

City of Los Angeles  
Voices Neighborhood Council  
Special Board Meeting



Saturday, October 26, 2019, 11:00 am  
1201 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, LA 90037  
Vermont Square Library, Community Room

Sally Embrey, Area 1  
Odalis Perez, 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.

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### **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](mailto:VNCCorrSec18@gmail.com) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

**SPECIAL AGENDA FOR 10/26/2019**

Call to Order: **11:20 AM**

Roll Call: **Present: A. Farias, J. Rabb, S. Nieto, E. Garren, P. Rand, A. Gray, S. Zurita, O. Perez, K. Guevara , I. Guevara**  
**Absent: V. Miles, L. Ferguson, S. Embrey, R. Rodriguez.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Lead Officer Report: **None present**

Public Officials Report: **None present**

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: **Damian Goodman, Crenshaw Subway Coalition, discussed upcoming Gentrification 101 Townhalls.**

Adjourn: **1:07 PM**

**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.	1019-01	<p><b>Council Meeting Minutes</b>                      Review and discussion of minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2019                      Member/Committee: S. Nieto                      Proposed Action: Motion to approve the minutes for the September Regular Board Minutes.  <b>Motion: P. Rand; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</b></p>	3 mins
2.	1019-02	<p><b>Council File 19-0883, Assault Weapons / Prohibit the Possession / City of Los Angeles / Ordinance</b>                      Introduced on August 6, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. Motion is requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to prohibit the possession of assault weapons within the City of Los Angeles.                      Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety                      Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <u>SUPPORT</u> LA City Council File 19-0883 and <u>APPROVE and SUBMIT</u> community impact statement:  <b>"Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to prohibit the possession of assault weapons within the City."</b>  <b>Motion: E. Garren; Second: S. Nieto; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
3.	1019-03	<p><b>Council File 19-0848, Privately and Publicly Owned Entertainment Venues / Firearms Restriction / Off-Duty Law Enforcement Personnel / Provision of Secure Lock Box / Off-Duty Officer Firearm / Ordinance:</b>                      Introduced on July 30, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. Motion is instructing the City Attorney with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department to prepare and present an ordinance requiring privately and publicly owned entertainment venues that restrict the carrying of a firearm by off-duty law enforcement personnel to provide a secure lock box for off-duty officer's firearms while they are on their premises.                      Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety Committee                      Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <u>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</u> LA City Council File 19-0848 and <u>APPROVE and SUBMIT</u> community impact statement;  <b>"Voices NC will support this ordinance if it is amended such that the City provides resources for private entertainment companies to acquire secure lock boxes."</b></p>	5 mins

		<p><b>AMENDED VERSION : "Voices NC will support this ordinance if it is amended to reflect that the burden of responsibility for damages incurred by use of firearms is on the venue owner. In addition, the opportunity to secure a firearm should be extended to individuals with a valid California Concealed Carry Weapons License."</b></p> <p><b>Motion: E. Garren; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</b></p>	
4.	1019-04	<p><b>Council File 19-0849, Confiscated Firearms Tracking / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD):</b>                  Introduced on July 30, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. Motion is directing the LAPD to report on its ability to identify and track confiscated firearms in the City, including but not limited to: The number of firearms seized, registration status, and whether weapons recovered are otherwise legal under California law.                  Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety                  Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> LA City Council File 19-0849 and <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement;  <del>"Voices NC will support this ordinance if it is amended such that the City makes the data available to the public and that the neighborhood council area or zip code where the firearms were seized are also tracked and reported."</del></p> <p><b>AMENDED VERSION: Voices NC will support this ordinance if it is amended such that the City makes the data available to the public. Additionally, the neighborhood council area or zip code where the firearms were seized, along with a history of the weapon's origin (e.g., complete purchase and sale information, information on whether the firearm crossed state lines or international borders) should also be tracked and reported.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: J. Rabb; Second: P. Rand; Unanimously carried.</b></p>	5 mins
5.	1019-05	<p><b>Council File 17-0116-S3, Posted Notices / Specific Businesses or Other Establishments / Services or Support Information / Slavery or Human Trafficking / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Ordinance:</b>                  Introduced on July 30, 2019 and referred to Public Safety Committee. The Motion is requesting the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would require specified businesses and other establishments to post notices with information related to slavery and human trafficking, as outlined in Section 52.6 of the California Civil Code.                  Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety                  Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <b>SUPPORT</b> LA City Council File 17-0116-S3 and <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement;                  "Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to require specific businesses to post notices related to slavery and human trafficking."  <b>Motion: E. Garren; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
6.	1019-06	<p><b>Council File 19-0002-S160, SB 665/ Mental Health Services and Treatments / Individuals in County Jail</b>                  Introduced on August 27, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The Resolution is requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program <b>SUPPORT</b> for SB 665 (Umberg), and any similar legislation that would authorize a county to use State funds to provide mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated in a county jail.                  Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety                  Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <b>SUPPORT</b> LA City Council File 19-0002-S160 and <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement;</p>	5 mins

		<p>"Voices NC supports LA City Council's resolution requesting the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 665 and similar legislation that authorizes a county to use State funds to provide mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated in a county jail."</p> <p><b>Motion: S. Nieto; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</b></p>	
7.	1019-07	<p><b>Council File 19-0882, Provision at No Cost / Feminine Hygiene Products / All Restrooms at City-owned Facilities</b></p> <p>Introduced on August 6, 2019 and referred to Information, Technology, and General Services Committee. The motion is instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of General Services to report on the feasibility and costs of providing feminine hygiene products at no cost at all restrooms in City-owned facilities and to identify any City facilities that currently offer free feminine hygiene products.</p> <p>Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety</p> <p>Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <b>SUPPORT</b> LA City Council File 19-0882 and <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement;</p> <p><b>"Voices NC supports LA City Council's efforts to expand access to feminine hygiene products at all restrooms in City-owned facilities."</b></p> <p><b>Motion: S. Nieto; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
8.	0919-08	<p><b>Council File: 19-0002-S157, HR 1384 / The Medicare for All Act / Medicare / Affordable Care Act</b></p> <p>Introduced on August 23, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The Motion is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 1384, The Medicare for All Act.</p> <p>Member/Committee: S. Nieto, Health &amp; Safety</p> <p>Proposed Action: Motion to recommend that Voices NC <b>APPROVE and SUBMIT</b> community impact statement regarding council file 19-0002-S157;</p> <p><b>"Voices NC supports LA City Council's resolution requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 1384, The Medicare for All Act". – Include a few sentences on the rate of uninsured in Voices NC area or South LA.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: E. Garren; Second: S. Nieto; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
9.	0919-9	<p><b>Lighting Improvement in South LA</b></p> <p>Council to discuss submission of a community impact statement on LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements.</p> <p>Member/Committee. P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use Committee</p> <p>Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of Voices Neighborhood Council supporting LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements. <i>Proposed CIS Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members believe that lighting improvements address beautification, energy efficiency, as well as deter criminal activity in high crime areas. We urge the City of Los Angeles to increase lumens and improve distribution of lighting for the purposes of community safety. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council File: 19-0852 on street lighting improvements.</i></p> <p><b>Motion: K. Guevara; Second: S. Zurita; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
10.	0919-10	<p><b>Vermont/Normandie Green Alley Network</b></p> <p>Council may hear a presentation by Paola Grano, City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division and discuss support of the application for a \$2 million grant for South LA alleyways.</p> <p>Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use</p> <p>Proposed Action: Motion to support the grant application for \$2 million dollars by the City of LA Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division. <i>Proposed Support Letter Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members believe in the City of LA</i></p>	5 mins

		<p><i>Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division's vision for the use of the \$2 million dollar grant. Their vision aligns with the Voices vision for safe walkways, community beautification, and increasing city greenspaces. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports the grant application of the LA City Department of Public Works.</i></p> <p><b>Motion: S. Nieto; Second: J. Rabb; Unanimously carried</b></p>	
11.	0819-11	<p><b>Crisis and Bridge Housing</b>                  Council to discuss the Current Price motion (File:18-1191) of the feasibility of a proposed facility of 5215 S. Figueroa St. to substitute the site from 5874 Miramonte Boulevard for suitability of development as a Crisis and Bridge Housing Program facility                  Member/Committee: A. Farias, P. Rand/ Planning &amp; Land Use                  Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of the LA City Council File 19-1191 to study the feasibility of a proposed Crisis and Bridge Housing Project at 5215 S. Figueroa of the Crisis and Bridge Housing Project.</p> <p><b>Motion: O. Perez; Second: E. Garren; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins
12.	0819-12	<p><b>Cameras in Vermont Square Park</b>                  Council to discuss submission of a community impact statement on LA City Council File:19-0330 and efforts of LAPD, the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, City of Los Angeles Parks &amp; Recreation, and local gang abatement organizations to address the recent surge of violent crime.                  Member/Committee: P. Rand, Planning &amp; Land Use Committee                  Proposed Action: Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on behalf of Voices Neighborhood Council supporting LA City Council File: 19-0330 directing LAPD and the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report on the recent surge of violent crime. <i>Proposed CIS Language: The Voices Neighborhood Council members have directly experienced violence within our Vermont Square Park. We urge the City of Los Angeles to take necessary steps to ensure the safety of our public space. For these reasons, the Voices Neighborhood Council supports LA City Council File: 19-0330 directing LAPD and the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to report on the recent surge of violent crime.</i></p> <p><b>Motion: J. Rabb; Second: A. Gray; Unanimously carried</b></p>	5 mins

<b><u>Voices NC Council Vacancy</u></b>	
Interested stakeholders can email a Letter of Intent to <a href="mailto:VoicesNC90037@gmail.com">VoicesNC90037@gmail.com</a> . Additional information about Voices NC is available at <a href="https://VoicesNC.org">https://VoicesNC.org</a>	
<b>Council Vacancy</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Area 3 Representative</b>	Represents all interests within Area 3 of the VNC.

<b><u>Voices NC Council Liaisons</u></b>			
<b>Council Liaison</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Assigned Member</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>

<b>1. SLAANC</b>	Third Thursday of the month	A. Farias	J. Rabb
<b>2. LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> C-PAB</b>	Second Thursday of the month	S. Nieto	J. Rabb
<b>3. LAPD Southwest C-PAB</b>	First Monday of the month	V. Miles	Vacant
<b>4. Homeless</b>	TBD	A. Farias	Vacant
<b>5. Resilience/Disaster Preparedness</b>	TBD	S. Zurita	Vacant
<b>6. Clergy Council</b>	Third Tuesday of the month	Vacant	Vacant
<b>7. Budget Advocate</b>	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](http://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.*

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Assigned Council Member</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1. Arts, Parks, &amp; Recreation</b>	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.
<b>2. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	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.
<b>3. Outreach</b>	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.
<b>4. Planning &amp; Land Use</b>	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.

<b>5. Senior Services</b>	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.
<b>6. Youth &amp; Education</b>	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.
<b>7. Health &amp; Safety</b>	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.