

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 pm  
VIA Telephone or Internet (Zoom)

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

### AB 361 Updates:

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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### QUORUM

The Voices Neighborhood Council has 14 elected positions and one nominated position. The Voices Neighborhood Council must have eight members present for quorum to conduct official business.

**AGENDA FOR 1/11/2022**

*Call to Order*

*Roll Call*

**Action Items**

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

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1.	0122-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</b> <i>(limit 3 minutes per speaker)</i>
2.	0122-02	<b>Community/Government Reports and Announcements</b> A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St. B. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado C. State Senator Sydney Kamlager-Dove's office - Josef Siroky D. Council District 9 - Kendal Lake E. Mayor's Office - Edith Vega F. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson G. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Thomas Soong/Vanessa Serrano
3.	0122-03	<b>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report</b> Review and discussion of VoicesNC Budget and MERs for December 2021. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Treasurer <u>Proposed Action 1:</u> Motion to APPROVE the December 2021 MERs. MERs to be submitted by January 31, 2022. Perform BAC.
4.	0122-04	<b>Meeting Minutes</b> Review and discussion of minutes from the December (12/14/21) meeting. Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the December 2021 General Board Meeting.
5.	0122-05	<b>NASCAR Event at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Presentation</b> NASCAR Clash Event on Feb 5-6, 2022 Amy Lup (NASCAR), Joseph Furin (Coliseum), David Galaviz (USC), and Steve Wesson (USC) Member/Committee: A. Farias; introduced to us by Steve Wesson, USC, Managing Director, Community Partnerships and Village Ombudsman
6.	0122-06	<b>Update Report from NPG Recipient, Seeds of Glory, Mildred Burge</b> Member/Committee: A. Farias Update report including photos/description of items distributed to homeless individuals within Voices NC boundaries.
7.	0122-07	<b>Inventory Report</b> Review the updated inventory report of items for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Member/Committee: S. Nieto Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE the updated inventory reports. Perform BAC.
8.	0122-08	<b>Committee &amp; Liaison Reports Assignments</b> Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOP Committee</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning &amp; Land Use Committee</li> <li>• Health and Safety Committee</li> <li>• Budget &amp; Finance Committee</li> <li>• Ad hoc Sustainability Committee</li> <li>• Ad hoc Business Committee</li> <li>• LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Liaison</li> <li>• CPAB - 77th Liaison &amp; Southwest Liaison</li> <li>• Homeless Liaison</li> <li>• SLAANC Liaison</li> <li>• Area Representatives (1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large)</li> </ul> <p>Proposed Action: Council to establish standing committee, to assign committee chairs, members and liaisons</p>
9.	0122-09	<p><b>Voices Vacancies</b></p> <p>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 February meeting.</p> <p>Member/Committee: A. Farias</p> <p>Proposed Action: 1) Council to appoint vacant board seats - Recording Secretary, Education Rep and Youth Rep</p>
10.	0122-10	<p><b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAHSA seeks volunteers for Homelessness Count - Thursday, 1/27/22 from 8PM - 1AM; Vermont Square Count location: 8525 S Broadway; seeking 75 volunteers; register at theycountwillyou.org.</li> <li>• Clean Up Event at Augustus Hawkins High School on Saturday, 1/29/22, 9am-12noon.</li> </ul>

**ADJOURNMENT**

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- Vermont Square Library, 1201 W. 48th St. Los Angeles, CA 90037
- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to [L.A. City’s Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

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**PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact 323-285-1877 or email at: [VoicesNC90037@gmail.com](mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com).

**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

For information on the Voices NC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org).

<b><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></b>	
Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to <a href="mailto:chair@voicesnc.org">chair@voicesnc.org</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. Recording Secretary</b>	The Recording Secretary records the minutes of each regular and special board meeting, maintain and archive all regular and special board meeting records. Make a record of each meeting available to the public and the Board by suitable means in a timely manner. The Recording Secretary may delegate a person to take minutes at a meeting in the event of an absence.
<b>2. Education Representative</b>	The Education Representative represents the interest of students and educators within our community. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to educational organizations and institutions within Voices Neighborhood Council boundaries.
<b>3. Youth Representative</b>	The Youth Representative is appointed by the Board and must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of appointment. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to area youth and/or youth culture. If the appointed Youth Representative is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the person is excluded from voting on the (1) expenditure of Voices Neighborhood Council funds; (2) the hiring or firing of staff of the Voices Neighborhood Council; or (3) entering into contracts and agreements.

<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)	Albert Farias	Matthew Crawford
<b>2. LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> C-PAB</b>	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	Jaime Rabb	Matthew Crawford
<b>3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB</b>	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)		
<b>4. Homelessness</b>	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	Elizabeth Ebow	
<b>5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness</b>	TBD		
<b>6. Budget Advocate</b>	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)		
<b>7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance</b>	TBD		

<b><u>Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities</u></b>				
<b>Primary Signer</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Signer</b>	<b>Alternate Signer</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Bankcard holder</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Bankcard holder</b>
S. Nieto (Treasurer)	A. Farias	J. Rabb	A. Farias	J. Rabb

<b><u>Voices NC Standing Committees</u></b>		
<p><i>All meetings are open to the public and will be posted on <a href="http://www.empowerla.org">www.empowerla.org</a>. 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.</i></p>		
<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Assigned Member</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP)</b>	Sara Zurita (stakeholder)	The BOP Committee will have the responsibility to discuss issues, promote partnerships on projects and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement and support. The 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. Also 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 Chair selects meeting site, date and time and meets as directed in these Bylaws.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Steven 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. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	Edward Garren & Estuardo Mazariegos (Co-chairs)	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>4. Senior Services</b>		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>5. Youth &amp; Education</b>		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>6. Health &amp; Safety</b>		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: December 2021 Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: Voices of 90037

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$37662.76	\$3073.83	\$34588.93	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$34528.93

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$22947.77	\$478.70	\$18684.06	\$0.00	\$18684.06
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$8500.00	\$0.00	\$8500.00	\$60.00	\$8440.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$10000.00	\$2595.13	\$7404.87	\$0.00	\$7404.87
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$3785.01	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	12/01/2021	Monthly email/website services	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$202.50
2	EXTRA SPACE 1562	12/12/2021	Regular storage payment.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$276.20
3	Seeds of Morning Glory	11/15/2021	Motion to APPROVE an NPG to Seeds of Morning Glory Inc in the amount of \$2,595.13 for blankets, jackets and hygiene kits for homeless individuals within our boundaries.	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$2595.13
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$3073.83</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles	07/30/2021	Motion to APPROVE the cost not to exceed \$80 for a application fee to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the mural project at Vermont Square Library.	Community Improvement Project		\$60.00
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$60.00</b>

**The Web Corner, Inc.**

**Invoice**

15300 Ventura Blvd. Suite 400  
 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
 818-345-7443

Date	Invoice #	Terms
12/1/2021	23099	

**PAID**  
**12/01/2021**

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:	3.50	52.50
	15 Accounts for voicesnc.org		
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 [email@info.extraspace.com](mailto:email@info.extraspace.com)  
Subject: Easy Pay Confirmation: Thank you for your payment.  
Date: Dec 12, 2021 at 12:12:09 AM  
To: Albert [chair@voicesnc.org](mailto:chair@voicesnc.org)

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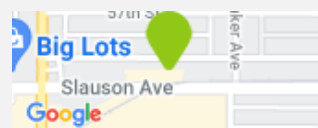
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Transaction Number:  
Unit Number: 2467  
**Payment Total: \$276.2**

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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.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Voices Neighborhood Council

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- 1a) Seeds of Morning Glory, INC 37-1882595 California 02/26/2018  
*Organization Name* *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*
- 1b) PO Box 7413 Long Beach CA 90807  
*Organization Mailing Address* *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (if different)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Mildred A. Burge (562) 708-5025 seedsofmorningglory@yahoo.com  
*Name* *Phone* *Email*
- 2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**  
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* or  501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*  
**Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead** **Attach IRS Determination Letter**
- 3) God Silent Hands 1380 Exposition Blvd Apt 1 Los Angeles CA 90018  
*Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION****4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**

Seeds of Morning Glory, a non-profit organization founded in 2018 to address food insecurity, is seeking grant funding to purchase safety-net essential items for unhoused individuals and their families residing in South Los Angeles. These vital items include but are not limited to: hygiene kit materials, blankets and warm clothing (jackets). Additionally, outreach staff will provide education and linkages to community resources including public health, mental health, local shelters and medical services. Our intent and purpose of the proposed grant request is to address the immense social support service needs in the Voices Neighborhood Council region. The goal is to leverage our existing bi-weekly emergency food distribution services, to provide supplemental hygiene kit supplies.

**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)**

Seeds of Morning Glory is seeking grant funding to purchase safety-net essential items including but not limited to: hygiene kit materials, blankets and warm clothing (jackets) for the public residing in the City of Los Angeles particularly in the Voices Neighborhood Council region. All services and program materials will be free of charge. The proposed grant will substantially support and serve the public at-large, particularly unhoused individuals and their families residing in the region as many of these individuals do not have adequate resources to survive. These essential items will significantly benefit and improve the quality of life for recipients. To further strengthen our efforts, we will partner with local food banks as well as local nonprofit, God Silent Hands, to provide non-perishable food items and hot meals. Additionally, we will collaborate with Painted Brain to have FEMA Crisis Counselors on site to provide mental health support and referrals to crisis services. As the winter months approach, it is imperative that our local government agencies partner with community-based organizations, such as Seeds of Morning, to address the significant gaps in homeless services.



## ***Seed of Morning Glory - Neighborhood Purpose Grant***

<b>Single Purchase Items Item Name</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Subtotal Before Taxes</b>	<b>Taxes</b>	<b>Subtotal with Taxes</b>
Jackets	50	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.095%	\$ 1,095.00
Socks	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 250.00	0.095%	\$ 273.75
Underwear	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 250.00	0.095%	\$ 273.75
Blankets	50	\$ 15.00	\$ 750.00	0.095%	\$ 821.25
Tooth brush with Tooth Paste	50	\$ 1.00	\$ 50.00	0.095%	\$ 54.75
Deodorant	50	\$ 1.00	\$ 50.00	0.095%	\$ 54.75
Subtotal					\$ 2,573.25

<b>Bulk Item</b>	<b>Quantity per Unit</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Subtotal Before Taxes</b>	<b>Taxes</b>	<b>Subtotal with Taxes</b>
Kleenex Tissues	8	Package	7 \$ 1.00	\$ 7.00	0.095%	\$ 7.67
Sanitary	8	Package	7 \$ 1.00	\$ 7.00	0.095%	\$ 7.67
Napkins	35	Package	2 \$ 2.99	\$ 5.98	0.095%	\$ 6.55
Zip Lock Bages	35	Package	2 \$ 2.99	\$ 5.98	0.095%	\$ 6.55
Subtotal						\$ 21.88

**Neighborhood Purpose Grant Total    \$ 2,595.13**

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **APR 16 2021**

SEEDS OF MORNING GLORY INC  
447 E 53RD STREET LONG BEACH CA  
LONG BEACH, CA 90805-0000

Employer Identification Number:  
37-1882595  
DLN:  
26053545003438  
Contact Person: ANITA S RILEY ID# 17166  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
February 26, 2018  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

This supersedes our letter dated June 4, 2018, which we issued with an incorrect name. We updated our records to show your correct name as listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities,

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SEEDS OF MORNING GLORY INC

which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

*Stephen a. martin*

Director, Exempt Organizations  
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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

### AB 361 Updates:

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual board member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

### QUORUM

The Voices Neighborhood Council has 14 elected positions and one nominated position. The Voices Neighborhood Council must have eight members present for quorum to conduct official business.

**AGENDA FOR 12/14/2021**

*Call to Order @6:08 pm*

*Roll Call A. Farias, J. Rabb, E. Garren, S. Embrey, S. Keaton, M. Crawford, J. Sanders, A. Patton, S. Nieto  
 Tardy: None Absent: E. Ebow, P. Rand, E. Mazariegos*

**Action Items**

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

Item	Reference Number	Matter
1.	1221-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</b> <i>(limit 3 minutes per speaker)</i> <b>None</b>
2.	1221-02	<b>Community/Government Reports and Announcements</b> A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St. <b>Officer Canizales gave a crime update; smash &amp; grabs near WSS/Ross shopping center at Vermont &amp; Slauson. Accepting toy donations unopened/unwrapped gifts at the 77th St. police station. Street Racing at Gage &amp; Normandie continuing</b> B. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado - <b>not present</b> C. State Senator Sydney Kamlager-Dove’s office - Josef Siroky - <b>Legislature updates; unemployment issues; DMV/Caltrans requests, Maintenance request, Graffiti removal request reach out to Josef.</b> D. Council District 9 - Kendal Lake - <b>Holiday event kickoff; Annual holiday event at Vermont Square Park 3-6pm.</b> E. Mayor’s Office - Edith Vega - <b>not present</b> F. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson - <b>not present</b> G. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Thomas Soong/ <b>Vanessa Serrano - Anti-Bias training due on 1/1/22. Planning &amp; Land Use Training required for committee members; inventory needs to be updated and agendize at a future board meeting.</b>
3.	1221-03	<b>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report</b> Review and discussion of VoicesNC Budget and MERs for November 2021. Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Treasurer <b>Proposed Action 1:</b> Motion to APPROVE the November 2021 MERs. MERs to be submitted by December 31, 2021. Perform BAC. <b>1: S. Nieto, 2nd: E. Garren. 9 YES, 0 NO, MOTION CARRIES.</b>
4.	1221-04	<b>Meeting Minutes</b> Review and discussion of minutes from the November (11/9/21) meeting. Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the November 2021 General Board Meeting. <b>1: J. Rabb, 2nd: S. Nieto. 9 YES, 0 NO, MOTION CARRIES.</b>
5.	1221-05	<b>Neighborhood Stabilization Ordinance discussions</b> Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE Planning Department’s recommendation to add zoning overlay with a strong recommendation to consider provisions requiring additional parking and housing affordability. <b>CF 20-1265 - City Planning attended the November Planning &amp; Land Use meeting and addressed parking/mobility / design &amp; neighborhood character, Overlay Zones, Specific Plans, SLA Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) subareas and TOC programs. Recommendation to do a 2 phase plan - 1st:</b>

		Apply CPIO subareas to every parcel in Voices NC area will take next steps in addressing these issues. Stakeholder suggests that we amend the motion to require developers to contribute to a parking fund. 1: A. Farias 2nd: E. Garren. 9 YES, 0 NO, MOTION CARRIES.
6.	1221-06	<p><b>Committee &amp; Liaison Reports Assignments</b></p> <p>Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOP Committee - meeting on Monday, 12/20 at 6pm will be discussing Community Clean Up 1/29/22, update on Electrical boxes, mural project update.</li> <li>• Planning &amp; Land Use Committee - homeless/housing/encampments; reducing carbon appliances/devices in homes,</li> <li>• Health and Safety Committee - no updates</li> <li>• Budget &amp; Finance Committee - no updates</li> <li>• Ad hoc Sustainability Committee - no updates</li> <li>• Ad hoc Business Committee - no updates</li> <li>• LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Liaison - no updates</li> <li>• CPAB - 77th Liaison &amp; Southwest Liaison - 77th crime update; community walk event at Mt. Carmel Park in January 2022.</li> <li>• Homeless Liaison - no updates</li> <li>• SLAANC Liaison - transportation idea for LA</li> <li>• Area Representatives (1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large) - no updates</li> </ul> <p><u>Proposed Action:</u> Council to establish standing committee, to assign committee chairs, members and liaisons</p>
7.	1221-07	<p><b>Voices Vacancies</b></p> <p>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 February meeting.</p> <p>Member/Committee: A. Farias</p> <p><u>Proposed Action:</u> 1) Council to appoint vacant board seats - Recording Secretary, Education Rep and Youth Rep</p>
8.	1221-08	<p><b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voices NC Board Member Training Updates - Anti-bias training on Cornerstone to be completed by 11/30/21 - updated by EmpowerLA needs to be completed by 1/1/22.</li> <li>• City Council voted to keep Expo Park and USC within CD9's boundaries.</li> <li>• Homelessness Count was canceled last year due to pandemic; January 2022 count needs volunteers</li> </ul>

**ADJOURNMENT @ 7:12pm**

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- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to [L.A. City's Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

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**PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact 323-285-1877 or email at: [VoicesNC90037@gmail.com](mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com).

**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

For information on the Voices NC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at [www.VoicesNC.org](http://www.VoicesNC.org).

<b><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></b>	
Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to <a href="mailto:chair@voicesnc.org">chair@voicesnc.org</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. Recording Secretary</b>	The Recording Secretary records the minutes of each regular and special board meeting, maintain and archive all regular and special board meeting records. Make a record of each meeting available to the public and the Board by suitable means in a timely manner. The Recording Secretary may delegate a person to take minutes at a meeting in the event of an absence.
<b>2. Education Representative</b>	The Education Representative represents the interest of students and educators within our community. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to educational organizations and institutions within Voices Neighborhood Council boundaries.
<b>3. Youth Representative</b>	The Youth Representative is appointed by the Board and must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of appointment. This representative should be informed on the issues and concerns related to area youth and/or youth culture. If the appointed Youth Representative is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the person is excluded from voting on the (1) expenditure of Voices Neighborhood Council funds; (2) the hiring or firing of staff of the Voices Neighborhood Council; or (3) entering into contracts and agreements.

<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)	Albert Farias	Matthew Crawford
<b>2. LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> C-PAB</b>	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	Jaime Rabb	Matthew Crawford
<b>3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB</b>	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)		
<b>4. Homelessness</b>	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	Elizabeth Ebow	

<b>5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness</b>	TBD		
<b>6. Budget Advocate</b>	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)		
<b>7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance</b>	TBD		

**Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities**

<b>Primary Signer</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Signer</b>	<b>Alternate Signer</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Bankcard holder</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Bankcard holder</b>
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.*

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Assigned Member</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP)</b>	Sara Zurita (stakeholder)	The BOP Committee will have the responsibility to discuss issues, promote partnerships on projects and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement and support. The 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. Also 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 Chair selects meeting site, date and time and meets as directed in these Bylaws.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Steven 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. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	Edward Garren & Estuardo Mazariegos (Co-chairs)	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>4. Senior Services</b></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>
<p><b>5. Youth &amp; Education</b></p>		<p>The Youth &amp; 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.</p>
<p><b>6. Health &amp; Safety</b></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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