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**Committees:** 

Community – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month – Julianne Burg, Chair; Julie Burg; Marco Flores; Thryeris Mason, & Joel Vaca Marketing & Outreach – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month – Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair; Samantha Burg, Co-Chair; Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, Leigha Sayles, & Nina Womack Policy – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month – Jean Frost, Chair; Jim Childs, Co-Chair; Robin Evangelista; Cindy Gaete; Christine Lee, & Jon Tieuel Homelessness – Hiatus

EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Thryeris Mason, President

Area Representatives:
Marco Flores, Area 1
Joel Vaca, Area 1
Steve Pepdjonovic, Area 2
Vacant, Area 2
Jean Frost, Area 3
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

At Large Representatives: Jon Tieuel Nina Womack Cindy Gaete

Community Interest Positions: Christopher Perez, USC Jim Childs, Business Rep

General Board Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing

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# **General Board Meeting Agenda**

The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government to us.

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I. CALL TO ORDER (2 minutes)

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(2 minutes)

# III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(10 minutes)

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. The public comment period is not intended to be "Question and Answer" period or for conversations with the ECNANDC Board (up to two minutes per speaker).

# IV. TREASURER REPORT

(4 minutes)

- a. General report
- **b.** Board reimbursement

# V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(30 minutes)

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations. Reports and brief presentations only.

- a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti David Price
- **b.** LAPD Senior Lead Officers Southwest SLO Representative (s)
- c. USC Public Safety Officers
- d. Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo Ricardo Flores
- e. Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson Albizael Del Valle
- f. Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price Nora Gutierrez
- g. The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59
- h. The Office of Senator Holly Mitchell Armine Sargsyan, District Representative
- i. USC Community Report Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman
- j. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Karen Hernandez

#### VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

(29 minutes)

- a. Rocio Flores, Program Director, USC Civic Engagement and Economic Partnerships, USC Bridges to Business Success Program and Carolina Castillo, Executive Director of Development, USC Civic Engagement and Economic Partnerships, USC Good Neighbors Program (10 minutes)
- b. Crosstown LA Gabriel Kahn, Editor: ECNANDC Area Crime & COVID-19 statistics (5 minutes)
- c. South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Thryeris Mason, SLAANC Chair: Recap of September presentations from the Mayor's office and Community Response System of South Los Angeles.

(3 minutes)

d. LGBTQ+ Alliance Update - Steve Pepjdonovic, NANDC Delegate

- (3 minutes)
- e. NANDC Taskforce Update Steve Pepjdonovic, Area 2 Representative
- (3 minutes)
- f. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update Steve Pepjdonovic, Committee Chair (3 minutes)
- g. Area 2 Thryeris Mason, President: One (1) seat is open for stakeholder applications and consideration at our August General Board Meeting. Per Article (V)(1)(b), B. Appointed Positions: A Candidate's application for appointment seat on the Governing Board shall include: (i) Letter from the applicant describing the value they would add to the community as a member of the governing board, indicating a willingness to serve their designated term, and accepting responsibilities of the office. (ii) Petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) stakeholders in support of the application. Signatures shall include name,

address, and, where possible, e-mail address for each stakeholder. **Both documents fulfill the application requirement and are to be submitted to board@nandc.org.** (2 minutes)

# VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

(56 minutes)

- **a. Action/Discussion:** Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified stakeholders to currently vacant seats on the Governing Board. Each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak. Governing Board vacant seat is for the Area 2 Representative (6 minutes)
- b. Action/Discussion: Nomination and selection of Homelessness Committee Chair (3 minutes)
- c. Action/Discussion: Nomination and selection of Homelessness Committee Co-Chair (3 minutes)
- d. Action/Discussion: Nomination and selection of NC 2021 Elections Chair (3 minutes)
- e. Action/Discussion: Board approval of the purchase of business cards for new board members. Cost is \$130.00 for 2 orders. (2 minutes)
- f. Action/Discussion: Board approval of the purchase of 4 polo shirts (black & purple) for new board members: Cost is \$100.00 for 4 shirts. (2 minutes)
- g. Action/Discussion: Board approval of the purchase of lapel pins for new board members. Cost is \$52.50 for pin orders.(2 minutes)
- h. Action/Discussion: Peoples College of Law \$1000 NPG Request Peoples College of Law is a small law school authorized by the State Bar of California to grant to its graduates the J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree and certify them to take the California Bar Examination. This NPG will be used to support their long-standing efforts to provide legal education to marginalized communities including working class people, people of color, women, and immigrant groups who often face socioeconomic barriers to becoming practicing lawyers. Community Committee Recommendation: To support of the \$1000 NPG request from Peoples College of Law (4-0-0)
- Action/Discussion: Crosstown Monthly Reports Subscription To continue NANDC subscription from August 2020 June 2021. These monthly reports provide the NANDC community with information regarding crime, COVID 19 stats, etc. for \$100 per month. Community Committee Recommendation: To continue monthly reports from Crosstown in the amount of \$100/month. (3-1-0) (5 minutes)
- j. Action/Discussion: Allocation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$10,000.00 rollover funds Community Committee Recommendation: Place the \$10,000 roll-over funds from 2019-2020 fiscal year budget into the Outreach Expenditure line item (Marketing & Outreach) 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. (4-0-0) (7 minutes)
- k. Action/Discussion: City Council (CF) 20-0933 Motion for Juneteenth / City Holiday Community (view motion here) In light of recent protests that have called for racial equity within the country in response to the unarmed killings of Black Americans at the hands of police like those of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other Black Americans, there has been a new interest to commemorate, celebrate and acknowledge the historical significance of Juneteenth. The motion calls for the City Council to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Civil and Human Rights Commission, to report on the historical importance and cultural impact of Juneteenth, and options for establishing Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the City of Los Angeles. Community Committee Recommendation: To support the council motion and to call for the creation of a Juneteenth city holiday with the provision that the holiday fall on June 19<sup>th</sup> each calendar year as opposed to being a floating holiday. (4-0-0)
- Action Discussion: Council File (CF) 20-0132 COVID-19 / Municipal Liquidity Facility Loan Assistance / Rent and Utility Related Debt Forgiveness / Program Structure and Implementation (view motion here) The motion calls for the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Housing and Community Investment Department, be instructed to report to Council on the feasibility of applying for Municipal Liquidity Facility loan assistance in order to provide rent forgiveness to those within the City of Los Angeles who have been impacted by COV1D-19, as well as with a cost analysis and options for potential program structure and implementation. It was further moved that the Department

of Water and Power (DWP), with the assistance of the Ratepayer Advocate and City Administrative Officer, be requested to report to the Council on the feasibility of applying for Municipal Liquidity Facility loan assistance in order to provide utility related debt forgiveness to ratepayers within the City of Los Angeles who have been impacted by COVID-I9, as well as with a cost analysis and options for potential program structure and implementation. **Community Committee Recommendation:** To support the call for an analysis of feasibility of applying for the Municipal Liquidity Facility loan in order to facilitate utility forgiveness. (4-0-0)

- M. Action/Discussion: Council File (CF) 20-0991 Film Industry Equity / Minority Underrepresentation / Council District 1 Film Producing, Directing, and Writing Incubator Pilot Program (view motion here) Minorities are vastly underrepresented in the film industry and this is one way of increasing their visibility behind the scenes and on screen. The motion calls that FilmLA be requested to report to the Council on how the City and FilmLA can do more to push for equity for all in the film industry, including Latinos, African-Americans, Asians, and women who are vastly underrepresented throughout the industry. It further moves that FilmLA be requested to report to the Council on the feasibility of using Council District 1, that has a demographic of mostly minorities, to be home to a pilot program for a film producing, directing, and writing incubator so that we can train and create the environment to grow even more minority presence. Community Committee Recommendation: To support the Council File and call for the incubator to be placed south of the 10 freeway in proximity to LACC, Mt. Saint Mary's and USC which provides access to two film schools, an all-female student body population, and creates opportunities for collaboration and partnerships. (4-0-0)
- n. Action/Discussion: City Council (CF) 20-1031 Community Intervention Workers / Safe Passages Program / South Los Angeles Parks / Council District 8 / Funding (view motion here) The Safe Passages Program is designed to provide a sense of safety in targeted areas, especially for young people traveling to and from school. Safe Passages is one ofthe most effective interventions of the South Los Angeles Community Safety Initiative (SLACSI); and it provides an immediate sense of safety for South Los Angeles residents. The motion calls for the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify \$220,000 in funding for hiring and training Community Intervention Workers for the Safe Passages Program in two South Los Angeles parks in Council District 8 that do not currently have Community Intervention Workers.

#### VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

(3 minutes)

a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(5 minutes)

X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(2 minutes)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

# Official public notice for all committees:

Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees			
COMMITTEE	CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE/TIME
Community Committee (Outreach, Youth and Senior, Block Club/Neighborhood Associations, Beautification, Budget and Finance)	Julianne Burg, Chair vp@nandc.org	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Marketing & Outreach Committee (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	Steve Pepdjonovic, Chair area2a@nandc.org	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Chair area3a@nandc.org	USC Community House 2801 S. Hoover St. 90089	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee (Inactive)	Nina Womack, Chair atlargerep2@nandc.org	USC Village Community Room	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: *Thursday, October 1, 2020, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.* 

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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 NANDC.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact **Samantha Burg at** secretary@nandc.org.

#### PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS -

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 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

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Government code Section 54957.9

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