

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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  
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Vacant, Youth  
Elizabeth Ebow, Housing  
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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.

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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.

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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 1/10/2023**

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.	0123-01	<b>General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</b> (limit 3 minutes per speaker)
2.	0123-02	<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. Congressmember Sydney Kamlager-Dove's office D. State Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas's office E. Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer's office F. Council District 9 - Kendal Lake G. Mayor Karen Bass' Office - Sandra Olmedo H. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson
3.	0123-03	<b>Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Daniel Johnson</b>
4.	0123-04	<b>Neighborhood Council Elections 2023</b> Review and discuss timeline for the neighborhood council elections for 2023.
5.	0123-05	<b>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report</b> Review and discussion of MERs for December 2022. Member/Committee: E. Garren <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the December 2022 MERs. MERs to be submitted by January 31, 2023. Perform BAC.
6.	0123-06	<b>Meeting Minutes</b> Review and discussion of minutes from the December (12/13/22) General Board Meeting. Member/Committee: J. Saunders <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the December 13, 2022 General Board Meeting.
7.	0123-07	<b>Community Clean Up at Julian Dixon Park - Saturday, February 4, 2023 - 9am - 12noon</b> Review and confirm board participation Member/Committee: J. Rabb / BOP
8.	0123-08	<b>CF 23-0002-S1 Independent Redistricting Process / New Commission / New Redistricting Maps / City of Los Angeles / April 2023 Special Election</b> <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to <b>SUPPORT</b> LA City Council File 23-0002-S1 and <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement. Member/Committee: D. Vasquez

9.	0123-09	<b>CF 22-1285 Rules of the City Council / Censured Councilmember / Charter Amendment</b> <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to <b>SUPPORT</b> LA City Council File 22-1285 and <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement. Member/Committee: D. Vasquez
10.	0123-10	<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 meeting. Member/Committee: J. Rabb or D. Vasquez <u>Proposed Action:</u> 1) Area 4 Rep, Youth Rep
11.	0123-11	<b>Community Impact Statements (CIS)</b> 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, Jason Saunders, Dulce Vasquez Member/Committee: J. Rabb or D. Vasquez <u>Proposed Action:</u> 1) Council to appoint up to two more board members to file Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system.
12.	0123-12	<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> <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>• Sustainability Alliance Liaison</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> <u>Proposed Action:</u> Council to establish standing committee, to assign committee chairs, members and liaisons
13.	0123-13	<b>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</b>

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- Vermont Square Library, 1201 W. 48th St. Los Angeles, CA 90037
- [www.voicesnc.org](http://www.voicesnc.org)
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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](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. Area 4 Representative</b>	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.
<b>2. Youth Representative</b>	The Youth Representative must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and no more than seventeen (17) years of age at the time of the election/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.

<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)	Matthew Crawford	Estuardo Mazariegos
<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	Emmanuel Alcantar	
<b>8. LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils</b>	TBD		

**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
Edward Garren (Treasurer)	J. Rabb	M. Crawford	J. Rabb	M. Crawford

**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 Member	Description
<b>1. Beautification, Outreach and Programming (BOP)</b>	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.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	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.
<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>



**VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD  
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General Board**



01/10/2023  
RE: Council File: 23-0002-S1

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**HOUSING REPRESENTATIVE**

*Elizabeth Ebow*

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

*Vacant*

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

Via Email

Dear Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr.,

The Voices Neighborhood Council on January 10, 2023 voted X-X to SUPPORT, City Council File 23-0002-S1 to support state legislation that would ultimately lead to the City of Los Angeles creating an independent redistricting commission and the redrawing of maps prior to the next redistricting in 2031.

The state legislation would be applicable to any city with a population greater than three million which would urge the State of California through an emergency clause to move forward expeditiously on a Bill [structured similarly to Senate Bill (SB) 958 "County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission" (Lara - Hall)] that creates an independent process with a new commission and new redistricting maps for the City of Los Angeles.

Voices wholeheartedly supports any legislation that would get us an independent redistricting commission, such as the County of Los Angeles and State of California currently have.

There should be safeguards as to who can be eligible to serve on such commissions– including anyone who benefits from city contracting, anyone who has run for the offices they are redrawing (including spouses) a ban on future candidacy (including spouses), lobbyists (former and current, with a time limit), or anyone who manages politically active organizations, such as 501(c)(4)s or trade unions.

In addition we want to restate our support of Council File 22-1196, the motion 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.

We will continue to support any motions that advance the purpose of an independent redistricting commission and the expansion of the city council.

Sincerely,  
Dulce Vasquez  
Vice Chair

[vicechair@voicesnc.org](mailto:vicechair@voicesnc.org)

CC: Kendal Lake, Field Deputy for CD9



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RE: Council File: 22-1285

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

Via Email

Dear Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr.,

The Voices Neighborhood Council on January 10, 2023 voted X-X to SUPPORT, City Council File 22-1285 to request the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney report with recommendations that amend the Rules of the City Council to include a list of potential consequences that can be imposed upon a censured Councilmember.

Voices previously supported Council File: 22-1189, supporting the censure of former councilmembers Nury Martinez and Gil Cedillo, and current Councilmember Kevin de Leon.

As we have seen in the months after the leaked audio tape showing racist and racially divisive remarks by these members, a censure is nothing but a finger wag. It is a toothless measure that while meant to show outrage and solidarity, has done nothing of consequence.

We support the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Governance committee on potential consequences including the banning of sending mass mailers, use of discretionary funds, introducing motions, participating in council committees or authorizing contracts. That said, there are contracts, information, and services that are vital to community members. Organizations that need to introduce motions, commissioners that need to be approved, etc. We would also ask that in thinking of how we handle censures moving forward, that there be a designated councilmember to make some of those approvals in the absence of a councilmember (and without the appointment of a caretaker).

Censured councilmembers should not be rehabilitating their image and name with council resources, so we'd also like for you to consider how the removal of a councilmember's name from their Council District office logos might be another either temporary or permanent option, applicable to all 15 council offices. These positions are not the property of councilmembers– they belong to the people.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your commitment to strengthening our community.

Sincerely,

Dulce Vasquez, Vice Chair

[vicechair@voicesnc.org](mailto:vicechair@voicesnc.org)

CC: Kendal Lake, Field Deputy for CD9