

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: A Coalition of Councils

Minutes from Meeting of Saturday June 1, 2024

1. Welcome and roll call

Meeting called to order at 10:02

2. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes as posted

Moved by Terrence Gomes (as LANCC chair), seconded by Miran Kalaydjian.

Discussion noting a draft of the minutes will be posted to the LANCC website 24-48 hours following each meeting for reference by Neighborhood Council

Minutes **Approved** with 15 votes for, and no-one opposed or abstaining

3. Presentation by Michael Lektorich of the NC Elections Section, Office of the City Clerk:

Review of the process for the upcoming Neighborhood Council Elections followed by a robust discussion of issues NCs and individuals have faced in recent years including the fact that the Mayor pulled funding for hybrid elections, mandating all elections for 2025 will be vote-by-mail.

The Working Group will consider addressing some of the issues at their next meeting.

Michael is soliciting suggestions for NC events to boost awareness, voter registration and turnout. He can be reached at: michael.lektorich@lacity.org or (213) 978-0444; and election resources will be posted at: <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections>

4. LANCC's Working Group for Constructive Change:

(a) Neighborhood Councils, board members and stakeholders are invited to submit questions for the City Attorney for when she comes to LANCC

(b) Motion to request authority from LANCC for the Working Group to notify all NCs by e-blast *from the LANCC-approved e-mail list* about concerns with details including Council File and potential impact to NCs and NC Coalitions to ensure all NCs have the necessary information to discuss, take positions, and act without waiting for LANCC authorization each specific issue.
Moved by Miran Kalaydjian (as Working Group facilitator), seconded by Bob Gelfand

Discussion to clarify extent of power granted the Working Group. Motion by Terrence Gomes, seconded by Lionel Mares to specify that the LANCC-approved e-mail list be used.

Amendment **Approved** with 20 for, and one abstention

Revised motion **Approved** with 20 for, two opposed, and one abstention

Anyone interested in attending meetings of the Working Group should e-mail LANCCwg4cc@gmail.com to be added to their mailing list.

5. Update from the Budget Advocates <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/>

Co-Chairs Glenn Bailey/Kay Hartman announce that the first in-person Budget Day in five years would take place on June 15th at City Hall from 9:00 am to noon with a complementary breakfast served beforehand. There will also be elections for Budget Advocates for the next two years. Everyone is invited to attend Regional break-out sessions but only those appointed or elected as Budget Representatives by their NCs can run for Budget Advocate positions.

People can register at <http://tiny.cc/BudgetDay24>

6. Update from DONE: Tabled because no-one representing the department was in attendance. The new General Manger will be the subject of a future LANCC meeting

7. Update from BONC: Len Shaffer announced that the next BONC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th at 6 pm in Encino, Balboa Sports Complex (Center), 17015 Burbank Boulevard, Encino, California 91316. The new GM may be present but has not been confirmed. There may be limited bandwidth for remote attendance. Discussion about logistics of trainings and Code of Conduct issues. A request was made to avoid Monday deadlines due to the impossibility to access help over weekends and reconsider Friday cut-offs.

8. Update from Congress of Neighborhoods: NCs were asked to agendize contributions to Congress to their June meeting since the committee doesn't have enough funding for their September event, let alone a proposed optional mid-year training which is under discussion and would be an improvement on the training (lack of) from DONE. Congress will continue to solicit workshop proposals past the current deadline, but people are urged to submit asap.

9. Updates and announcements from other NC Regional Alliances: The City's Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee proposed that all leftover NC funds be rolled over to the next fiscal year which was reportedly approved in the City budget just passed, however, there may be a delay in circulating the information due to the loss of the @empowerLA group e-mails.

10. Announcements:

- (a) There are mounting complaints about DONE's handling of NC Zoom licensing.
- (b) Sunland Tujunga NC will be hosting a Movies in the Park night on June 22nd, coordinating NC involvement in the community's 4th of July parade, and participating in National Night Out later in the summer

11. Meeting Adjourned at 12:58