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EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

Committees:

Celebrating 20 Years

Community – 2nd Thursday
every month

Julianne Burg (Chair), Joel Vaca (Co-Chair), Thryeris Mason, Marco Flores, and Julie Burg



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At Large Representatives:
Jon Tieucl
Jim Childs
Cindy Gaete

Marketing & Outreach - 3rd Tuesday
every month

Samantha Burg (Chair), Mehul Patel (Co-Chair), Nicolas Creighton (Co-Chair), and Julie Burg

Community Interest Positions:
Vacant, USC
Vacant, Business Rep

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Jean Frost (Chair), David Greenman (Co-Chair), Jon Tieucl, Jim Childs, Cindy Gaete, Joanne Russell, Christine Lee, Jesus Garcia, and Leslie Friedman

Thryeris Mason, President

Homelessness – TBA

Cindy Gaete (Chair), Samantha Burg (Co-Chair)

General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2022, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - President Mason called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, David Greenman, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Jon Tieucl, and Jim Childs. Cindy Gaete & Joel Vaca Patel unexcused. 10 members present, quorum established.
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
 - Board motions to approve the October meeting minutes
 - Motioned by Jean, second Jon
 - 10, 0, 0
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - Edwin Ramirez, Friends of the Exposition Park Regional Library, would like to present on routine monthly resources for the homeless population at LAPL Expo Branch.

IV. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.* Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti not present
- b.* LAFD South Bureau Battalion Chief - Martin Mullan - Brett Willis (Battalion Chief) introduced himself to everyone. He spoke of the telemedicine program where paramedics do not have to respond to non-emergent situations. Please make way for the fire engines if you see them approach. Guarantee busy time for the holidays. Staffing is low but the fire stations will be staffed.
- c.* LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative not present
- d.* USC Public Safety Officers not present
- e.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo not present.
- f.* Council District 8 for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Isaias Benavides, Maurice Johnson (Policy Deputy), and Yaquelin Perez (Policy Deputy) attended. They spoke briefly of the declaration of city emergency, which the mayor put in place in 2019. Few programs that are still in place are "Al Fresco" outdoor program, which is in the process of becoming permanent. Rental assistance program for any tenant that is in an emergency position will be voted on soon. The tenant protection moratorium will end on January 31, 2023. Tenants need to put a verbal or written notice to the landlord about their outstanding rent to show good faith. RSO rent increases will end during January 2024. The council wants to protect tenants. There is a program for utility assistance. Customers must call their local utilities to apply for their arrangement program. Councilmember Harris-Dawson, has a workforce development, he has created events such as work fairs, study programs, etc. you can find more information on CD 8's website. Marco Flores stated that DWP, in area 1 (Adams Normandie), getting a lot of high bills such

as \$1900. He believes that this is due to DWP making estimates instead of actually reading the meters. Marco also spoke of streetlights being out for 6 weeks, power grid being out. He had to report the issue to Isaias, it was fixed, but now they have flickering lights so wondering if there is an issue with the power grid again. Jean Frost spoke of the PLUM committee supporting the WANA appeal on the 11840/1848 project. Jean asked when will it go to city council? Isaias will get back to Jean to follow up. President Mason has noticed that bollards and circles for the slow streets, but what happen to the rest of the city. Isaias responded that LADOT wants to see how effective this will be. He sees in the near future they will be put more in place. Marco Flores stated that sanitation took a few of them down to free clearance for their trucks. Marco also stated that they have painted lines but no signs, it's a blessing and a curse to be one of the first. Nicolas informed Isaias about several street lights not been fixed in area 3. Nicolas has reported the issues to 311. He also stated that there has been an uptake in RV parking. Nicolas asked the unhoused if they need any resources or programs; therefore Nicolas would like to see if CD 8 has a list for him to asset better when he speaks to the unhoused. Isaias said to email him, and regarding the streetlights he said that street bureau is taking longer. Isaias also said they can send a homeless strike team to speak to the unhoused. But please keep in mind that they (unhoused) might not accept services.

- g.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present
- h.* The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell – Daniel Park
- i.* The Office of Senator Kamlager - Josef Siroky

- j.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59
- k.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios introduced himself. We are now in election season for the 99 councils. He spoke of CF 21-0407. He also spoke of CF 22-114,6 technical challenges due to community impact statements. Question on how to vacate position officially? Since our bylaws are silent. Per Octaviano announcing and sharing vacancy is sufficient notice to make position officially vacant.
- l.* Office of the City Clerk - Election Division - Lanee Basulto election administrator of 2023. She informed everyone that the hybrid election model with flexibility to vote in person or by mail will be in place. The voting system is redesign to a friendlier way to vote. They are assisting with securing voting location at Loren Miller Recreation Park. NANDC elections will be on April 22, 2023. Lanee spoke of the election timeline. Please visit website to keep up to date information

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- a.* **USC Community Report** – Steve Wesson, Managing Director, Community Partnerships & USC Village Ombudsman, not present.
- b.* **Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County – Assistant Vice President, Business Development** - An overview of services and suggestions for how partnerships with NC’s can be a win-win. [Jesse Ibara \(jibarra@nhslacounty.org\)](mailto:jibarra@nhslacounty.org), and [Kimberly](#)
- c.* **South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC)** – Thryeris Mason heard on survey from Raquel, and heard from metro about the mobility wallet (credit card type). No other items
- d.* **Area 1 Report** - Marco Flores reported earlier about the slow streets, modifications are being done, will report further. WANA will be having a holiday decoration contest on December 17th, he will bring more details. USC urban tree workshop will be on Wednesday, November 9th at First AME Church at 7:30 p.m. invitation has been forwarded to Thryeris and Julianne. There is a preliminary report regarding the lack of trees
- e.* **Area 2 Report** - David Greenman nothing to report
- f.* **Area 3 Report** - Jean Frost would like speed bumps on Scarff (roadway now paved, previously overs aught). Please go out and vote. Nicolas Creighton reported constituent concerns earlier.
- g.* **At Large & Community Interest Reports** - No Reports
- h.* **Community Committee Update** – Julianne Burg, Committee Chair, had a successful event at the USC Village. Upcoming event will be the Winter USC event at the USC Village on December 18m 2022.
- i.* **Marketing & Outreach Committee Update** – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair, had no report
- j.* **Policy Committee Update** – Jean Frost, Committee Chair, will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday, after Thanksgiving.
- k.* **NANDC Taskforce Update** – Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, need to stress to city planning on how important their partnership is.
- l.* **Fraternity/Sorority Row AdHoc Committee Update** - Jean Frost, Policy Committee Chair, brief spoke on another bad development, another ADU between the buildings. It is in front of a vintage building.
- m.* **Current Board Vacancies** – Thryeris Mason, President announced USC Community Interest and Area 2 Representative board vacancy positions. Please visit www.nandc.org/apply-board.php for additional information and instructions on how to apply.

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a.* **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 seats include:

- Motion to appoint Vincent Cisneros as USC Community Interest
- Motioned by Jean, second by David
- 10, 0, 0
- Area 2 Representative- No applications received

b. ACTION/DISCUSSION: Livable Communities Presentation

<https://www.livablecommunitiesinitiative.com/> **Recommendation:** that NANDC supports the Livable Communities Initiative with the condition that no existing overlays be impacted, and action be included to retain existing businesses. CF 21-1230-S2 (4-0-1)

- Motion to support the Livable Communities Initiative with the condition that no existing overlays be impacted, and action be included to retain existing businesses. CF 21-1230-S2 (4-0-1)
- Motioned by Jean, second by David
- 10, 0, 0

c. ACTION/DISCUSSION: Resignations of City Council Members, Charter Reform, CF-22-1189, CF 22-1195, CF 22-1197, CF 22-1196 as follows:

- **CF 22-1189, Motion to censure Recommendation:** that NANDC support the motion.
- Motioned by Jean, second by Julie
- 10, 0, 0
- **CF 22-1195, Motion to censure (5-0-0) Recommendation:** that NANDC support the motion
- Motioned by Jean, second by Julie
- 10, 0, 0
- **CF 22-1197, Motion that City Council convene a new Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform,** which will be charged with implementing reforms to increase transparency, limit corruption, and make City leadership more representative of our communities – with the aim of restoring the faith of the people of Los Angeles in their city government. **Recommendation:** that NANDC support the motion (
- Motioned by Jean, second by Jon Tieucl
- 10, 0, 0
- **CF 22-1196, Motion** that the Chief Legislative Analyst report on steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024 that ensures representation is fixed to population growth; and prepare a report that outlines steps that sets forth an immediate redistricting process to implement the updated reforms **Recommendation:** that NANDC support the motion
- Motioned by Jean, second by Thryeris
- 10, 0, 0

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wellness/safety preparedness fair will be on November 13th at the Exposition on the 13th
- "Get out and Vote Initiative" by CD 9
- Ciclvavia - December 4th - along MLK, Vermont and Figueroa

VIII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 8:55 p.m. meeting adjourned. Happy Thanksgiving

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	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Marketing & Outreach Committee (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	Samantha Burg, Chair Secretary@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Policy Committee (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	Jean Frost, Chair area3a@nandc.org	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Homelessness Committee	Cindy Gaete, Chair atlarge3@nandc.org	Via Zoom	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, December 1, 2022, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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- South LA Café, 1700 Browning Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90062

- MLK Recreational Center, 3916 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Denker Park, 1550 W. 35th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Food 4 Less, 1748 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- FAME Renaissance Center, 1968 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018
- Loren Miller Recreation Center, 2717 S. Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018
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RALPH M. BROWN ACT

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Government code Section 54957.9

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Penal Code Section 403, Penal Code Section 602.1(b)

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