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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Joint Board and Green Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday February 9th – 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91829897506>

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful 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 stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.,

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. Call for Green Committee Members
 - b. **Motion:** To approve [New Committee Community Standards and Ground Rules](#)
- III. INTRODUCTIONS (10 Minutes)**
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes)**
- V. COMMITTEE UPDATES (10 minutes)**
 - a. NC Green Biz
 - b. NCSA
 - c. Tree planting initiatives
 - d. Dog Waste stations
 - e. Kids Recycled Art Projects
 - f. Citizen Science Programs
 - Water Trust Education
 - LADWP
- VI. NEW PROJECTS/BUSINESS (30 min)**
 - a. Powerlines on Overland
 - b. Post Office Planter Box Beautification
 - c. Community Garden; Project Coordination with Girl Scouts
 - Update on conversation with Mae Gates from Assemblymember Kamlagers Office
 - d. **MOTION:** To add Seina Cyndi Ka Ho to the Green Committee.

e. **MOTION: CIS to support Council File [21-0064](#); Food Accessories Opt-in Requirement for Restaurants and Third-Party App-Based Delivery Platforms**

- The Palms Neighborhood Council supports this is much-needed legislation that will both reduce unnecessary and unwanted waste and save our beloved local restaurants and businesses money during this impossibly difficult time and beyond.

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the single use pollution problem and has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left our beloved Los Angeles restaurants in dire need of assistance. Nearly 100 restaurants in the LA region have closed permanently due to the pandemic, and hundreds more are struggling to keep their doors open, relying entirely upon takeout and delivery to do so due to city and county mandates. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and prevent waste at the same time, benefiting all Angelenos.

Whereas most take-out and delivery meals go to homes and offices already stocked with reusable items. The vast majority of these single-use items cannot be recycled. They add to the plastic pollution crisis that litters our streets, parks, rivers, and oceans and clogs already overfilled landfills. Cutting down trees and extracting more fossil fuels for items that aren't even used makes no sense in the middle of a climate crisis. These impacts also present significant environmental justice issues, with low-income communities and communities of color bearing a disproportionate burden of the impacts from climate change, fossil fuel extraction, and incineration associated with single-use waste

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Palms Neighborhood Council strongly supports Council File 21-0064 to provide disposable food service accessories upon the request of the customer. We are calling on food delivery apps and restaurants to make foodware accessories available only on request. It's a simple solution that saves restaurants money and reduces waste.

f. **MOTION: CIS to support [Council File 20-0492](#); City Insurance Policies/ Investments and Underwriting/ Fossil Fuel Operations Companies/ Coal Mining and Tar Sand Drilling/ Climate Change/ Environment** (please see [fact sheet linked here](#))

- The Palms Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the motion to report back with an inventory of the City's insurance policies so that the City can reorient its purchasing power toward insurers who are working toward a sustainable future. The purpose of which would be to inform the various departments on how to choose an insurer that contributes the least to environmentally damaging industries. The City should not be supporting investments in fossil fuel companies, and residents shouldn't have to worry about the City's insurance vendors failing due to investments in a declining industry. With climate change getting exponentially worse (as evidenced by the fires in our own backyards) the only way to truly insure ourselves is for the City of Los Angeles to use every tool at our disposal to mitigate the crisis.

g. **MOTION: CIS support [Council File 19-1577](#); Los Angeles City Employee Retirement System (LACERS) Investments/ Climate Transition Risk Framework/ Climate-Change Watch List** (please see [fact sheet linked here](#))

- The Palms Neighborhood Council supports calling for the Board of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) with the assistance of the City Administration Office to report back with recommendations on adopting a Climate Transition Risk Framework, similar to the City of San Francisco, as well as options for a climate change "watch list" to report on the riskiest investments in fossil fuel.

City of Los Angeles' employees need to know their pension funds are safe, and aren't making climate change worse. LA residents shouldn't have to rescue a pension fund because of failing investments in a declining industry.

2. **BOARD BUSINESS (10 MIN)**

E. Review and discuss Palms NC Website

VII. RECAP OF NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE (10 min)

VIII. Adjournment:

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