

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting



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

Vacant, Area 1
Javonne Sanders, Area 2
Abasi Patton, Area 3
Vacant, Area 4
Parker Rand, At-Large
Matthew Crawford, Corresponding Secretary
Dulce Vasquez, Vice Chairperson



Jaime Rabb, Chairperson

Vacant, Education
Vacant, Youth
Elizabeth Ebow, Housing
Estuardo Mazariegos, Community-Based
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Jason Saunders, Recording Secretary
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6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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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 10/11/2022

Call to Order

Roll Call

PRESENT: JAVONNE SANDERS, ABASI PATTON, PARKER RAND, MATHEW CRAWFORD, ELIZBETH EBOW, ESTUARDO MAZARIEGOS, SUNNY KEATON, JASON SAUNDERS, EDWARD GARREN, JAIME RABB, DULCE VASQUEZ

ABSENT: SUNNY KEATON

NEWLY APPOINTED DURING THIS SESSION: ERIC CHAVEZ, EMMANUEL ALCANTAR

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.	1022-01	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limit 3 minutes per speaker) <i>Mathew Crawford, Estuardo Mazariegos, Ed Garren, spoke out against councilmembers. Martinez, De Leon and Cedillo racist and homophobic language.</i>
2.	1022-02	<p>Community/Government Reports and Announcements</p> <p>A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St. Officer Robert Canizalez. - Sept 13 to Oct. 6th. 77 crimes for the month which is good. Most are property crimes. Vehicle thefts from Figueroa to Vernon between Gage and Vernon. 52nd to Vernon spike in vehicle thefts. Violent crime is down slightly at 48 homicides for the year. Last year at this time there were 44. 57 rapes. 844 robberies 1077 aggravated assaults. We are up 1.7 % 2067 total crimes for the year. Property crimes are down 77%. Motor vehicle thefts were 1477 last year 1395. Property crimes are 1% up. Community Event: Next week on the 18th. Coffee with Cops at Slauson and Western between 9 to 11. Served a search warrant at an illegal medical marijuana dispensary. Two arrested. Recovered guns and marijuana. Salazar: Auto related crimes down. ATM robberies have increased. Vermont and Vernon cleaned up. 52 and Figueroa cleaned up. Trying to do more around school zones..</p> <p>B. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado Not represented C. State Senator Sydney Kamlager-Dove’s office - Josef Siroky Not represented D. Congressmember Karen Bass’ office - Allen Moret Not Represented E. Council District 9 - Kendal Lake</p> <p>Several clean ups: Vernon and Vermont. 40th Place and Vermont, Menlo and MLK Taste of Soul is Saturday from 11 to 7th at Crenshaw and 39th. Several Halloween Events: Augustus Hawkins, Nature Park, Vermont Square? Street paving efforts are ongoing.</p> <p>Mathew Crawford: What happens to the individual? Answer: Outreach first, then schedule cleanup, Outreach at day of the clean up. Jaime Rabb: looking for a stop sign and or speed bumps on Budlong between 49th and 51st.</p>

		<p>Dulce Vasquez asked about Dia de Los Muertos events. Kendal will get back. -Jacquelun Dupont, offers that King Solomon Village is available for homeless persons to store their belongings.</p> <p>F. Mayor's Office - Sandra Olmedo Not present G. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson Not present</p>
3.	1022-03	<p>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Daniel Johnson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly Profiles: Sent out Legislative report. - Empower LA website: All board members have received their training. - 3 persons are missing anti-bias training. - Only 1 of 4 have completed Planning and Land Use training. - NC Election date is Saturday April 15, 2023 - Candidate Filing begins Saturday December 1, 2022 & end Valentines Day February 2023 All information is on monthly profile, including handbook. - Civic University is ongoing. - New Anti-bias training coming in regarding Gender Expression and Gender Identity. - New town halls happening Oct 27 regarding cannabis enforcement progressive.
4.	1022-04	<p>Presentation from Jacqueline Gray, Prevention Specialist, KYCC (Koreatown Youth and Community Center) regarding Angelenos for Clean Air (ACA) coalition Presentation regarding smoke free (tobacco) and second hand smoke. Ammonium lead and arsenic present in tobacco, electronic cigarettes, marijuana. Asthma, allergies, SEDS, lung cancer, heart disease and other respiratory problems. Improves air, risk of fire, cleaning, insurance cost. 1 in 2 reported exposure to secondhand smoke, 2 in 5 live with conditions sensitive to second hand smoke. 79% reported to cigarettes, 41 to marijuana, 18 to electronic cigarettes. 66% in CD 9 would support smoke free building. muh@kycc.org www.angelenosforcleanair.org Angelenos for Clean air on Instagram.</p>
5.	1022-05	<p>NPG Request from Friends of West LA for 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair - Cindy Kane Member/Committee: J. Rabb, BOP Committee Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE not to exceed \$2,000 to help fund the fair located at Expo Park on Sunday, 11/13/22. Francie Jones spoke on behalf of the organization. Free CPR Training (not certified) Free Emergency Supplies, Free Raffle, Food Trucks, Vendors giving away and selling products. Kids rodeo set up by CHP. Blood Drive.</p> <p>bit.ly/3ccx8r4 Motion to Approve M. Crawford, Second by D. Vasquez. Motion passes Unanimous 10 yes, 0 no.</p>
6.	1022-06	<p>Update from Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, King Solomon Village at 1328 W Slauson Ave. (Project by Ward Economic Development Corp) Update, review and discuss possible submission of 1 or 2 legacy persons/stakeholders for mural art project at the Village. Member/Committee: E. Garren, Planning & Land Use Committee Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE 1 or 2 legacy persons/stakeholders for mural art project at the Village.</p> <p>King Solomon's village will be a part of court ordered housing for CD9. Ben Calwell AKA Create artist spoke about his mural. The board nominates Rita Walters and Bungee Carter as two legacy persons to include in their mural. Motion passes Unanimous.</p>

7.	1022-07	<p>4429 S. Vermont Ave. Development Project Letter of support Member/Committee: E. Garren, Planning & Land Use Committee <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE letter of support of housing project at 4429 S. Vermont Ave.</p> <p>Amir Ohibson and Richard Benbow spoke on behalf of a new building 5 stories. Motion passes to support this project and suggest they include charging capabilities for parking and a roof top community garden.</p>
8.	1022-08	<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 the meeting. Member/Committee: J. Rabb <u>Proposed Action:</u> 1) Council to appoint vacant board seats - Area 1 Rep - Eric S. Chavez 5 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no. Appointment of Eric S. Chavez approved by majority. <u>Proposed Action:</u> 2) Council to appoint vacant board seats - Education Rep - Emmanuel Alcantar APPROVED UNANIMOUS <u>Proposed Action:</u> 3) Area 4 Rep, Youth Rep</p>
9.	1022-09	<p>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report Review and discussion of MERs for September 2022. Member/Committee: E. Garren <u>Proposed Action 1:</u> Motion to APPROVE the September 2022 MERs. MERs to be submitted by October 31, 2022. Perform BAC. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUS</p>
10.	1022-10	<p>Meeting Minutes Review and discussion of minutes from the September (9/13/22) General Board Meeting. Member/Committee: J. Saunders <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the September 13, 2022 General Board Meeting. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUS</p>
11.	1022-11	<p>CicLAvia South LA - Sunday, December 4, 2022 (9am-4pm) Member/Committee: D. Vasquez <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE not to exceed \$1,000 for tabling at the event. 8 YES, 0 NO. Motion Approved unanimously.</p>
12.	1022-12	<p>Community Impact Statements (CIS) Review and appoint up to five board members to file Community Impact Statements which are official statements adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions. Current appointed board members: Jaime Rabb and Jason Saunders Member/Committee: J. Rabb <u>Proposed Action:</u> 1) Council to appoint up to three more board members to file Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system. DULCE VASQUEZ added to CIS system, Unanimously approved</p>
13.	1022-13	<p>Committee & Liaison Reports Assignments Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Committee • Planning & Land Use Committee • Health and Safety Committee • Budget & Finance Committee • Ad hoc Sustainability Committee • Sustainability Alliance Liaison

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad hoc Business Committee • LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Liaison • CPAB - 77th Liaison & Southwest Liaison • Homeless Liaison • SLAANC Liaison • Area Representatives (1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large) <p>Proposed Action: Council to establish standing committee, to assign committee chairs, members and liaisons</p>
14.	1022-14	General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)

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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.

<u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u>	
Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to chair@voicesnc.org . Additional information about Voices NC is available at https://VoicesNC.org .	
Council Vacancy	Description

1. Area 1 Representative	The Area 1 Representative represents all interests within Area 1 of the Voices Neighborhood Council. The Area 1 Representative will serve as a point of contact for voicing the Area’s community concerns. This representative should serve as a point of contact between their Senior Lead Officers and the Los Angeles Council members assigned to Area 1. This representative should be knowledgeable of city services that can be utilized and benefit Area 1 boundaries. This member is also responsible for ongoing outreach activities to this sector of our community.
2. Area 4 Representative	The Area 4 Representative represents all interests within Area 4 of the Voices Neighborhood Council. The Area 4 Representative will serve as a point of contact for voicing the Area’s community concerns. This representative should serve as a point of contact between their Senior Lead Officers and the Los Angeles Council members assigned to Area 4. This representative should be knowledgeable of city services that can be utilized and benefit Area 4 boundaries. This member is also responsible for ongoing outreach activities to this sector of our community.
3. Education Representative	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.
4. Youth Representative	The Youth Representative is appointed by the Board and must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and no more than seventeen (17) 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. The Youth Representative 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.

Voices NC Council Liaisons			
Council Liaison	Meeting Time	Assigned Member	Alternate Member
1. SLAANC	Third Thursday of the month (6:30pm)	Matthew Crawford	Estuardo Mazariegos
2. LAPD 77th C-PAB	Second Thursday of the month (6:00pm)	Jaime Rabb	Matthew Crawford
3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB	First Monday of the month (6:30pm)		
4. Homelessness	Every Other Month (TBD) (6:30pm)	Elizabeth Ebow	
5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness	TBD		
6. Budget Advocate	First Monday of the month (7:00pm)		
7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance	TBD		
8. LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils	TBD		

Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities				
Primary Signer	2nd Signer	Alternate Signer	1st Bankcard holder	2nd Bankcard holder
Edward Garren (Treasurer)	J. Rabb	M. Crawford (pending training)	J. Rabb	M. Crawford (pending training)

<u>Voices NC Standing Committees</u>		
<i>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.</i>		
Standing Committees	Assigned Member	Description
1. Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP)	Sara Zurita (stakeholder) & Jaime Rabb (Co-Chairs)	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.
2. Budget & Finance	Vacant	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. Planning & Land Use	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.
4. Senior Services		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.
5. Youth & Education		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.
6. Health & Safety		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.