## Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils General Meeting Agenda

## Saturday September 3, 2022 10:00AM

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- 1. Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council representatives. 5 minutes
- 2. Approval of outstanding minutes. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aXqQiejy\_sYA7SVS6FvNNndGc8oVtheX?usp=sharing\_5 minutes
- 3. Candidate Introductions. Candidates running for City office in the November 2022 General Election have two minutes to introduce themselves and tell the Neighborhood Councils how, if elected, will work with the Neighborhood Councils. **The candidate must be a certified candidate.** 10 minutes
- 4. Discussion and possible action to create a questionnaire for the candidates running in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Proposed questionnaire:

LA's 99 Neighborhood Councils together form the grassroots level of the Los Angeles City government. The system was created to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall, and was established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. While Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

The Neighborhood Council system tailors LA's municipal government to the City's communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities' diversity is built into City governance.

As a result, each Council is unique. Though every Neighborhood Council is held to the local, state, and federal standards that other City officials and agencies must observe, each Council has its own board structure, with seats representing the particular type of stakeholders which that Council serves. For example, some Councils have seats for renters, while some have seats for equestrians. Others have seats that represent internal districts. Boards range in size from 7 to 35 members. Most board members serve two-year terms; a few Councils have four-year terms, staggered so that half the board is elected every two years.

Neighborhood Councils advocate on issues like homelessness, housing, land use, emergency preparedness, public safety, parks, transportation, and sustainability. They also provide local expertise and a local voice on the delivery of City services to their communities.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition is the largest Neighborhood Council Alliance with membership open to all 99 Neighborhood Council. LANCC has created this questionnaire to help the Neighborhood Council understand your position on Neighborhood Councils and how you will work with the Neighborhood Council System and, if a Councilmember, the Neighborhood Councils in your district. Please complete the questionnaire and return to <a href="mailto:terrencegomes@soronc.org">terrencegomes@soronc.org</a> on or before October 1, 2022 by Close of business.

- a. How much do you, your advisors and your staff know about how Neighborhood Councils operate?
- b. How would you improve our current Neighborhood Council system?
- c. Do you support Los Angeles' Neighborhood Council system?
- d. Would you have a point person in your office for Neighborhood Councils and prioritize their concerns?
- e. Would you allow sufficient time (i.e., a minimum of 35 days after notification) for Neighborhood Councils to consider areas of concern before Committee and City Council votes?
- f. How would you handle management problems and disagreements between Neighborhood Councils and DONE and/or BONC?
- g. Would you consider appointing NC board members to City boards and commissions?
- h. Would you support restoration of the highest past level of NC funding? Under what conditions?

We are the grassroots democracy from all areas of the City of Los Angeles. How will you make it more egalitarian?

We are your neighbors, workers, business people, fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters, and above all, we care about our communities and we vote.

We need you to reflect our views, not just the deep pockets that fund campaigns, and create a thriving Los Angeles for all.

If you need constructive folks to help contribute to the City of Los Angeles, we are here.

We want your commitment to work with Neighborhood Councils.

5. Discussion and possible action on the DONE Intensity Report for Neighborhood Councils. Request from the department: as to the intent, what metrics were used for the scores, the raw data, and all costs associated with the creation of the survey, employee hours to compile the survey, and any other direct or indirect costs associated with the survey.

## 6. Motions

a. Discussion and possible action to submit a letter re: Council Files 22-1111-S10, 22-0943, and 20-1177 to address current concerns regarding the Department of Animal Services. See the following Google Doc for Council File links and full information:
<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eFhsmXp5APPowBBAqmeQv7K83SvqXGoPlxj1mxsGVn">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eFhsmXp5APPowBBAqmeQv7K83SvqXGoPlxj1mxsGVn</a>
M/edit?usp=sharing Speaker: Jamie York, Reseda Neighborhood Council

- 7. Update from the Ad hoc committee and motion:
  - a. Survey report back on last month's survey and discussion.
- 8. Update from Budget Advocates Co-Chairs Jennifer Goodie/Kay Hartman 5 minutes
- 9. Update from the LGBTQ Plus Committee- Max Kirkham, Chair/Lauren Buisson, Vice Chair. 5 minutes
- 10. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2022 Congress. 5 minutes
- 11. Update from DONE. Raquel Beltran. 15 minutes
  - a. Zoom payment update
  - b. Update on CIS and ENS
- 12. Update from BONC Len Shaffer 5 minutes
- 13. Update from any other NC regional alliance 5 minutes
- 14. Announcements 5 minutes
- 15. Adjournment-Meeting ends at 1:00PM