

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils

General Meeting Agenda

Saturday October 7, 2023 10:00AM

1. Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council Elected Representatives.
Called to order David Uebersax at 1006
2. Approval of September 2, 2023 minutes.
Motion to approve by Lydia Grant, seconded by Miran Kalaydjian.
Approved by consensus as presented.
3. Discussion and possible action to have LANCC meetings in person. Bob Gelfand reported universal interest in having at least quarterly in-person meetings. David Rockello suggested having a yearly LANCC Congress.

Motion by Bob Gelfand to have quarterly in-person meetings starting in January, seconded by Miran Kalaydjian.

Motion failed with 7 for, 15 opposed and 3 abstaining.

Motion by Cindy Cleghorn to have a LANCC Congress, second by David Rockello; not offered as a motion.

Motion by Heath Kline to have LANCC consider quarterly in-person meeting with a *quality* hybrid component starting in January, seconded by Bob.

Motion failed with 7 for, 12 opposed and 3 abstaining.

4. Motion for Neighborhood Councils to add to their next agenda discussion on potential expansion of the Los Angeles City Council and/or further redistricting based on news reports as well as information at: <https://www.lagovreform.org/> and <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1196-S1> to address what these changes might mean to their stakeholders and communities. Given that there may be one or more propositions on next November's ballot on these issues and that many people felt their voices were ignored during the 2021 redistricting process, Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to work together to ensure that all their stakeholders understand the issues and that everyone's interests are taken into account this time.

Motion by Liz Amsden, seconded by Miran Kalaydjian.

Motion passes with 21 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Passionate discussion on the subject more than the motion.

Informative comments by Jamie York and Tony Wilkinson start at [when video posts, need time code] on the October 7 VIDEO link at: <http://www.lancc.org/lancc-meetings.php>

NCs and individuals should provide written input on the various issues.

ADDITIONAL Motion by Jamie York, seconded by Liz Amsden, to add CF 22-1232 (Charter Ethics reform) for NCs to weigh in and include in discussions on City Charter ethics.

Motion passes unanimously with 22 voting for it.

5. Discussion and possible action to request Neighborhood Councils to spread the word in their neighborhoods to ensure more community engagement in the Housing Element and Community Plans to remove needless rezoning of R1 and sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family areas and focus on adding housing in existing commercial corridors.

Motion by Shelby Blecker, seconded by Glenn Bailey.

Motion passes with 18 for, 2 against, 1 abstention

6. Report from LANCC's WG4CC committee- Liz Amsden lanccWG4CC@gmail.com

Motions from the WG4CC for all Neighborhood Councils:

- a. If the City Council has not already done so, LANCC and all Neighborhood Councils, even those who may not want to take advantage of alternate teleconferencing provisions at the moment, request that the City Council agendaize a resolution that if 2/3 of any Neighborhood Council votes to use such alternate provisions, that they may do so pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 411, California Government Code Section 54953.8.

Seconded by Lydia Grant.

Motion passes with 14 for, and 3 opposed.

- b. LANCC and the (xxx) Neighborhood Council hereby requests the City Council agendaize and pass forthwith the following amendment to its current Rule 48: that so-called default voting be abandoned, that every Councilmember must be physically present in their seat in the Council Chamber to count towards quorum, and must vote either "yes" or "no" or be indicated as "absent" and, under no circumstances, may a vote when the Councilmember is not physically in their seat be counted as anything other than "absent."

Seconded by Lydia Grant

Motion passes unanimously with 20 votes in support

- c. Be it resolved that since the City Ethics Commission is without quorum, the (xxx) Neighborhood Council requests that the appointing officials for those positions move with all due speed to fill the vacancies

Motion to table by Jennifer Goodie, seconded by Bob Gelfand.

Motion to table passes with 10 for, 5 opposed, 3 abstentions.

- d. LANCC and all Neighborhood Councils hereby:

- i. urge BONC to provide for a 90 day comment period (extended for intervening holidays) for all board members and stakeholders to weigh in with concerns about the 8/10/23 version of the Proposed Neighborhood

Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LHJspdK3R4lvTz8wsPbxqhHxGRAXi-4m/view>

- ii. urge BONC to ensure that the Code of Conduct appears on every BONC agenda during such period;
- iii. urge BONC to circulate each of BONC's agendas during that period to every Neighborhood Council and Board member; and
- iv. encourage every Neighborhood Council to add discussion of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy to their agenda so there is full discussion and input from all board members and interested stakeholders, not just a few people.

Seconded by Bob Gelfand.

Motion passes with 14 for, 2 opposed

Extensive discussion including the need for methods of enforcement, including actions to stop flagrant violations of Code of Conduct in meetings.

7. Council File Updates

None

8. Update from Budget Advocates – Co-Chairs Glenn Bailey/Kay Hartman – see report:

https://www.budgetadvocates.org/files/ugd/f03c84_2d63bc347b524333bc1a75ba34cb8a89.pdf

9. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2023 Congress September 23, 2023. Discussion of what went well and what needs improvement for the Neighborhood Councils.

No report, was to be addressed in 1 pm Congress meeting

10. Update from DONE – None.

- a. For those who would like to be more involved with addressing Neighborhood Council elections concerns, the City Clerk's office is putting together its new NC Election Work Group that will meet January through April 2024. To apply, please use this link prior to October 29th: <https://forms.gle/hUjn9FP5M6dip5698>

11. Update from BONC Len Shaffer

None (left the meeting prior)

12. Update from any other NC Regional Alliance

- a. Will need to pre-register for VANC's Town Hall on October 14, 2023 @ 1:00PM: What is City Planning planning? Register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXPxnRAx6by9Hu5-7AYraHrjW68rsKYZRq7Uwwej5bLZ40Q/viewform?pli=1>

13. Announcements

Bob will organize setting up a get-together for LANCC members and others early in the new year.

14. Adjournment-Meeting ends at 1:27PM