

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition  
A Coalition of Councils General Meeting Agenda  
July 1, 2017 10:00 AM

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**Note Location!**

LADWP Headquarters 111 N. Hope Street Los Angeles, California 90012

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**1. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Clay Reed, Aaxis Construction, an approved Department of Public Works contractor for on-call sidewalk repair, to present the Safe Sidewalks LA, a program that provides property owners (residential and commercial) cash rebates (not tax credits) for repairing or replacing their damaged sidewalks. Mr. Reed will explain the process of how to go about getting sidewalks replaced with monetary assistance from the city, explain some of the nuances of the program, and answer any questions people may have.
2. Updates on the NC Funding Program
3. Discussion and possible action on the CIS policy for Neighborhood Councils before Commissions and City Council.
4. Census Data Workshops Update- For July, we're teaming up with the Census Bureau to conduct three Census training workshops in the City. Come learn how to access and utilize Census data for your Neighborhood Council for effective outreach strategies based on Census demographic information and analysis of stakeholders based on Census economic data. Attendees of all skill-set and knowledge welcomed. Locations will have wi-fi access so bring your computer and/or tablet for "hands on" training. For questions and/or more information, contact: Semee Park at [Semee.Park@lacity.org](mailto:Semee.Park@lacity.org) or 81 8-374-9898

Valley/West: Saturday, July 15th 9am - 12 pm Marvin Braude Center 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Rm Planning 1A & 1B Van Nuys CA 91401	Harbor/South: Saturday, July 22nd 9 am - 12 pm Exposition Park Library 3900 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90062	Central/East LA: Thursday, July 27th 6pm - 9 pm Shatto Recreation Center 3191 W, 4th Street Los Angeles, CA 90020
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**2. LEGISLATIVE**

1. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (XXXXXX) Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council and its committees investigate and report back on the May 19, 2017 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) decision to certify the results of the April 6 Skid Row Neighborhood Council subdivision election, and its dismissal of the decisions and recommendations of the Election Challenge Panel it convened on May 3.
2. Specifically, we ask that DONE's voiding of the Panel's decision to uphold all 3 election challenges, and its rejection of the Panel's primary and secondary remedies, be reviewed by an impartial City department or an outside agency.
3. Regarding DONE's voiding of the Panel's decision to uphold the 3 challenges:

- We would like the City Council to determine what authority, if any, allows DONE to overrule the Panel's final decision by declaring that its own interpretation of the "factual basis" of challenges supersedes the Panel's. If this is the case, then there is never any need to convene an Election Challenge Panel. (see Attachment 1 )

- In its May 19 voiding of the Panel's decision in Challenge 104, DONE states that there was "no Neighborhood Council board endorsement in this case." We would like the City Council to determine whether DONE had a duty to mention during the Challenge Panel hearing that the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, which was also a party to the Skid Row NC subdivision, appears to have made such an endorsement on March 14, 2017, with a DONE staff member in attendance. (see Attachment 2 )

Regarding DONE's rejection of the Challenge Panel's remedy:

- The first part of the Panel's remedy required DONE and other City agencies to make a second and better effort at investigating the allegations; we would like the City Council to determine what authority allows DONE to reject this part of the remedy due to its own unwillingness to perform such an investigation.

- The second part of the Panel's remedy -- to be applied if further investigation did not change the election result -- required a new election to be held, since both "seats" or sides in the referendum were affected, which is the standard for holding a new election in DONE's Subdivision Election Manual (Sec. XII). For DONE to reject this part of the remedy because it now chooses to define the phrase "every seat on the ballot" to mean "every voter in the election" both defies common sense, and is an impossible standard.

This is the most concerning part of DONE's May 19 decision, and we ask the City Council to determine what authority allowed DONE to so fundamentally re-define this important section of the Subdivision Election Manual only after the Election Challenge Panel created its remedy, using the as-written Manual as its guide.

We hope that the City Council's report will include an action plan to reform and improve DONE's election challenge regulations, to make them more efficient and comprehensible so that our unique and necessary Neighborhood Council system can better serve the residents of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (XXXXXX) Neighborhood Council respects the work and effort of the Commissioners of the Board of Neighborhood Commission (BONC). For its efforts to be effective, the commission must institute an attendance policy so that the Commissioners will be in attendance to do the work of the Neighborhood Councils. We also ask the Mayor's Office to review the attendance of the current Commissioners, and if any Commissioner has missed five meeting in the last twelve (12) months, the Mayor asks for that Commissioner's resignation and be replaced by an individual who will fully engage the Neighborhood Councils and the work they do, while fully representing the policies of the Mayor of Los Angeles.

### 3. **REPORTS**

1. EmpowerLA- Grayce Liu/Mike Fong
2. Budget Advocates-
3. Congress of Neighborhoods
4. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners-Len Shaffer
5. Speed Round/ Announcements/ Alliances' Updates
6. Adjournment