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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD  
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**Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86898361845>  
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**VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Palms Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically.*

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**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- a. Call to Order (Block)
- b. Roll Call (Tocco)

**II. COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Elizabeth Garcia [Elizabeth.garcia@lacity.org](mailto:Elizabeth.garcia@lacity.org)
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Kevin Taylor [kevin.taylor@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.taylor@lacity.org)
- c. LA Police Department – Juan Ceja
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Freddy Cupen-Ames [freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)
- e. Office of State Senator Holly Mitchell – Lily Sofiani [lily.sofiani@sen.ca.gov](mailto:lily.sofiani@sen.ca.gov)

- f. Office of State Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager– Kasey Kokenda  
*kasey.kokenda@asm.ca.gov*
- g. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
  - i. Budget Advocates Report (3 minutes)
  - ii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association (3 minutes)
  - iii. St. Joseph’s Center – available resources. Presentation by Allegra Spalding [*see supplementals for resources*] (5 minutes)

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. WRAC Appointments – Transportation Committee and Homelessness Committee

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA (2 minutes)**

- a. **MOTION:** To approve minutes from 11/4/2020 General Assembly meeting. [[Click here](#) for minutes]
- b. **MOTION:** To remove Jordan Penland and Jessalyn Waldron from the H&PS Committee
- c. **MOTION:** To appoint Pamela Leo as Chair of the H&PS Committee

**VI. BOARD REPORTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION (10 minutes – 1 minute each)**

- a. **President’s Report** (Block – [eryn.block@palmsnc.la](mailto:eryn.block@palmsnc.la))
  - i. **MOTION:** To establish the Palms NC Elections Ad-hoc committee and appoint Jeremiah Crane as Chair and Tina Chinakarn as Member
  - ii. **MOTION:** To approve the Palms NC Elections worksheet [*see supplementals for worksheet*]
  - iii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$3000 on NC elections lawn signs
  - iv. **MOTION:** To approve and ratify the updated Palms NC Bylaws document [[Click here](#) for the updated bylaws. [Click here](#) for the bylaws with tracked changes. *See supplementals for explanation of changes from DONE*]
- b. **Treasurer’s Report** (Bocarsly – [david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la](mailto:david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la))
  - i. **MOTION:** To approve the October Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) [*See supplemental materials for summary – full report available [here](#)*]
- c. **Vice-President’s Report** (Erving – [randell.erving@palmsnc.la](mailto:randell.erving@palmsnc.la))
- d. **Secretary’s Report** (Tocco – [helen.tocco@palmsnc.la](mailto:helen.tocco@palmsnc.la))
- e. **Community-Based Organization Rep** (Patterson – [brendan.patterson@palmsnc.la](mailto:brendan.patterson@palmsnc.la))
- f. **Residential Rep. A** (Hartman – [kay.hartman@palmsnc.la](mailto:kay.hartman@palmsnc.la))
- g. **Residential Rep. B** (White – [danya.white@palmsnc.la](mailto:danya.white@palmsnc.la))
- h. **Residential Rep. C** (Chase – [scott.chase@palmsnc.la](mailto:scott.chase@palmsnc.la))
- i. **Residential Rep. D** (Waldron – [jessalyn.waldron@palmsnc.la](mailto:jessalyn.waldron@palmsnc.la))
  - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$150 in social media “boosts” to promote a “build a snow-person” neighborhood project to encourage families to create a Winter Wonderland in Palms
- j. **Residential Rep. E** (Chiarello – [kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la](mailto:kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la))
- k. **Business Rep. 1** (Hochberg – [eliot.hochberg@palmsnc.la](mailto:eliot.hochberg@palmsnc.la))
- l. **Business Rep. 2** (Nadel – [josh.nadel@palmsnc.la](mailto:josh.nadel@palmsnc.la))
- m. **Youth Rep** (VACANT)

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- a. **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- b. **Business and Beautification**
- c. **Racial and Social Justice**
- d. **Communications & Outreach**
  - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$20 on social media boosts for local toy drives
  - ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to send the attached letter to DONE commenting on the proposed DONE Digital Media Policy document *[see supplementals for letter. Click [here](#) for full policy document]*
  - iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$60 for one year of a Palms NC Gravity Forms account
- e. **Green**
  - i. **MOTION:** To approve and submit the following CIS in support of [Council File 19-0604](#) *[see supplementals for full CIS]*
- f. **Homelessness & Public Safety**
- g. **Planning & Land Use**
  - i. **MOTION:** Motion to approve a letter to the Planning Department requesting a change to the Community Plan process. *[see supplementals for letter]*
- h. **Executive**
- i. **Venice Blvd Improvement**
  - i. **MOTION:** To approve a letter to Councilmember Koretz and the Bureau of Street Lighting requesting that Superbloom street lights pilot on Venice Blvd in Palms *[see supplementals for letter]*

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **DISCUSSION:** Initiatives to support our neighbors through this COVID-19 surge, the potential end of eviction moratoriums and other financial hardships
- b. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in opposition to the proposed outdoor dining ban – [CF 21-0002-S10](#) *[see supplementals for CIS]*
- c. **MOTION:** To collect City information and ask questions of Elected Officials & City Hall employees on Palms NC behalf *[Click [here](#) for Budget Tribunes Information Packet]*

IX. **NOTICE:** Next GA Meeting will be Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00PM

X. **Adjournment** (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

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# St Joseph Center's Prevention & Early Intervention Program (PEI) Info Sheet

## About Our Program:

We offer short-term (18 months or less) individual therapy and case management for individuals to help reduce risk factors or stressors, build protective factors and coping skills, and increase support. Our goal is to promote positive cognitive, social and emotional development and encourage a state of well-being.

## PEI Services & Benefits:

- One-on-one counseling with highly trained clinicians
- Individualized treatment plans
- Services are free!
- We are typically field-based (we come to you) but are currently offering telehealth visits due to COVID19
- Supportive case management (linkages to resources, skill building, and coping skills)
- Specialized therapeutic methods to target current stressors, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Seeking Safety, Interpersonal Therapy, and Crisis Oriented Recover Services
- Access to other St. Joseph Center resources such as the food pantry, Culinary Training Program, Codetalk & more

## PEI Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- No history of severe mental illness (psychosis, Bipolar Disorder, recent psychiatric hospitalizations)
- We accept MediCal Insurance, Medi-Medi, or those with no insurance (not Medicare only or private insurance)

## For more information or to make a referral to PEI:

Contact: Adrina Willson: [awilson@stjosephctr.org](mailto:awilson@stjosephctr.org)

310-396-6468 x307





# 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## ELECTION INFORMATION WORKSHEET



<b>4</b>	<b>NC ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		
Election Committee Chair: _____			
	Name	Phone	Email
Secondary Contact: _____			
	Name	Phone	Email

<b>5</b>	<p><b>TRANSLATIONS:</b> Specify additional language(s) needed for the following forms. These documents will automatically be translated in Spanish and Korean. The Neighborhood Council <b>must</b> contribute \$200 for each additional language.</p> <p>Candidate Filing Application: _____  <div style="text-align: right; margin-left: 300px;">Specify requested language(s)</div></p> <p>Vote-By-Mail Application: _____  <div style="text-align: right; margin-left: 300px;">Specify requested language(s)</div></p>
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**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROVAL**

By signing below, the President/Chair of the above-named Neighborhood Council declares under the penalty of perjury that the information in this Election Information Worksheet was approved as an official action of the Board per the Neighborhood Council's Bylaws at a Brown Act-noticed Neighborhood Council public meeting, held with a quorum of the Board present. If requested, the Neighborhood Council will provide the Neighborhood Council agenda, minutes, or resolution supporting the approval of this document.

Date of Board Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions

President/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Signature
_____	_____
Phone	Email
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For more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk – Election Division at  
 (213) 978-0444 or toll free at (888) 873-1000

[clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org](mailto:clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org)

Attached are Palms NC's bylaws amended to conform with the new [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#) & [Uniform Age Ordinance](#). The attached bylaws have been formally approved on November 25, 2020.

Due to the limited time available to prepare for the upcoming 2021 NC Elections, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) has amended Palms NC's bylaws to implement the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#) & [Uniform Age Ordinance](#). These changes are necessary for the City's effective administration of upcoming Neighborhood Council elections.

This accelerated timeline did not allow for the general practice of distributing a "stipulation worksheet" in which NCs are asked to discuss these mandatory amendments and approve and return the stipulation worksheet back to the Department for processing. Due to these constraints, the Department is requesting that your NC agendaize the review and approve the ratification of your newly amended bylaws at a future board meeting.

Attached is a copy of the Bylaws in Word format (.doc) and PDF (.pdf), along with a PDF noting the amendments to the bylaws. I look forward to presenting these amendments and answering questions at your next Board Meeting.

The following changes have been made to the Bylaws in accordance with the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#) (186761) & [Uniform Age Ordinance](#) (186760):

- Main Page - Added text to show amendments made by the Department and the date it was approved.
- Table of Contents - Updated for ease of document accessibility and scrolling.
- Footer - Amended date of when the Bylaws were approved.
- Throughout the Bylaws - Amended Bylaw for general grammar, format, spacing, and alignment corrections.
- Article IV - Amended Stakeholder text to conform to the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#).
- Article V, Section 1 - Amended Youth Representative text to conform to the [Uniform Age Ordinance](#) & changes "community stakeholder" to "Stakeholder" the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#).
- Article X, Section 3 - Amended Minimum Voting Age text to conform to the [Uniform Age Ordinance](#).
- Attachment B - Amended "Eligibility to Vote for the Seat" column by changing the minimum age to serve of 14 years to 16 years old and changed the Youth Representative portion to conform with the [Uniform Age Ordinance](#).

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Business & Beautification  
Committee

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Natasia Gascon, Member



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**Joint Board and Business & Beautification Virtual Committee Report**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting Online**

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**Committee Meeting Date:** November 18, 2020

**Committee Members:** Chair: Eliot Hochberg, Member: Natasia Gascon

**Committee Members Present:** Eliot Hochberg and Natasia Gascon

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** 7:07 **Adjournment:** 8:28

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### Committee Updates

Discussed possible availability of DCA funds through Paul Koretz's office. Gascon continued progress on Mural Manual.

### Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

A. None

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### Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (5 min) Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM
  - a. Call to Order (Hochberg)
  - b. Roll Call (Hochberg)
    - i. Hochberg and Gascon present
  - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
  - d. Agenda preview (Hochberg)

II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (10 min)

III. **REPORTS** (10 Minutes each)

a. Gascon

- i. Continues work on the Palms Mural Manual.
- ii. Attended virtual panel discussions with Arts4LA, The Department of Cultural Affairs, the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, and Otis College of Art and Design.

b. Hochberg

- i. Spent 90 minutes with Josh Nandel and visited 8 restaurants on Motor/Venice to make them known of the Palms Food Map, and making introductions. One restaurant owner has complained about feces in alleys and bus stops, and that employees may be stepping in them and bringing it into their restaurant. Hochberg commented that in light of increased COVID issues, will not repeat unless there is urgency or until COVID emergency is over.

IV. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION: UTILITY BOX PROGRAM** (30 min)

a. Congratulations to Katie McGuire, Leslie Kim, and Gooley!

- i. Their designs have been approved by the General Assembly, and Hochberg has contacted the artists and LADOT for the next steps.

b. CD5 has offered financial support for additional Utility Boxes!

- i. Hochberg: DCA funds for artistic purposes for group events that have been reallocated for other purposes. Waiting for confirmation from CD5.
- ii. Discussed possible plans for public sculptures. Gascon recalled her time in Manhattan Beach and their sculpture garden program for inspiration for possible proposals.
- iii. Discussed the possibility of expanding the Utility Box program using DCA funds: possibly more boxes for more artists.
- iv. Hochberg contacted LA Commons to repair their boxes under the current terms. They are not willing to do that currently, require payment for utility box art repair.

c. Review of submissions and discussion of additional approved locations

- i. Tabled until confirmation of funding of additional boxes. Hochberg is hesitant to continue another Call for Art until then.

V. **DISCUSSION: MURALS** (20 min)

a. Mural Manual status

- i. Gascon's Mural Manual is nearing completion. The next step is to provide a step-by-step breakdown of the DCA application to make it easier for stakeholders to understand.

b. CD5 may be able to financially support additional murals in Palms

- i. Hochberg and Gascon discussed funding options for future murals. Hochberg reiterated that the CD5 funding through the DCA could be reallocated for murals.
- ii. Gascon reiterated that her Mural Manual was specifically for private property owners who have their own funding allocated for their projects, and that requesting money from a government agency for a mural project would most likely need to be through a non-profit organization.

c. Possible locations for murals

- i. Hochberg shared a list of properties on Overland Ave that previous Palms NC members had identified as interested in mural art.
- ii. Gascon shared that non-profits such as Beautify Earth and LA Commons have a roster of buildings that they have confirmed as needing murals.
- iii. Gascon and Hochberg discussed whether it would be easier for the Palms NC to work with these non-profits in getting mural art for the community instead of facilitating the process themselves.

- VI. **DISCUSSION: STATUES IN PALMS** (10 min)
  - i. Gascon shared that attended the most recent Planning and Land Use meeting where a representative from a mix-use development was present. Gascon reminded the developer that they are already required to pay the “Percentage for Art” fee as part of their contract with the city. Gascon urged the developer to allocate those funds for a public art project (specifically a sculpture) rather than just paying into the fund. She also suggested that the developer look into local artists (Los Angeles based) rather than sourcing from other countries.
  - ii. Hochberg suggested that a one-sheet for developers with instructions on how to spend their “Percentage for Art” fee could be created and handed out in the future.
  - iii. Gascon mentioned that she was doing research for the Venice Ad Hoc committee regarding sculptures, and has found artists that can fabricate public outdoor sculptures for as little as \$12k. Hochberg reiterated that he hopes that some of the CD5 funds can be allocated to statues but cautions that the install and insurance may be an additional expense.
- VII. **DISCUSSION: UPDATES TO PALMS FOOD MAP SURVEY PROJECT** (10 min)
  - i. Hochberg is still working on it. May stagnant as another possible lock-down may shutter restaurants again.
- VIII. **PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT** (10 min)
  - i. Gascon and Hochberg briefly discussed the RFP Document that Hochberg had been working on with the DCA.
- IX. **MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT** (2 min)
  - i. No update
- X. **WOODBINE PARK KIOSK REPAIR AND UPGRADE PROJECT** (5 min)
  - i. No update
- XI. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS** (2 min)
  - i. No update
- XII. **BUSINESS FLYER** (2 min)
  - i. Previously approved versions of the flyer were printed out and distributed. Hochberg gave them to Josh – did not use them as part of their current canvassing of businesses that was previously mentioned, but is in plan for the future.
- XIII. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**(5 minutes, time permitting)
  - i. Kalani Whittington arrived late and informed the committee that Mar Vista had a rather large 60+ meeting regarding the ongoing homeless crisis.
- XIV. **Adjournment**
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: 12-16-20 Time: 7pm Location: Zoom**

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**Committee Meeting Date:** November 21, 2020

**Committee Members:** Co-Chairs: Randell Erving, Eryn Piper Block, Members: Danya White, Josh Nobel, Tina Chinakarn, Josh Nadel

**Committee Members Present:** Co-Chairs: Randell Erving, Eryn Piper Block, Members: Danya White, Tina Chinakarn, Josh Nadel, Josh Noble

**Committee Members Absent:** None Absent

**Call to Order:** 11:09 AM **Adjournment:** 12:44 PM

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**Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates**

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.A.** Committee Business/Discussion:  
review norms & framing for committee discussions

- Respectful - where everyone can bring their thoughts and best self
- These are special joint board and R&SJ committee meetings because because 4 of 7 (quorum) Board members are on this committee (per Brown Act)
- When corresponding with committee, need to bcc because majority of Board cannot discuss matters outside public meetings per Brown Act
- There is no committee group email
- Committee members can work on ideas with one other person

## Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.B. Committee Business/Discussion: brainstorming virtual event ideas, committee member projects, and committee member roles

- Days of Dialogue: police and community to discuss concerns; future of policing. Josh Nadel discussed this with Avis Ridley-Thomas.
  - **ACTION:** Josh Nadel will talk to Avis Ridley-Thomas about a future event (Eryn Piper Block: to be a true open dialogue and not a marketing tactic by police)
- Harbor City NC President has crime and racial justice committee and expressed interest to do a joint meeting with us (Josh Nadel)
- Organize session for the next Congress of Neighborhoods (Tina Chinakarn)
- Propose regional meetings/alliance/coalition with other NC R&SJ/DEI committees (Palms NC, Harbor City NC, Mid-City West NC, etc.)
  - Develop same overarching goals/objectives amongst NC committees; BLM - best practices to scale.
  - Do we want to develop a Racial & Social Justice Alliance - but what would be the purpose (informal or formal) - develop town halls or events?
  - Other conservative NCs may be opposed to this; connect with progressive alliances
  - Alliances are not officially noticed by the city - it is an informal affiliation (per Raquel Beltran, DONE)
- Determine other NC that have R&SJ/DEI committees
  - Council district offices may know which NCs have these type of committees
  - Kevin from the Mayor's Office may be able to connect us
  - Freddy from DONE may be knowledgeable. He is our DONE rep now and point on homelessness (replaced Jasmine)
  - View [20-1376](#) to see which NCs filed CIS - prime targets to reach out to re: racial & social justice
  - **ACTION:** Eryn will introduce Joshua Noble to Progressive Alliance of NC to inquire if there are other similar NC R&SJ committees
  - **ACTION:** Joshua Noble will reach out to NC LGBT Alliance (progressive/focus on equity)
- Organize an event on the importance of masks during pandemic (Joshua Noble)
  - Framing: DEI/justice
  - There are a lot of informational videos; recent LAT article on benefits of mask wearing
  - Round table on mask FAQs - how to clean and make them.
  - For those that don't have access to health care - more subject to misinformation
  - Can collaborate with others (low controversy topic) - pure public service/timely; Randell okay with being controversial
  - Find speakers to discuss pandemic/disparate impact on POC. Partner with Palms NC Outreach Committee and focus on public health and racial component.
  - **ACTION:** Joshua Noble and Randell Erving will work on organizing this event (earliest February)
- Future focus of committee programming
  - Move towards impacting policy and systems change (Randell Erving)
  - Desire to impact policy systems change on the NC system, City of Los Angeles
  - Advocacy window when new city council members come in (January 2021?)

- Priority issues: homelessness, policing.
- Highlight racial & social justice aspect in our other events - outreach, green, business, etc.
- TOPIC: Police Reform
  - Discuss policy defending police reform
  - Have conversations in white communities to better explain defunding policy (does not equal no order)
  - To envision what a different future can look like.
  - Randell and Allison met with the Mayor's office (Kevin) to request info on LAPD budget and track defunding/budget cuts. It has not been a public process. Currently not a priority of City Hall now due to COVID, etc. Kevin will let us know when a draft is available for public review - we request to be kept updated.
  - Defund the police has become Abolish ICE (protest but we're policy). Smaller chunks of defunding process - can do a town hall (micro-view) (Joshua Noble). This is different from LAPD choppers controversy (air division)
  - Can AVIS or whomever get us breakdown of 911 calls (Hack LA). Many 911 calls are about mental illness. Want defunded police money to go to this. Many 911 calls are made by police officers. Who is already doing work around these issues - we can request a presentation
    - **ACTION:** Joshua Noble will reach out to others re: air support surveillance, 911 calls
  - Public comment (Kalani Whitington): Lost a lot of seats in the House due to "Defund the Police" - not good branding - suggest rebranding as "Repurposing Police." Need to educate public that police force is based on slave catching...over 50% of the city budget goes toward police force. We weren't able to canvass in 2020 due to COVID.
- Scheduling events
  - With transition to new administration and the holidays during Nov-Jan as well as increased focus on the pandemic disparately affecting people of color - earliest event can be planned for is in February
  - February is the month of healing and love
- Leveraging Palms NC social media to raise awareness
  - Randell, Josh and Kristen do the postings.
  - We create our own content or reshare content from others, e.g., reposted Transremembrance Day from LA Controller's office regarding Transremembrance Day; repost Joe Biden tweet on Native American history month.
- All can reach out to Eryn and Randell with other ideas

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.C. Committee Business/Discussion:** LA City Council will hear [20-1376](#) on November 24th. Preparation for public comment based on the CIS we submitted.

- City Council decided not to vote on this on 11/24 because there's been so much advocacy (8 NC's filed CIS). Will continue to discuss homelessness.
- Can make public comment longer (5-min) than normal when we file a CIS. We can see which NCs filed - prime targets to reach out to re: racial & social justice
- To coordinate with other NCs to make comment at city council meetings, file CISs

- Commends NC on taking a more activist role - PNC has not done this in the past; too afraid (Kalani)

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.D. Committee Business/Presentation:**  
Josh Nadel will present on LAPD and Big Data *[see supplementals]*

- Summary of report: Why does LAPD need Big Data - history of law enforcement to capture slaves. LAPD consent decree (1990s) - Rampart scandal (police like a gang). 911: silo-ization of law enforcement allowed terrorism to happen. So Big Data came into business. Takes info on car, license plate, field interviews, parole officers > all goes into database; cross referenced to find people. PradPol system: bad territory. UCLA professor: criminals are foragers. Designed predictive policing model. Immune to profiling on race, etc. - completely objective due to forager model they use. Consent decree - need objective system. Took several years to collect data. ALPR - automated license plate readers. Can do frequency checks and track where you drive "you're not from around here" Getting over a billion scans a year of cars in LA. Operation LASER 2009-2019: labelled anchor points where people were congregating; put more officers there. Half of 911 calls come from cops. So these objective things would put more police here and with cops calling more - more crime in those areas (feedback loop). Cause more issues for being people stopped by police. Chronic Offender Bulletins 2011-2019: Need to make daily top 12 list of people they thought would cause crime. Assigned points if in gangs, parole, used a gun, arrested. Got a point for quality police contact. Budget group will be doing field work, research, examine maps, interview police, etc. Administer surveys - what do people know. Stop LAPD Spying survey results. We are in a city of surveillance. Should get warrants for ALPRs
- We need to change how police are being rewarded (incentives). Do alot of OT hours because they do not get compensated enough for the risk they take.
- What is the purpose of this report? Josh's budget group, the Budget Tribunes, is responding to what NCs are asking for. Inquiries on how Big Data is informing policing. Clear View AI - 25 cops started using illegally
- Kalani suggests developing bullets for report; how much money is being generated from this. PowerPoint and Executive Summary will be developed as well as. Police revenue - parking ticket affects hourly workers more. Being surveilled for no reason is just wrong. Include ROI. Each police person solves only 13 crimes a year.
- Eryn: Weapons of Mass Destruction book - ways algorithms unintentionally reinforces systemic racism. Combat by having a fully transparent system. Surveillance shouldn't be happening. Can algorithms be made public. Vicious cycle: Police going into an area makes it seem more crime ridden, etc. We don't have baseline data where police should go; We only have info on where police are going. CIS's can be developed
- Joshua Noble: Can this paper be bulleted to draft CIS, invite other NCs to our committee meeting to educate and submit CIS, etc.
- **INVITATION:** Budget Tribunes welcoming others to help with this report (Josh Nadel)

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.E.1. Committee Business/Announcements and Resources/[PalmsNC Racial and Social Justice Education and Resource List](#)**

- Email Randell any resources for him to add

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: January 28, 2021 Time: 6:00 - 8:00PM**

**Location: Zoom Meeting.**

December 24, 2020 Meeting cancelled due to holiday.

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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Joint Board and Outreach Committee Report  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

*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.*

**Committee Meeting Date:** November 17, 2020

**Committee Members:** Chair: Randell Erving, Vice-Chair: Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Brendan Patterson, Danya White, Kristen Chiarello

**Committee Members Present:** Vice Chair: Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Danya White, Kristen Chiarello, Brendan Patterson

**Committee Members Absent:** Chair: Randell Erving

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:18 p.m.

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**Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption**

**Motion:**

To authorize the Outreach Committee to spend up to \$20 for boosting Social Media posts to promote local area nonprofit Toy Drives – (Kristen, Eliot) – Vote 5-0

**Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates**

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – General Public Comment:**

Kay is disappointed that the agenda did not have something digital communication policy. She wants it for December meeting. She wants a special meeting

Kay says PLUM committee needs help broadcasting info out to the public. It needs to happen soon.

Kalani had difficulty finding the agenda

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) – Committee Business – Committee member project updates**

- Danya is working on the newsletter. A welcome email for new subscribers went out yesterday. Looks promising. She will send out an early set of requests this month because of thanksgiving
- Kristen is working on social media posts
- Eliot is working with CD5 for new utility box money from an art fund. He may have more details at Business & Beautification Committee. He went going door to door with Josh (masked) speaking to businesses.
- Brendan just got a drone for making videos
- Josh spoke to Raquel Beltran about annual report & digital policy. She wants us to do a seminar

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Committee Business – Mask Up Lawn Signs**

- Helen has the 50 lawn signs in her living room
- Eliot thinks we should get area reps involved
- Kristen thinks we should use volunteer network
- Kalani says its hard to get them in hard ground. Volunteering is an issue with Covid atm
- Kay thinks we should map the locations and include duration
- Eliot can help make a map
- Josh thinks area reps should have a list of places
- Kay thinks we should be cautious telling volunteers where to go
- Danya said [outreach@palmsnc.la](mailto:outreach@palmsnc.la) should be emailed for faulty signs

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Committee Business – Assigning Uplift Family Services with coordination and promotion of Palms area Toy Drive:**

1. Funding motion for General Assembly: To authorize the Outreach Committee to spend up to \$20 for boosting Social Media posts to promote local area nonprofit Toy Drives
  - Kalani supports this. Especially with such a tough year
  - Helen has helped them for several years

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Committee Business – Cancellation of December committee meeting as a break:**

- Kalani thinks we need a break
- Kay thinks we need to discuss the digital draft policy on a special meeting
- Eliot thinks we should meet because we have limited meetings left this term. Also thinks election matters needs to be dealt with.
- Brendan thinks we need a special meeting but also thinks we could use a break
- Danya thinks we should make a roll call in December to see
- Kristen thinks the same
- Josh thinks we need a special meeting
- The meeting is not cancelled for December

**Committee Updates:** see above

**New Business – Agenda for next meeting:**

Discuss the DONE’s new Digital Policy to send a statement to the Board for a vote

Contact Area Reps for signs

**Adjournment:** 8:18 pm

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date:** December 15, 2020 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

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Dear Commissioners,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting dated December 2, 2020, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement:

We at Palms NC understand the challenges present in managing 99 neighborhood councils and their social media policies. It is not always obvious what rules, ordinances, and policies may be in place, so it is very appropriate to create a document like this to consolidate it.

There are a handful of issues that we found in this proposed Digital Policy:

- 1) There is a focus across the document on the “personal lives” and “personal social media”. Those areas are outside the jurisdiction of the City and BONC. These policies would be a clear violation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of free speech and free association. This is a profoundly serious concern on our part. It may limit or stop residents from participating as NC Board members.
- 2) There are lots of mandates to provide new kinds of compliance work by Neighborhood Councils (NCs) in terms of posting and security. These mandates are not accompanied by specific language or appropriate trainings. Both of those should be clearly written out in a subsequent version of this document before getting anything can be implemented.
- 3) There is a lack of specificity all across the document.
- 4) Many of the disciplinary issues involved are already handled in other well known documents like the Code of Conduct or from other concepts like “Serial Communications/Meetings”

Why was there was no survey of NC Board members or stakeholders taken before drafting began? These issues could have been sorted out before the work was done. It is evident that a lot of work was put into this document. Much time could have been saved from asking stakeholders questions that could have guided the document to be more accommodating to their needs.

We have attached a supplemental document that details every line item that required a comment.

# Neighborhood Council Proposed Digital Media Policy

The following sections of the proposed Digital Media Policy that we take issue with include:

Section 3.3 “Because many neighborhood council board members use social media and have created websites or newsletters in their personal lives and individual capacities, this policy also provides basic guidelines for neighborhood council board members who utilize websites, social media, newsletters, and the like as private individuals and in their individual capacities.”

**Personal lives” is an overreach in scope and should be removed.**

Section 5.3 “An Account Administrator is responsible for managing and maintaining Neighborhood Council Digital Communications and must: (1) ensure that a Neighborhood Council’s Digital Communications are regularly maintained; (2) ensure that the neighborhood council board is informed about Neighborhood Council Digital Communications activities; (3) review content posted to the Neighborhood Council’s Digital Communications to ensure the content is timely, professional, and relevant to neighborhood council’s activities and resources, and is consistent with the neighborhood council’s bylaws and standing rules, City policies, including policies set forth by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and City Clerk’s Office, and applicable law; and (4) ensure that the neighborhood council is in compliance with the rules, guidelines, and policies of the third-party websites, social media sites, newsletters, platforms, and accounts being used.”

**There should be a training about this if there are designated responsibilities**

Section 6.3 “The establishment of a Neighborhood Council Digital Communications account must be approved by official action of the neighborhood council. A neighborhood council shall not establish or authorize Digital Communications accounts for its committees or any other groups. All Digital Communications shall originate from the neighborhood council, acting through its board, and not any committee or any other group.”

**How would this get implemented time wise? Would NCs need to stop using social media by a certain date if they have not approved this action? What is the transition policy?**

Section 6.4 “A neighborhood council shall have as few Neighborhood Council Digital Communications accounts as possible to ensure accuracy of content and regular moderation. A neighborhood council may have multiple accounts if it can be demonstrated that more than one account will effectively serve the neighborhood council’s goals.”

**This is unnecessary. NCs should be able to make as many accounts as they need. The policy above governs every account, and this seems to limit engagement**

Section 7.1 “In a declared disaster or emergency situation, a neighborhood council’s use of its Neighborhood Council Digital Communications must defer to the Mayor’s Office, Emergency Management Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and/or other relevant public safety and emergency management departments to ensure that emergency communications are timely and accurate for the optimal safety of Los Angeles residents.”

**What is the timed duration of this policy? It could easily cause greater panic if those agencies are not communicating because of the emergency. This should be re-written or stricken**

Section 8.1 “Publication of Official Information. Neighborhood Council Digital Communications are for official use only. All information disseminated must be directly related to the official duties and responsibilities of a neighborhood council under the City Charter and Administrative Code.

Proper use for a neighborhood council’s website, social media, or newsletters/reports is the promotion

of neighborhood council membership and attendance at meetings and promotion of approved and authorized neighborhood council events. The development and use of Neighborhood Council Digital Communications for personal gain and use is strictly prohibited.”

“Directly related” is overly specific and limits the ability to communicate a wide set of information. Limiting it to only NC communications is not acceptable. All communications should be approved by the board unless the posting people have that authority from the Board.

Section 8.2 “Publication of Accurate Information. Neighborhood Council Digital Communications must contain content that is current and correct. To ensure this, a timely and effective content review process must be conducted by neighborhood councils.”

This is adding an unnecessary level of extra work. NCs already have enough compliance materials. Adding this does not make social media any better

Section 8.3 “Prohibition of Discussion, Deliberation, or Taking Action on Neighborhood Council Matters. Although Neighborhood Council Digital Communications may contain relevant information concerning the neighborhood council’s meetings, events, and activities, neighborhood council board members may not discuss, deliberate, or take action on any neighborhood council matters via Neighborhood Council Digital Communications. Neighborhood Council Digital Communications must promote civic engagement and open and transparent discourse, by directing that the public attend neighborhood council meetings. Therefore, whenever possible, the Neighborhood Council Social Media and Newsletters must link back to the Neighborhood Council Website and its section relating to agendas to encourage the public to attend and provide comment at neighborhood council meetings.”

The rules about serial communications and meetings are already quite clear. This redundant to those rules.

Section 8.4 “Prohibition of Confidential Information. Private, confidential, or sensitive information may not be published on Neighborhood Council Digital Communications.”

What constitutes “private, confidential, or sensitive information”? Different people may have very different interpretations of this. Specifics need to be clearly defined for this to be effective.

Section 8.8 “No Neighborhood Council Digital Communications may include endorsement of private entities, including non-profit organizations, but may provide links as necessary to the operation of a neighborhood council-approved event, and in that circumstance, must also include the following disclaimer:

“Acknowledgement of any entity or person(s) on this page does not constitute the neighborhood council’s support or endorsement of it or its products or services.”

“endorsements” is vague. The disclaimer is wise

Section 9.1 “No neighborhood council board or committee member is authorized to establish or administer a personal website, Social Media, or newsletter utilizing their title or position on a neighborhood council to publish information concerning the neighborhood council’s meetings, events, and activities. If individual board members wish to encourage civic engagement through the neighborhood council, they may post a link to the Neighborhood Council Website, and shall, to the greatest extent that a given platform allows, block the ability of any posts and/or comments to avoid any discussion regarding neighborhood council matters.”

This may limit engagement because some people may attend meetings only as a result of seeing such postings. Additionally, this is a clear 1<sup>st</sup> amendment violation. The government is attempting to limit both the right to free speech and the right to free association. All of section 9 suffers from this issue.

Section 9.2 “No neighborhood council board or committee member is permitted to display or permit display of any neighborhood council or City seal, logo, trademark, apparel, vehicle, badge, patch, or other official neighborhood council or City image on any private, non-Neighborhood Council Website, Social Media, or Newsletter, including but not limited to, any website, social media, or newsletter they personally establish or administer.”

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Section 9.3 “No neighborhood council board or committee member is authorized to utilize or publish confidential, personal, private, or sensitive information obtained in their capacity as a member of a neighborhood council board or committee on any private, non-Neighborhood Council Website, Social Media, or Newsletter, including but not limited to, any website, social media, or newsletter they personally establish or administer.”

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Section 9.4 “Some uses of websites, Social Media, and newsletters may reflect on a neighborhood council or the City or appear to reflect a position or policy on behalf of a neighborhood council or the City. Further, some uses may risk interference with the public’s rights under the Brown Act, risk converting a platform into a limited public forum protected by the First Amendment, or risk an appearance of a conflict of interest or bias. For those reasons, when using a private non- Neighborhood Council Website, Social Media, or Newsletter, including but not limited to, any websites, social media, and newsletters, administered by neighborhood council board members and committee members:”

Brown act violations are handled by other existing policies, ordinances and rules.

Section 9.4.1 “Neighborhood council board members and committee members shall not list or utilize their official neighborhood council title or email address, or create any other impression that there is an official relationship between their neighborhood council role and the website, Social Media, or newsletter. Identification of their neighborhood council position as part of a resume or biography is permissible. A neighborhood council board or committee member shall not publish inaccurate information regarding his or her title, position, or role on a neighborhood council.”

This rule exists elsewhere already

Section 9.4.2 “Neighborhood council board members or committee members are not authorized to attribute personal statements or opinions to the neighborhood council or the City. If a reasonable inference can be drawn that a personal statement or opinion is the neighborhood council’s or the City’s, the neighborhood council board member or committee member shall affirmatively use a disclaimer that establishes that the statement or opinion is personal and does not represent a statement of the opinion of the neighborhood council or the City.”

Unless a person has a document signifying authority to speak on a group’s behalf, it is never reasonable to expect a person to legitimately speak on that group’s behalf, with the possible exception of a chair/president (and only when the bylaws and standing rules allow for that)

Section 9.4.3 “Neighborhood council board members and committee members shall refrain from discussing or commenting upon any matter that is pending before or may come before the neighborhood council. Commenting may include “friending” or “liking.”

There are already rules about refraining from discussion in advance of an agenda item already. “Friending” and “liking” would qualify under protected free speech and right to free association. This would be a violation of the first amendment

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Section 9.4.5 “Neighborhood council board members and committee members shall refrain from discussing or commenting upon the opinions or positions of other neighborhood council board members and committee members upon a matter that is pending or may come before the neighborhood council. Commenting may include “friending” or “liking.”

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## Digital Media Policy Suggestions from Eliot Hochberg:

I make the following suggestions in order to better handle the various issues that DONE and BONC are trying to address:

First, the use of a password wallet system like Bitwarden or the several that Kathryn mentioned would be a much better solution to ensure protecting NCs in the event of one account breach. Such systems can create hard to break passwords that will be different for each site.

Next, I would encourage DONE and BONC to research tools like HootSuite. Such tools include team features that allow for multiple users to review posts to help prevent posts with errors or other issues. They also allow management of user access to various accounts without requiring the sharing of a special login for each account. In this way, the main HootSuite account (and all connected accounts) could follow your guidelines, but still allow individual users to have their own logins to create posts. Then, the manager of the account decides whether or not items are posted, and if there is a breach of a user's account, there is no danger that breach will infect the rest of the system. This is a crucial step in order to allow NCs an easy way to distribute the volunteer workload while keeping the actual accounts secure.

Finally, I support the idea of linking to a policy/privacy page instead of requiring a complete set of legal statements. Such a link could be included in the pinned post or account description, and could use a shortened link to do so. If BONC or DONE wishes to facilitate this, they could create a short link of their own that all NCs could use, thereby allowing DONE to maintain the terms and keep them uniform.

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## PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Green Committee Report – Joint Board and Green Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting Online**

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**Committee Meeting Date:** November 19, 2020

**Committee Members:** Co-Chairs: Jessalyn Waldron, Helen Tocco, Members: Kristen Chiarello

**Committee Members Present:** Co-Chairs: Jessalyn Waldron, Helen Tocco, Members: Kristen Chiarello

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** 7:05 PM **Adjournment:** 8:41 PM

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### **Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption**

- **MOTION:** To approve and submit the following CIS in support of [Council File 19-0604](#): *The Palms Neighborhood Council, representing approximately 45,000 resident stakeholders, supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to ban vehicle idling. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles due to the increasing concern over the climate emergency. At least 7 states and many cities have already implemented a vehicular idling ban. New York City has had one of the strongest all-vehicle parking idling laws for decades. We are in support of adopting the best practices from these places. Research has consistently found that it is less polluting and more fuel efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than let it idle for more than 10 seconds. The Palms NC calls on LA City Council to support the vehicular idling ban.*
  - **Committee Reasoning:** This is the first step towards a ban to reduce vehicular idling, and therefore emissions, in Los Angeles. The Council File suggests that research be done on best practices and that a marketing campaign be launched to educate the public.
  - **Committee Vote Count:** Three yes votes.

## **Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates**

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Updates a. NC Green Biz:** Students at CSUN are workshopping this program with the sanitation department at the city to see what the NC ambassador program might look like. The last class with them is next week and then they will try to launch the program at the NC scale.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business b. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA):** Helen and Kristen attended a meeting last Saturday. It was productive and yielded information about what other NCs are doing and to connect with useful resources at other NCs. The meetings will be held once a month ideally for two hours. The meeting also yielded the CIS resource for what NCSA is supporting so that we could use that to draft future CISs. The CIS we wrote in July related to oil drilling was never submitted – Jessalyn emailed Kay, Eryn, and Brendan about it and we should follow up to make sure it gets submitted.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business c. Tree Planting Initiatives:** Helen planning to reach out to LA Sanitation and Emily Spokes at HHPNC. Peter has also tried reaching out to Rachel. There are 2 tree adoptions on the West Side this weekend on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business d. Dog Waste Bag Dispensers:** We are kind of stuck – need to look at additional options. Jessalyn will look into alternative mounting options. Helen will see if Lee can connect us with a sign mounting expert. Kay was looking at the video and she noticed that it made a difference which end is pointing towards the pole and which is pointing away.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business e. Water Trust Education:**

- We got 83 responses to the survey which is a lot more than we expected.
- Peter went through the results and there are some overall takeaways.
- 23% felt tap water was unsafe. 28% felt it was unsatisfying. 75% or so felt it was some level of satisfying. This falls into line with surveys for SoCal in general. We got a lot of interesting responses to “why do you feel that way?” Someone said they feed it to hummingbirds and they seem fine.
- A lot of why people don’t trust it has to do with taste, smell, color. There is opportunity to educate people on what the issues might be or what the solutions are. Many solutions might be water filters. A large number of people are already filtering the tap water. About 27% of people would choose bottled water first. About 33% of people responded they are buying bottled water at least once a month. 70% spend \$10 or less a month. An education campaign about sustainability might motivate people to stop using the bottled water.
- Maybe we can recommend what type of filter system would work to resolve typical issues with water.
- Peter suggests most filters have an NSF rating that will define how good they are at filtering.
- When people were asked if they had an issue – they either called a plumber or their landlord but a third of people didn’t do anything.
- Jessalyn suggests we strategize a timeline for promoting additional information through social media.

- Jessalyn suggests we do it in phases. Peter will review the materials he has already made and we will work together to come up with a schedule to post roughly one a week.
- Potential to do video content as well.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects a. Citizen Science**

**Programs:** Trying to come up with ideas that use the Girl Scouts. Brainstorm surrounding air quality – maybe we can do something similar to water quality. Is there something we can do for tree inventory? The city is inventorying trees in Palms in June 2021. Helen asked if they need volunteer assistance and was told no.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects b. Post Office Planter**

**Box Beautification:** Helen reached out to Hayley and she indicated that she would be interested in the project. Helen reached out to David for clarification on rules surrounding outside contractors. Helen to reach out to postmaster, maybe the facilities folks would be willing to plant themselves.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects c. Project Coordination**

**with Girl Scouts:** Mimi contacted Jessalyn on facebook and asked what we are doing. They have a meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We want whatever project we have to be intentional and useful. Helen to respond to Mimi’s email with info about toy drive. They could also help put up the mask signs.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects d. Holiday Kids’**

**Recycled Art Project:** Helen’s original idea was to have bins at the Farmer’s Market but this would be a conflict with the toy drive potentially. She probably doesn’t have the capacity to run both. Jessalyn is going to propose a snowman project as Area D Rep.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects e. MOTION:** To approve and submit the following CIS in support of [Council File 19-0604](#): See above.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. RECAP OF NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE**

- Helen to reach out to Emily from HHP and Sanitation.
- Helen to put tree events on calendar
- Jessalyn to look on dog waste stations
- Helen to ask lee about sign guy
- Jessalyn print stickers
- Peter to send graphic templates for water trust
- Keep thinking about citizen science projects.
- Helen to email Girl Scouts about signs and toy drive.
- Kristen to post about the mask signs.
- Helen to contact the postmaster.
- Helen to do Green Committee report.
- Kristen suggests moving the meeting to 6 PM for next month.

**Committee Updates:** Call for Green Committee Members: If anyone has interest in officially being on the committee, send an email to the committee with a few sentences of why you would be interested in joining.

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date:** Next meeting will be 12/17/20 **Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting

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Committee**

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Jordan Penland, Co-Chair  
Pamela Leo, Homelessness Liaison  
Eryn Block, Member  
William Keith, Member  
Scott Chase, Member

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**Committee Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5th, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Committee Members: Co-Chair Jessalyn Waldron, Co-Chair Jordan Penland, Homelessness Liaison, Pamela Leo, Member Eryn Block, Member William Keith, Member Scott Chase**

**Committee Members Present:** Jessalyn, Pamela, Eryn, William

**Committee Members Absent:** Jordan Penland & Scott Chase

**Call to Order:** 7:03pm **Adjournment:** 8:06pm

Committee Updates: Jessalyn and Jordan are no longer co-chairs of the committee and the current Homelessness Liason will be the new chair! Jessalyn will stay on the committee as a member for now. Projects in progress or that we talked about are a community fridge, RYLAN, donating winter goods to the local homeless, and a school supply drive. The committee is looking for new members to join!

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**Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption: None**

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## **Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates**

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 2-1:** Introductions included all committee members and local neighbors Hannah and Matt.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 3-1:** William has been paying attention to local policy restricting encampments in the City, Eryn commented that the General Assembly just passed a motion to oppose this and we will be keeping an eye on this.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 4-1:** Andrew Lewis from the North Westwood Neighborhood Council had a conflict and had to cancel his presentation on hostile architecture.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-1:** William and Palms NC usually help out with a year long supply drive for homeless, that is distributed in a "downtown hike" the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every December. This event has become large, but is canceled this year. He needs help figuring out how to partner with folks who can help distribute these goods safely, considering the current virus. Both Pamela and Hannah have connections at Ground Game and Street Watch and will be in touch with him about how to help distribute these goods (they are typically warm blankets, socks, hats, sanitary goods, and even pet food).

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-2:** The school supply drive is still happening relatively slowly as Jordan was leading it and had previous communication with the schools. Jessalyn is picking up where he left off, and William will also email school administrators he knows to introduce them to Jessalyn.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-3:** The public pole taken to rename the committee chose HAPS as the winner, which stands for Homelessness Advocacy and Public Service. Since Pamela will be the new chair and decide the direction of the committee, she can choose to adopt that name if it fits her vision.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-4:** Hannah has been working with the LA Community Fridge Project and Westside friends on getting community refrigerators installed locally. She wants to get one (or more) in Palms and needs help with finding hosts that have the space. If a business wants to host and has trouble with affording the extra electricity, there is funding available to help with that. William may know a host, but Hannah will send the members more information to answer detailed questions about safety and whatnot. William suggested possibly using a school as a location. This may be a future project to present to the board to sponsor and or help fund.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-5:** Marisol had started a Facebook conversation about having a RYLAN presentation. She tried to get that going but correspondence with the City fell off. William is going to help organize this for either the next January or February meeting with the connections he has. Jessalyn needs to email Marisol about this, and hope that maybe she can lead outreach and planning.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-6:** Call for new committee members!

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 5-7:** Announced that Pamela will officially chair this committee. Her goals are to get a strong feel for what resources exist and are available in Palms,

and use them to connect volunteers and folks in need. Additionally, in doing that, she wants to find the gaps of where resources are low and need help. She also likes the education aspect of having presentations in meetings and plans to keep doing that. She will be changing the monthly date and time of the committee meetings and will be in touch with the committee about that.

She had also recently met with Lee Wallach about his community efforts, and plans to follow up with him and connect the fridge project with Hannah too. William would also like to partner with more groups in the future, and figure out how to get more local "boots on the ground" of folks who are not vulnerable to Covid to mobilize them to help.

Buy Nothing Group on Facebook was brought up, as folks are always collecting and organizing for local homeless folks in Palms. And William brought up developing a sense of community within Palms, Jessalyn said this Facebook group helps to create a sense of community here.

Pamela has been in touch with the charge up table folks, and wants to help expand that with offering more volunteers to have more times offered. William will send her contacts on homelessness.

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December XX, 2020

To: Vincent P. Bertoni, Director of City Planning; Shana M. M. Bonstin, Community Planning;  
Paul Koretz, Council District 5 Representative

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports transparency in City Planning. The Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan is going through its approval process too quickly and we urge the Department of City Planning to include more opportunity for public comment. We will be living with this Community Plan for a long time and we want to make sure it is as good as it can be before it is approved.

The Palms Neighborhood Council requests a delay in the process to allow the following activities to take place.

- The Department of City Planning published its Draft Concepts for public comment. We appreciate the opportunity to comment during the draft phase. The next planned public comment period is during the EIR review. There is a missing step. The public must have the opportunity to weigh in after the creation of the draft plan and before the start of the EIR process. If comment on a draft plan is not feasible, we would accept a comment period on updated Draft Concepts. Either way, it is improper to issue a Notice of Preparation or a Draft Environmental Impact Report for a draft plan that the stakeholders have not seen and reviewed.
- The Palms Neighborhood Council also requests the Department of City Planning to conduct an assessment of how the Covid-19 pandemic and possible future pandemics will impact current and future mobility, housing, design, environment, and health and safety needs.
- We would like to see current and future data projections that are relevant to updating our Community Plan so we can have greater insight into the factors driving the proposed plan.
- Finally, the process needs to include additional outreach to all stakeholders. Everybody impacted by the Community Plan needs to be made aware of the process and ability to participate in it. No stakeholders should be left uninformed.

We appreciate the excellent work being done by the people working on the Community Plan. Our goal now is to increase stakeholder participation and make sure we review the draft Community Plan that comes out of the Draft Concepts comment period.

January XX, 2020

To: Paul Koretz, Council District 5 Representative, and Megan Hackney, Bureau of Street Lighting Assistant Director

The Palms Neighborhood, as the first neighborhood to approve annexation into the City of Los Angeles in 1915, would like to be the first neighborhood to install the Superbloom street lights along Venice Blvd. between Robertson Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. Several world-renowned businesses are moving into the Palms/Culver City area. The employees of these businesses are encouraged to use the Culver Metro Station, and will be traveling the highly trafficked portion of Venice Blvd. between the 405 and 10 Freeways. We believe the Palms section of Venice Blvd. is a prime location to display this new and innovative form of lighting.

The Palms section of Venice Blvd. is the home to many new mixed-use developments, built and proposed. The new Superbloom lights have the ability to provide sidewalk lighting that will improve the walkability and bikeability in the neighborhood that we envision the tenants and customers of these developments require. These lights will encourage multi-modalism along the stretch of road using the existing bike lane.

When the City is ready to install the new street lights, we request that the pilot/initial roll out be on Venice Blvd. in Palms. Please let us know what steps we need to take to achieve this.

Thank you very much. We are excited.

December 2, 2020

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St #2005  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Repeal the LA County Ban on Outdoor Dining

Dear Commissioners,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting dated December 2, 2020, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement

At the 11/24/20 LA City Council meeting, Councilmember Rodriguez made a resolution to repeal the ban on outdoor dining placed by the LA County Board of Supervisors. The motion said that the tightest restrictions should only go to businesses that have clearly proven that they are actively dangerous location for the Covid-19 virus.

The LA Economic Development Corp (LAEDC) are predicting that 700,000 jobs in the food industry will be lost and 75% of those jobs have salaries lower than \$50,000. The resolution states the County should seek other options to "tighten belts" across economic sectors more equitably.

Palms NC believes that no clear evidence has been provided to shut down outdoor dining in LA. This ban will cause more businesses to close down.

Some alternate solutions the County should consider include providing free PPE to restaurants, rent cancellation, and asking the State of California for some of the unexpected financial windfall funds to provide economic relief for this industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Eryn Block  
President  
Palms Neighborhood Council