

# Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils

## General Meeting Draft Minutes

### Saturday August 5, 2023 10:00AM

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1. Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council Elected Representatives. Meeting was called to order at 10:01AM by Chair Gomes.
2. Approval of outstanding minutes. **No minutes distributed; item tabled.** A new Google Drive will be established.
3. **Presentation** by Jamie Hwang ([Planning.liaison@lacity.org](mailto:Planning.liaison@lacity.org)), City Planning Associate, External Affairs Los Angeles City Planning. Update on planning issues for NC Boardmembers, **followed by Q&A.**  
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4. Introduced by Leonard Shaffer; **Presentation** by Jillian De Vela, Project Coordinator for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Emergency Management Dept. Presentation on Los Angeles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, a 5-year plan that is required for LA to get help from FEMA in the event of a major disaster. Carol Parks, GM for Emergency Management Department (EMD), introduced. Important for Los Angeles to update plan since city is high risk area. **Followed by Q&A.** Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance <https://empowerla.org/ncepa> meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.
5. United Neighbors presentation on housing elements, **No-one present.**
6. Report from LANCC's WG4CC committee from Liz Amsden.
  - a. Resolved, that Neighborhood Council board members are elected officials  
**Second: Lydia Grant**  
**Discussion. Motion passes with 17 For, 1 Abstention, 1 Against**
  - b. Resolved, that LANCC shall contact all NC presidents and their board members requesting that they provide information to LANCC on problems they have encountered in finding meeting locations, and expeditiously return such information to the Working Group to develop a full motion to bring to LANCC and address with the appropriate authorities  
**Second: Terrence Gomes**  
**Discussion. Motion passes with 18 For, 0 Abstentions, 0 Against.**
  - c. Recommend that LANCC mount a virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, August 30 to get input on the aftermath of Neighborhood Council elections.  
**Second: Glenn Bailey, amended to specify remaining available date**  
**Discussion. Motion passes with 19 For, 0 Abstentions, 0 Against.**

7. Council Files: Updates on CF 23-1200-S132 on the appointment of a new North Valley Commissioner; CF 23-S130 to support Jamie to Ethics. Bob motion to hold off on appointment until LANCC can interview the proposed candidate but there was no second. Terry to draft letter to remind Mayor of her commitment to consultation.
8. Update from Budget Advocates – Co-Chair Kay Hartman gave report on issues affecting the budget. Co-Chair Glenn Bailey added some points, including need for all NCs to appoint Budget Reps. Comments from Doug Epperhart, Bob Gelfand, and Garry Fordyce on impacts of municipal finances.
9. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2023 Congress September 23, 2023 by Kay Hartman. Waiting to finalize speakers; 24 workshops. Registration is scheduled to open on August 19 at:  
<https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>
10. Update from DONE. No-one present to report.
11. Update from BONC by Len Shaffer. Draft on Code of Conduct will be circulated when revisions are confirmed. Q&A. Agendize item on funding issues. Need to access Council Files, agendize in person meeting, in person pre-meetings.
12. Update from any other NC regional alliance. Mayor Bass will be key speaker at August VANC meeting, will September to look at technology. DWP meeting moving to September 9 due to the holiday weekend.
13. Announcements on Lionel Mares on CicLAvla, Conrad Starr on concerns about Zoom renewals, Canva licenses; SORONC partnering with CD10 on splash event at Reynier Park.
14. Adjournment at 12:59PM