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Joint Board AND Homeless Advocacy & Public Safety Committee General Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89569266147> or by
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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call

- II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

- III. COMMITTEE UPDATES & BUSINESS**
 - a. **Discussion:** Committee Updates
 - b. **Discussion and Possible Action:** To authorize the Palms NC to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$2,440 to supply winter kits to unhoused and vulnerable Palms residents (fiscal sponsor is POWER).
[Link to the NPG Application](#)
[Link to Supplementary Information](#)
 - c. **Discussion and Possible Action:** MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS for Council File 21-0706 supporting the withdrawal of

LA City from the Joint Powers Authority arrangement with LA County & LAHSA [Link to CIS Info](#)

- d. **Discussion and Possible Action:** MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS for Council File 21-1264 supporting the Play Streets & People St programs & requesting that the Palms NC send a letter asking to join both Pilot Programs [Link to CIS Info](#)
- e. **Discussion and Possible Action:** How to apply to be on the committee & requests for appointment
- f. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Creating & Sending a letter to LADOT regarding LANow and various issues that arise from it
- g. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Council District 5 Candidate Forum on H&PS issues in conjunction with the Palms NC Racial & Social Justice Committee
- h. **Discussion and Possible Action:** a Palms NC HAPS event – options include “Connect Day” like CD5 & SD2 did in Westwood, partnering with a non-profit to do a fundraiser for Palms NC H&PS issues or other possibilities from committee members
- i. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Meeting Time Discussion – Currently 4th Monday at 7pm

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Committee Member Announcements

V. ADJOURNMENT

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EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CIS FOR CF21-0706 – WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (LAHSA)

MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS supporting the withdrawal from the Joint Powers Authority arrangement with LA County & LAHSA

[Text of Proposed Motion](#)

[Council File 21-0706](#)

SUMMARY: This motion asks for the LA City Council to remove LA City from the Joint Powers Authority arrangement with LA County & LAHSA. This Joint Powers Authority puts LAHSA in charge of all matters regarding Homelessness in the City of Los Angeles. The Mayor nor the LA City Council have direct oversight of LAHSA, and their concerns often go nowhere as a result. By removing ourselves from the Joint Powers Authority, the City Council could establish their own version of LAHSA that actually caters to the needs of the City and not the County or whatever nebulous targets come from LAHSA.

PRO ARGUMENTS:

Allows for better enforcement of homelessness policies and concerns
Direct City Council & Mayoral oversight into homelessness issues
Removes Stakeholders who have real issues (County homelessness) that are not aligned with LA City residents

CON ARGUMENTS:

Does not establish a new organization in the body of the motion
No costs associated with either the withdrawal or replacement of services
Could cause acrimony with the County

STATEMENT: Attached below.

CIS STATEMENT:

This motion asks for the LA City Council to remove LA City from the Joint Powers Authority arrangement with LA County & LAHSA. This Joint Powers Authority puts LAHSA in charge of all matters regarding Homelessness in the City of Los Angeles. The Mayor nor the LA City Council have direct oversight of LAHSA, and their concerns often go nowhere as a result. By removing ourselves from the Joint Powers Authority, the City Council could establish their own version of LAHSA that actually caters to the needs of the City and not the County or whatever nebulous targets come from LAHSA.

Homelessness has gotten worse over the last decade. It is difficult to say that the Joint Powers Authority arrangement has benefitted Los Angeles. It is time to look into different solutions rather than repeating the same failed policies over and over again. LAHSA has a terrible track record of providing novel solutions. They helped spearhead the wasted BILLION DOLLARS spent on market price housing, most of which has not even been built in the 4 years since the money was raised.

LA City needs its own solution. It starts with withdrawing from LAHSA, with a follow up step of creating a new version that focuses solely on the City of LA. Whatever funds were being used to fund LAHSA should be repurposed into that new organization.

CIS FOR CF21-1264 – PLAY STREET & PEOPLE STREET

MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS supporting the Play Streets & People Street programs and to send in a letter requesting that Palms NC join both Pilot Programs

[Council File 21-1264](#)

SUMMARY: This motion asks for the LA City Council to approve \$1 million for Pilot Programs for the Play Streets & People St Programs. A Play Streets installation typically closes a one block street segment for four to six hours. Every Play Street is accompanied with a Box of Play kit containing all the necessary components needed to support the street closure and set the street for play. This is free to residents and is focused on high density neighborhoods with low access to park space, which describes the Palms NC area. The People St Program supports the quick and cost-effective transformation of underutilized roadway into active, vibrant, and accessible public spaces. These community-led projects encourage increased levels of walking and bicycling and support economic vitality.

PRO ARGUMENTS:

Allows for safe play in the streets with specialized equipment
Encourages more walking and bicycling
Low cost options to make our City more communal

CON ARGUMENTS:

Funding levels are quite low, which could limit the number of neighborhoods who gain access
Sounds similar in part to Slow Streets program
Playing in the streets could lead to safety concerns

STATEMENT: Attached below.

CIS STATEMENT:

These programs sound like the sort of programs that LA residents have been clamoring for decades. Many parts of LA do not have access to parks, and this can radically change that going forward. Hopefully the pilot programs go well, so that funding can increase to allow all neighborhoods to participate.