

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council
Special Board Meeting



Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 6:00 pm
VIA Telephone or Internet (Zoom)

Eric Chavez, 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

Emmanuel Alcantar, Education
Vacant, Youth
Elizabeth Ebow, Housing
Estuardo Mazariegos, Community-Based
Sunny Keaton, Parliamentarian
Jason Saunders, Recording Secretary
Edward Garren, Treasurer

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Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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In conformity with the September 16, 2021 Enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, The Voices Neighborhood Council Meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (877) 853-5257, and enter 961 0732 6167 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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.

SPECIAL AGENDA FOR 10/18/2022 MINUTES

Call to Order 6:07pm

Roll Call : J. Rabb, D. Vasquez, E. Garren, E. Ebow, S. Keaton, J. Sanders, M. Crawford, E. Chavez, J. Saunders
 Absent: P. Rand, A. Patton, 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.	1022-01S	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limit 3 minutes per speaker) None
2.	1022-02S	Council File 22-1189, Elected Officials / Martinez, de Leon and Cedillo / Offensive Misconducts / Racist and Hateful Comments / City Charter / Immediate Resignation Demand Introduced on October 11, 2022. The Resolution resolves that Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo are CENSURED for their conduct and statements during the referenced meeting of October 2021, and the Council joins the community in demanding their immediate resignation from the Council. Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 22-1189 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement: "Voices NC supports LA City Council's resolution requesting the 3 Councilmembers censured and immediate resignation." Motion 1st: E. Garren, 2nd M. Crawford, Unanimously approved.
3.	1022-03S	Voices NC Statement on LA City Council members (Martinez, de Leon, Cedillo) misconducts Proposed Action: Motion to APPROVE statement to post on Voicesc NC website/digital platforms. Motion amended to post statement in Spanish as well as English; 1st: E. Garren; M. Crawford, unanimously approved
4.	1022-04S	Council File 22-1197, New Ad Hoc Committee / City Government Reform / October 2021 Recordings Release / Transparency and Limit Corruption / Los Angeles Residents Trust Introduced on October 11, 2022. Motion is calling for the City Council to convene a new Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, which will be charged with implementing reforms to increase transparency, limit corruption, and make City leadership more representative of our communities with the aim of restoring the faith of the people of Los Angeles in their city government. Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 22-1197 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement: "Voices NC supports LA City Council's motion requesting a new Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform." Motion 1st: S. Keaton, 2nd D. Vasquez, Unanimously approved.
5.	1022-05S	Council File 22-1196, Charter Reform Ballot Initiative / Los Angeles 2024 / Population Growth / Major Immigrant Destination / Los Angeles City Council Seats / City Residents Representation Introduced on October 11, 2022. Motion is instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the Assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council Seats. Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 22-1196 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement: Motion 1st: D. Vasquez, 2nd M. Crawford, Unanimously approved. "Voices NC supports LA City Council's motion on Charter Reform Ballot Initiative."

6.	1022-065	General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion) 4th Annual Greater LA Safety & Preparedness Fair; 10am - 4pm, Expo Park.
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ADJOURNMENT 6:53pm

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

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

NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES-

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org.

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 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.

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.

<p><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></p> <p>Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to chair@voicesnc.org. Additional information about Voices NC is available at https://VoicesNC.org.</p>	
Council Vacancy	Description
<p>1. Area 4 Representative</p>	<p>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.</p>

2. 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.
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<u>Voices NC Council Liaisons</u>			
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		

<u>Voices NC Council Financial Responsibilities</u>

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

<u>Voices NC Standing Committees</u>

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

Standing Committees	Assigned 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	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.
5. Youth & Education	Vacant	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	Vacant	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.