

**Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
A Coalition of Councils General Meeting Agenda
August 4, 2018 10:00 AM**

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

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Agenda

1. PRESENTATIONS

1. LADWP update on the heat storms, LADWP's response to meet customers' needs during those crises, and how Angelenos can better prepare for those times.
2. Dylan Sittig, City of Los Angeles Department of Planning, recent updates on the launch of community plans, policy and legislative updates, and the release of the Housing Progress Report which entails the highlights of the housing programs in Los Angeles.
3. Jill Stewart, Coalition to Preserve LA, update on Transit Neighborhood Projects and the fight to save neighborhoods and the Environmental Leadership Development and how it can affect your community.
4. Discussion on the David Ryu motion CF # 18-0467 and plan to action:
 1. Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX to change the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to the Neighborhood Councils Department (NCD), the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to the Neighborhood Councils Commission (NCC), and phasing out the use of the term/branding 'EmpowerLA' due to the confusion reported by the public and the perception of Neighborhood Council members that DONE's role should be primarily to support Neighborhood Councils, which the name Neighborhood Councils Department would better reflect.
 2. Recommendations and next steps for amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the "Community Impact Stakeholder," which has caused substantial confusion and disputed elections, and recommendations and next steps for including specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and board members of Neighborhood Councils, such as student or parent/guardian of a student.
 3. Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX Section 901 .d and 904.f to remove any reference to "selections" and clarify that Neighborhood Council board members will be elected. Neighborhood Council "selection" processes are utilized by a limited and decreasing number of councils and are not viewed by the public as being as democratic as elections as they do not provide for a secret ballot or equitable participation.
 4. Recommendations and next steps for creating a one-time review process, overseen by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, to evaluate Neighborhood Council bylaws to determine if board seats are equitably allocated amongst stakeholder types and provide formal suggestions to Neighborhood Councils on ways to adjust board seats as needed to increase equity.
 5. Recommendations and next steps for adopting regulations to provide a uniform minimum voting age and board member age to allow consistent participation across the City, and what that age should be.
 6. Recommendations and next steps for developing and adopting a planning and land use training required for all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Neighborhood Council planning and land use committees.
 7. Recommendations and next steps on a process for Neighborhood Councils to be able to roll-over a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 in any given fiscal year.
 8. Recommendations and next steps for removing Section 5.485.h of Chapter 88 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (Ordinance 179545; see Council File 03-1260), and recommendations for other amendments to that Chapter, in order to remove the expiration of the ability for Neighborhood Councils to accept in-kind or monetary donations.

9. On the costs and other implications of holding all Neighborhood Council elections on the same day in order to provide for a uniform citywide advertising and outreach campaign.
10. Develop a process, with the assistance of GSD and the City Clerk, to assist Neighborhood Councils with accessing shared space in City facilities, as envisioned in Council File 16-0298.
11. Develop an ongoing compendium of best practices generated from Neighborhood Councils and share those on a periodic basis with all Neighborhood Councils and include 'how-to guides' for accomplishing those best practices.
12. Develop point of contact lists for key city departments and agencies, including DCP, DOT, Public Works' Bureaus, Aging, Disability, HCID, DCA, LADWP, Port, Airport, Cannabis Regulation, Emergency Management, Animal Services, LAPD, LAFD, Recreation and Parks, Zoo, Finance, Library, Economic and Workforce Development and BIDs, with assistance from those listed departments and agencies, and share those lists with Neighborhood Councils, facilitate the training of those points of contact at those relevant departments on the most fruitful ways to assist and communicate with Neighborhood Council members, and coordinate with Neighborhood Councils to formally appoint a point of contact at each NC to communicate between each NC and the point of contact at each department, thus creating a single line of communication.

2. LEGISLATIVE

1. Discussion and possible action and how Neighborhood Councils can work with City Council.

3. REPORTS

1. NCD- Grayce Liu/Mike Fong
2. City Clerk- 2019 NC Election Updates
3. Budget Advocates
4. Congress of Neighborhoods, September 22, 2018 (Cindy Cleghorn)
5. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners-Len Shaffer
6. Speed Round/ Announcements/ Alliances' Updates
7. Adjournment