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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA
City Hall East - Controller's room
200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 – 6:30 PM
Contact: claudia.oliveira@dlanc.com for more information**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Melynda Choothesa		Alisha Henderson		Hakeem Parke-Davis	
Claudia Oliveira		Ana Carril-Grumberg		Leonel Aguilar	
Jens Midthun		Brandon Robinson		Allen Gross	
Wendy Celaya		"Russian Rick" Young		Lori Aliksonian	
Damion Wagner		Tyler Murphy		Garrett A South	
At-Large - Vacant		Samir Bitar		Debby Zhou	
Wendell Blassingame		Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas		Lawrence Carroll	
Scott Miller		Christian Dittmer		Sara Eastwood	

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

4. President's Report

- a. Resources for code of conduct and conflict resolution (Jose Galdamez)
- b. Budget Advocate appointment of Jens Midthun

5. Speakers

- a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
- b. Liaisons Reports - Open positions

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

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to Remove Board Directors due to attendance:
 - i. Brandon Robinson (Fashion District Business Director)
 - ii. Wendell Blassingame (Center City East Resident Director)
- b. Announcement of open seats
 - i. Center City East Business Director
 - ii. At-Large (formerly Center City East Resident Director)
 - iii. Fashion District Business Director (tentative)
 - iv. Center City East Resident Director (tentative)

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of 09/13/2023 Board of Director meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of 08/15/2023 Special Board of Directors/PLUC meeting minutes
- c. Approval of 10/17/2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes

8. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve Reeyan Raynes as Parliamentarian for DLANC
- b. Discussion and possible action to take a recess for the month of December 2023

9. Old Business - None

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

a. President's items

- i. Discussion and possible action to file a [CIS](#) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because it increases the accessibility of our meetings, improves our community engagement, and ensures the health and safety of participants.
- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS on [CF 23-1114](#): Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / SB 411 / Teleconferencing / Remote Meetings / Brown Act Modification / California Government Code / COVID-19 Pandemic

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

- i. Approval of [October 2023 MERS](#)
- ii. Approval of [September 2023 MERS](#)
- iii. The Budget and Finance committee recommends the authorization of funding for [interpretation and/or translation services](#) provided at no charge by the City of Los Angeles. The authorization will be categorized within Office/Operational Expenditures. There will be no fiscal impact on DLANC FY23-24 budget, as services are paid for by the City's pooled NC Transcription Fund. B&F Committee Vote: Y(5), N(0), Abstentions (0)
- iv. The Budget and Finance committee recommends the following reallocations of budget line items within the [approved FY23-24 Outreach expenditure category](#), as requested by the Outreach Committee Chair:

- Reduce the Tabling / Events budget line to \$3800 (from \$6000).
 - Increase the Advertising budget line to \$1300 (from \$300).
- B&F Committee Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), Abstentions (0)

v. The Budget and Finance committee recommends:

- The creation of a new “Constituent Email Services” budget line-item within the approved FY23-24 Outreach expenditure category to fund a new email subscription service for constituent outreach.
- To fund this new budget line through a categorial reallocation of an amount not to exceed \$1,200. Services to be provided by [Brevo Inc.](#) & [Mailchimp Inc.](#) Monies to come from the Outreach budget.

B&F Committee Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), Abstentions (0)

c. **Rules & Selections**

Announcement from Committee Chair

d. **PLUC**

i. **Case Number:** DIR 2023 1379 DB SPR HCA/ENV 2023 1380 EAF

Project Location: 222 W. 12th Street, 1204-1216 S. Olive Street

Project Description: The proposed project is for a new 8-story, 105’-9” in height multifamily residential dwelling building having 401 dwelling units with 45, or 11% of the total units, reserved for Very Low Income households, and approximately 8,699 square feet of ground floor commercial uses.

Project Requests The project is requesting a Density Bonus approval with one incentive for a reduction in Open Space, and Site Plan Review.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. DIR 2023 1379 DB SPR HCA/ENV 2023 1380 EAF. Support is conditioned on the following: **(1)** Applicant will maintain pedestrian access if the sidewalk is temporarily closed during construction; **(2)** Applicant will ensure any temporary walkways covered due to construction (e.g., scaffolding) are well-lit at all hours; **(3)** Storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; **(4)** Owner/Operator will come back and present to DLANC PLUC should owner/operator change; **(5)** Applicant includes a designated space for accommodating pet waste within the project to mitigate pet waste polluting public right of ways. If this is not feasible, a designated area should be provided to the public right away along with a specific plan for cleaning and maintenance; **(6)** Developer will ensure that property fencing is see-through so as to eliminate any blind spots and increase public safety; **(7)** Developer will add architectural and security lighting on the east building elevation and additional lighting and security measures at all perimeter alcoves.

PLUC Vote Count: Y (8), N (0), Absent (0)

ii. **Case number:** ENV-2021-2232-EIR;

CPC-2021-2231-GPA-VZC-HD-VCU-ZV-SPR

Project Location: 2045 East Violet Street (2030 - 2060 East 7th Street; 715 - 829 East Santa Fe Avenue; 2016 - 2043 East 7th Place and 2017 - 2051 Violet Street, Los Angeles, California 90021)

Project Description: Continued use and maintenance of the 244,795 square-foot Warner Music Group building and associated automobile parking garage. Construction of a new 13-story, 450,599 square-foot building featuring 435,100 square feet of office uses, 15,499 square-feet of ground floor retail, 20,418 square-feet of open space in balconies/roof decks for office use, 10,643 square-feet of shared deck area, and 42,957 square-feet of shared publicly accessible open space at the ground level. Parking is both underground and wrapped by the building in a 7-story structure that includes four below-grade levels, one at-grade and two above-grade levels.

Project Requests:

1. General Plan Amendment from “Heavy Manufacturing” to “Regional Center Commercial.”
2. Zone and Height District Change from zone [M3-1-RIO](#) to [C2-2-RIO](#) (permitting a maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 8.1:1 and a maximum height of 148 feet to the top of the parapet).
3. Vesting Conditional Use for a Major Development Project.
4. Vesting Conditional Use to allow FAR averaging in a Unified Development (the Project Site.)
5. Zone Variance to permit a loading zone to be provided with vehicular access from a public street.
6. Site Plan Review.
7. Vesting Tentative Tract Map for merger and resubdivision.
8. CEQA review.

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PLUC Vote Count: Y (8), N (0), Absent (0)

e. **Livability**

- i. None

f. **Government Liaison**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **against unless amended** on CF 23-0008-S12: Valley Boulevard / Eastern Avenue / Huntington Drive South / Marianna Avenue / North Lorena Street / South Evergreen Street / East Cesar Chavez Avenue / 1st Street / Boyle Street / Echandia Street / Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions

CIS Supplemental Statement:

Suitable parking spaces within the district are provided for the vehicles being moved, provide relocation of inoperable vehicles, within district limits, and include wrap-around services for the unhoused.

- g. **Outreach**
 - i. DLANC Marketing Toolkit
- h. **Urban Needs & Resources**
 - i. Discussion and possible action to rename San Julian Park to honor Wendell Blassingame.
- i. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

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- j. **Board Members and Committee Announcements.**
- k. **Next Meeting: TBD**
- l. **Adjourn**

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