

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

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1. Andrew C. Kendall, Senior Assistant General Manager – Power System Construction, Maintenance and Operations LADWP to provide an overview of current operations at Valley Generating Station and update on plans for removing the old generating units to create space for future clean energy projects.
2. Information- Brown Act amendment which added Section 54952.2 of the Government Code effective January 1, 2021: [AB 992](#), Mullin. Open meetings: local agencies: social media. The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires that the meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies be conducted openly. That act defines “meeting” for purposes of the act and prohibits a majority of the members of a legislative body, outside a meeting authorized by the act, from using a series of communications of any kind to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. This bill would provide that, until January 1, 2026, the prohibition described above does not prevent a member from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this act with any other person using an internet-based social media platform, as defined, to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves, as defined, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, and that a member shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.
3. Update on the 2021 NC Elections
 - a. Discussion on GM's proposal to seat all newly elected Board members at once on July 1st.
4. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) to request that BONC have the DONE postpone the Grievance Process and the BONC review the procedures. It is troubling that the GM of the DONE stated at the recent BONC Commission Meeting that the Grievance Policy is a work in progress. There needs to be a review of how grievances are reviewed for certification, the ability for the DONE to certify grievances timely,

the procedure for Neighborhood Councils to have documents translated in a timely manner for Boards with monolingual Boardmembers and for Neighborhood Councils to be able to upload documents to support their position. We also request that the BONC add to the policy that grievances not be able to be filed 60 days before an election.

5. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) to request that the City Council creates a Council File to have all retailers, both brick and mortar and internet, that sells new and used bicycles to have the retailer register the bicycle on Bike Index for the purchaser. (www.bikeindex.org) The Los Angeles Police Department uses this site as a means to check the serial numbers on bicycles that have been stolen or are recovered as part of an investigation. This will help reduce the theft of bicycles and increase the return rate to the rightful owner.
6. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) is opposed to council file [CF 20-0102](#) and wants the City Council to rescind the personal service contract to Counterintuity LLC. Although the motion does not list the services that the vendor (<https://counterintuity.com/>) will provide, they are a marketing firm whose clients include industrial, manufacturing, and e-commerce. While many Angelenos are out of work, losing their businesses and homes due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City Council should be focusing on solutions to get Angelenos back to work and not allowing the Councilmember from CD7 to self-promote herself. The City Council should also be focusing on solutions for the almost \$700,000,000 budget deficit and ask Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee to create a motion to cancel this contract.
7. Discussion and possible action for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) to request Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield create a resolution to oppose the California Department of Education's Ethnic Studies Curriculum in state high schools final draft. Although we support the merits of [AB 2016](#) which mandates the state's Department of Education (CDE) to develop a model ethnic studies curriculum for use in high school ethnic studies courses we object to the labeling of Jewish American's as "white" and "racially privileged". Such claims are untrue and antisemitic and does a disservice to the ethnically diverse population of Jewish Americans. This is of profound concern to the Jewish community whom many are represented by these Neighborhood Councils. While both revisions of the bill include lessons on Jewish Americans, the portrayal of the Jewish people, as filtered through the lens of Critical Ethnic Studies, clearly misrepresents Jewish Americans as the oppressor on the side of the race-class divide. Jewish Americans are a multi-ethnic people including Ashkenizim (Eastern European), Sephardim (Mediterranean, Iberia and Spanish), Mizrahim (Middle East and North Africa) and Ethiopian Jews and includes all levels of the social economic ladder with a shared Jewish history, rituals, laws, and values unifying them as an international Jewish community. The current language of the proposed curriculum is no different than the propaganda of the Third Reich. It is also disturbing to note that the list of 154 influential people of color does not include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, or Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, but instead included many revolutionary figures. There is even a flattering description of Pol Pot, the communist leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge, who was responsible for the murder of a quarter of the Cambodian population during the 1970s. We ask that the City Council create a resolution not to support the current and final draft of California's Department of Education's Ethnic Studies Curriculum and request Governor Newsom to disband the current committee as they seem to be unable to create a curriculum that is inclusive and unbiased.
8. Update from Mike Fong, DONE
9. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2021 Congress
10. Update from BONC.
 - a. update on the proposed Digital Media Policy <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Draft-Digital-Media-Policy-for-BONC-on-9.29.2020.pdf>
11. Update from Budget Advocates.
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment