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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL**

**Representative Assembly SPECIAL Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 15th 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. Palms NC Election Important Dates:**

- i. Candidate Filing : **Feb 6-March 23, 2021**
- ii. Mail-in Ballot Requests : **April 9 – June 1, 2021**
- iii. Ballots Sent Out: **May 10, 2021**
- iv. Election Date: **June 8, 2021**

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

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

**a. Elections Ad Hoc Committee**

- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To allocate an additional \$500 (totaling \$3,000) for a voter education video for NC elections

**b. Racial and Social Justice**

- i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the request made to the CLA & CAO to report on the feasibility of creating an Office of Violence Prevention, including examining models in Minneapolis & Washington DC - [CF20-0792](#)
- ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of the request made to the LAPD on how they use the COMPSTAT system and in what ways it could be updated to provide maximum value to residents - [CF20-0775](#)

**c. Communications & Outreach**

**d. Green**

- i. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS in support of Council File [21-0064](#); Food Accessories Opt-in Requirement for Restaurants and Third-Party App-Based Delivery Platforms
- ii. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS in support of [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](#))
- iii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS in support of City Council File [CF 20-1225](#): "The Palms Neighborhood Council supports City Council File [CF 20-1225](#) to develop a healthy soil strategy and take appropriate steps as specified in [20-1225](#) to support healthy soil and compost projects and programs."

**e. Planning & Land Use**

- i. **MOTION:** To approve Area Representative activities to be added to the Ground Rules *[see supplementals]*
- ii. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS that opposes Council File [20-1314](#).

**f. Venice Blvd Improvement**

- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$250 for Walkability Signs.
- ii. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please review [this survey](#) of residents and provide feedback to the committee

**g. Transportation & Infrastructure**

- i. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS in support of Council File [21-0002-S30](#) to support the Freedom to Move Act.

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

- a. **President's Report** (Block – [eryn.block@palmsnc.la](mailto:eryn.block@palmsnc.la))
- b. **Treasurer's Report** (Bocarsly – [david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la](mailto:david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la))
- 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))
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- j. **Residential Rep. E** (Chiarello – [kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la](mailto:kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la))
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- m. **Youth Rep** (Cato – [kaili.cato@palmsnc.la](mailto:kaili.cato@palmsnc.la))

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. NOTICE:** Next GA Meeting will be Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00PM

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

**Abbreviations Used in this Agenda:**

DONE – [Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#)

CIS – [Community Impact Statement](#)

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**Community Impact Statement in support of the proposed addition to Council File 20-0990, IF AMENDED.**

*Motion (Blumenfield - O'Farrell - Bonin) relative to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment including the issues of gender identity and gender expression in their report in response to Council file No. 20-0990; and, providing training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.*

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the motion moving through the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee to add verbiage to Council File 20-0990 supporting the requirement of training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to neighborhood councils. However, we recommend that the motion language changes from "...; and, providing training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns." to "...; and, providing training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to **all** neighborhood councils **so that individual neighborhood councils will be educated, accommodating, and inclusive when** a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or ~~preferred~~ pronouns.

This modification is critical. Inclusivity of trans neighborhood council members and stakeholders should not be dependent upon whether or not an individual neighborhood council becomes aware of a neighborhood councilmember or stakeholder who has transitioned. Education and training related to trans inclusion should be a citywide requirement regardless of the awareness of the presence of a trans person. There is currently active discrimination, misgendering, and deadnaming of a non-binary youth board member occurring within at least one known neighborhood council -a situation which could have been avoided if gender identity and gender expression training was already a requirement for all neighborhood councils.

The Palms Neighborhood Council THEREFORE MOVES that the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee and the entire City Council of Los Angeles support the requirement of "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Training" for all Neighborhood Council Members (and for all elected City officials and employees), which will include providing training on issues related to gender identity and gender expression to **all** neighborhood councils in order to avoid future instances of misgendering, deadnaming, and discrimination against transgender and/or non-binary Angelenos regardless of whether they are board members or stakeholders.

Sincerely,

The Palms Neighborhood Council

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles City Council  
Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File: 20-0792

Dear Council Members,

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

Council File 20-0792

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0792>)

asks the CLA & CAO to report on the feasibility of creating an Office of Violence Prevention, including examining existing models in Minneapolis and Washington DC.

An Office of Violence Prevention can help limit the amount of violence our City must endure. This report will help establish criteria on how to implement a system like this. Using worthwhile examples from other major US cities is always a smart idea.

The Palms NC supports this Council File asking the CLA & CAO to report on the feasibility of creating an Office of Violence Prevention, including examining existing models in Minneapolis and Washington DC.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles City Council  
Public Safety Committee  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File: 21-0049

Dear Council Members,

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

Council File 21-0049

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0049>)

asks that the LAPD report about their plan to address the significant increase in crime in 2020 and 2021 relative to the previous decade, particularly in homicides and shootings.

2020 saw an increase in homicides and was the first year since 2009 where there were more 300 homicides in the City. 2021 has already seen a large increase in shootings during the month of January. While the Covid-19 likely is involved, the LAPD should investigate what the particular causes are and how they can best address those issues to mitigate future increases.

Matters such as this one should be dealt with on a “within 30 days” mandate and also should not be remanded to a committee before the report from LAPD is already in progress.

The Palms NC supports this Council File asking that the LAPD report about their plan to address the significant increase in crime in 2020 and 2021 relative to the previous decade, particularly in homicides and shootings.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles City Council  
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Council File: 20-1600

Dear Council Members,

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

Council File 20-1600

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1600>

asks for a report from LAPD within 30 days on racial, ethnic, & gender demographics for sworn personnel right now vs 10 years ago vs a projection of 5 years from now. Also, on how these demographics impact the command staff in regards to diversity and promotion. This is a reasonable request because the demographics of the sworn officers impacts how the community receives and perceives policing.

The first impression that residents have with Police Officers is seeing their various demographic information, such as gender, race & ethnicity. Diversity in these areas can help provide greater trust in law enforcement from the public.

The Palms NC supports this council file asking for this LAPD report within 30 days.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

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Ad Hoc Committee for Police Reform  
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Council File: 20-0775

Dear Council Members,

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

Council File 20-0775

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0775>)

asks for LAPD to report on how they use COMPSTAT and in what ways it could be updated to provide maximum value to residents. COMPSTAT is a data management tool used by LAPD. LAPD believes its usage accounts for the decrease in crime over the few decades but there is no tangible proof of such claims. This report gets to that issue by asking how the system is used and how it can be updated.

Other LAPD data management tools including Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), PredPol, and Palantir have been involved in various data management problems. Some programs like Operation: LASER had to be terminated because they violated the law. The previous history LAPD has with data management tools necessitates a report like this.

The Palms NC supports this council file asking for LAPD to report on how they use COMPSTAT and in what ways it could be updated to provide maximum value to residents.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_



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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Special Joint Board and Communications & Outreach Committee Report  
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – 6:15 p.m.  
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

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**Committee Meeting Date:** February 2, 2021

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

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Kristen Chiarello

**Call to Order:** 6:19 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:18 p.m.

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**Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption**

**Motion:**

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

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

- Richard Hopp spoke about website development

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) – Committee Business – Information gathered from other NCs about the costs and vendors used for their websites. Recap discussion from the previous meeting regarding the website.**

- Eliot says we are against the clock to get this done in the current FY

- Eliot thinks we should make an RFP
- Josh has a concern with the election with decision making
- Danya wondered how the criteria for selecting vendors would work. Eliot says we need an outline, mission statement & functions we would need
- Eliot, Josh & Randell had a discussion on having a point person

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Committee Business – Committee requests for website. Should committees have their own pages/space?**

- Eliot thinks they should do have that capacity
- Danya thinks that PLUM would do their own website stuff but what about other committees?
- Josh thinks we need a webmaster if we are adding a lot of content
- Eliot says web designer may or may not be the webmaster
- Josh should start a google form to get info from committee chairs & Board Members and will work with Eliot

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Committee Business – Using Gravity or other forms on the website**

- Eliot thinks we can change the license because we already paid for license

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Committee Business – Timeline and scope for the project. Assign next steps**

- Randell thinks that when we have info from committee chairs that we could proceed with an RFP – roughly the end of February
- Eliot thinks we should do a temperature check at outreach in February to see if we are tracking to get it all done. Then maybe have a late special outreach meeting in February to finalize things to set up a March GA vote. He then realized that May GA was more realistic.

**Committee Updates:** see above

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

Temperature check on committee chairs

Next special website outreach meeting date – include social media integration

What does Outreach wants for their own committee?

**Adjournment: 9:20 pm**

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2021 Time 7:00 p.m. Location Zoom**

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**Committee Members Present:** Chair: Randell Erving, Vice Chair: Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Kristen Chiarello

**Committee Members Absent:** Danya White, Brendan Patterson

**Call to Order:** 7:06 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:31 p.m.

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**Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption**

**Motion:**

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

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item I – Introductions were done**

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

- NA

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) – Committee Member Project Updates**

- Josh discussed looking into virtual events
- Eliot is helping elections committee with some website stuff and B&B committee agenda item like a digital trees
- Randell is helping election committee with outreach

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Discussion regarding the new green space at Vista Del Mar**

- Naomi Salamon, she works for Vista Del Mar, they serve 5-6K mental health individuals. Most clients come from poorer parts of LA County. They have a K-12 for kids with special needs of varying sorts. They foster children with special needs of many kinds from trauma to abuse to trafficking to many things. Adoptive services. They have been in Palms since 1924. One challenge they have is there are more emotionally disabled children than ever. They want more community based activities. They want to upgrade their park and open it to the community.
- Eliot discussed geographic challenges & that the schools need green space. Also, that limited hours could be a problem from a confusion standpoint
- Josh mentioned that the Green Committee was looking for community garden space with local Girl Scouts

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Discussion about the Palms NC website and what this committee wants for its own sub-page**

- Josh sent out a survey about this
- Eliot helped provide context
- Many concepts were discussed. Eliot made a list
  - - Who is on the committee?
  - - What is its vision/mission statement?
  - - How to participate/get on the committee/tell you my issues
  - More details on social media policy, connectivity
- - When does the committee meet?
- All details for upcoming meetings
- - What city resources are available on this topic?
- - Other government resources (county, state, federal)
- - What other organizations/individuals can stakeholders contact with questions/make requests/make complaints
- - What elected officials can we contact about the committee's topic?
- - What is this committee currently doing, short term, long term?
- CIS
- Budget impacts

- - What has this committee done in the past?
- - What documentation is available (agendas, minutes)?
- Annual report
- FAQ
- - Important things stakeholders should know about the topic
- - Committee oriented maps (bus, train, bike, etc.)
- - Newsletters/Keep informed/outside subscription info
- - News information?

and then for site-wide tools:

- Calendar
- Photos
- Search
- Basic Palms NC facts (boundaries, bylaws, stakeholder definition, etc.)
- - budget details, overview
- Pages for each board member (indicate on the map who reps what) blog?
- Translation tools
- Description text for images/accessibility standards.
- Connecting with PalmNC - social media, general questions
- - live tweeting, etc., on a separate page if we do that.
- Current tasks/projects across all committees/CIS
- Have a feature item area
- Current meetings details are quickly available
- Can we automate the agenda/minutes process, connecting with both the web pages and Google Drive, and make it easier for committee chairs to submit their information.
- All committees similar structure.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Discussion on purchasing lawn signs for the Palms food business spotlight program**

- Eliot spoke about the new digital media policy
- The committee expressed interest in discussing a funding motion for next month

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E) – Discussion dealing with Palms NC Election Outreach**

- Josh discussed what he saw at the Election Committee meeting

## Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (F) – Discussion handling which items should be discussed at the next Outreach Committee meeting

- NA

**Committee Updates:** see above

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

- Motion for lawn signs, about 25, heavy stands for concrete
- Virtual Palms Community Day

**Adjournment:** 8:31 pm

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date:** March 16, 2021 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Joint Board and Green Committee Meeting Report**

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:00pm**

**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.,*

**Committee Meeting Date:** February 9th, 2021

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

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

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** 6:06 PM **Adjournment:** 7:35 PM

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**Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption**

**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.

**Committee Reasoning:** Jessalyn has been working on this with Reusable LA Coalition. Most people have silverware etc. at home so these accessories go to waste. This will save a lot of plastic and save restaurants money.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Vote Count:** 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Passes unanimously.

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**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.

**Committee Reasoning:** The city shouldn't be investing in the fossil fuel industry because it is a dying industry and it is also harming our environment. Jessalyn says the UC system divested their funds from fossil fuels. San Francisco has done this as well.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Vote Count:** 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Passes unanimously.

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**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.

**Committee Reasoning:** This passed unanimously in City Council. The NCSA still wants as much support as possible and thinks it matters to have the extra support. This talks about the retirements, pensions, etc. The city shouldn't be investing in the fossil fuel industry because it is a dying industry and it is also harming our environment.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Vote Count:** 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Passes unanimously.

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

**Announcements:** Call for Green Committee members. Please email Helen or Jessalyn if interested.

We will now run our meetings according to our new Community Standards and Ground Rules.

**Introductions:** Committee members are present, plus David and Charles.

#### **General Public Comment:**

Charles – Has been working in his building to create a primer for EV charging systems. It's difficult for small multi-family buildings because of power issues. Most of them are older and don't have sufficient power and the HOA/owner is sometimes facing a large expense to update the building. The LADWP has great incentives and rebates but the cost to the owners might be large. His building was mostly destroyed by a DWP main being ruptured and 26 cars were destroyed. Their 1981 building can't support the chargers. He suggests this might help get the city to adopt an incentive for these types of buildings. There is no incentive to upgrade your electrical. The committee is interested in this and there might be opportunities to work with the NCSA too. When Charles is ready to discuss he will let us know to put it on the agenda.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. a.** NC Green Biz – They are almost finished with the NC Greenbiz ambassadors program. They have talked about different levels of involvement. They have covered a lot of ground and the rollout technically happened with the Mayor's Green New Deal Toolkit. It will be a soft launch until the pandemic is over.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. b.** NCSA – We have some CIS from them on here. Reuable LA is working on a Skip the Stuff Campaign to regular to-go silverware in to-go food. It will be upon request only. The restaurant association has backed this and there is an executive order in Gavin Newsom's office to do this. It should pass.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. c.** Tree planting initiatives – Helen still working to get looped into the NCSA Trees Committee. Helen says City Plants is aiming at more yard trees. There will be a tree inventory in June. Charles says he knows there is a movement to discourage parkway trees. Helen suggests outreach to business owners along Venice to adopt trees. Bureau of Street Services has a Street Tree Committee who has asked for Charles to be their native plant appointee. David says at one point he joined a subcommittee of trees and started a database.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. d.** Dog Waste stations – Still on hold due to covid and social distancing. David asks what the problem was? We were having trouble getting the tool to work properly. David offers to help. The installation plan is pending numbers and virus safety.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. e.** Kids Recycled Art Projects are still underway. Helen will ask for help from Jessalyn and Kristen to prep materials.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. f.** Citizen Science Programs, Water Trust Education, LADWP Green Power Program – will be discussed next month.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. a.** Powerlines on Overland – to be discussed in next month’s meeting.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. b.** Post Office Planter Box Beautification – to be discussed in next month’s meeting.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. c.** Community Garden; Project Coordination with Girl Scouts. Update on conversation with Mae Gates from Assemblymember Kamlager’s Office. The main challenge is still finding a location.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. d.** Tabled.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. e.** CIS to support Council File [21-0064](#). See discussion above.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. f.** CIS to support [Council File 20-0492](#). See discussion above.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. g.** CIS to support Council File [Council File 19-1577](#). See discussion above.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item 2. E.** Review and discuss Palms NC Website  
Eliot joins us to discuss. The Outreach Committee has asked that each committee spend time discussing the website before next month. They are running up against a time wall and we want to do as much as possible before the next board comes in. Eliot shares the PLUM outline.  
Jessalyn asks whether we will have our own page on the new website? Eliot says right now each committee has a page but he suggests that on the new website each committee be able to do their own website updates. Eliot asks if we can make the outline fairly detailed so they can get a sense of scale. Kristen asks if Eliot can re-share the PLUM outline so that we can use that as a starting point. Helen says the top outline would be fairly easy to talk about but the specific FAQ would take longer.  
Discussion of website outline.  
Eliot suggests we continue working on the outline offline as well.

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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting**

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**Committee Meeting Date:** February 10, 2021

**Committee Members:** Co-chairs: Neal Anderberg, Kay Hartman; Members: Alex Ogle, Jamie Tully

**Committee Members Present:** Neal Anderberg, Kay Hartman, Alex Ogle, Jamie Tully

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** 7:02 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:48 p.m.

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**Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption**

**MOTION** to approve Area Representative activities to be added to the Ground Rules.

- When a new development is proposed, make sure the neighbors are aware of the development and invite them to the PLUM meeting where the developer is presenting. Show the development to the neighbors and collect their concerns.
- Work with the Outreach committee to publicize the project early as a first step to alert the community via social media and the newsletter.
- Attend the PLUM meeting where the developer is presenting. Invite the neighbors to attend the meeting where the developer is presenting. Represent the views of the neighbors at the PLUM meeting.
- Be aware of developments in your area. Are the developers keeping the development site safe and clean? Is the sidewalk remaining usable? Are the tree canopies being maintained. Are the contractors abusing parking? Does its neighbors need intervention?

A. **Committee Reasoning:** Area representatives can help their constituents through involvement with developments in their area.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 4-0

**MOTION** to approve a CIS that opposes Council File [20-1314](#).

- A. **Committee Reasoning:** The CIS was edited in place.
- B. **Committee Vote Count:** 3-1.

**MOTION** to approve changes requested by David Bocarsly to the CIS on Council File [20-1042](#).

- A. **Committee Reasoning:** Some changes were accepted. Some were rejected. The marked up CIS received from David Bocarsly was edited in place.
- B. **Committee Vote Count:** 4-0.

**MOTION** to approve a letter opposing building housing on Palms Middle School land and using that land for park space.

- A. **Committee Reasoning:** Palms has insufficient parkland for its current population let alone for its increasing population
- B. **Committee Vote Count:** 4-0.

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

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – INTRODUCTIONS**

- None

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Kalani. Car needed wheel balancing. Normally go to Bagge. No longer there. Affected by one of the buildings that gave a presentation last week. Concerned about concrete roofs. We need to push for green roofs.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.a. – Committee Member Updates:**

- Kay. Updated spreadsheet from early notification report. Worked with Jamie to get her on the early notification report. Too soon to tell if she is going to get it.

### **Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b. – Daniel Skolnick will provide a PLUM update from Councilmember Paul Koretz’s office.**

- Daniel presented
- Kay will agendize for action next month

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.c. – Developer Presentations:**

- None

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – Motor Avenue Improvement update (3 minutes)**

- Where is the project Kay mentioned? The early notification report is always problematic. Why can't it be more targeted?
- Washington Blvd east of Motor project is going to Board of Public Works. Developer hasn't been a good steward and this will likely go to court.
- Working on projects around the neighborhood.
- Had and APC hearing for Landmark project. It was approved.
- Project next to Palms Cycle. Worked with them.
- Weissman has been quiet. Maybe DBS is having an effect.
- Part of city working group to work on outdoor restaurant seating. Some of the rules and regulations are outdated.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e. – MOTION to approve a letter opposing building housing on Palms Middle School land and using that land for park space. Draft follows the agenda.**

- Letter edited in place.
- Approve the letter as updated provisionally pending additional data from Lee. Neal moves. Alex seconds.
- Passes 4-0

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – Framework for PLUM activities for Neighborhood Council Area Representatives. Draft follows the agenda.**

- Edited in place
- Approved 4-0

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – In August 2020 we defined what we want on a PLUM web page and gave it to the Outreach Committee. Outreach is working on the web page now and is asking every committee to provide input. Are there any changes we want to deliver to them? The original can be found [here](#).**

- Move forward with what we have.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – MOTION to approve a CIS that opposes Council File [20-1314](#).**

- Neal moves. Jamie seconds.
- Passes 3-1.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.i.** – David Bocarsly requested changes to our CIS on Council File [20-1042](#). Do we accept or reject or want to modify his changes? Find his edits [here](#).

- Edited in place.
- Jamie moves. Alex seconds.
- Updated CIS approved 4-0.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.j.** – DEEP DIVE AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER. Kay will present in support of Council File [20-1477](#). Jamie will present in opposition.

- Kay and Jamie presented.

**Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.k.** – DECISION AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER. Select a bill to deep dive in March. Do we want to write a CIS for any of these motions this month or next?

- Council file 20-1174 chosen for next month. Alex will present for unless he is out of town in which case Jamie will present for. Neal will present against.

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## Neighborhood Council Area Representatives PLUM Activities

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The Palms Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 20-1314 and its effort to revise the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program and its TOC Program Guidelines.

Such revisions would effectively constitute a rollback of the voter-qualified mandate that the City of Los Angeles incentivize development, with affordable housing components, near major transit stops. Council File 20-1314, proposed by Councilmember Cedillo and seconded by Council President Rodriguez, reflects the wishes of a loud minority constituency and its representatives' willingness to satisfy its demands and the intent to dismantle Measure JJJ, passed by 64.8% of City voters in November 2016.

Councilmember Cedillo, in the words of this motion itself, indicates that "the program has been... popular and is generating a significant number of new housing units, including covenanted affordable units". Indeed, in less than four years of implementation to-date, the TOC program has been effective in addressing the City's homeless and affordable housing crisis as intended, at a time when many other complementary efforts have been stalled or stymied. As the homelessness crisis wears on, and with an eviction crisis looming, this is not the time to create limitations on this powerful and impactful program.

The Honorable Councilmember from the 1st District, as an example of the need for TOC program revisions, cites a development in Lincoln Heights as the egregious destroyer of a neighborhood in his district. In fact, the development he points to is the exact kind of project that the TOC program was intended to encourage - a mixed-use project, bringing commercial and residential to an industrial zone, "in proximity to two Gold Line Transit Stations." Some of his constituents cite vehicular traffic impacts and a change in design compatibility with the surrounding low-scale neighborhood as not only reasons for concern, but reasons for revision of the TOC Program entirely. It should be noted that ANY new development, let alone those building within TOC guidelines, will inevitably have some impact on traffic and bring visual changes to a community whose existing housing stock predominantly pre-dates WWII. This is to be expected and is, in fact, the very point of passing Measure JJJ in the first place. Building new residential units, with a commercial component on the same property, would have the least amount of negative impact in *an industrial zone*, and this is the best example that the motion can suggest for a need to revise the TOC Program.

The motion cites that "developers should be strongly encouraged to incorporate a comprehensive community outreach program into their scope of work not only as a measure of respect, but also as a strategy to solicit meaningful input into shaping a project which enhances the neighborhood in which it is being introduced." The Palms Neighborhood Council agrees, and encourages City Planning, all Councilmembers' Planning Deputies, Neighborhood Council Planning Committees, and other City Departments as needed, to actively cooperate and collaborate with developers in this effort. This need is for all projects city-wide and not a reflection of the effectiveness of the TOC Program specifically.

The Palms Neighborhood Council additionally recognizes the original mandate of Measure JJJ that developers of any TOC projects would have to hire contractors who:

- are licensed according to city and state law;
- guarantee to offer at least 30 percent of work-hours to city residents, with 10 percent coming from those living within five miles of the project;
- pay standard wages for the area; and
- employ members of apprenticeship training programs and workers with real-world experience.

As such, the Palms Neighborhood Council would oppose any potential revisions to the program that might alter such labor requirements.

In summary, Council File 20-1314 unnecessarily revisits a voter-approved initiative, solely with the intent of rendering it less effective in its efforts to increase affordable housing city-wide. Changes to our visual landscapes, physical infrastructure and perceived quality-of-life are often difficult. The Palms Neighborhood Council has seen first-hand, and often, what the TOC Program can do to a neighborhood. Yet, it recognizes the City's need for increased residential affordability and availability, understands its role in urban density and housing renewal, and encourages the City Council to allow the young, impactful TOC Program to continue, as currently mandated and designed, without the call for revisions presented in Council File 20-1314.

The Freedom to Move Act, introduced into the House of Representatives, allows the Federal government to support state and local efforts to implement free public transportation, invest in the safety and quality of public transportation, and requires guarantees on addressing equity gaps to receive any funds.

The Palms Neighborhood Council is in favor of getting support from the Federal government to help us make public transportation free for its users as long as it can be done without reducing service. We always welcome addressing quality and equity in public transportation.