

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

Saturday December 5, 2020 10:00AM

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1. Call to order
2. Comments (one minute per speaker)
3. Approval of minutes (minutes on lancc.org)
4. Martin Schlageter, Director of External Relations, Department of Public Works, Streets LA to present the release of an RFP to identify a business partner to run the successor program to the current "street furniture program." The most familiar element of the current program is the almost 2,000 bus shelters that are across the City, and the new program, titled the [Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program \[STAP\]](#), seeks to increase that with another 1,000. This program is funded through advertising revenue.
5. Thomas Soong and Raquel Beltran, DONE, presentation on an overview of the 2021 NC Elections Strategy Plan for NC outreach.
6. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) is concerned that in the eyes of Angelenos, the Ethics Commission's mandate is to preserve the public trust by enforcing laws regarding governmental ethics, conflicts of interests, campaign financing and lobbying. The obligation to track campaign funding mandated under Charter Amendment H eats up the majority of its budget. To address the rest requires the City Council and Mayor – the 16 positions that would be most under scrutiny – to allocate additional funds. Now that is a real conflict of interest. David Ryu's relatively minor amendments to campaign funding requirements were functionality eviscerated so what little was left in the motion that passed had no teeth. However, in 1990 City voters defied the 16 to pass Charter Amendment H creating the Ethics Commission. It is now time to require City Council to properly fund the Ethics Commission or risk the voters doing it for them. The Ethics Commission's operating budget for FY 2019-20 was \$3,687,881 out of a total City budget of \$10.7 billion. Its budget was cut to \$3,599,172 for 2020-21... before the pandemic truck ripped wide a budget that was already leaking like a sieve. In a year where far too much is happening behind closed doors, adding another 0.033% to the City's \$10.5 billion budget to keep the 16 honest should not be too much to ask. Therefore, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) moves that the Neighborhood Councils demand the City double its allocation to the Ethics Commission.

7. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) is concerned that despite the fact that Los Angeles is facing a \$700 million “budget gap” this year, our cash starved City has managed to overlook the current leaseholds that nonprofits hold for \$ one dollar a year. This practice of offering City property to nonprofits for \$ one dollar at below market rate is gifting of taxpayer funds and could be considered illegal. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests that the CAO and Controller identify all City owned properties that have current contracts, expired contracts, or Council Files that allowed a nonprofit (tenant) to occupy a City owned property and what the tenant is paying. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests that Councilmember Krekorian, Chair of Budget and Finance, create a Council File to review all identified properties and to direct GSD (or other department with authority) to assess the current market rate to lease those properties. At the same time, GSD should also evaluate the properties for best and possible use for possible homeless housing.
8. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2021 Congress.
9. Update from BONC.
10. Update from Budget Advocates.
11. Announcements.