

LANCC Minutes
November 3, 2012
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Call to Order by President Bob Gelfand at 10:15 a.m.

Officers present: Leonard Shaffer. Absent: Dan Wiseman and Glenn Bailey

Minutes: Motion by Randy Waller that minutes of October 6, 2012 are approved as presented. Passed unanimously.

Chair's Report – Bob Gelfand reported that at the Oct. 6 meeting the executive committee promised to come up with LANCC proposals for consideration by those present and then send on to NCs and to the E&N committee. Three proposals are presented today from the Officers meeting. Please review and we will discuss in more detail later in our meeting.

Today's agenda: Agenda accepted without objection

Public Comments

Bill Hooey – Herb Wesson is talking about raising the sales tax which will make us the City with the largest sales tax. LA Housing – SCEP is coming out to every building every three years. The goal is to cite code violations. After the landlord fixes the violation they send an inspector. The City has outside contractors that double check the building even though the inspector has signed off. This week the committee wants to hire more outside contractors at \$100,000 a year. There is a lady who has a 25 year record of suing landlords and they are considering hiring her as a lobbyist in Sacramento. All poor people are living in rent controlled buildings. Contact: wildguyla@earthlink.net to stay informed on these issues.

Rusty Millar, Silverlake NC – Item B pertaining to City giving notice. Re: Public Works projects. They gave 2 weeks notice which is not enough time when they knew in advance.. This past week on Tues. La Bonge put a motion to take money from sidewalk furniture account to place into his payroll account for staff. Be watchful for things of this nature.

Tom Williams – The Southwest Museum is open on Saturdays til 4 p.m. This was Autry's attempt to open. They plan to remain open til May of next year and by that time they will have removed all of the collections from the museum and have taken it to Burbank and then they will give over the building to anyone crazy enough to take it. Then it will be out of LA's jurisdiction. Asking all NCs to support keeping the Southwest Museum open as a fully functioning museum. Its almost gone so we need your support. The E&N meeting that was really about Franchise Waste Hauling and not about what NCs. The Consolidated Plan for LA projects and block grants. We were supposed to have neighborhood meetings. Did anyone hear about them? This is about community development in our NC areas. Were NCs notified properly. Metro has a Call for Projects ? There's money there for street improvements.

Tony Wilkinson – More time at meetings has a lot of emotional traction. Not sure it will have traction with elected officials. Especially with every NC. Suggest that alliances get 5 minutes because that's a foot in the door to win. Then we can go onto Phase 2 later.

Cindy Cleghorn – Consolidated Plan – there will be another round of meetings in January. PlanCheckNC is an alliance re: Planning issues. Lisa Webber will be the speaker at Nov 10 meeting Downtown LA. Thank you to all for participation at the Congress. Over 640. Congratulations to Venice NC for over 1600 voters at their election last week.

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Monica Harmon – Great Congress and thank you to Cindy. Looks like courts are going to overturn the billboard motion (thank you to Dennis Hathaway). Our City would have looked like Las Vegas. We are part of the E&N committee so get more involved in schools. It's a public safety issue. Monica has been involved in anti-bullying. Those bullies are living in your neighborhood. Its brutal. By the time they are out of school they will have a criminal record. MM – The dispensaries are purely for profit. No documented studies that says MM helps medical conditions. Again, Feds are cleaning them up and City Council let us down. Issue wasn't vetted in City Council. NC Elections are much, much better.

Steve Twining, WRAC, 13 councils on the west side oppose the Garbage collection franchise proposal and want to keep existing system as it is. Infrastructure: There has been no new general plan since 2000. No new construction should be allowed until new GP revised. Expo Phase 2 is under construction and before the State Supreme Court regarding its future. Japanese Garden heirs that donated it are in litigation and doing well.

Jay Handal, Co-Chair for Budget Advocates. MM – brings back issue of Factual Basis and NCs not knowing their bylaws. What are the #1 priorities with new year and new people? As an IEA and poll manager have heard just how uninformed we are in our own system. Taxes and Herb Wesson – if we allow a ½ cent sales tax to go forward because he says we've done everything we can, we are as stupid as they think we are. Potholes fix, rain comes, pole hole back. We haven't fixed the pension plan, healthcare, salaries or consolidated departments. There's a lot of things that can be done and we're not addressing them. When I say we, I mean the people we've elected to address them. It's up to us. They give us a lot of notice on things: 3 days, 5 days. Tony said go for the big groups first – No – they need to know we're pissed off. They need to know we want to be heard. They're going to strike us down but they need to know and we need to be consistent when we go back and say you're wrong, you need to hear us. That E&N meeting was the most egregious Brown Act violation I've seen in my life. The Apartment Owners Association rep told me before the meeting started where that meeting was going and I told him he was out of his mind. I was wrong. I was out of my mind. He was absolutely right. For everyone's information, there are two Brown Act violations filed with the District Attorney's office. Its not going to make me Mr. Parks' best friend but you gotta do what you gotta do. Bottom line is the City is broke and broken. We have some people involved including our Inspector General who we will hear a report from today with these problems. He will be reporting to the City Council even though they will likely be ignored. We have to get a better footing with the City Council and make our voices heard.

Eagle Rock NC election on two different agenda items today.

Chris Ash – running for CD13. Resident for 12 yrs running because most of the candidates are from outside the district. Empower communities and citizens and build a foundation of the city with a broad base of power. The city is broke and broken and he would like to do something about it.

Jeff Garner, NHNE NC talked about donation bins all over the streets. On parking lots, sidewalks. Very misleading. Atlas Global from Arizona. At least 15 in his n/hood and Sherman Oaks. They've been placed within the last month. [Suggestion: Contact Street Services (nazario.sauceda@lacity.org). Also contact Dept. of Finance. If they don't have a business license in LA they will enforce.]

Nina Royal, Sunland-Tujunga NC – Trashy election materials coming in the mail. NCs should be holding forums for candidates to hold their feet to the fire.

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Introductions included Grayce Liu, DONE GM; Mayor Candidate Kevin James; Stephen Box, EmpowerLA; Ken Draper. Representatives from the following NCs: SORO, Glassell Park, Venice, Lincoln Hts, West LA, Sunland-Tujunga, NHNENC, Mid City West, Westlake, Tarzana, Greater Wilshire, Eagle Rock, NC Valley Village, Northridge West, Mid Town NH, Panorama City, City Watch, Hollywood Hills, LA 32, Bel Air Beverly Crest & WRAC, Coastal San Pedro.

Presentation – Fernando Campos, Inspector General for the past 5 months. Provided Handout. Invited by Dr. Daniel Wiseman to LANCC. IG Campos likes hearing from the community and how the public is engaged in government. His job is revenue enhancements and efficiencies. A lot of discussion about collections. Trying to understand how much of the money can be collected. We have severely aged accounts on our books. Some since 1982 and some from the 1990's. Clean them up. Allowed by state law up to 5 years to collect. What can we do so it doesn't happen again. His focus is not to find out why. He is going through two million records. No assistance or intern as yet. Will ask City Council for resources help. Without resources, it's difficult to collect. How much is really collectible? Two major drivers: ambulance and parking citations account for 82% of the accounts receivable. The city has a standard rule of 45 days but if not paid then it becomes A/R. 52% of all medical transport are for medicare and medi-cal recipients. How much of this can we collect? As a one person office, will focus on the top two. Five departments do drive up the A/R: DOT, Fire, Public Works, Dept. Building & Safety, Housing. These represent 98% of the A/R). A report in 1991 talked about centralization of collections. Office of Finance is and should be the revenue agent for the collections in the city. He will focus on collection reform and then step out. IG Campos has been with the City for 11 years and prior with the banking industry. All three need to come together to find solutions. Budget deficit has been reduced to \$216 million. How much can we collect? \$79 million is deemed to be collectible.

For every Medicare transport 60% is covered by Medicare and the City covers 40%. On Medi-cal its a 50-50 split. Medi-cal pays just \$150-250 per transport. The A/R is \$600,000 gross. Net A/R is what the Office of Finance deems what is not collectable. The departments themselves will come up with a cost methodology. Starting with the LAFD. What does it take to collect and why not collecting. Net A/R is more realistic. Estimating 80 million. Difference is severely aged accounts. City has been writing off its books to be more realistically aligned. Board of Review has a process every quarter to make a case for write off. Doesn't mean can't pursue collections or debt sale. IG Campos would like to change the statute of limitations for longer than now 5 year term.

Priority to develop strategic plan. 3 year plan to collection reform. Won't look at entire budget. Will follow the \$7.2 billion but will look at collections management and revenue efficiencies. 30 sources that he reviewed and interviewed 115 individuals to come up with collection reform. NCBAs also helpful. Will start making recommendations to City Council. Office is within CAO and has direct access to CAO. If any comments/feedback feel free to email him at Fernando.Campos@lacity.org and also the NCBAs. Community know the answers to the questions and we can come together to make a change for the City. Merchant and bank fees. City currently pays \$15 million in bank and merchant fees. Last year City started billing Departments for bank fees. Recommends looking at other accounts that can provide general relief to the general fund. He is working with Mayor's office to

look at their bank accounts and get a reimbursement to their General Fund and departments reimbursing fees back to close the gap.

Collection reform is 3 year plan. 5 major areas: (Note: LANCC heard IG Campos presentation before full City Council) 1. Governance oversight – change from top down and bring in other departments and discuss how to manage collections. Has started meeting with 6 different departments that meet every month to discuss collection reform plan 2. Look at realigning City collection function – its currently de-centralized. Every dept. has created its own collection management work flow. Office of Finance only serves as reporting role. 3. Improve emergency medical services. 18% of all monies are not collected on parking citations and is attributed to not being able to locate individuals. DOT has moved into License Plate Recognition software. Currently collecting 82%. 1% = 1.5 million increase. If improve 2-3 % will increase revenue. Also going after repeat offenders. Will assist to bring out LADOT re parking citations. Other challenge is statute of limitations. Will propose change to state law to go after individual's assets. Wants to look at intercepting renewal of driver's license. State law doesn't allow til 5 tickets or more. Have several with 3 tickets. Work with other city governments to combine the tickets to legally tow a vehicle. Usually these are folks who know how to work state law. His role is to look at improving revenues to provide more relief to the deficit. If community recommends support to his recommendations could help. 4. Streamline Operations: Look at ways to process liens, asset discovery and bank accounts. Currently being done on a limited basis. Need resources to be able to do research and auditing. The City does not dedicate resources to auditing services. Synchronizing citywide collections and unify. Loose and old technology or no technology. Some departments don't take online payments or only by check. Need online payment portal for all departments, going to one website and then select the department. Look at fiscal recovery. 180 revenue generating ideas through the 30 resources. Many are great. Very few of them don't make sense. 5. Merchant and bank fees. 5. Full cost recovery. Collecting on behalf of State and LA County. We're passing the revenues but not charging fees to those agencies. Pursue revenue collections to those pass through agencies.

Business and Economic development – streamline contracting. Improve local business participation and economic scenario within City. Improve collection agencies. Only sent to one and is not highest performing. Increase competition and look at their performance. If industry standard is 20% and they are coming in 15%. Terminate or put on probation. Need to be performance based.

Organizational development and technology. Some departments are not connected to city's financial management system. Only 6 departments are using the FMS to manage accounts receivable. We're spending millions so it can be the one stop yet departments are not using it. The interfacing part will improve management and reporting. Some departments are using Word documents and Access and its absurd. Need to consolidate. We have accounts from major companies that are being recommended to write off and we should not be writing off these thousands of dollars.

Change the composition of the Board of Review (Controller and Office of Finance) recommends adding CAO.

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Has over 450 recommendations that he's tracking now. Will recommend to CC that it will take some policy decisions and approve concept of his plan. If they don't then he'll exit out of the process.

Q&A

Paul Hatfield – Surprised we're still kicking this problem around. It's a management problem. Head of Office of Finance not going to do. Timing is everything 2/3 of A/R is year old. It's history. No one has a process in place, not enough bodies. Outsourcing time. If don't, hole will get bigger and instead of 80 will be 90% uncollected. Be willing to pay what's attractive to collection agencies. It's damage control. Outsource quickly.

Stan – No City Council / Committee agenda item seen for controller audit items -- 60 audits could be connected to collections and down to 24 and 12. A lot are duplicates. Nothing new. Just one stop person dedicated to collections. Ask for milestones and timelines. Departments are not being held responsible. In some cases reports are out for several years and nothing done.

Jay Handal – Collections – NCBA's recommended first collection agency no more than 6 months then 6 months to the second, then small claims after 1 year. Jay had a 90 million business in U.S. Can't collect money a year later. NCBA's brought expertise and was ignored. Political will not there for businesses who don't pay their fees. Permit and licensing is antiquated. Procedure not in place for collections. NCBA's recommended Culver City model with board where fee could be revoked. Dysfunctional Office of Finance permitting system. Who is responsible for the mess? Inspector General needs to expose the problems. We need to know. Parking tickets – penalties go up too high to make it even more difficult to collect. This is more business unfriendly. Let's do a 60-day amnesty. No penalty. If after 60 days, goes to small claims court. Changing state law is a long term solution that won't work. Wrap our hands around what we can do and do quickly.

Jack Humphreville – full cost recovery. DWP were reimbursed for full cost recovery. They get \$4 million a year which is 1% to what they collect. Apply to lower our rates. Are special revenue departments going to be charged full cost recovery? Will pensions and medical benefits be charged to sewers or whatever. When you start collecting money past due does it go into current or past year.

Fred – A lot of people who get parking tickets are low income. There's no place to park. He makes \$100 a night and gets ticket for \$60 to park. Make a payment system.

Cindy Cleghorn – Parking tickets go onto the DMV registration for the car and be collected there. Fees re: merchant / banking fees so high. Millions of dollars going through the bank should be reduced fees. Use of online, ease of payment to those who are trying to pay. Incentivize and discount.

He is having discussion to incentivize and provide discount to those who can pay fast.

Robert Guevarra – Allocate more resources to City Attorney so he could help. City employees take home cars, cell phones. Too much waste. Talk with city employees who can identify waste.

Website will have additional resource on website to submit a possible waste alert.

Terrence Gomes – whistleblower program doesn't work. Its egregious what city employees do and don't get caught. Employees pick up truck, then go home or pick up and then go to Coffee businesses. Valet Parking variances – None of these valet parking services have BTRC. Part of the variance process should require BTRC and bond to pay their taxes if they don't pay.

Bond was passed but not the valet. It's on radar.

Lydia Grant– The city is extremely broken. When you go to DMV or AAA to pay a parking ticket. They are towing and impounding cars all over the city but many have already paid them. Doesn't get back to LA City for 3-6 months.

Bob Gelfand – 5 years ago we talked about increase in salaries. This is not sustainable. In future we're going to have contracts come up. In order to protect from getting worse, we're not going to pay anymore. Parking ticket. Its done by a private corporation and is corrupt. If you go after people for parking tickets you become complicit. Make the system honest so there is a way for a person with ticket there were 9 conflicting things on sign pole. You should be able to get the person who wrote the ticket to show up without cost.

Mary – Avoids Parking meters but used her credit card but it didn't go through and now has a \$62 parking ticket. Doesn't know if fighting is possibly. Faulty parking meters are problem.

Randy Waller– Most ambulances are glorified taxi rides. His doctor called a private ambulance. You will be taken in quicker. Your insurance will cover it so use it.

A lot are non-emergency. Insurance providers. 32% of medical transports have insurance. Vast are medicare and medi-cal.

DONE Update – Grayce Liu, General Manager

Elections - Stephen Box, Senior Project Coordinator at DONE - distributed handouts with and gave updates. Last region is coming up. EmpowerLA focused on candidates. Up 30%. Well run successful elections. Candidates talking about issues. IEAs in the room. Worked with candidates to talk about issues. Voters up to over open seats over 20% over 2010. NCs helping from one side of the city to the other. Youth volunteers. Folks who do not know about NCs help. Collected data. All NCs get roster of all who voted and survey data. Made the experience more meaningful. Turning elections into election events. Boyle Heights had a BBQ across the street. Events celebrating what's going on in the community. Discovering the assets. Japanese Garden in the Valley. West Hills in home where screenplay written. Turned into a festival around the election. Goes beyond just voting. Creating community. Turned into a regional experience with NCs working together to outreach the events. Those relationships are left where trading skills. NCs share ideas so we get stronger as NCs, regional and citywide system. Tracking incumbents and new voices. Every NC has succession plan in place to move on and up. How many NC folks are running for citywide

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seats? Those are creating spaces for people to come into the system. 40% are new. Hearing people welcoming voters. "Welcome to our Democracy Lounge". Better models of how we'd like things to run. NCs partnering on the effort. DONE have taken the election journey and in half the time, half the money and have done twice as much.

Thank you to volunteers, IEAs. Impressive collaboration.

One more set of elections on Nov 15. City Clerk is slated to have elections back in spring 2014. Budgets due by Nov. 15. Exploring options to work together or how

First webinar – check the newsletter for link. Will be eye opening. NCBAs will be co-presenting. NCBAs model how we'd like to get feedback. It's a first time doing a webinar.

Budget day is Nov 17 at City Hall. Joe Hari is working hard to get folks there. 120 last year. If NCs have not assigned budget reps, please do. All invited.

Ken Draper: Votes and decisions are taken that day that affect rest of the year. Its important to get there and get represented the way you want.

Show up even if your NC has not selected NCBA reps.

NC Funding – Asked management team to take FMS class. How much time it takes to do a demand warrant. Wants to get away from demand warrants. Put as much on P-card as much as possible. Exploring other options. Still online submission option for DW possible as a test. For board reimbursement looking at impressed accounts or DONE holding petty cash for this purpose.

Website & Emails – problems where NCs losing domain. Info in newsletter how to protect. Looking at city become owner of all domains so we know its safe. In board transition, some domains are lost. Any web designer do not have contracts. Cannot have a contract unless goes through City.

Councilmember Parks wanted emails so he can get communication to all NCs. Through EmpowerLA.org setting up different board emails by region to make it easier to communicate with everyone.

Fred – Elections much better run. How can we have more vote by mail? [Grayce – yes we can talk with your board. 21 ballot styles are difficult. Hard to execute and hard for voter.]

Treasurer position being offset? If election encumbrances, get squared away and then update on DONE side. Update on roster and funding by December. Finance reports are still on website monthly.

Ivan – Poll Manager – universal message is we have to change our bylaws. If you finally came to the realization that you need bylaws changes, we'll probably get the bylaws task force back on tract.

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NCs should expect 10% cut in budget. Because department has to submit by Nov 15. Input is important due to priorities. How can we shift positions? Relying on NCs contribution.

Paul H. – impress checking account process that VANC supports.

Grayce – it puts more oversight on DONE.

Ken Wyrick – New online system that street services using? Best practices ? Saw a draft but new NC board members don't have. History of NCs?

Grayce – BONC did approve and its being included in all board orientation workshops. Done does not maintain day to day operational documents for NCs. NCs maintain. Its interesting. Some history good for bragging and visibility.

Announcement – Next month Dec 1, will be Richard Riordan and potentially Carmen Trutanich.

Kevin James – Candidate for Mayor – Love NCs because you are volunteers and love your city, educate yourself, empower yourself and hold city council's feet to the fire.

I support holding NCs to 50K budget
Choose Commissions and sit on commissions
Independent Decision Maker and allow real common sense solutions to the city

Budget issues – proposed tax increases
Pension Reform
Culture of Corruption in City Hall

There are 8 priorities for his campaign

1. Business Friendly
2. Permitting process
3. Infrastrucutre
4. Schools
5. End corruption
6. Part time city council /Burrough
7. Transportation
8. Public safety

*We will have 7 new city councilmembers.

We have to solve our budget crisis with long term solutions. We've run out of short term gimmicks.

We will spend infrastructure money on infrastructure projects. DWP increase = raise for employees, not infrastructure.

Schools must be a priority for the next mayor. Economic issue for the city. How can we convince people to come here if no good schools.

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Arrest, charge and convict corruption. To solve, expose it. Example: Gold Card desk. They have lived with it and allowed it to grow.

Top 10 cities have part time city councils.

Better planning. Green line stops 1-1/2 miles from airport. Planning without common sense.

AB109 and early release that our police are having to deal with we are seeing growth in crime rates. We don't have money to hire more police officers. Officers need more time in the community where they belong.

Question in debates – what's my position and my opponent's on proposed new tax increases: sales, parking opportunity, parcel tax, documentary transfer tax. = NO. Can't do it. We have over paid our employees when you look at the salaries and benefits. Yes, they should be paid well and good retirement benefits. Because of San Bernardino has stopped paying their retirement fund James' support of pension reform is to save them, not destroy them. We have to reign in the costs. Our revenues have gone up and so have our cost. In better times may be we can stick it to the taxpayer. We can't today. Our city has a serious PR problem. Our city is not a good place to do business. Kevin is not unknown. We have allowed the private sector to run away. If you don't allow me as the next mayor, we won't have the money to pay the salaries we're paying today. All those feeders to the general fund – all that comes from healthy private sector. \$400 million and hopes to get \$220 million will only pay upcoming raises. How does that get us the unfunded pension liability. If they make the wrong decision with the football field could put us into bankruptcy. What if DWP sues the city. Its \$183 million and going up. No on taxes, yes on cutting costs.

Pension Reform – On Aug 1 Steve Lopez published candidates answers word for word, without edit. We have to have serious pension reform. We can't kick the can down the road any longer. Listed 7 pension reform items that he would carry. Mayor Riordan put out a version. The fight will be on a defined benefit to a defined contribution – 401K style. What you will learn that social security will be an option, if it passes. The transition costs are completely sound because of new government accounting standards. Their plan was very well researched. The numbers are real and significant and save our deficit . It will be fascinating to see how it develops in the mayor's race. Union rep doesn't want to be put on the ballot over this. Appetite is same as in San Jose. They know what they are walking into and what its going to cost. They also know that LA needs to be saved financially. There may be other ways but given their plan and what proposed, Kevin supports 1. Riordan's plan. 2. Against the tax increases. 3. Opposed to the corruption in City Hall. The tax assessor scandal has long tentacles into city hall. Its going to wrap around city hall. City properties involved. Not sure to what level. San Bernardino is two steps ahead of LA unless we do something drastic. Miguel Santana says we're out of one year solutions. The special parking revenue fund has been drained. Street furniture fund has been drained. Fire hydrant fund drained. Money no longer there. This is why Wesson had to step up with tax increase. The SEC has stepped in and reviewed accounting practices of San Bernardino. This info is out of the LA Times. We have a fiscal crisis in City of LA. Its drastic and can happen soon if we don't do something serious. Attitude heard today with the inspector general, he doesn't

need to convince you that the politicians in office today have showed zero willingness to hear the fights necessary to change it. He will always come back anytime.

There are two ways NCs will be involved in commission system. If you are an elected NC board member, you will be in the selection process. Key commission selections will come from NCs.

Its going to be more expensive, won't have cash flow from new hires admits the current is mis-managed. We're going to be digging a deeper and deeper hole. Our hiring isn't going to increase that much. Retires will increase. The importance of having flexibility in our compensation structure. If we can't touch this, we won't have flexibility.

Unfunded liability that is breaking the cities. On public side, with our current pension system. If investors don't do a great job, all risk is on the taxpayer. If you don't meet your expected rate of return, the taxpayer is on the hook for the rest. The investor can be as risky as they want because the downside is on the pension.

Transition costs – Riordan will come with back up that its not a bubble. A lot depends on how pension funds amortize. If not enough money going in. They use the PPL and LACERS use the level percentage of pay amortization system. If you make less, less goes in. DWP uses level dollar amount, like a mortgage. They believe you would have to switch but the government has changed the rules and you can keep the amount of money the same. Healthy of existing system cannot sustain itself.

When they make the argument that this is going to cost the city. If it wasn't the level of benefit, it would not cost so much. The PPL is not going to have that concern because of the new accounting rules.

Thank you for saving our funding. They can't function without it.

Grayce already has the job and I congratulated her at the Congress.

Here's how we pay for it. Every council district has a large discretionary fund. People don't know what's in it. There's plenty in it to return to NCs. CMs will resist. Tell the public and use power of Mayor's office/media to push.

County bathroom closure threat – LA County discretionary funds used after

Tyler Isen from PPL. We want to hear everything. Riordan is part of the 1%. All of a sudden he comes out of no where. He's part of the problem. Nine states who have done what Riordan is doing has cost cities more. How did we get into this mess? Something has to be done but wants to hear more. Let's put it all on the table so we can hear it all.

Riordan may be a 1%-er. This is a serious way to solve. Nine other states – not the same. They were not allowed to amortize like LA will be. The way that they account for those funds is different. There are new accounting rules now.

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Fred – Exciting candidate. You tackle the issues. You represent the city very well. Wendy and Eric are more of the same. How can we help you?

Tell your friends. You are influencers. There's an alternative in the Mayor's race.

Taking on the system. They always point out that I'm behind in fundraising. I don't have the establishment money. They give because they want to. The opponents donors give because they have to and they may have given to all of my opponents. Kevin's solutions are non-partisan. Has watched opportunity leave the city. Best and Brightest are leaving. Only registered republican in the race. Reason it matters is that the party has someone they are excited about. Kevin has tri-support – democrat, republican and decline to state. Party, radio, pitch fork. Walter Moore got 72,000 votes. Will have \$1 million campaign side to compete. People know its broken in the City of LA. Concerned voters supported opponent in prior election and are now meeting with Kevin. Opponents won't do anything challenging with the city. Not looking for the next office.

Bob – Tax reforms being proposed sees a 1,000 lb. gorilla that could throw a monkey wrench which is ending of Bush Tax cuts.

Jay – Has report on discretionary funds for all Council Districts – 120 pages and will provide to anyone who asks. It's a public document.

What is your plan to take what is a huge government and reel it back in and consolidate departments and get rid of the overlap and try to save. There are so many components that no one wants to tackle.

He's a revenue generating department. He should have support. Goes to larger failure of the system. Need to bring in some pros. There are a couple of models. Cities have been successful – Dallas, TX – 85% better. Hired outside company to monetize departments. Consolidated some departments. Public / Private partnership with some departments. Consolidation – Aug 1 Steve Lopez – prioritize with public safety and finances. Mid level with consolidation. If we end corruption, a lot will work with us.

Terrence – finance crisis started in 2006 when houses went through the roof. Metro contract 30% have to be from the area. We're going to have more building because of transportation.

In the contract, those are goals.

What good is an audit if it stays on the shelf?

If you don't assess blame, the problem will keep coming back.

LANCC Proposed Motions – President Bob Gelfand introduced the LANCC Proposed Motions – NC reps get extra times when they go to a committee or city council, adequate notice from city departments and agencies. The first. The last is Noel Weiss recommends to do a 908. The issue is the waste hauler franchise issue.

a) Lancc requests that the City Council pass a rule to establish the following procedures: "On agenda items coming before any City Council committee or coming before

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the City Council, comments from neighborhood council representatives shall be treated separately from public comment. In particular, neighborhood council representatives bringing a communication from a neighborhood council of an official position taken by that neighborhood council's governing board, and delivered by a designated spokesperson of that neighborhood council, should be provided adequate time of at least 5 minutes to speak before the committee or the City Council." b) "Adequate notice requirements: All city departments and boards must provide adequate notice regarding actions that would affect stakeholders, including a specific point of contact with the department or board, to all neighborhood councils. The LANCC cites the example of Planning as a model system." c) LANCC requests that the City Council invoke section 908 of the city Charter and empower neighborhood councils to hold hearings regarding the proposal to create exclusive waste hauler franchises in the city of Los Angeles.

Discussion: Jay Handal

Point of order – why are we doing it again. Bob said there's a difference. That was a long summary and these are to the point and represent a particular priority.

Motion (Handal/Jay Handal moved that a and b are dropped and move item c.

Passed unanimous.

Intent of first two a & b is to present directly from LANCC. We need to be very specific about wanting additional time and making our demands clear.

Randy – what has been done about a & b – We published it and presented to E&N and to Mr. Parks, et al. The issue here is to focus on one or two that are highest priority. We have done all we can? No, we haven't. Ivan – this group already passed unanimously. Parks doesn't want to hear. Even tried to read into the record.

Why doesn't Parks want to hear what we are sending him. Why isn't he paying attention to us. Let's talk about the real problem.

The issue is not necessarily Mr. Parks. Its CC and Mayor candidates. It needs to be taken to them.

Cindy – sounds like EC wants re-emphasize these points for LANCC to raise it to higher level.

Jay – if LANCC wants to be looked at as a viable organization. CM Parks hi-jacked the meeting for a trash meeting and asked those to walk out in protest. Suggestion to the chair, let the board do its job and write letter again and write strong letter and demand E&N look at what we give them. We did our job months ago. Take that list and go work on it. Board's job is to represent us.

Turning into one on one debate. Bob's concern is the long letter is too long. The smaller versions of a & b are better.

We had a motion and we skipped a & b and voted c.

Cindy - LANCC is already empowered to impress these points and should move forward.

Factual Basis - Ivan Spiegel update: Westside held Town Hall with Carmen Trutanich and Jane Usher. BONC proposals have not been enforced. One is recommendation that all boards need to have minimum of one factual basis seat. Minimum of one and no more than 10% on NC boards. We need to get behind this proposal. People are finally getting the problem with factual basis. Start supporting Huizar's motion. Next one will be the grievance procedure. [Len Shaffer Comment: Huizar's motion may be contrary to the Charter.] Ivan - we are good at putting in obstacles. We need to get changes and not obstacles. May need to change the Charter.

Announcement: Richard Riordan and Carmen Trutanich on Dec. 1.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS - NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS SHOULD AGENDIZE THE FOLLOWING:

1. APPOINT TWO BUDGET ADVOCATES TO PARTICIPATE IN BUDGET DAY, NOV 17.
2. *SUPPORT* that the City Council pass a rule to establish the following procedures: "On agenda items coming before any City Council committee or coming before the City Council, comments from neighborhood council representatives shall be treated separately from public comment. In particular, neighborhood council representatives bringing a communication from a neighborhood council of an official position taken by that neighborhood council's governing board, and delivered by a designated spokesperson of that neighborhood council, should be provided adequate time of at least 5 minutes to speak before the committee or the City Council." b) "Adequate notice requirements: All city departments and boards must provide adequate notice regarding actions that would affect stakeholders, including a specific point of contact with the department or board, to all neighborhood councils. The LANCC cites the example of Planning as a model system." c) LANCC requests that the City Council invoke section 908 of the city Charter and empower neighborhood councils to hold hearings regarding the proposal to create exclusive waste hauler franchises in the city of Los Angeles.
3. DISCUSS & COMMENT - NC Bylaws and include Factual Basis position
4. DISCUSS & COMMENT - Inspector General report

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