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Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)
 General Public Board Meeting
 Tuesday, 9 April 2019
 Northridge Christian Church (NCC)
 18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance with City of Angels Community Choirs (COACC) singing
 - President Pamela Bolin called the meeting to order at 6.28PM, welcomed over forty stakeholders, six board members, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Here (6)	Pamela Bolin, Lloyd Dent, Alma Fernandez, Matt McPherson, Rana Sharif, and Glen Wilson
Absent (3)	Bill Fox, Gail Lapaz, and Peter Lasky

- There was a review of the speaker card protocol, etc. However, as the meeting lacked a quorum, the NWNC was unable to vote on spending issues, etc.
- Eight members of the COACC performed a song, “Come Alive with Your Eyes Wide Open”. The founder/director of the COACC mentioned that the full COACC includes over forty participants, ages 6-17, from throughout the San Fernando Valley. They look forward to the full COACC entertaining at a dinner theatre in the very near future.

2. Comments by Public Officials

- Jose Galdamez from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) reported the following:
 - The LA City Planning Department will host the following eight workshops, 6PM to 8PM, whereupon people will learn about the policies and regulations that guide the department’s environmental analysis, including the California Environmental Quality Act. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/P101Env>:

Thursday, May 2	Los Angeles City College	855 N. Vermont Ave
Monday, May 6	DWP Crenshaw Customer Service Center	4030 Crenshaw Blvd
Tuesday, May 7	Canoga Park Senior Citizens Center	7326 Jordan Avenue
Monday, May 13	Ramona Hall Community Center	4580 N. Figueroa Street
Monday, May 20	Henry Medina Parking Enforcement Center	11214 W. Exposition Blvd
Wednesday, May 22	Pacoima City Hall	13520 Van Nuys Blvd
Thursday, May 23	Bannings Landing Community Center	100 E. Water Street
Wednesday, May 29	Online Webinar	

- DONE recently sent a survey to all neighborhood councils and requested this survey’s return ASAP.
- This year’s NWNC election will be held at the Nobel Charter Middle School, 9950 Tampa Avenue (at Lassen Street) on Saturday, May 4 from 10AM to 2PM. Photo ID will be required to prove stakeholder eligibility.
- Dan from the LA City Department of Sanitation invited everyone to the Earth Day LA 2019 Celebration at Woodley Park 1, 6350 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys on Saturday, April 27, 10AM to 2.30PM.
- Admission, food, and drinks (while supplies last) will be free.
- This event will include over fifty exhibits as well as:
 - Conservation and Sustainability Workshops Kids Zone

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Customer Service Assistance
Entertainment

Tree and Plant Giveaway
Vehicle Exhibits

- In addition, the Department of Sanitation is seeking candidates for a paid six-week internship, to be held June 27 through July 26. Interns must be an LAUSD high school junior, senior, or recent graduate who enrolled in advanced math and science and completed Algebra II with a B grade (or higher). Teenagers will work a maximum of 20/hours a week and be paid \$13.25/hour.
- This will include training, workshops, educational field trips, and the opportunity to gain work experience and explore career options in civil, environmental and chemical engineering, environmental science, statistical analysis, and/or information technology/accounting.
- If interested, please submit documentation (including transcripts, resume, and recommendation letter(s)) to san.sites@lacity.org by Friday, April 19. For additional information, visit www.lacitysan.org/careers.

- Jasmine from the Recreation and Parks Department thanked the NWNC for supporting the Salute to Recreation Festival and presented them with a certificate. This year's event will be held Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2 at the Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh Street. There will be carnival rides, a senior dance and dinner (Friday night) and fireworks (Saturday night).

- Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Field Deputy for CD12, who advocates for the stakeholder's behalf while interfacing with the Departments of Building, Safety, Transportation, as well as the LAFD and LAPD, spoke of the following:
 - Thursday, April 11, beginning at 5PM will be the Special Olympics "Tip a Cop" fundraiser at the Claim Jumper Restaurant, 9429 Tampa Avenue
 - Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9AM will be the Limekiln Canyon Cleanup sponsored by CD12, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC), YMCA, Wal-Mart and Baja Fresh
 - Saturday, April 27, beginning at 8AM, will be the annual Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) Pancake Breakfast at 10250 Etiwanda Avenue, Northridge. The cost will be \$9/person. You will meet the captains, Senior Lead Officers (SLO), and there will be a video arcade bus, jumpers, and a magician for the kids.

- Jarrod DeGonia, Field Deputy for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, reported the following:
 - The Board of Supervisors recently passed Ms. Barger's ordinance to partner with United Way to help homeless individuals get jobs.
 - The Board approved \$10m to study mental health issues at LAUSD. They hope to extend coverage to make certain that all students are receiving necessary resources.
 - California requires mental health hospitals to provide 50 beds for every 100,000 citizens. The state currently provides merely 21 beds per 100,000. Ms. Barger and the supervisors want to make certain that all mental health hospitals have sufficient beds.

- Danni Wang, Communications Director for Assemblywoman Christy Smith, reported the following:
 - Ms. Smith will host "Coffee and Conversation" at the Porter Ranch Starbucks at 19759 Rinaldi Street at 10AM on Saturday, April 20. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and share your thoughts regarding state and legislative issues that affect the community. Also, find out what is happening in the district and what services can be provided to you.
 - Assemblywoman Smith is currently working on the following bills:
 - AB 629 seeks to compensate victims of human trafficking for their economic losses as a result of enslavement.

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- AB 853 addresses rent, one of the greatest financial burdens of paying for college. Currently, Scholar Share, a college savings plan, is not authorized to directly pay for housing expenses. This bill alleviates additional costs associated with college and streamlines recordkeeping for these expenses.
 - AB1051 would promote the recruitment and retention of nursing faculty, enabling them to serve more nursing students.
 - If you have any concerns, their local office is at 27441 Tourney Road, Suite 160, Santa Clarita.
3. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items
- Stella Maloyan is running for CD12. These past twenty years, she has been fighting for working families, tackling low-wage sectors, and creating green jobs as an executive at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LANE) and a commissioner on the city's Tourism and Convention Board. Maloyan is a 40-year resident of Porter Ranch, having immigrated to the area from Iran at age 15. Her past work includes advocating for gender equity and equal pay, working to secure resources for the city's middle class and pushing City Hall [for over seventeen years] to develop affordable housing.
 - Patricia, a stakeholder from the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) recently surveyed people at the new Oakridge Estate Park. Many were not familiar with the history of that area. She would like to see a bronze plaque (similar to the plaque near the front door) discussing the horse sculptures, etc. However, the Parks and Recreation Department must first approve this plaque.
 - Doris Dent urged everyone to vote for Jeff Daar for CD12. This council seat has been an inside job for decades, passed from Councilman Bernson to his Chief of Staff Greig Smith, then to Greig's chief of Staff Mitchell Englander. Doris has known Jeff for over fifteen years. He has lived in the valley for over thirty years and was a city commissioner under three different mayors, and now serves as the Valley Industry and Commerce Association Chair of International Trade. His platform includes increasing neighborhood patrols, better equipping first responders, reforming City Hall's approach to small businesses, shutting down Aliso Canyon, and reducing homelessness.
 - Rolf Mendoza and the CSUN Office of Government and Community Relations invited everyone to a policy roundtable on homelessness, Friday, April 19, from 1PM to 3PM at the University Student Union.
 - Granada Hills resident Carlos Amador is running for CD12. He is a Community Engagement Director who also serves as a board member of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council and the ACLU. He hopes to bring his very strong work ethic to city hall. His platform includes improving public education, addressing worker's rights, and shutting down Aliso Canyon.
 - John Lee is running for CD12. He was Councilman Englander's Chief of Staff, Chief Legislative Deputy to Councilman Greig Smith, and Field Deputy to Councilman Joel Wachs. The Oakridge Estate was going to be torn down and the area would become 26-homes. John worked to preserve the mansion and create the new park. He is on the board of three non-profits: the YMCA, the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission (a 90-bed homeless shelter), and the Northridge Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) Center. He also has the support of the LAX Airport police.

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- Andrew Krowne expressed concern about the LA County Health Study. He has been working on the Aliso Canyon issue for over three years, as co-founder of the Aliso Canyon Action Committee and co-owner of the Environmental Health tracker mobile app.
 - He showed a map whereupon pins represented 53,000 illnesses from 1,900 people.
 - SoCal Gas stated that their blowout affected people within a five-mile radius. That is grossly underrated.
 - Never before have over 1.5m people been exposed to toxins for more than six weeks.
 - No one yet knows what 200 highly toxic combined chemicals can do to the human health. Among those chemicals are benzene and formaldehyde, which are cancerous.
 - In addition, Saturday, April 27, Beckford Elementary School is host a family fun day from 10AM until 4PM. This carnival setting will be a great opportunity to hang out with friends and neighbors. Andrew regretted that the NWNC could not vote on their funding request this evening, but now the NWNC knows about it for 2020.

- Mikkie Loi from SOLID reminded everyone of the following:
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 - There will not be any basic car neighborhood watch meetings in April. However, the following meetings will be in May beginning at 7PM:

Date	SLO	Location	Town
May 9	Efren Corral	St. Nicholas Greek Church 17037 Plummer Street	Northridge
May 14	Dario Del Core	St. Euphrasia Church 11766 Shoshone Avenue	Granada Hills
May 16	John Parker	The Garden Church 20745 Nordhoff Street	Chatsworth
May 23	Daniel Del Valle	St. John Eudes Church 9901 Mason Avenue	Chatsworth
May 28	Alan Sellers	Granada Hills Charter School 10535 Zelzah Avenue	Granada Hills
May 28	Patti Peteque	Calahan Elementary School 18722 Knapp Street	Northridge

- Tuesday, August 6 will be the National Night Out at Northridge Park
- Please contact the LAPD if you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch group.

- Glenn Bailey, from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) and the NENC, mentioned the following:
 - On behalf of VANC, he thanked the NWNC for supporting their anniversary mixer and congratulated them on receiving a special award.
 - Usually VANC sponsors two major events each year. Their November event, to be held on Thursday, November 14 at the CBS Studios in Studio City, will focus on planning and land use workshops. However, this has not yet been finalized.

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- While representing the NENC, Glenn mentioned that the Northridge South Neighborhood Council does not have sufficient funds to support a plaque at the Oakridge Estate Park. Perhaps NENC and the NWNC could increase their estates to \$2,500?
- Jason Hector, Treasurer of the PRNC mentioned the following:
 - While installing the topiaries in the Tampa Median, the water line was reduced from a stream to a drip line. Regretfully, gophers are now eating those drip lines.
 - Porter Ranch’s portion of the Tampa median is significantly smaller than NWNC’s, with merely one Canary Island Pine Tree just north of the 118 Freeway.
 - Many of the dead trees in Northridge and Porter Ranch are infested with bark beetles. Someone needs to trim these dead trees or call 311 for maintenance.
 - PRNC and CD12 are sponsoring the Limekiln Canyon Cleanup on Saturday, April 13. The YMCA, Kiwanis International, Boy Scouts, and the LAPD will join them. Wal-Mart will provide breakfast and Baja Fresh will cater lunch. Among the projects is the removal of graffiti beneath the freeway. They will meet at the InChrist Community Church at 8.30AM and begin at 9AM.

4. Presidential Comments

- Pam reported the following:
 - As with any organization, the majority of votes passes. There have been many times when something she supported did not pass.
 - The NWNC receives many incomplete Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) applications. Several of these applicants do not include text within the email or are submitted after the agenda has been released. These cannot be added to the agenda and the non-profits may not receive NWNC funds.
 - There will be a CD12 candidate forum this Sunday, April 14, 2PM to 4PM at the Temple Ahavat Shalom, 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge.

5. Guest Speaker: Tanaz Golshan from Mayor Garcetti’s office as West Valley area representative with bridge home presentation

- Tanaz now handles the entire San Fernando Valley. A huge part of her position is working on homelessness and explaining the new Bridge Home Initiative.
- In 2015, there were nine outreach workers in the city; there are now 500. An unprecedented coordination of outreach and services maximizes effectiveness of each interaction.
- You may refer a homeless neighbor to an outreach worker by going to the <http://la-hop.org> homeless outreach portal.
- The city is currently building homes at a record pace:

	Built	Goal
Apartments, Condos, and Other Homes	83,680	100,000
Supportive Housing Apartments	2,132	10,000
Affordable Housing Apartments	8,350	15,000

- These past three years, over 26,000 people have been housed in the city, and over 40,000 people have been housed in LA County:

2015	10,917
2016	14,214
2017	<u>16,519</u>
Total	<u>41,650</u>

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- Homelessness is on the decline across LA County for the first time in four years. Chronic homelessness decreased 18%.
 - A Bridge Home, Emergency Temporary Housing, provides:
 - Private beds, toilets, meals, showers, giving residents a feeling of security and dignity
 - Onsite storage and communal areas, and
 - Allows a resident to focus on a goal of finding long-term homes as quickly as possible.
 - The residents do not have to “line up” each evening for a bed and are
 - People who have been living in nearby encampments
 - Identified through intensive outreach for at least 90-days prior to opening the site and continuing thereafter, and
 - Assigned to bridge housing until a long-term home is secured
 - New Unified Homeless Response Centers (UHRC) provide:
 - Coordination for unsheltered people near A Bridge Home sites
 - Services and an outreach-led approach
 - Participants include:

City Attorney	LAFD	MTA
Council Offices	LAHSA	Recreation and Parks
DOT	LAPD	Sanitation
LA Street Services	Mayor’s Office	
 - A stakeholder asked if there was a priority, whether elderly, or those with children. Tanaz responded that the priority is that the person must be within a coordinated entry system (they must be fully vetted).
 - Jason Hector urged Tanaz to work with the city council districts as well as the neighborhood councils.
6. NWNC Election Forum for candidates running for six NWNC At-Large seats with DONE to run the event. Each of the NWNC candidates running for the seats will have up to a minute or two to tell us their story about themselves and up to five minutes for each NWNC candidate on Q&A.
- Jose Galdamez from DONE moderated this forum. He reminded everyone that the election would be held at the Parent’s Center at the Nobel School from 10AM to 2PM on Saturday, May 4th. There will be plenty of signage to direct people to the correct location. He also reminded everyone that voters must be 16-years of age, and should bring ID to prove voting eligibility.
 - The city will pay for 10,000 mailers to remind everyone of the election, location, candidates, etc. This is great news as it saves this expense from the NWNC.
 - Gail Lapaz and Jonathan Legg were unable to attend, but the other six candidates responded to questions and reported the following:
 - Alma Fernandez is a current NWNC board member and educator at Panorama City High School. Alma and her family have lived in Northridge for eighteen years. Her kids are enrolled in Beckford Elementary, Nobel Middle, and Granada Hills High School.
 - Alma has enjoyed her time on the board, including serving as Chair of the Education Committee, and her passion is homelessness. She hopes to educate the community about the plight of the homeless; many people have told her that they do not want a shelter in their neighborhood.
 - Alma hopes to stay an active member of the community and thanks everyone for this opportunity and for staying late.
 - Rana Sharif is also a current NWNC board member. She was born and raised in Northridge and has two children. She serves on the executive board of the ACLU in addition to being a

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- professor of Islamic Studies at CSUN. She has a great deal of experience working on civil liberties and is honored to represent the community.
- She feels that we need a holistic approach to dealing with homelessness in our community. Everyone needs to know where to access the necessary resources. In addition, perhaps access to the resource opportunities could be streamlined.
 - Earlier this year, she received a mailer from the NWNC; this brought her into the council. In addition to this mailer, she feels that social media (especially Facebook and Instagram) are key to accessing the younger generation. She is a naturally social person who can easily go up to people and introduce herself.
 - Rana is interested in joining the Education Committee, as she is a career educator, and a product of the LAUSD, community colleges, and state schools. She could also contribute to the Community Outreach Committee.
 - If not elected, Rana looks forward to continuing to serve and being a valuable member of the community. She thanked everyone for their time and this opportunity
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- Kelly Sooter has been married for 29-years and has two grown children, one in the Netherlands, the other just graduated from UCLA.
 - She attended Nobel Middle School, Chatsworth High School, and CSUN. She is now retired after nine years at Disney and twenty years at Dreamworks.
 - She felt the biggest issue is homelessness and was excited to hear Tamaz's presentation on A Bridge Home's Emergency Temporary Housing.
 - Kelly strongly feels that "it takes a village" in this day and age and many people feel disconnected. Perhaps NWNC could lead something as simple as a neighborhood BBQ.
 - Although a long-term resident, she was unfamiliar with the neighborhood council system.
 - She is most interested in serving on the Beautification Committee (she loves the topiary, signage, and history of the valley) as well as the Outreach Committee (she has a great of experience running home entertainment marketing).
 - If not elected, she looks forward to being involved. She is retired, does not have children at home, and has plenty of free time.
 - She thanked everyone and has a great deal of respect for all the work that the NWNC does.
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- Jennifer Krowne attended Patrick Henry Middle School and CSUN. She is now a stay-at-home mom with five children.
 - She becomes involved in issues that she feels strongly about, including taking her children to Sacramento to fight for a cause.
 - In addition to homelessness, she is very concerned about environmental issues. She would also like to serve on the Outreach Committee.
 - She is very involved with her children's PTAs and is coordinating the upcoming Family Fun Day/Open House at Beckford Elementary School. This event will bring environmental issues to the forefront. She feels that knowledge is power.
 - If not elected, she will definitely be involved in NWNC. She was previously involved with the PRNC, as her husband was treasurer and served on the PRNC board.
 - All these issues are very important to Jennifer, and she looks forward to everyone's vote.
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- Josue "Josh" Toscano was born in Lakeview Terrace and attended the Nobel Middle School.
 - A recently seen flyer encouraged him to be involved in the community.
 - He feels it is important that the homeless understand the resources that are available to them. He would also reach out to stakeholders via social networking. A postcard brought him

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- to these meetings (this is his second meeting), but he would also like to see more action on the NWNC's Facebook page.
- Josh works in accounting, so he is interested in serving on the Finance Committee, as well as the Education Committee.
 - If not elected, he will continue to be active. He also looks forward to the pancake breakfast.
 - In conclusion, Josh thanked everyone for considering his name on the ballot and he will do his best to improve Northridge.
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- Glen Wilson has been off and on the board since 2006, currently serving as the treasurer (a position that he would like to continue to hold). Since being treasurer, the monthly reports have become much easier. He attended Pierce College and CSUN.
 - Glen mentioned that the NWNC did not have a Homelessness Committee until two years ago.
 - To encourage stakeholder participation, Glen mentioned that simply going door-to-door works.
 - As Chair of the Election Committee, he led the postcards project as well as the search for an election venue.
 - Glen has previously served on five committees; he now chairs three (Budget/Finance, Beautification, and Election/Bylaws).
 - If not elected, Glen will continue to support Northridge. He feels that the NWNC needs new blood, including filling a few new positions, such as Community Interest Stakeholder.
7. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$400 for a portable PA speaker system
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
 8. Motion to approve spending up to \$6,000 to trim trees along the Tampa medians
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
 9. Discussion, presentation, and motion to approve NPG of \$1,500 to COACC
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
 10. Discussion, presentation, and motion to approve NPG of \$600 to Beckford Avenue PTA for Beckford Family Fun Day event as well as provide NWNC a booth during the event
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum and so this agenda item was waived.
 11. Discussion, presentation, and motion to approve bronze plaque for the Oakridge Estate Park as NPG for \$2,000
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
 - This may increase to \$2,500 for the May meeting.
 12. Discussion, presentation, and motion to approve NPG for \$2,500 to Northridge Hospital Foundation for Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) for 16th Annual Victory for Victims Walk/Fun 2019
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13. Discussion and motion to approve that the NWNC agree to participate in the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Community Advisory Group by nominating one representative and one alternate to sit on the Community Advisory Group
 - Joe from the County's Department of Public Health (DPH) addressed the NWNC.
 - The settlement with SoCal Gas was \$119.5m, to be divided between various agencies, including \$25m to the DPH for a health research study.
 - In support of this research study, a Community Advisory Group (CAG) is being formed. Anyone can apply to be a member of this CAG. In addition, the CAG will consist of seven members from area neighborhood councils (one each from NWNC, NENC, Chatsworth, Granada Hills North, and Granada Hills South Neighborhood Councils, plus two from the PRNC) plus an alternate for each member.
 - They anticipate having four meetings in 2019, followed by quarterly meetings in 2020. Most of the meetings will be held in the northwest valley; however, they may also be held at the DPH office at 313 North Figueroa Street.
 - For additional information, the nomination forms will be posted on the DPH's website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/healthResearch/>
 - At least seven of the at-large committee members may be chosen by the seven nominees chosen from the area neighborhood councils
 - A stakeholder mentioned that a few of the area residents have trust issues with the representatives. The people who live closest should receive priority on committee membership.
14. Discussion and motion to approve the March 2019 minutes
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
15. Discussion and motion to approve the March 2019 Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
16. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$300 for the NWNC Retreat after our May 4th Election. We were planning on perhaps Saturday, June 8th with a location to be determined later
 - This evening's meeting lacked a quorum; without the possibility of a vote, this agenda item was tabled.
17. Discussion and motion to update NWNC 2018-19 Budget allotment of NWNC Budget items because of funding items if needed. Will have to re-do the budget to reflect the additional \$1,500 to be taken from NPG to add to the Election Budget for the mailer plus other changes because of above funding items like NPG funds or other allotments
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18. Reports by Liaisons and NC Budget Advocate Reports
 - Budget Advocate Glenn Bailey reported that the city is divided into twelve regions; each region has three budget advocates. These advocates discussed their annual white paper with Mayor Garcetti on Thursday, March 14. Mayor Garcetti shared their concerns, yet disagreed with a few issues.

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- One of the Budget Advocates key recommendations was to have a city manager handle day-to-day things and get away from politics. This person will not be involved in the electoral process. Mayor Garcetti did not like the idea of a city manager.
- Glenn presented a paper copy of the white paper to the NWNC; this document has already been emailed to all the neighborhood Councils and is available online at their website <http://ncbala.com>. This also includes summaries of meetings and recommendations from the advocate's meetings with 42 city departments.
- Wednesday, April 17, Mayor Garcetti will present his annual State of the City, including an outline of his new initiatives for FY2019/20. Within three days (by Saturday, April 20), Mayor Garcetti must present a proposed budget to the City Council.
- Saturday, April 20, the City Council's Finance Committee will begin rehashing this budget.
- Around Saturday, May 18, the City Council may host the budget's public hearing. However, by then the budget will have already been extensively discussed by the various subcommittees.
- The annual budget day will be Saturday, June 29 at downtown's city hall; this will include multiple breakout sessions. The city controller and others will probably attend to discuss the city's \$10b budget. These meetings usually set the groundwork for the advocates and neighborhood councils.
- Each neighborhood council must choose two budget representatives by June 29 to attend this meeting. If no representatives are chosen, the default representatives are the treasurer and president.
- Glenn reported that the advocates are not involved with the LADWP, harbor, or airports. The LADWP has its own committee that oversees them. Most of their funds come from the ratepayers. Pam asked if the LADWP disclosed their money issues; Glenn replied that the LADWP lacks transparency and they do not disclose their financial issues.

19. Reports by committee chairs

- Alma mentioned that the Education Committee (which she chairs) would meet and review NPGs prior to the next NWNC meeting.
- Gail Lapaz was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but she sent Matt a message regarding updates on the Homelessness Committee. However, Matt's cellular telephone died and he was unable to recover Gail's statement.

20. NWNC Election will be on May 4 at the Nobel Charter Middle School, 9950 Tampa Avenue, Northridge from 10AM to 2PM with Glen Wilson on updates plus Q/A. Go to <https://empowerla.org/elections/> for NWNC Election, location and other information.

- NWNC Elections Chairman Glen Wilson reported that a follow-on postcard will be mailed to the NWNC stakeholders reminding them of the May 4th election, the slate of candidates, and the specific location, which will be the "Parent's Center" at the Nobel School, 9950 Tampa Avenue (at Lassen Street).
- Eligible voters must be 16-years or older.

21. Comments by board members on non-related issues to this meeting

- Tonight was Matt's last meeting; however, although not a board member, he will continue to attend these meetings as a concerned stakeholder.

22. Adjournment

- Pam adjourned the meeting at 8.50PM.