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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 10, 2022 - 7:00 PM

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In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this Downtown Los Angeles 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 dial (669) 900-6833 or enter Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495346020> Passcode: 087494

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call 7:03PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) <b>DZ</b>	P		
Melynda Choothesa <b>MC</b>	P	joined at 7:24PM	
James Wilde <b>JW</b>	P		
Victor Robert <b>VR</b>	A		
Wendy Celaya <b>WC</b>	P		
Reeyan Raynes <b>RR</b>	P		

2. General Public Comment - The public is requested to dial \*9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an 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 are within the Board's

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3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 11/11/21 special meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (1), Absent (1)

5. Approval of [minutes](#) for 1/13/22 regular committee meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (1), Absent (1)

6. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

RR provided update on Ave26 Night Market - CD14 met with organizers, looking to bring within framework of regulation..

7. Old Business - (All items for discussion and possible action)

a. 2nd & 3rd Street Tunnel Graffiti Abatement

RR explained the successful effort to get tunnels cleaned up, part of a larger initiative to address maintenance issues for them.

8. New Business (All items for discussion and possible action)

Moved items 8d and 8e up be discussed before CIS items.

Meeting recessed at 8:13PM, after discussions of items 8d and 8e

Meeting reconvened at 8:53PM

a. Submission of a CIS on [22-0123](#): Prohibited Parking Signs / Commercial Corridors / Industrial Areas / Street Sweeping Routes / AM Route Staffing

DZ motioned to submit a CIS in support of CF 22-0123, MC seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

b. Submission of a CIS on [22-0118](#): Illegal Dumping and Trash / Fund Allocation / Integrated Strategy / 48 Hour Response

WC motioned to submit a CIS in support of CF 22-0118, RR seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

c. Submission of a CIS on [22-0116](#): CleanStat Street Indexing System / Illegal Dumping / Tonnage Collected / Enforcement / Environmental Design Techniques

RR motioned to submit a CIS in support of CF 22-0116, JW seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

d. Nuisance issues in front of the Los Angeles Theater Center (514 S Spring St)

Tia Strozer and Senior Lead Officer Linton were present for discussion.

Claudia Oliveira (CO) received multiple complaints about conditions of the theater from residents living in adjacent buildings. Issues are getting worse, with Security Lofts residents needing to be escorted out of concern for safety. The contract for the theater, in its 15th year of 20-year term, was renewed in 2020 for another 30 years (expiring 2056).

David Nealy (member of public): Asked if it's possible to add more staff members that are trained to deal with substance abuse issues.

RR: We have a contract with Urban Alchemy, can potentially ask to expand services into Historic Core.

CO: Said the issues are more about drug sales instead of drug use, that the area has become a hub for sales.

Nicki Genovese, rep from DCA, which is the city agency tasked with maintaining the LATC property, commented that it's the responsibility of the tenant to maintain the front of the property. DCA can't get involved, but has noted and will continue to monitor the situation. Nicki will relay issues to head of the General Services Dept. She has no knowledge of recourse but will follow up and inform us of possible action.

RR suggested we explore what role the NC can take, potentially partner with GSD on solutions e.g. nuisance abatement lighting.

CO: We need to have a cultural change in dealing with this issue, specifically a different view with the tenant operator on accountability.

Jose Valenzuela, operator of LATC, explained that unions currently don't allow performances due to COVID. He explained he's exhausted options, building security can't touch individuals who are loitering, can only ask them to move.

RR will set up a joint meeting with Jose, CO.

MC: Potential upcoming activation of the Trust Building, could help improve conditions. Next steps on item: will continue the conversation in future meetings, maintain correspondence with agencies and DCA.

#### e. Nuisance issues around CVS at 7th / Spring

Boris (member of public): Manages Haas building, says people are getting access through City Center garage to route around the gates. Situation is heavily deteriorated.

Nish(member of public): Is curious what's going on, doesn't recall seeing anything unusual in the area.

CO: BID power washes every day, up to 2x a day and it's not enough of a deterrent.

Sr. Officer Linton: Has seen complaints about the area, reviewed prior abatement efforts. Met with CVS management pre-COVID, but not since. Has reached out to CVS management, hopes to start having regular meetings again with CVS + Van Nuys building management.. There are 12 buses that stop there now, and MTA is not willing to move bus route because 7th St is a main corridor. LAPD has limited resources, arrest policy limits.

CO: spoke to Captain Morales about having roll calls in these key locations.

Teddian (member of public): Works with buildings in Europe, suggests solution of activating retail to deter loitering.

David N. (member of public): Can we provide incentives for retail operators?

Tia Strozer said she can elevate issues with CVS and LAPD in meetings, and can provide case updates.

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Nish K. has some items he wants to agendize, will email DZ.

#### 10. Committee member announcements

None

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022

Adjourn 8:59PM, WC seconded

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