www.changecadet.com](http://www.changecadet.com)), and Tammy Gordon and Taurean of Greenwood Seneca ([greenwoodseneca.com](http://greenwoodseneca.com)).

We are thankful to City Council for passing CF 20-0990, a progressive move in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Farias, PhD, MPH  
Chair  
[chair@voicesnc.org](mailto:chair@voicesnc.org)

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# VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL General Board



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December 8, 2020

Councilman Curren D. Price Jr.  
4301 S. Central Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90011

RE: Expanding the LAPD's Community Safety Partnership (CPS) in the  
Voices Neighborhood Council

Dear Councilman Price,

The Voices Neighborhood Council voted on December 8, 2020 at a General Board Meeting (x-x-x) to support expanding the Los Angeles Police Department's Community Safety Partnerships to include Vermont Square Park and Julian Dixon Park.

The Vermont Square area in CD9, and in particular Vermont Square Park, has seen noticeable and pervasive increases in violent crime including homicides, rapes, aggravated assaults, and robberies. In fact, in the past 2 years there have been shootings directly into the park that has led to 5 people injured and 2 deaths. According to the Los Angeles Times, during a six-month period from December 30, 2019-June 28, 2020, the rate of violent crimes in Vermont Square is higher than the following CD 9 areas: Exposition Park, Historic South-Central and South Park.<sup>1</sup>

We appreciate that Councilman Price and CD9 staff recognize the ongoing safety issues at Vermont Square Park. The Council office has heard our voices for increased street lighting, construction of speed humps, and has plans to install cameras in the park. Yet, more has to be done.

A recent study of The Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) by UCLA found that the CSP has been successful at reducing violent crimes and empowering communities to feel safer to go outside, mingle with people, and use green spaces.<sup>2</sup> We believe that the crime statistics warrant the programs expansion to our area. Expanding Community Safety Partnerships to Vermont Square Park and nearby Julian Dixon Park will build on these successes and ensure lasting change by not only bringing additional resources to our area, but by building closer bonds between the LAPD and the Vermont Square community.



Given that Vermont Square park and Julian Dixon park are the only two parks in our region with any greenspace, **the Voices Neighborhood Council and stakeholders firmly believe that we need to protect these spaces for our children.**

We ask that a representative from your office present on the CSP programs in CD9 and to address its expansion into the VoicesNC parks at our next Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting scheduled for Jan 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Best regards,

Albert J. Farias, PhD, MPH  
Chair

<sup>1</sup> <http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/vermont-square/crime/#six-months>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/lapd-community-policing-program-prevented-crime-made-residents-feel-safer-study-finds>





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Councilman Curren Price

RE: SUPPORT of CF-20-1265

Dear Councilman Curren Price,

At multiple meetings over the past four months, the special joint board, planning & land use and health & safety committee met with City Planning, Sherilyn Correa, and members of the community to discuss the impact that large residential developments are having in our area.

Given the recent development project that includes a 31-unit apartment complex (the majority of the units are 4-5 bedrooms), developers have been able to leverage incentives from the transit-oriented communities (TOC) that require a mere 0.5 parking spaces per unit that amounts to 16 parking spaces for 133 bedrooms. In addition, the structure does not conform to the traditional design style of the surrounding neighborhood, nor does the project begin to address the availability of housing that our neighbors could afford.

To mitigate these issues, the Voices Neighborhood Council voted (x-x-x) on December 8, 2020 to SUPPORT CF-20-1265, to direct the city planning to explore an expansion of the Neighborhood Stabilization Ordinance (NSO) south of MLK Jr Blvd. to north of Vernon Ave. In addition, CF 20-1265 takes necessary steps to evaluate parking strategies, masking and design of new structures, ways to incentivize the devilmint of more affordable housing, and to explore the use of covenant income. The expansion of the NSO is necessary to prevent further developments in our area that would disrupt the fabric of our community.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Farias, PhD, MPH

CC: Marquees Harris-Dawson,





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PG Hole Social & Cultural Center

Attn: Clavia Santos

4725 S. Hoover St.

Los Angeles, CA 90037

To PG Hole Social & Cultural Center:

On Friday, December 4, 2020 we held a special joint board, planning and land use, and health and safety committee meeting with over 10 stakeholders and board members present. We discussed stakeholder concerns with the Cultural Center, PG Hole. At our general board meeting on December 8, 2020 the Voices Neighborhood Council Board voted to approve this letter (X-X-X).

Our concerns are as follows:

**1. Parking and Traffic Disturbances:** PG Hole routinely has gathering which flood 48th with double and triple parked cars. Because there is no parking overflow available, PG Hole's patrons have blocked every driveway on both sides of 48th between Vermont and Hoover.

**2. Public defecation and urination:** Neighbors around PG Hole have witnessed PG Hole patrons publicly defecating and urinating.

**3. Trash overflow:** The waste from PG Hole's events spill out into the streets and into Julian Dixon Park.

**4. Building Safety Concerns:** There is inadequate lighting, exposed wiring from a weather head and empty luminaries. One third of PG Hole is covered with a tarp. Wires can be seen feeding under the tarp. The water heater is not properly vented. The gas manifolds appear damaged.

**5. Excessive Noise Complaints:** Loud music plays sometimes until 2 or 3 am and disturbs nearby apartments and residents.

Numerous stakeholders over the past 2 years have brought these issues to our attention and we would like to work with you to resolve them. We would like to invite you to our Planning and Land Use committee meeting to be held on January 22, 2020 at 4:00 PM via zoom to talk about potential solutions. Please confirm your attendance. If we do not hear a response prior to the meeting, we plan to forward this letter to all interested parties including the LA Department of Building and Safety, LAPD, the LA City Attorney, and Councilman Curren Price Jr.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions concerns regarding this letter ([chair@voicesnc.org](mailto:chair@voicesnc.org))

Sincerely,

Albert J. Farias, PhD, MPH

Chair



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Craig Lawson & Co., LLC  
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donna@craiglawson.com

RE: Kipp SoCal Public Middle School

Dear Donna Shen Tripp,

At our special joint board, planning & land use and health & safety meeting on December 4, 2020, members of the community and from the neighborhood council discussed some initial concerns regarding the proposed development at 6100, 6106, 6110, 6114 S. Hoover Street and 716 W. 61<sup>st</sup> within the Voices Neighborhood Council boundaries. The proposed project is for a KIPP SoCal Public Middle School (grades 5 through 8). The project will include a 3-story charter school with 22 classrooms, offices, activity spaces and an outdoor play area. The construction includes a subterranean parking garage with 29 parking spaces and 90 bicycle parking stalls.

Our initial concerns include the following:

1. **Infrastructure and safety:** The new school must include an investment in the infrastructure surrounding the school that includes but not limited to flashing cross walks, speed humps, crossing guards, and additional stop signs or traffic lights.
2. **Traffic flow and visitor parking:** Measures are needed to control the ease of pick up and drop off and can be achieved with easements, cut-offs, traffic cuing, and ingress/egress crubs. In addition, additional parking is needed on-campus for visitors and not just for faculty and staff.
3. **Community partners:** Explore with CD9 ways to share the outdoor playground areas with the surrounding neighborhood especially in the hours immediately after school. South LA lack green space and areas for children to play. The area under development by Kipp is in in desperate need of green space for community members.

We would like to hear more about the project and explore ways to address our initial concerns. We would like to invite you to our next Planning and Land Use Committee meeting to be held on January 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Please confirm your attendance.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Farias, PhD, MPH

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Chair

CC Sherilyn Correa,  
Kipp, City Planning



To whom it may concern,

I, Matthew N Crawford, stakeholder in the district of the Voices Neighborhood Council, and member of the Planning and Land Use Committee, would like to formally submit myself for approval by the full board, to be named Chair of the Police Relations Committee.

I respectfully will abide by any requirement or request the board asks.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Matthew N Crawford

To whom it may concern,

My name is Matthew Crawford, South LA resident in the district of the Voices Neighborhood Council. This letter is my declaration of intent to be considered to fill the currently vacant board seat of Corresponding Secretary. I currently serve the Voices NC on the Planning and Land Use committee where I personally seek to reduce the negative effects of gentrification empowering community involvement as much as possible. I also hope to help provide localized solutions to food insecurity that can be replicated in other South LA districts.

As the CEO of my own marketing company, Xcape Solutions, I know full well the importance of any entity maintaining and growing its local presence. As Corresponding Secretary, my primary concern would be to make Voices NC more prominent and known in South LA. My background in marketing and also in psychology would inform many methods with which people could become more connected to the process the Voices NC is a part of, and that's municipal politics.

3 years ago, I met the Corresponding Secretary of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and it was my revelation of the potential that the NCs have. I had a vision of using the NCs as a framework for police accountability and community oversight. As unpaid public servants with direct ties to their communities, the NC board members are not beholden to police unions and District Attorney pressure. They are also most accountable to the stakeholders. As the person who pushed the new Police Relations Committee for Voices, as a board member, it would better prepare and enable me to effect more profound change on not just that committee, but also any other committee I would serve on. I hope to really change how we think about police and how we interact with the police. I see a problem in South LA and this is my answer and solution.

In closing, I hope to be a positive addition to the Voices General Board and resolve to do the best job I can as Corresponding Secretary. I humbly submit to the collective will the Voices NC and hope I can add to an already upstanding group of community leaders.

Respectfully and with gratitude,

Matthew N Crawford