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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, December 12th, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:47 PM

Melynda Choothesa	P 7:15PM	Alisha Henderson	P	Hakeem Parke-Davis	P
Claudia Oliveira	P	Ana Carril-Grumberg	P	Leonel Aguilar	P
Jens Midthun	P	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	ALT
Center City - East Business - Vacant		"Russian Rick" Young	P	Lori Aliksanian	P
Damion Wagner	P	Tyler Murphy	P	Garrett A South	P
At-Large - Vacant		Samir Bitar	P	Debby Zhou	P
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	P
Scott Miller	P 7:17PM	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	P

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

4. President’s Report

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)

- c. Selection of open seats
 - i. Center City East Business Director

J Ellis McGinnis

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Y
Center City - East Business - Vacant		“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
At-Large - Vacant		Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Abstain
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y (16), N (0), Abstain (1), Absent (3)

- ii. At-Large (formerly Center City East Resident Director)

Pablo Fontoura

Christopher Michael Gonzalez

Shawn Smith

Melynda Choothesa	Chris	Alisha Henderson	Chris	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Abstain	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Pablo	Leonel Aguilar	Pablo
Jens Midthun	Pablo	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Abstain

J Ellis McGinnis	Chris	“Russian Rick” Young	Pablo	Lori Aliksanian	Pablo
Damion Wagner	Pablo	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Chris
At-Large - Vacant		Samir Bitar	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Abstain
BellaNaomi Østby	Shawn	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	Chris
Scott Miller	Abstain	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Pablo

Pablo - 7
Christopher - 5
Shawn - 1

Abstain (5), Absent (4)

iii. Fashion District Business Director

Shawn Smith

Melynda Choothesa	Abstain	Alisha Henderson	Abstain	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	N	Ana Carril-Grumberg	N	Leonel Aguilar	Abstain
Jens Midthun	Abstain	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Abstain
J Ellis McGinnis	Abstain	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Abstain
Damion Wagner	N	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Abstain
At-Large - Vacant		Samir Bitar	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Abstain
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	N
Scott Miller	Abstain	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	N

Y (2), N (5), Abstain (11), Absent (3)

iv. Center City East Resident Director

Christopher Michael Gonzalez
BellaNaomi Ostby

Melynda Choothesa	Abstain	Alisha Henderson	C	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	B	Ana Carril-Grumberg	C	Leonel Aguilar	B
Jens Midthun	B	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	B
J Ellis McGinnis	B	“Russian Rick” Young	B	Lori Aliksanian	C
Damion Wagner	B	Tyler Murphy	B	Garrett A South	C
At-Large - Vacant		Samir Bitar	B	Debby Zhou	Abstain
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	C
Scott Miller	B	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	B

Christopher - 5
BellaNaomi - 11

Abstain (2), Absent (3)

5. 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
- d. Approval of 11/14/2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Garret motioned, Ellis seconded
Y(15), N(0), Abstain (4)

Melynda Choothesa		Alisha Henderson		Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira		Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	
Jens Midthun		Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	
J Ellis McGinnis	Abstain	“Russian Rick” Young		Lori Aliksanian	
Damion Wagner		Tyler Murphy		Garrett A South	
Pablo Fontoura	Abstain	Samir Bitar		Debby Zhou	
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller		Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	

6. Consent Calendar - None

7. Old Business - None

8. 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

Debby motioned to submit in support, Melynda seconded
 Y(12), N (5) , Abstain (1)

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	N	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	N	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Y
J Ellis McGinnis	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	N	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	N	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	N	Samir Bitar	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller	Y	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Y

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

- i. Approval of November 2023 MERS

Samir motioned, Garrett seconded

Melynda Choothesa	Ineligible	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Y
J Ellis McGinnis	Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Ineligible	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y

BellaNaomi Østby	Ineligible	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(13), N (0) , Ineligible (4)

- ii. Discussion and Possible Action to create a **new line item “Interpretation/Translation Services” within the Office/Operational Expenditures Category** of the approved FY23-24 budget, and fund through the reallocation of \$1000 from the Promotional Items line item within Outreach Expenditures Category, and \$1000 from the Meeting Spaces line item within the Office/Operational Expenditures Category.

Debby motioned, Allen seconded

Melynda Choothesa	Ineligible	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Y
J Ellis McGinnis	Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Ineligible	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Ineligible	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(13), N (0) , Ineligible (4)

- iii. Discussion and Possible Action to allocate a **monthly expenditure for interpretation and translation services** not to exceed \$450. Vendor will be one of the approved vendors providing services through the City’s pooled Interpretation and Translation Services program. Monies to come from the Office budget.

Garrett motioned, Lori seconded

Melynda Choothesa	Ineligible	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Y
J Ellis McGinnis	Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y

Pablo Fontoura	Ineligible	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Ineligible	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller	Abstain	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(13), N (0) , Ineligible (4)

c. **Rules & Selections**

Announcement from Committee Chair

d. **PLUC**

- i. **Discussion and possible action** to submit a [CIS](#) on Amending Motion 54A, Item 3; CF-[22-0617-S2](#): Adaptive Reuse Incentive Eligibility Process within the Downtown Community Plan / Council District 14

Recommended Action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends a vote of **FOR IF AMENDED** on CF-22-0617-S2
Committee vote: Yeah (6) Nay (0) Abstentions (0)

- ii. **Discussion and possible action** to submit a [CIS](#) on AMENDING MOTION 54A, ITEM 2; CF-[22-0617-S3](#): Modifications to the IX1 use district to better facilitate community facilities within portions of the Skid Row neighborhood, as part of the Downtown Community Plan / Council District 14

Recommended Action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends a vote of **FOR IF AMENDED** on CF-22-0617-S3
Committee vote: Yeah (4) Nay (2) Abstentions (0)

- iii. **Discussion and possible action** to submit a [CIS](#) on AMENDING MOTION 54A, ITEM 2; CF-[22-0617-S5](#): Effects to housing production in the Downtown Community Plan Area within the Fashion District's IX3 Zone / Council District 14

Recommended Action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends a vote of **FOR IF AMENDED** on CF-22-0617-S5
Committee vote: Yeah (6) Nay (0) Abstentions (0)

Russian Rick motioned to submit, Damion seconded

Y(13), N(0), Abstain(5)

Ennis motioned to table, Damion seconded

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

- iv. **Discussion and possible action** to submit a [CIS](#) on AMENDING MOTION 54A, ITEM 2; [CF-22-0617-S6](#): Modifications to the Downtown Community Plan related to publicly accessible open space / Council District 14

Recommended Action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends a vote of **FOR IF AMENDED** on CF-22-0617-S6
Committee vote: Yeah (4) Nay (2) Abstentions (0)

Russian Rick motioned to bundle in support, Tyler seconded

Amended to bundle 1,2, and 4
 Y(), N(0), Abstain(5)

e. Livability

- i. Discussion and possible action to **authorize use of the DLANC logo in a letter of support** for undergrounding of Metro's West Santa Ana Branch through Downtown LA (Solutions Alameda Coalition)

Livability Committee Vote Count Y(6), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Debby motioned, Samir seconded
 Y(20), N(0), Abstain (0)

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	Y
J Ellis McGinnis	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	A	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller	Y	Christian Dittmer	A	Sara Eastwood	Y

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS in support** of CF 23-1209: West 5th Street / South Broadway / South Hill Street / On-Street Parking Prohibition

Livability Committee Vote Count Y(6), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Melynda motioned, Leo seconded
 Y(17), N(0), Abstain(1)

- iii. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS in support** of CF 18-0334-S1: Downtown Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) / Application Package / County of Los Angeles / Quarterly Reporting

Livability Committee Vote Count Y(6), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Samir motioned, Leo seconded
 Y(15), N(0), Abstain(3)

Samir motioned to amend to add sentence about green space

f. Government Liaison

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS against** CF 23-1164: Hate Speech / Flyer Dissemination / Mass Littering / Misdemeanor Government Committee Vote Count Y(0), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Pablo motioned, Leo seconded
Y(10), N(2), Abstain(3)

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **in support** of CF 14-1371-S13:
Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) / Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) / Wage Increase / Health Care Credit / Public Housekeeping Training / Amendments
Government Committee Vote Count Y(0), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Samir motioned, Jens seconded
Y(5), N(8), Abstain(3)
Ennis left (16 total)

- iii. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **in support** of CF 23-0002: S78-ACA 4 (Bryan) / Repeal Constitutional Voting Provisions / Disqualified Convicted Felons / State or Federal Prisons
Government Committee Vote Count Y(0), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)
- iv. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **in support** on CF 23-1194:
Inside Safe / Interim Housing / Encampments / Number and Location / Number of Participants / Hotels
Government Committee Vote Count Y(0), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Leo motioned to bundle 3-4, Pablo seconded
Y(15), N(0) Abstain(2)
Melynda left (17 total)

g. **Outreach**

h. **Urban Needs & Resources - None**

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

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j. **Board Members and Committee Announcements.**

k. **Next Meeting: January 9, 2023**

l. **Adjourn 10:09PM**

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