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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Joint Board & Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – 7:00p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220019137?pwd=M2xDRStjWTYwanZPV0dRR2tXT2JZdz09>

By telephone, Dial +1 669 900 6833 # to join the meeting. Then enter this Meeting ID: 882 2001 9137 then Passcode: 90034 then press # The toll free call-in numbers are: (833) 548-0276, (833) 548-0282, (877) 858-5257, and (888) 475-4499 Press *9 to raise hand for public comment

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must join the zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220019137?pwd=M2xDRStjWTYwanZPV0dRR2tXT2JZdz09> then Passcode: 90034 or dial +1 669 900 6833, and enter 882 2001 9137 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

AB 361 Updates -Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Notice to Paid Representatives -If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- c. Area E Candidate Representative Interviews
 - i. [Lukas Smith](#)
- d. Reports and Updates:
 - i. Vice President
 - 1. Committees
 - ii. Treasurer
 - 1. Discussion: Palms NC Budget Update
 - 2. Discussion: NPG Applications
 - a. [Palms Elementary Folklorico](#) \$2,500
 - b. [Open Collective Foundation](#) \$2,44.60
 - iii. Secretary
 - iv. President
 - 1. Discussion: Palms NC Social Hour at The Garage, feedback
 - 2. Discussion: Palms Community Day Planning and Budget Updates
 - 3. Discussion: Palms NC joining hybrid meeting pilot for NCs
 - 4. Discussion: Allocating funding for printing Palms NC lawn signs and a 3-4 large vinyl banners
 - 5. Motion: to authorize the Palms NC to submit a letter to the City of LA and its committees requesting that areas near public and private pre k-12 schools in Palms be designated as no camping zones.
 - a. Including but not limited to Palms Elementary School, Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles: Raymond & Esther Kabbaz High School, Tree House School, Charnock Road Elementary School, New World Montessori School, La Baba School, Village Tree Preschool, and St Augustine's Catholic Religious Education Center

NEW BUSINESS

- e. Discussion: Co-sponsoring a CD5 candidate forum with Wilshire NC
- f. Discussion: Palms NC Budget Representatives
- g. Discussion: Palms NC Social Event in June at Mee & Greet
- h. Discussion: Palms NC Social Event at Madre & Good Day Cafe July
- i. Motion: authorizing the Palms NC to submit a [statement](#) requesting that the City of LA only plant trees that are native to the Palms neighborhood in our community when planting new trees or replacing trees that have been removed
- j. **Adjournment**

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (<http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

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

**City of Los Angeles
Office of the City Clerk
Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

Neighborhood Purposes Grants

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A "Project Completion Report" template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org
- (213) 978-1058

Neighborhood Council Funding Program

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Palms Neighborhood Council

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: _____

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a)	Palms Elementary School	95-6001908	California	
	<i>Organization Name</i>	<i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<i>State of Incorporation</i>	<i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	3520 Motor Ave.	Los Angeles	CA	90034
	<i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1c)				
	<i>Business Address (if different)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION: Derek Spencer	310-871-7351	duckman936@yahoo.com	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one:			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public School (not to include private schools) Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead	or	<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions) Attach IRS Determination Letter	
3)	<i>Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

The purpose and intent of this grant is to provide traditional Mexican folk dance costumes for Las Palmas Grupo Folklorico, the after school performing arts dance group at Palms Elementary School. This is a non-funded program that relies solely on donations and fundraising to support the program. Las Palmas GF performs at a variety of events throughout the school year including school events, local and PN council run venues. Las Palmas GF membership is open 30-35 students in 3rd to 5th grade students at Palms EI.

Traditional regional Mexican folk dance costumes are very important to our group's performance because they not only represent traditional cultural attire, but they are also necessary for the correct execution of the dances. Typical traditional costumes range in price from \$50 to \$200 (or more) per costume, which most Palms families cannot

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

The mission of Las Palmas GF is to educate our students and the community on traditional Mexican folk dance and providing free public performances and free student dance education. Las Palmas GF seeks grant funding to replace old, worn out costumes, to increase our regional costumes and to increase the quantity of costumes available for our dancers to use. The costumes will be used by the group dancers at school and for public community performances and local council events throughout the school year.

Item	Cost			
Shower trailer	1200			
Portapotties	300			
Hot meal for all guests and volunteers	300			
Transportation	200			
Sleeping bags	500			
	2500			

2022 Motion — Short Version

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species,

and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Palms Neighborhood Council.

2022 Motion — Long Version

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species,

and Whereas California is one of six biodiversity hot spots on earth that are essential for life on the planet,

and Whereas non-native landscaping plants and trees on average use six times the water of most native species,

and Whereas California uses 20% of its energy to move and process water, and 70% of residential water use goes to irrigate primarily non-native landscaping,

and Whereas non-native landscaping plants and trees labeled as “drought-tolerant” or “California Friendly” do not support biodiversity any better than other non-native landscaping plants and trees because our local pollinators cannot co-exist with them,

and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees produce 60% less green waste than non-native species, reducing the carbon footprint of hauling green waste and the greenhouse gas emissions from green waste in landfills,

and Whereas fertilizers for non-native landscaping plants and trees are one of the top three sources of runoff pollution in LA’s urban watersheds and Santa Monica Bay, while native landscaping plants and trees require no soil amendments of any kind,

and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees are a part of our cultural heritage along with the pollinators that can only exist with them while non-native landscaping plants and trees are part of an outdated form of cultural imperialism, replacing the natural ecosystem with one based on an imported set of aesthetics,

and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees are rugged, resilient, and can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans,

and Whereas there is no scientifically demonstrated benefit to planting non-native landscaping plants and trees over alternatives from the over 7,000 California native plants and trees,

and Whereas the stakeholders of Palms have repeatedly expressed support for 100% California native landscaping on numerous projects for many years,

Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Palms Neighborhood Council.

Tree #	Address	# of trees	Species	Alternative #1 from Charles	Alternative #2 from Charles	Location Info from Charles
65	10582 National Blvd.	1	Australian Willow	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius</i> / Santa Cruz Island Ironwood	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	4' Parkway, South side Shaded up to 12', Runoff Irrigation, Grass Patches, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
66	10596 National Blvd.	1	Australian Willow	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius</i> / Santa Cruz Island Ironwood	4' Parkway, South side Shaded up to 12', Runoff Irrigation, Grass Patches, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
67	10588 National Blvd.	1	Australian Willow	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius</i> / Santa Cruz Island Ironwood	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	4' Parkway, South side Shaded up to 12', Runoff Irrigation, Grass Patches, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
68	10540 National Blvd.	2	Australian Willow	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i> / Canyon Oak	<i>Quercus douglasii</i> / Blue Oak	4.5' Parkway, Compacted Sandy Soil No Irrigation, Full Vertical Clearance, Partial Sun
69	10520 National Blvd.	1	Australian Willow	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i> / Canyon Oak	<i>Quercus douglasii</i> / Blue Oak	4.5' Parkway, Gravel No Irrigation, Full Vertical Clearance, Partial Sun
70	10433 Irene st.	1	Cape Myrtle	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i> / Blue Elderberry	<i>Juglans californica</i> / Southern California Black Walnut	8' Parkway, Grass Lawn No Irrigation, 18' Power Line Overhead but space to clear, Full Sun
71	10507 National Blvd.	3	Australian Willow	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	4.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Being Watered, 18' Power Line Overhead, Full Sun
72	10425 Woodbine St.	3	Eastern Redbud	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i> / Blue Elderberry	9.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, 18' Power Line Overhead but space to clear, Full Sun
73	10503 Woodbine St.	3	Eastern Redbud	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i> / Blue Elderberry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	9.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, 18' Power Line Overhead but space to clear, Full Sun
74	10511 Woodbine St.	1	Eastern Redbud	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i> / Blue Elderberry	9.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, 18' Power Line Overhead but space to clear, Full Sun
75	10525 Woodbine St.	1	Eastern Redbud	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i> / Blue Elderberry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	9.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, 18' Power Line Overhead but space to clear, Full Sun
76	10535 Rose Ave.	2	Jacaranda	<i>Umbellularia californica</i> / California Bay Laurel	<i>Platanus racemosa</i> / Western Sycamore	9.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, 18' Power Line Overhead but space to clear, Full Sun
77	10550 Rose Ave.	1	Jacaranda	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> / Coast Live Oak	<i>Umbellularia californica</i> / California Bay Laurel	9.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated on slope, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
78	3603 Mentone on Tabor side	2	Watergum	<i>Umbellularia californica</i> / California Bay Laurel	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	5' Parkway, Grass Lawn No Irrigation, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
79	10434 Tabor St.	1	Watergum	<i>Juglans californica</i> / Southern California Black Walnut	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	4.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn OVER Irrigated (damp), Full Vertical Clearance, Partial Sun
80	10424 Tabor St.	1	Watergum	<i>Juglans californica</i> / Southern California Black Walnut	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	4.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn OVER Irrigated (damp), Full Vertical Clearance, Partial Sun
81	10425 Tabor St.	1	Watergum	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	<i>Juglans californica</i> / Southern California Black Walnut	4.5' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, 18' Power Line Overhead, Full Sun
82	10603 Tabor St.	2	Pink Trumpet	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	5' Parkway, Grass Lawn No Irrigation, 18' Power Line Overhead, Full Sun
83	10605 Tabor St.	1	Pink Trumpet	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	<i>Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii</i> / Catalina Cherry	5' Parkway, Grass Lawn No Irrigation, 18' Power Line Overhead, Full Sun
84	3602 Overland (Tabor Side)	2	Pink Trumpet	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. asplenifolius</i> / Santa Cruz Island Ironwood	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> / Toyon	5' Parkway, Grass Lawn No Irrigation, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
85	3618 Keystone Ave.	1	Brisbane	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> / Coast Live Oak	<i>Umbellularia californica</i> / California Bay Laurel	8' Parkway, Grass Lawn Being Watered, Full Vertical Clearance, Full Sun
86	3685 Mentone (Regent side)	3	Pink Trumpet	<i>Umbellularia californica</i> / California Bay Laurel	<i>Platanus racemosa</i> / Western Sycamore	7' Parkway, Grass Lawn Irrigated, Full Vertical Clearance, Partial Sun

