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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial +1 669 900 6833 and enter 881 3578 1814 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

II. COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS (15 minutes – 2-3 minutes each)

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Rob Fisher rob.fisher@lacity.org contact Debbie Dyner Harris debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org or James Ingram james.ingram@lacity.org until further notice
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
- c. LA Police Department Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (SLO) – Juan Ceja
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Freddy Cupen-Ames freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org
- e. Office of County Supervisor Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan ASargsyan@bos.lacounty.gov

- f. Office of State Senator Sydney Kamlager– Josef Siroky josef.siroky@sen.ca.gov
- g. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
 - i. Budget Advocates Report (2 minutes)
 - ii. Budget Tribunes Report (2 minutes)
 - iii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association (2 minutes)

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Make a plan to VOTE in the September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. You can [vote by mail](#), place your ballot in a [drop box](#), or [vote in person](#) in Palms and throughout L.A. County. Here are some [FAQ](#). Visit <https://lavote.net/> for more information.
- b. The Overland Ave speed limit increase will be effective as of August 7. The speed limit will increase by 5mph in Palms.
- c. Keep Palms Clean! If you notice public waste receptacles that are full and have not been emptied please email Randell randell.erving@palmsnc.la and create a service request at [My 311 LA](#). Our neighborhood should be serviced by LA Sanitation on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- d. Save the Date: The [Annual Congress of Neighborhoods](#) will be held virtually on Saturday September 25, 2021.
- e. The Los Angeles Triathlon will be held Sunday, October 24, 2021. See the route map [here](#) for street closure information.
- f. Emergency preparedness is vital for our community. Visit [Ready LA](#) to learn how to create a plan for your home.

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

V. COMMUNITY SHOUT-OUTS AND RECOGNITION (3 minutes)

VI. PRESENTATIONS (30 minutes)

- a. **DISCUSSION:** Measuring America’s People, Places & Economy: A 2021 Overview of the U.S. Census Bureau. A highlight of 2020 Census results in Los Angeles County and additional data products available to the community
- b. **DISCUSSION:** Now that L.A. City Council has passed a resolution in support of CalCare, what’s next?
- c. **DISCUSSION:** LAUSD Hamilton Community of Schools presentation by Elizabeth Maltez Parent Education Support Assistant (PESA)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA (4 minutes)

- a. **MOTION:** To approve the June [Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (MER). *[See supplemental materials for summary]*
- b. **MOTION:** To approve the July [Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (MER). *[See supplemental materials for summary]*
- c. **MOTION:** To appoint Josh Nadel as Vice Chair of the Homeless Advocacy & Public Safety Committee
- d. **MOTION:** To appoint Matthew Wait as Vice Chair of the Racial & Social Justice Committee

- e. **MOTION:** To remove Josh Nobel from the Racial & Social Justice Committee and to thank him for his service to the committee
- f. **MOTION:** To appoint Josh Nadel as a member of the Racial & Social Justice Committee

FUNDING MOTIONS

- VIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD & REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** (10 minutes – 2 minutes each)
- a. **President’s Report** (Erving randell.erving@palmsnc.la)
 - i. **NOTICE:** Opening for Palms NC Youth Representative, applications due September 17, 2021 and interviews during Executive Committee Meeting on September 22, 2021 at 7:00pm *[see supplemental materials for full application]*
 - b. **Vice-President’s Report** (White danya.white@palmsnc.la)
 - c. **Secretary’s Report** (Tocco helen.tocco@palmsnc.la)
 - d. **Treasurer’s Report** (Hartman kay.hartman@palmsnc.la)
 - e. **Community-Based Organization Rep** (Wait matthew.wait@palmsnc.la)
 - f. **Residential Rep. A** (Smith nick.smith@palmsnc.la)
 - g. **Residential Rep. B** (Hancock grace.hancock@palmsnc.la)
 - h. **Residential Rep. C** (Sotomayor gabriela.sotomayor@palmsnc.la)
 - i. **Residential Rep. D** (Waldron jessalyn.waldron@palmsnc.la)
 - j. **Residential Rep. E** (Chiarello kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la)
 - k. **Business Rep. 1** (Nadel josh.nadel@palmsnc.la)
 - l. **Business Rep. 2** (Gascón natasia.gascon@palmsnc.la)
 - m. **Youth Rep** (Vacant)
 - n. **Emergency Preparedness Officer** (Keith william.keith@palmsnc.la) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Should the Palms NC form an ad hoc committee or subcommittee to produce and exercise a [Community Resilience Plan](#) or should we forgo this effort? (10 min, Keith)
 - o. **Representative Updates:** Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) , Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANC), Western Region Alliance of Councils (WRAC), Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)
- IX. OLD BUSINESS** (3 minutes)
- a. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a Community Impact Statement expressing grave concern regarding proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy submitted by the Department of Neighborhood Commissioners
- X. NEW BUSINESS** (0 minutes)
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS** (White) (40 minutes 2 minutes each)
- a. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Amendment**
 - b. **Ad Hoc Venice Blvd Improvement**
 - c. **Business & Beautification**
 - d. **Outreach**
 - e. **Green**
 - f. **Homeless Advocacy & Public Service**
 - i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NN Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee to sponsor and become an official co-host (with NWWNC Homeless

and Community Health Committee) of future Council District 5 Candidate Forums.

g. Planning & Land Use

- i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following [letter](#) to Councilmember Koretz regarding an application for a zoning change for a new proposed development project on Venice Blvd.

h. Racial & Social Justice

i. Renter Support & Affordable Housing Advocacy

j. Transportation & Infrastructure

- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize up to \$1,000 to purchase signage to promote the [Slow Streets Phase 2](#) Program
- ii. **MOTION:** The Transportation Committee proposes the following changes to the Slow Streets LADOT program in [Palms](#). Changing the current selected streets to:
1. Tabor from Overland to Dunn
 2. Regent from Overland to Dunn
 3. Mentone from Venice to Tabor
 4. Vinton from Venice to Tabor
 5. Dunn from Venice to Tabor
- iii. **MOTION:** To pass The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) [Motion](#) expressing support for Station located directly on the UCLA Campus as Part of Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

k. Ad Hoc Venice Blvd Improvement

l. Executive

XII. UPCOMING Palms NC General Assembly MEETING: October 6th, 2021 at 7:00pm on Zoom (the link will be in the calendar at <http://palmsnc.la/calendar/>)

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

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