

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

Saturday June 4, 2022 10:00AM

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1. Welcome and roll call of Neighborhood Council representatives. 5 minutes
2. Approval of outstanding minutes.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aXqQiejy_sYA7SVS6FvNNndGc8oVtheX?usp=sharing 5 minutes
3. Candidate Introductions. Candidates running for City office in the June 2022 primary have two minutes to introduce themselves and tell the Neighborhood Councils how, if elected, will work with the Neighborhood Councils. This will be on the agenda until our June meeting. **The candidate must be a certified candidate.** 10 minutes
4. Sergio Perez, LADWD Inspector General. Perez will be part of LADWP's senior leadership team, providing continuous review and oversight of contracting matters, whistleblower complaints, ethics, and other internal policies. Perez and his team will be empowered to initiate investigations and oversee the Department's Internal Audit Division, Special Investigations Unit, and ethics compliance staff.
 - a. LADWP new watering mandate approved by the Los Angeles City Council.
5. Michael Lektorich, Election Administrator Neighborhood Council Elections Section Office of the City Clerk michael.lektorich@lacity.org 2023 NC Elections will be hybrid (both in-person and Vote By Mail), the Regional dates have been set and NCs need to consider and submit the 2023 NC Election Information Worksheet by August 1, 2022.
6. Motions
 - a. The _____ Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 11-1020-S3. Neighborhood Councils form alliances when they want to join together to work on something of common interest. We want to be able to contribute specifically to alliances we support. The name of the overall fund is not important. What is important is that every recognized alliance has the ability to raise its own funds and those funds are reserved for its use and its use alone. Our Neighborhood Council wants the ability to direct our funds to a specific alliance and not to a fund that is allocated without our input.
 - b. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (xxxxxx Neighborhood Council) is very concerned about a policy that the DONE and City Clerk are enforcing that there is no written, current policy change. As the Neighborhood Councils end their Fiscal Year, many

Neighborhood Councils award Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) at this time. Many Neighborhood Councils are facing rejections of NPGs because a Boardmember has recused themselves because of an actual conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest and have not conferred with the City Attorney's Office. The current written policy from the NPG Information Packet for NC Boardmembers: [Link to Document](#)

- i. At a minimum, board members must recuse themselves (not participate in discussion and leave the meeting room) from a vote to approve a grant should there be a conflict due to an affiliation with an applicant organization. There should be full disclosure and transparency. Please refer to the document entitled, "State and City Conflicts of Interest Laws for Neighborhood Councils" of the Application for Neighborhood Purposes Grant and/or your Neighborhood Council's Field Project Coordinator for more information and seek consult with the Office of the City Attorney **if necessary**.

From the Information for Applicants: [Link to Document](#)

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There is no mention in either document that Neighborhood Council Boardmembers **must/shall** seek the advice of the City Attorney if the Boardmember perceived a conflict of interest and recused themselves before discussion and vote of the item. It may also be noted that the document referred to in both documents, **State and City Conflicts of Interest Laws for Neighborhood Councils**, seems to not be located on the www.empowermentla.org website or the <https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/nc-funding/documents-forms> website. A Google search does not find the document also.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (xxxxxx Neighborhood Council) moves that the DONE and City Clerk review the Neighborhood Councils' NPGs that were rejected based on recusal without City Attorney consultation be reevaluated. If the City Clerk and the DONE would like to implement a policy that all Boardmembers must seek City Attorney consultation before recusal, we require a written policy with a determination letter from the City Attorney.

- c. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (xxxxxx Neighborhood Council) is very concerned that the State of California or the Federal government has not taken an action to prevent catalytic converter theft. It is time the City of Los Angeles take action to protect the residents of Los Angeles. We propose that the City Council to create a Council File to require all new and used car dealers that sell vehicles that are sold and registered in the City of Los Angeles to etch the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter. We request the CAO, City Attorney, and the LAPD to create the requirements on the size and depth of the etching and regulations of the program. Since the City has lost many catalytic converters to theft, we request that the City Council mandate that all city vehicles and proprietary department vehicles also have the catalytic converters etched. This will help in the recovery and identification of stolen catalytic converters.

7. Update from the Ad hoc committee and motion:

- a. Last call for questions for the survey. Send questions to terrencegomes@soronc.org 5 minutes

8. Update from Budget Advocates – Co-Chairs Jennifer Goodie/Glenn Bailey 5 minutes

- a. The NC Budget Advocates Budget Day on Saturday, June 18, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
<https://www.budgetadvocates.org/copy-of-budget-day-2021-archive>
9. Update from the LGBTQ Plus Committee- Max Kirkham, Chair/Lauren Buisson, Vice Chair. 5 minutes
10. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods 2022 Congress. 5 minutes
11. Update from DONE. Raquel Beltran. 15 minutes
 - a. Zoom
 - b. items from the June Monthly Update
 - c. How DONE will facilitate Neighborhood Councils presenting CISs to City Council?
12. Update from BONC Len Shaffer 5 minutes
13. Update from election committee for LANCC elections in July 2022. 5 minutes
14. Update from any other NC regional alliance 5 minutes
15. Announcements 5 minutes
16. Adjournment-Meeting ends at 1:00PM