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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Patti Berman	H	Ryan Afari	H	Allen Gross	H
Claudia Oliveira	H	Ana Carril-Grumberg	H	Leonel Aguilar	A
Tony Hoover	H	Samir Bitar	H	Cody Nowak	H
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	H, late	Jim Sarratori	H
Robert Martinez	H, late	Tyler Murphy	H	Jehan Reagan	H
Scott Miller	H	Pablo Fontoura	H	Debby Zhou	H
Nathan Mahaffey	H	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	H
Wendy Celaya	H	Damion Wagner	H	Angela DeLeon	A

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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- Meeting Paused at 6:40pm
- Meeting re-started at 7:24pm

3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

4. Speakers

- City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
- Liaisons Reports - Open positions: LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP MOU, Plan Check, Budget Representative
- Appointment and confirmation of Arthur Gonzalez for the LGBTQ Alliance Liaison (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - Claudia motioned, Jim seconded.
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5. Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action) - None

6. Minutes

- Approval of the 09/13/2022 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes are not available, this item will be tabled until next meeting.

7. President's Report

- President

8. Consent Calendar - None

9. Old Business - Please see tabled treasurer items under item 11

10. New Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

a. PLUC

- **Case Number:** ZA-2022-5068; ZA-2022-5069; ZA-2022-5072; ZA-2022-5073; ZA-2022-5074; ZA-2022-5075; ZA-2022-5076; ZA-2022-5079; ZA-2022-5080; ZA-2022-5081; ZA-2022-5083; ZA-2022-5084
- **Project Location:** 1260 S. Figueroa
- **Item Description/Request:**

The project is Plan Approval for 12 tenant spaces that were previously approved under a Master CUP for service of alcoholic beverages, live entertainment, and

public dancing. The tenant spaces are in two hotels, which are the AC and Moxy, that are located within the constructed high-rise tower at the intersection of Figueroa and Pico across the street from the Los Angeles Convention Center. The 12 tenant spaces will be operated by 2 well-known hospitality operators, including Marriott and Houston’s Hospitality. The tenant spaces will be covered by two Type 47 ABC licenses.

Plan Approvals pursuant to Section 12.24.M of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and consistent with the master CUP already approved by the City in related case CPC-2016-2695-DA-CU-MCUP-CUX-SPR. The request before DLANC is simply to support the plan approvals that implement the master conditional use permit.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a [letter](#) of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No ZA-2022-5068; ZA-2022-5069; ZA-2022-5072; ZA-2022-5073; ZA-2022-5074; ZA-2022-5075; ZA-2022-5076; ZA-2022-5079; ZA-2022-5080; ZA-2022-5081; ZA-2022-5083; ZA-2022-5084 and additionally support the Applicant’s request to waive the Plan Approval hearing. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (b) Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.”

(Vote Count: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 2; Recused: 2)

- Patti motioned to approve the letter of support. Melynda seconded.
- Motion passes.
- i 1 Recusal (ryan), 1 Abstain (Nathan), 2 No’s (Pablo, Jehan, James), 13 Yes.

Patti Berman	Y	Ryan Afari	Recu.	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	Y	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	Y	Jehan Reagan	N
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	N	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	Abst	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	N
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

b. Livability - None

c. Government Liaison

- #1 Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS in **support** of CF [22-0279](#): Rental Transparency and Accountability Ordinance / Uniform Screening Criteria / Tenant Screening Process / Discrimination

Government Liaison Committee vote count: Y(2) N(0) A(1) R(0)

- Jehan motioned to approve the CIS. Pablo seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	N	Allen Gross	
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Abst	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Abst	Samir Bitar	N	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa		Jim Sarratori	N
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy		Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	N	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	
Nathan Mahaffey		Christian Dittmer		James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	

8 Y, 4N, 2 Abstain

Motion passed.

- #2 Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS in **support** of CF [22-0628](#): Food Distribution Programs / People Experiencing Homelessness / Food Waste Mitigation / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Government Liaison Committee vote count: Y(2) N(0) A(1) R(0)

- Jehan motioned to pass #2 and #3. Cody seconded.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- 16 Y, 0 N, 0 Abst.

- #3 Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS in **support** of CF [20-1178-S2](#): Therapeutic Van Pilot Program Expansion / Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Permanent Funding Source

Government Liaison Committee vote count: Y(3) N(0) A(0) R(0)

- Jehan motioned to pass #2 and #3. Cody seconded.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- 16 Y, 0 N, 0 Abst.

d. Outreach - None

e. Rules & Selections

- Discussion and Possible action to update DLANC standing rules.
R&S Vote Count: Y (4), N (0), A (0), R (0)
 - Jim motioned to pass the updated Standing Rules. Samir seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 13 Y, 0 N, 0 Abstain
- Motion passed unanimously.

f. Other Items

- Discussion and Possible action to support the [Mills Act letter](#) drafted by Historic Property owners.
 - Claudia motioned to approve the letter. Ana seconded.
 - Nick Leathers made a comment.
 - Antia To made a comment.
 - Reeyan Raynes made a comment.
 - Sheila Swanson made a comment.

Patti Berman	Abst	Ryan Afari	Y	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	
Tony Hoover	Abst	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Abst
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Abst
Robert Martinez	Abst	Tyler Murphy	Y	Jehan Reagan	Abst
Scott Miller	Abst	Pablo Fontoura	N	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Abst
Wendy Celaya	Abst	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 5 Y, 1N, 9 Abstain

- Discussion and Possible action to send a CIS in support of CF [22-1123](#)
RE: Jina Mahsa Amini / Morality Police Killing / National Dress Code Violations / Women-Led Human Rights Movement / Islamic Republic of Iran.

- Jehan motioned. Samir seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 13 Y, 0 N, 0 Abstin
- Motion passed.

11. Treasurer's Items: (All items subject to discussion and possible action)

- Register.com update
- Approve June 2022 MERS

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 13 Y, 0 N, 0 Abstain
- Motion passes

- Approve September 2022 MERS

- Approve a monthly expenditure not to exceed \$1400 a month for the license agreement with Industrious at 444 S Flower for the DLANC Office and Meeting Space. Monies to come from the Office Budget.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Abst	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 12 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain
- Motion passes

e. Approve an annual expenditure not to exceed \$3233.96 for Office Equipment and Supplies. Monies to come from the office Budget.

- Tony motioned. Pablo seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Abst	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Abst	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 11 Y, 0 N, 2 Abstain
- Motion passes

f. Approve an annual expenditure not to exceed \$3999.96 for Advertising both electronic and printed. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget. Vendor will be one like DTLA Weekly or Facebook.

- Tony motioned. Jim seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y

Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Abst	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 12 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain
- Motion passes

g. Discussion and possible action regarding a sponsored table at the Festival For All Skid Row Artists in Skid Row. Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed 1,500 dollars monies to come from the outreach budget.

- Tony motioned. Wendy seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Abst.	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 12 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain
- Motion passes

h. Discussion and Possible Action to move 3,500 from the Office Budget to create an NPG Budget line item.

- Tony motioned. Pablo seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Abst	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y

Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A
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- 12 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain
- Motion passes

- i. Discussion and possible action regarding NPG application for Transformative Arts. - Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed 3,500 dollars monies to come from the NPG budget.

- Tony motioned. Samir seconded.

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	A
Claudia Oliveira	n/a	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Cody Nowak	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	Abst	Tyler Murphy	A	Jehan Reagan	Y
Scott Miller	Abst	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	A
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	A	James Wilde	Y
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Angela DeLeon	A

- 11 Y, 0 N, 2 Abstain
- Motion passes

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13. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

14. Next Meeting November 7th, 2022 (Special meeting due to the elections)

15. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

8:58

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