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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Committees:
Community – 2nd Thursday every month –

Marketing & Outreach – 3rd Tuesday every month

Policy – 4th Tuesday every month

Homelessness – Hiatus

**Community Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2021 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

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I. CALL TO ORDER - By President Mason. Members present Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, David Greenman, and Julie Burg

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Without objection August's minutes are accepted as read
- Motioned by David, second by Marco
- 4,0,0

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ian would like to be place on the next agenda.

IV. Action/Discussion: Pathways to Your Future Samaritan Remote Volunteering- A presentation was done by Ashish Pamula - Pathways to Your Future is seeking 25 remote volunteers to team up with 5 clients on their path to a home. Volunteers will work remotely and guide the clients they have. They seek guidance in getting back on their feet, obtain employment, obtaining housing to name a few. Training would be done by Pathways. Ashish will forward a flyer so we can post on our social media.

V. Action/Discussion: SOLA Community Peace Center NPG Request \$4,750

Presented by: Dr. Susan Stouffer - The SOLA Community Peace Center would like to request an NPG request for \$4,750. This NPG would be used to provide free peace education and violence prevention curriculum to kids and families. This upcoming Fall, they will be focusing on Critical Media Literacy for young people ages 5-18. These training sessions will help them become critical consumers of media messages

- Marco Flores recused himself from this item on the advise of the City Attorney. Camera was turned off.
- Without objection SOLA's NPG request of \$4,750 was approved.
- Motioned by David, second by Julie
- 4,0,0

VI. Action/ Discussion: Request For CD 8 Councilmember to Add Address Under the CARE+ Program

To request Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson to recommend as advocate for the budlong tunnel to be placed on the list for areas to be addressed under the CARE+ Program. The current location has 3 categories under CARE+ which include: 1 in proximity to 2 schools ,2 under freeway underpass and 3 violated American with Disabilities Act by blocking access to individuals with accessibility issues. Also to address the increasing crime in and around the encampment.

- Without objection a letter to request CD 8 Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson to advocate for the budlong tunnel and Hoover Underpass to be placed on the list for areas to be addressed under the CARE+ Program. The current location has 3 categories under CARE+ which include: 1 in proximity to 2 schools ,2 under freeway underpass and 3 violated American with Disabilities Act by blocking access to individuals with accessibility issues. Also to address the increasing crime in and around the encampment.
- Motioned by Marco, second by David
- 4,0,0

VII. Action/ Discussion: An Open Letter to LAPD Calling for Reimbursement to the CD9 Reinvestment Fund
Background: CD9 transferred \$1M in funds from their reinvestment funds to provide immediate relief to the community in the wake of the 27th & San Pedro fireworks detonation. Councilmember Curren Price called on NC's at the 08/19/21 SLAANC meeting to write letters of support to his call for reimbursement.

- Without objection to request An Open Letter to LAPD Calling for Reimbursement to the CD9. Reinvestment Fund Background: CD9 transferred \$1M in funds from their reinvestment funds to provide immediate relief to the community in the wake of the 27th & San Pedro fireworks detonation. Councilmember Curren Price called on NC's at the 08/19/21 SLAANC meeting to write letters of support to his call for reimbursement.
- Motioned by David, second by Thryeris
- 4,0,0

VIII. Action/ Discussion: ECNANDC Withdrawal from Budget Advocate Representation

Background: Historically our Budget Representative/ECNANDC Treasurer has been denied the ability to provide input at Budget Advocate (BA) meetings. Budget Advocates has failed to directly and regularly engage our NC and solicit our budget concerns yet BA continues to portray themselves as the voice of all neighborhood councils. These

behaviors have resulted in the complete disregard of the needs of our community by BA and we assert that we have had no impactful representation at the BA table. Given this, it is moved that we formally withdraw any representation rights from the Budget Advocates **in accordance with** their bylaws and that we submit a copy of our withdrawal to the Los Angeles City Council Budget & Finance Committee

- Without objection to request formal withdraw of any representation rights from Budget Advocates in accordance with their bylaws and that we submit a copy of our withdrawal to the Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance.
- Motioned by David, second by Thryeris
- 4,0,0

IX. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS - None

VIII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- None

X. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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

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RALPH M. BROWN ACT
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Government code Section 54957.9

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