



Northridge West Neighborhood Council



October 18, 2021

RE: BONC Social Media Policy version dated 7/1/2021

Dear BONC,

At our October 12, 2021, General Board Meeting, the Northridge West NC unanimously voted (11:0) to resubmit our letter to BONC re: The revised Social Media Policy (7/1/21). We reaffirm our positions and recommendations as stated in our letter dated 5/11/21 and acknowledge BONC for its inclusion of many of NWNC's recommendations in the latest draft 7/1/21. THANK YOU for incorporating our recommendations in the latest draft. There are however, two outstanding changes that we recommend. **Please consider make these remaining changes that we are requesting before this policy is approved. The requested changes are highlighted below.**

Sincerely,

Abby Bailes

President NWNC

NWNC Recommended Changes/Comments are **highlighted**:

"9.3. f) Neighborhood council board members and committee members should refrain from discussing or commenting upon any matter that is pending before or may come before the neighborhood council. Commenting may include "friending" or "liking." Violations may result in an individual or NC being unable to participate in a matter pending or that may come before the board, or actions by the City under Section 22.818(e) of the LA Admin Code or remedies such as those listed at Section 22 22.818(e) of the LA Admin Code." **(This section is overly broad, vague, violates personal free speech on matters, and needs to be completely removed. Board members do NOT lose free speech rights to discuss, comment, like, friend and share info as an individual on ANY topic even those pending before the City and NC Boards. Remove this item completely.)**

"9.2 c) According to Assembly Bill 922, "an individual member in separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body provided that a majority of the members of the legislative body do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body." **(This section is unclear as to how "AB 922" impacts NC communication. I think BONC meant to refer to AB 992 which does regulate social media communication. Please review, clarify and revise this added section. If it is already covered by existing law, then it is unnecessary as well.)**