

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting



Tuesday, February 14, 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
Dulce Vasquez, Vice Chairperson



Jaime Rabb, Chairperson

Emmanuel Alcantar, Education
Vacant, Youth
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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.

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 2/14/2023

Call to Order 6:07

Roll Call

Present: EMMANUAL ALCANTAR, ERIC CHAVEZ, MATTHEW CRAWFORD, ELIZABETH BOW, EDWARD GAREN, SUNNY KEATON, ABASI PATTON, JAIME RABB, PARKER RAND, JAVONNE SANDERS, JASON SAUNDERS and DULCE VASQUEZ

Absent: ESTUARDO 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.	0223-01	General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None
2.	0223-02	Community/Government Reports and Announcements A. LAPD Senior Lead Officers -Southwest and 77th St. Not present B. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office - Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado Not present C. Congressmember Sydney Kamlager-Dove’s office Not present D. State Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas’s office - Kirk Samuels Not present E. Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer’s office Not present F. Council District 9 - Bryce Rosauro Spoke about food composting, a new program with the city. Questions were asked by board members about Vermont Vernon Bus stop and Hoover Gage park and homeless encampments. There is nothing the city can do short of removing the bus stop. G. Mayor Karen Bass’ Office - Sandra Olmedo & Brenda Lee Thompson Not present H. USC Civic Engagement- Steve Wesson Not present
3.	0223-03	Announcements/Updates by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Daniel Johnson Thursday Feb 23 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sat Feb. 24 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Information session regarding NC meetings transition to new governance rules Council File 22-1070 can be references into virtual meetings. 3 current meeting options - Teleconference: Watch party: Council meets in one location but audience can meet at various places. - Entire legislative body meets in person but the public can meet virtually. - The Legislative body can allow some members to meet remotely but this is limited to how many sessions per annual As of March 1st. all meetings will be in person. Henry Lo will provide documentation regarding securing meeting sites and ADA.

		As far as Mr. Johnson knows there is nothing besides the Brown Act that prevents us from meeting virtually.
4.	0223-04	<p>Treasurer's Report: Monthly Expenditure Report Review and discussion of MERs for January 2023. Member/Committee: E. Garren <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the January 2023 MERs. MERs to be submitted by February 28, 2023. Perform BAC. Motion to approve by Mathew Second by Jason 11 Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford.</p>
5.	0223-05	<p>Meeting Minutes Review and discussion of minutes from the January (1/10/23) General Board Meeting. Member/Committee: J. Saunders <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE the minutes for the January 10, 2023 General Board Meeting. Motion by Emmanuel Second by Mathew 11 Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford</p>
6.	0223-06	<p>Vermont Square Library Spring Festival, March 29, 2023 from 4-5pm at Vermont Square Branch Member/Committee: J. Rabb / BOP Committee <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE balloon performer and candy, water, oranges for the spring festival event not to exceed \$700. Perform BAC. Motion by Sunny Second By Javonne 11 Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford.</p>
7.	0223-07	<p>Board/Committee Members Apparel Member/Committee: J. Rabb / BOP Committee <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE ordering long sleeve shirts/zip up jackets for board and committee members not to exceed \$1,500. Perform BAC. Motion by Mathew Second By Jason 11 Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford.</p>
8.	0223-08	<p>Presentation by Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Jennifer Cuellar, Assistant Project Coordinator Lead Hazard Remediation Program and Alejandro Perez "Alex", Project Lead Korean Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA). Gave presentation regarding the harmful impacts of lead contamination particularly in children. They provide outreach and educational services and help obtaining aid Provides funding to remediate lead paint based hazards for homes with children under 6 or pregnant woman. It is income based. The home must be built before 1978</p>
9.	0223-09	<p>In-Person Board and Committee Meetings beginning March 1, 2023 <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE meeting at Vermont Square Library for board and committee meetings during the fiscal year of 2022-2023. Perform BAC. Motion by Jason Second by Emmanuel. 11 Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford.</p>
10.	0223-10	<p>Area 3 Meet & Greet Event in March/April date at 7Eleven Member/Committee: A. Patton <u>Proposed Action:</u> Motion to APPROVE Area 3 Meet & Greet event not to exceed \$500. Perform BAC. Saturday May the 8th. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Motion by Jason Second by Emanuel. 10 yes Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford. Abstention by Abassi Patton</p>
11.	0223-11	<p>Council File: 14-0518 Wildlife Corridor / Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone) / Zone Change (ZC) Member/Committee: E. Alcantar</p>

		<p>Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 14-0518 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement.</p> <p>Motion by Jason Second by Emanuel. 11 yes Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford</p>
12.	0223-12	<p>Council File: 22-1469 LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery Member/Committee: E. Alcantar Proposed Action: Motion to SUPPORT LA City Council File 22-1469 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement.</p> <p>Motion by Ed Second by Jason 11 yes Approved 0 No, Abstention by Mathew Crawford</p>
13.	0223-13	<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 or D. Vasquez Proposed Action: 1) Area 4 Rep, Youth Rep No action taken</p>
14.	0223-14	<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, Jason Saunders, Dulce Vasquez, Emmanuel Alcantar Member/Committee: J. Rabb or D. Vasquez Proposed Action: 1) Council to appoint up to one more board member to file Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system.</p> <p>Motion by Dulce Second by Ed to add Mathew Crawford to CIS Statements Approved 11-0</p>
15.	0223-15	<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 NCSA sustainability guidelines • 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>
16.	0223-16	<p>General Board Announcements on Non-Agenda Items (Not for Discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Clean Up - Clean California Community Days is a statewide call-to-action where <u>all Californians</u> are being encouraged to pick up litter or plant a tree in their respective neighborhoods <u>between 3/17-3/27.</u>

ADJOURNMENT

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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 \(ENS\)](#)

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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 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: Recordingsecretary@voicesnc.org

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 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.
2. Youth Representative	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.
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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	Third Sunday of the month (6:30pm)	Emmanuel Alcantar	
8. LA LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils	TBD		

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

<u>Voices NC Standing Committees</u>		
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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		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.