

City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 6:00 pm
1201 W. 48th Street, LA 90037
Vermont Square Library, Community Room



Sally Embrey, Area 1
Odalís Pérez, Area 2
Vacant, Area 3
Edward Garren, Area 4
Parker Rand, At-Large
Jaime Rabb, Corresponding Secretary
Albert Farias, Vice Chairperson



Vincente Miles, Chairperson

Kelvin Guevara, Education
Anita Gray, Youth
Roberto Rodriguez, Faith-Based
Sara Zurita, Community-Based
Ingrid Guevara, Parliamentarian
Steven Nieto, Recording Secretary
Laure Ferguson, Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Council, and given to the first 10 persons who submit Speakers Cards to the Recording Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Los Angeles Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure the Voices Neighborhood Council meetings are collaborative, supportive, and respectful of divergent opinions.

QUORUM

The Voices Neighborhood Council has 14 elected positions and one nominated position. The Voices Neighborhood Council must have eight members present for quorum to conduct official business.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by emailing VoicesNC90037@gmail.com

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please email VoicesNC90037@gmail.com

CONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

For information on the Voices NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Voices NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and at <https://VoicesNC.org>.

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Jaime Rabb, Secretario Correspondiente, por correo electrónico a VNCCorrSec18@gmail.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

AGENDA FOR 11/12/2019

Call to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Senior Lead Officer Report
Public Officials Report
General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Action Items

All items listed are designated for discussion and possible action by the Voices Neighborhood Council. Council items identified as presentation may be proposed for action by the Council and will be reflected as such in the meeting minutes.

Item	Reference Number	Matter	Time Allotted
1.	1119-01	Council Meeting Minutes Review and discussion of minutes from the Special Meeting on October 26, 2019 Member/Committee: S. Nieto Proposed Action: Motion to approve the minutes for the October Special Board Minutes.	3 mins
2.	1119-02	Monthly Expenditure Report Review and discussion of MERs for September 2019 and October 2019 Member/Committee: L. Ferguson, V. Miles Proposed Action: Motion to approve the September and October 2019 MERs. MERs to be submitted by November 30, 2019.	3 mins
3.	1119-03	Block Clubs Member/Committee: S. Nieto Presentation by Senior Lead Officer Owen Mills and Brittney Johnson, Field Deputy from Councilmember Curren Price’s office on the purpose and creation of Block Clubs Proposed Action: Motion to recommend Voices NC Area representatives to facilitate and establish at least 1 block club within their area with at least 1 meeting held by June 2020.	20 mins
4.	1119-04	Voices Vacancies Review and discussion of vacant council seat, unassigned committees, liaisons, liaison alternates, and recruitment of community stakeholders for committee assignment. Discuss council member absences. Invite all committee members to be sworn in during December meeting. Member/Committee: V. Miles, A. Farias Proposed Actions: a) Motion to accept interested candidates for vacant council seats: Candidates Ishpal Singh and Rikayah Kaamil Benoit submitted letter of intent for Area 3 Representative positions. - Council to motion on appointing an Area 3 candidate from applicants listed above. b) Council to motion on approving letter/email to be sent to members who have exceeded the number of absences to inform seat is at risk of vacancy. - The board will be considering the removal of board member and Faith-Based Representative, Roberto Rodriguez, from the Voices Neighborhood Council Governing Board pursuant to Bylaw Article V, Section 7 due to excessive absences,	20 mins

		<p>specifically absences on the following Regular Board Meeting dates: Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Tuesday, September 10, 2019 and Tuesday, October 8, 2019.</p> <p>c) Motion to swear committee members in during December meeting.</p>	
5.	1119-05	<p>Victims Voices, National Day of Remembrance Voices to review and motion on payment of \$700 for T-Shirt and Banner for National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims on September 21, 2019. Proposed action: Voices NC to approve payment of \$700 expense to Legacy of Unity</p>	5 mins
6.	1119-06	<p>Election Records from City Clerk Member/Committee: J. Rabb Proposed Action: Designate a Voices Neighborhood Council board member to pick up Election Records materials from City Clerk’s office. Perform a BAC.</p>	2 mins
7.	1119-07	<p>Budget/Administrative Financial Positions Member/Committee: L. Ferguson, V. Miles Proposed Action: Motion to reallocate \$519.99 from outreach to office expenditures for the board polo shirts/business cards in FY19-20. Proposed Action: Motion to allocate \$10,000 rollover from FY18-19 to Community Improvement Projects for FY19-20. Proposed Action: Motion to select of Alternate Signer</p>	5 mins
8.	1119-08	<p>Voices NC /MyLA311Campaign Member/Committee: J. Rabb Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC <u>APPROVE</u> targeted postcard mailing for MyLA311 campaign. Approximately 1,000 mailed to targeted address within our boundaries; cost for 1,000 postcards printed and sent via USPS mail is \$481.95 from NextDay Flyers. Perform BAC: NextDay Flyers for 1,000 postcards (printing & mailing) in the amount of \$481.95.</p>	10 mins
9.	1119-09	<p>Street Cleaning – Bureau of Street Services Member/Committee: P. Rand/A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC <u>APPROVE</u> a letter to be sent to Councilmember Curren Price/CD9, Bureau of Street Services and other interested parties regarding weekly street cleaning or the alternative bi-weekly street cleaning on all major thoroughfares within Voices NC boundaries.</p>	10 mins
10.	1119-10	<p>Council File 19-1120, E-Cigarettes / Vape Pens / Cannabis Product Safety / Testing Laboratories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduced on September 24, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and intergovernmental Relations Committee. Motion is instructing the Department of Cannabis Regulation to report on the activities of testing laboratories within Los Angeles and elsewhere in California as they relate to cannabis product safety and public health and make recommendations for steps that the Council should take to compel the cannabis industry to remove all known threats to public health from cannabis vaping products. ● Motion also requests that the City Attorney draft an ordinance that will prohibit the sale of all cannabis products and associated accessories used for vaping within the City of Los Angeles for one year, and to require renewal of that prohibition each year unless and until the Council affirmatively finds that particular cannabis vaping products have been determined safe for consumer use. ● Motion that Voices NC <u>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</u> LA City Council File 19-1120 and <u>APPROVE and SUBMIT</u> community impact statement; 	5 mins

		"Voices NC will support the proposed ordinance if it is amended such that the prohibition of the sale of all cannabis vaping products and accessories within the City of Los Angeles be limited to six months intervals unless and until the cannabis vaping products have been determined safe for consumer use."	
11.	1119-11	<p>Council File 19-0002-S172, State of Emergency / Homelessness in the State of California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced on September 25, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for action by Governor Gavin Newsom to declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness in the State of California. Motion that Voices NC SUPPORT LA City Council File 19-0002-S172 and APPROVE and SUBMIT community impact statement; <p>"Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to address the homelessness crisis in our City. We recommend that the resources allocated to the City of Los Angeles under a State of Emergency be based on numbers and need within each council district. Importantly, a State of Emergency on Homelessness should be implemented without infringing on the civil liberties of people who are homeless."</p>	5 mins
12.	1119-12	<p>Arts, Parks and Recreation Mission Statement Member/Committee: S. Zurita Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC <u>APPROVE</u> The mission statement of the Arts, Parks and Recreation committee to be used on the Voices website, agendas and other committee documentation. The mission of the Arts, Parks and Recreation Committee is to enrich the quality of life of residents and strengthen the bond of community by providing arts and cultural experiences for people of all ages and to raise awareness of programs that serve our community. To do this we: 1) Promote and advocate for safe and well-maintained parks and public spaces 2) Coordinate recreational services and events with community partners</p>	5 mins
13.	1119-13	<p>Committee Status and Structure As per the general board meeting held on July 9, 2019, we are reconsidering the formation and board member make up for the VoicesNC committees. Member/Committee: A. Farias Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC to <u>APPROVE</u> combining the Arts Parks and Recreation with the Outreach Committee with Jaime and Sara as co-chairs until the end of the fiscal year Proposed Action: Motion that Voices NC to <u>APPROVE</u> combining the Planning and Land Use, with Health and Safety Committee with Steven and Parker as co-chairs until the end of the fiscal year</p>	20 mins
14.	1119-14	<p>Board Retreat Discuss possible 'non-business' Voices board retreat for January 2020 at Ed Garren's residence.</p>	5 mins
15.	1119-15	<p>Committee & Liaison Reports Council to report on committee and liaison activities and invite interested stakeholders to participate in scheduled meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach Committee Planning & Land Use Committee Arts, Parks & Recreation Committee Youth & Education Committee Budget & Finance Committee 	3 mins each

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPAB (77th & Southwest) Liaison • Homeless Liaison • SLAANC Liaison <p>Proposed Action: No motions from updates. Committee and Liaison agenda motions will be listed individually for discussion and possible action.</p>	
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Voices NC Council Vacancy

Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to VoicesNC90037@gmail.com. Additional information about Voices NC is available at <https://VoicesNC.org>

Council Vacancy	Description
1. Area 3 Representative	Represents all interests within Area 3 of the VNC.

Voices NC Council Liaisons

Council Liaison	Meeting Time	Assigned Member	Alternate Member
1. SLAANC	Third Thursday of the month	A. Farias	J. Rabb
2. LAPD 77th C-PAB	Second Thursday of the month	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB	First Monday of the month	V. Miles	Vacant
4. Homeless	TBD	A. Farias	Vacant
5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness	TBD	S. Zurita	Vacant
6. Clergy Council	Third Tuesday of the month	Vacant	Vacant
7. Budget Advocate	First Monday of the month	L. Ferguson	J. Rabb

Voices NC Standing Committees

All meetings are open to the public and will be posted on www.empowerla.org. All meetings will be held at Vermont Square Library unless otherwise posted. For more about Voices NC Standing Committees refer to Bylaws, Article VI, and Section 1.

Standing Committees	Assigned Council Member	Description
1. Arts, Parks, & Recreation	S. Zurita	The Arts, Parks and Recreation Committee will have the responsibility to discuss issues, promote partnerships on projects and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement and support. The Arts, parks and Recreation Committee will explore issues and ideas in order to define community identity and values by giving voice to its citizens and providing a form for group action and expression. The committee submits reports of meetings in written form and makes recommendations to the Board for

		action. The Chair selects meeting site, date and time and meets as directed in these Bylaws.
2. Budget & Finance	L. Ferguson	The Budget and Finance Committee Investigate and pursue sources of income and funding. Make an initial review of project proposals and provide a report to the VNC board with recommendations. Generate a budget for each fiscal year, showing planned income and expenditures. And, maintain the Council budget current and report any issues to the Board.
3. Outreach	J. Rabb	The Outreach Committee shall be charged with continuing to outreach to the VNC stakeholders by utilizing any acceptable and Board approved forms of media (e.g. flyers, newsletters, print, television/electronic media, signs, banners, website, etc.) to inform stakeholders regarding projects and events. The content and method of distribution must be pre-approved by the Board.
4. Planning & Land Use	P. Rand	The Planning & Land Use Committee shall review, take public input, report on and make recommendations of actions to the Board on any land use, beautification, and planning issues affecting the community in order to improve the health and quality of life of its citizens. The committee also reviews and recommends action regarding building development projects requiring land use permits within the VNC boundaries; advocates positions on land use and building design for the betterment of the community; and considers and provides recommendations to Council on other topics, such as rezoning, applications, development permits, and any subdivision that require council approval.
5. Senior Services	Vacant	The Senior Services Committee addresses the needs of senior citizens in the community and provides an environment where seniors can discuss current issues, share ideas and voice their concerns. The committee will be supportive of programs and services that provide seniors with maximum vitality and independence. It will identify, monitor and address issues that have impact upon seniors' quality of life. The committee will promote "Healthy Aging" by creating an environment where individual differences and needs are recognized; by promoting multicultural awareness, understanding and interaction; and by serving as a bridge to access government information and resources.
6. Youth & Education	A. Gray, K. Guevara	The Youth & Education Committee addresses the issues, concerns, programs and services related to the education of children, youth and adults and developing specific strategies and policies for influencing and achieving constructive outcomes within schools, classrooms, and other education/learning centers that serve the Voices community. Additionally, this committee has the general responsibility to discuss issues, foster collaboration on projects, and brainstorm ideas to encourage greater community involvement/support and participation.

7. Health & Safety	S. Nieto	The Health & Safety Committee seeks opportunities to organize and forums to mobilize the community in seeking safety practices. This includes partnering with Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Safety Task Force (to enhance the Services provided by the School Crossing Guards), School Crossing Guards, Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officers and Traffic Division and the Los Angeles Fire Department. Representatives of VNC will work to formalize a relationship with these City agencies and other entities responsible for “safety issues” in our community.
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