



## Northridge West Neighborhood Council

Joint ECM and Whole Board Meeting

7:15 pm

Thursday, August 27, 2020



### **Executive Officers**

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Abigail Bailes, VP of Administration  
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Josue Toscano, Kathleen Edwards  
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### AGENDA

Zoom ID: 918 7326 0399

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- I. Meeting call to order
  - II. Comments by stakeholders on non-agenda items
  - III. Approval of July 31<sup>st</sup> minutes
  - IV. Presidential comments
  - V. Introduction of vacancy applicants
- Non-Business Items (non-voting):**
- VI. Discussion and update regarding the Neighborhood Council Agenda Posting Requirements.
    - A. See attachment: "Board of Neighborhood Councils Resolution on Neighborhood Council Agenda Posting Requirements"
  - VII. Discussion and update regarding Role of NCs item tabled from August General Board Meeting
    - A. See attachment: "The Role of Neighborhood Councils as Advisory to City Decision-Makers" (provided by Semee Park, August 24, 2020)
  - VIII. Discussion regarding Item 4 from the August 23, 2020 Joint Government Affairs and Public Safety Committee Meeting. Agenda item reads:
    - A. *Discussion about the purpose of Neighborhood Councils, by laws and procedure to determine which issues are appropriate and relevant to NWNC's purpose. There have been concerns raised by Board Members about intimidation, threats and invasion of privacy, as well as the influence of political advocacy groups on our neighborhood council.*
  - IX. Discussion and feedback regarding the August 14, 2020 Legislative Report: Summary of Motions Introduced and relevant Council Files.
    - A. See Attachment: August Legislative Report
  - X. Discussion and update regarding City Clerk's review of Northridge Beautification Foundation's NPGs
  - XI. Discussion and update regarding Bylaws Committee update of approved Bylaws changes (amendment approved June 30, 2020)
- Business Items (voting):**
- XII. Discussion and possible motion to submit a statement in writing to Los Angeles City Attorney, Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez, and Los Angeles City Ethics Commission requesting an inquiry and public statement clarifying Councilmember John Lee's participation and involvement in the events surrounding the indictment of former Councilmember Mitch Englander (tabled from August General Board Meeting).
  - XIII. Discussion and possible motion to submit a letter to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission and the Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti requesting a statement clarifying whether or not there are any ethics issues concerning Councilmember John Lee.
  - XIV. Discussion and possible motion to request the City Council create a new Council File on the issue of ethics concerns raised in Item XI above.
  - XV. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File based upon the results of the recent DONE ([survey](#)) to develop and support alternatives to armed crisis response and AB-2054 Emergency services: community response: grant program. ([Assembly Bill](#)). This would include revamping the City of Los Angeles 911 system. The 911 system should have a call option so that there are three options: Option 1 police, Option 2 fire/EMS, and Option 3 Community Assistance Liaison Team. Option 3 would be created to meet the demands for an alternative to arm crisis response for homelessness, domestic violence, neighbor disputes, and other quality of life issues (tabled from August General Board Meeting).
  - XVI. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC Neighborhood Council) request that the City Council create a new Council File to provide transparency for the reallocated \$150M that was defunded from the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (NWNC



Neighborhood Council) wants the process to be transparent and the Neighborhood Councils that represent the areas of the city that are underrepresented and areas with People of Color be afforded the opportunity to weigh in on where those funds are allocated and how they are spent for the benefit of the community that are underserved (tabled from August General Board Meeting).

- XVII. Discussion and motion to approve the **August 11, 2020 GBM Minutes**
- XVIII. Discussion and motion to approve the **August 2020 Monthly Expense Report** (pending posting)
- XIX. Committee Chair check-ins and possible recommendations for the September General Board Meeting
- XX. Additional recommendations for the September General Board Meeting
- XXI. Adjournment