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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL**

**General Assembly Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 9:00 p.m.**

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**1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:**

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

**2) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. We are accepting applications for Palms NC Area E and Youth Representatives [*email [president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la) for the application materials*]
- b. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Scoping Meetings and Opportunity to Comment Before February 11 Deadline- Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around. The natural barrier created by the Santa Monica Mountains makes traveling between the Valley and the Westside challenging, and Metro has several projects in this area. Metro is beginning the environmental review phase for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, which would provide a high-quality transit service between the Valley and the Westside. As part of the project’s environmental process, a formal public comment period was initiated on November 30, 2021 and will run through February 11, 2022. To get involved visit the [interactive story map](#) and [provide a comment](#).

**3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **MOTION** to approve a letter about the Sepulveda Corridor Rail Project (see supplemental attachment)
- b. **MOTION** to approve a CIS in support of Council File [21-0002-S65](#) to support the SCA-2 proposed Constitutional amendment to repeal Article 34 and allow local governments to invest in public housing with the support of the majority of the voters instead of a super majority
- c. **DISCUSSION** Venice Blvd survey questions and process
- d. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to spend up to \$1200 to print 4400 door hangers with a code (see supplemental attachments)

**5) ADJOURNMENT**

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Council File: [21-0002-S65](#)

To: City Council and Committees

Support

The Palms Neighborhood Council recognizes that we are in an affordable housing crisis. The only way out of this crisis is through the creation of affordable housing. Relying on the private sector has yielded some affordable units, but more must be done.

The California State Constitution currently limits the government from providing 51% or more of the funds required to build affordable projects without a vote of the public. This obstructs the government's ability to solve the crisis at hand.

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-0002-S65 that supports SCA-2 that would repeal article 34 and reinstate the ability of local governments to build the affordable housing they need.

- 7:01
- b. Roll Call
  - Kay, Eliot, Natasia here
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
  - a. Introductions and welcome
    - None
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to Venice Blvd issues (up to 2 minutes per speaker as determined by the chair)
    - None
- IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
  - a. DISCUSSION and MOTION on the survey, which tools to use for it, and division of labor.
    - i. Finalize the [survey questions](#).
    - ii. Sample size. <https://www.checkmarket.com/sample-size-calculator/>
      - We discussed 5% margin of error 99% confidence with an assumption of 15% returns to require 4400 door hangers
      - We discussed 5% margin of error 95% confidence with an assumption of 15% returns to require 2550 door hangers
    - iii. Randomization of residences to receive the survey door hangers. Reference the [Mar Vista report](#) as needed.
      - Kay will ask Freddy if we know how many residences we have in each of our areas. Also does he know of a way to randomize a selection of addresses in Palms. Does he know if any other NC has done something like this. Mar Vista used zimmas that to select the addresses. Eliot will talk to Nick and Tina about what they can come up with to grab the data.
    - iv. Door hanger.
      1. [Door hanger](#) design
        - Kay has an estimate from Crisp Imaging print for 2-sided.
        - Modified in place.
        - Have English and Spanish on the door hanger.
        - Have a google translate button on the online survey.
        - Kay will send Eliot Word version of door hanger for him to modify.
        - Gotprint is an affordable place Eliot recommends
      2. Door hanger distribution. Door hanger companies are in the practice of going door-to-door.

- Maybe B&B Committee can help coordinate with apartment managers
  - Can we get area reps and other NC members to help with distribution?
  - Buzzing the front door can sometimes work.
- v. Random number generation of PINs. Here's one possible web site to use.
- <https://www.calculatorsoup.com/calculators/statistics/random-number-generator.php>
- Eliot uses random.org. It uses letters and numbers.
  - Discuss at next meeting how we will use the code with the various survey platforms. Kay says we can use google sheets and search for duplications. And then what? Do we pick one response or delete the entries?
- vi. Labor includes creating a file with sticker text including 2550 random numbers to be printed, adding stickers to door hangers, creation distributing door hangers, analyzing results, writing a survey report.
- Customer service if someone has questions.
  - Kay will talk to Helen about creating a [VeniceSurvey@palmsnc.la](mailto:VeniceSurvey@palmsnc.la) address that goes to Eliot, Natasia, and Kay.
- vii. MOTION to approve up to \$1200 to print 2550 door hangers and stickers with a PIN for each door hanger.
- Eliot moves. Natasia seconds.
  - Kay moves to modify the motion to be 4400 door hangers and remove stickers and change PIN to code. Natasia seconds.
  - Motion to modify. Kay yes, Eliot yes, Natasia yes.
  - MOTION to approve up to \$1200 to print 4400 door hangers with a code.
  - Kay yes, Eliot yes, Natasia yes.
- b. DISCUSSION on report.
- i. Context in the report. Review context in the [Overland report](#). Apply the [ideas spreadsheet](#).
- Reviewed. Eliot and Natasia will work on this.
- ii. Report progress.
- No progress to report

**V. Adjournment:**

- a. Next meeting is February 22, 2022.
- 9:08

The Palms Neighborhood Council is thinking about ways to improve Venice Blvd. We'd appreciate your input. We are reaching out to residents and businesses for this survey.

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1. What is your living situation in Palms?

- a. Rent
- b. Own
- c. Unhoused
- d. Don't live in Palms

Comments

2. Do you work on Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd?

- a. Yes as a business owner
- b. Yes as an employee
- c. No

Comments

3. How do you primarily access Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd?

Select up to 3.

- a. Car
- b. Walk
- c. Bicycle
- d. Scooter
- e. Public Transportation
- f. Ride share
- g. Other (specify in the comments)

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4. Do you think there is adequate parking for businesses along Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd?

- a. Yes
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5. Do you think there is adequate parking for residences along Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd?

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6. What would you like to see for the Venice Blvd medians between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd? Select up to 3.
- Grass
  - Cement
  - Paving bricks
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7. What is your top safety concern for Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd?
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8. What would increase the likelihood you visit Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd without your car?
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9. Venice Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd and Exposition Blvd has 3 lanes in each direction. What should we do with them? Select up to 2.
- Nothing
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  - Repurpose the parking lane for buses
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Comments

10. Please provide detail on anything else on your mind for Venice Blvd.

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  - c. Greater than \$63,431
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Comments

12. What is your race? Select all that apply.
  - a. White
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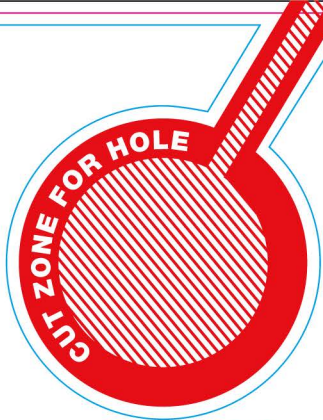
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**What is the Palms NC?**

The Neighborhood Council amplifies your voice to City Hall!

**Who does the Palms NC represent?**

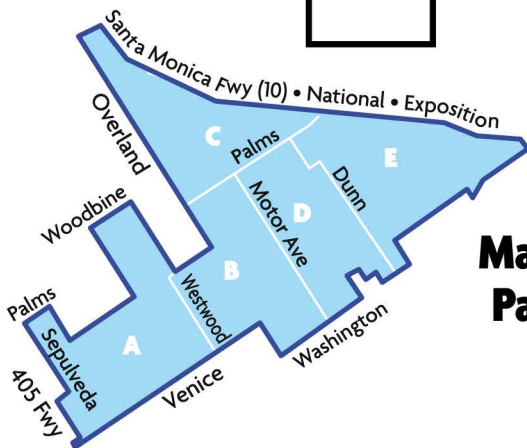
Anyone invested in Palms, age 14+

**Why Participate?**

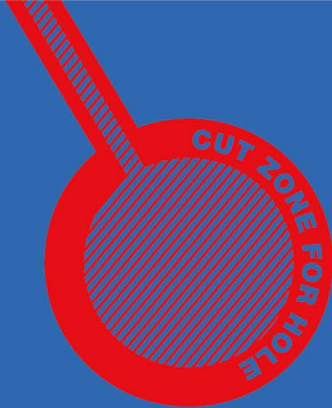
Give input on parking, traffic, potholes, safety, development, and more!

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for more information

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**Map of Palms**



Changes to Venice Blvd in Mar Vista were made. Do you like them? What do you want for Palms?

Here's a chance to make your voice heard. Please give us 10 minutes of your time and take the anonymous 12 question online survey at <web address> by <date>.

Each survey response requires a unique code that is provided below. The code ensures we don't get multiple responses from the same address. We are not tracking which code are delivered to which addresses.

Questions? Contact [VeniceSurvey@palmsnc.la](mailto:VeniceSurvey@palmsnc.la)  
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Se hicieron cambios a Venice Blvd en Mar Vista. ¿Te gustan? ¿Qué quieres para Palms?

Esta es una oportunidad para que su voz sea escuchada. Denos 10 minutos de su tiempo y complete la encuesta anónima en línea de 12 preguntas en <dirección web> antes del <fecha>.

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Paul Koretz, CD 5 Councilmember

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports Option 6 with modifications for the current Sepulveda Corridor options Metro is considering. Our priorities are:

- Rail cars that are interchangeable with the other Metro Rail lines
- A stop at UCLA
- A stop at the Expo Line Sepulveda Station (not currently part of Option 6)

We support a heavy rail approach to the Sepulveda Corridor project for a couple of reasons

Heavy rail will be more expensive in the short run. In the long run it will be better for the Metro rail system as a whole assuming the heavy rail tracks and cars used for the project are compatible with existing lines. Using cars that are interchangeable between the various lines improves the ability to provide maintenance and add more cars to one line over another when traffic patterns change. This project should not be built without rail car compatibility.

Underground heavy rail allows us to have a station on the UCLA campus without introducing a second or third mode of transportation between the line and the campus. If we don't have a stop at UCLA, in 20 years our children will look at us and ask us what we were thinking.

The Palms Neighborhood Council also supports a terminus at Sepulveda Station instead of Bundy. A stop at Sepulveda allows for transfer to the Culver City number 6 bus line and continuing travel to LAX until a rail option is constructed. The Palms Neighborhood Council would support option 5 if the train cars and rails are compatible with the existing lines.