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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Contact: claudia.oliveira@dlanc.com for more information

1. Call to Order/Roll Call **6:34PM**

Patti Berman	A	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	P
Claudia Oliveira	P	Ana Carril-Grumberg	P	Leonel Aguilar	P
Tony Hoover	P	Samir Bitar	P	Cody Nowak	P
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	P 6:43PM	Jim Sarratori	P
Robert Martinez	P	Tyler Murphy	P	Jehan Reagan	P
Scott Miller	P	Pablo Fontoura	P	Debby Zhou	P
Nathan Mahaffey	P	Christian Dittmer	P	James Wilde	P Susan 6:40PM
Wendy Celaya	P	Damion Wagner	P	Vacant Area Wide Homeless	

2. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

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**3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications**

Claudia – CD14 leadership coalition members

**4. President’s Report**

Business cards

Homeless count

Jehan stepping down from GLA chair

Election applications open 1/4/23 until 2/18/23, voter registration is through empowerla because it’s a stakeholder election

**5. CD14 Leadership Coalition briefing/presentation by CD14 NC executives. (discussion and possible action)**

**6. Speakers**

a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives

Antonelli – RE: Pico Triangle Project CD14 will be using discretionary funds to help project, \$47.5m ATP project for skid row from state

LAFD Assistant Chief McKnight – made introduction

Sgt Helper – incoming civilian police academy commencing march 16, every thur night for 8 weeks.

Covers internal police operations, meetings at central station (6<sup>th</sup> and wall), holding info campaign on car theft prevention at Metropolis

Jarvis Emerson – Looking into fixing street lights along San Pedro, flooded street corners on 5<sup>th</sup>/San Pedro but water has gone down since rain stopped today. Looking to relaunch warming centers, finally received funding, finalizing contracts. Pushing fentanyl awareness program, homeless connect day within the next couple of weeks.

b. Presentation by Elections Representative Naima Pulliam

c. Liaisons Reports - Open positions: LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP MOU, Budget Representative

RR – 7<sup>th</sup> st bike lane project –scheduled to hit spring st and maple by March 2023

Dept City Planning – S Broadway oil well – City ordering compliance review

Public toilet transition – new units opening end of January

NK – DT is most polluted for cancer causing chemicals via vehicular matter pollution, we should cite this information when advocating for green space projects, oil well, etc. South Coast AQMD has incentive programs for facilities that use heavy duty trucks to replace with cleaner emission vehicles, application period is now until May. Priority is given to smaller operators.

AW – Disney/ABC filming incident – racial profiling, resolved.

**7. Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action)**

a. Selection Area Wide Homeless Seat Vacancy

b. Select VP of Outreach

CO motioned to select VP Outreach between Samir and Wendy. Jim seconded.

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Absent	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Absent	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Abstain
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	Abstain	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	SB	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	WC
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	SB	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	SB	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	WC
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Absent	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	SB	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	SB
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	SB	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Abstain	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	WC

Scott Miller	SB	Pablo Fontoura	WC	Debby Zhou	WC
Nathan Mahaffey	SB	Christian Dittmer	WC	James Wilde	WC
Wendy Celaya	WC	Damion Wagner	WC	Vacant Area Wide Homeless	

SB (8), WC (9), Abstain (3), Absent (3)

**8. Minutes**

a. Approval of the 12/13/2022 Board Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Need to table, not posted

**9. Consent Calendar - None**

**10. Old Business - None**

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

- a. PLUC - None
- b. Livability - None
- c. Government Liaison - None
- d. Outreach - None
- e. Rules & Selections - None
- f. Other Items - None

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

a. Approve November 2022 MERS

Tony motioned to approve, Jim seconded.

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

Y (18), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (5)

b. Approve December 2022 MERS

Table, no December MERS yet.

c. Approve an expenditure not to exceed \$3,500 for an Election Administrative Assistant. Vendor is Bridge Gap. Monies to come from the Elections Budget line item.

Tony motioned to approve, Jim seconded.

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Absent	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Absent	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Absent
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	Y	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Y	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Y
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Y	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Abstain	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Y
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Absent	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Y	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Y
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Y	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Y	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Y
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Abstain	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Y	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Y
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Y	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Y	<b>James Wilde</b>	Y
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Y	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Y	<b>Vacant Area Wide Homeless</b>	

Y (17), N (0), Abstain (2), Absent (4)

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### 14. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

### 15. Next Meeting February 13th, 2023 (Due to Valentine's day.)

### 16. Adjourn 8:44PM

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