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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, January 9th, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:37PM

Melynda Choothesa	P	Alisha Henderson	P 7:11 PM	Hakeem Parke-Davis	P 6:56 PM
Claudia Oliveira	P	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	P
Jens Midthun	P	Fashion District Business - Vacant		Allen Gross	ALT 7:01 PM
J. Ellis McGinnis	P	"Russian Rick" Young	P	Lori Aliksanian	P
Damion Wagner	P	Tyler Murphy	ALT	Garrett A South	P
Pablo Fontoura	P	Samir Bitar	A	Debby Zhou	P
BellaNaomi Østby	P	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	P	Lawrence Carroll	P
Scott Miller	P 6:54 PM	Christian Dittmer	P	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
- c. Presenters (Items 8A1 and 8E1)

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

- d. Selection of open seats
 - i. Fashion District Business Director
 - a. Selection

Agenda item occurred after 8A1, 8E1, 5A, and Treasurer Items 8B1-2

Lawrence motioned to select Tophor Horman, Melynda seconded

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	Y
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	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	A	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(21), N(0), Abstain(0), Absent(2)

- b. Possible action to announce Area-Wide board seat opening

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of 12/12/2023 Board of Director meeting minutes.

Melynda motioned to approve, Lawrence seconded

Y(19), Abstain (2), N(1), Hakeem absent

6. Consent Calendar - None

7. Old Business - None

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

a. President’s items

- i. Lululemon 10K (presentation)
- ii. 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.

- iii. 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

DZ motioned, Ellis seconded

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	N	Hakeem Parke-Davis	N
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	N	Topher Horman	Y	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	A	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(16), N(6), Abstain(0), Absent(2)

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

- i. Approval of December 2023 MERS

Tabled

- ii. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$460.00 per monthly BOD meeting for security to be provided by the LAPD Security Services Division. One officer requires a minimum of 4 hours of \$115 per hour.

BellaNaomi motioned, Garrett seconded

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

Y(15), N(2), Abstain(2), Absent(2), Ineligible(2)

c. **Rules & Selections**

Announcement from Committee Chair

d. **PLUC - None**

e. **Livability - None**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a [letter](#) of support for the Venice for All Campaign (Streets for All)

Committee Vote Count: Y (4), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

[DZ motioned to submit, Ellis seconded](#)

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	Recused
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	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	Abstain
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	A	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	Y	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(19), N (0), Abstain(1), Recuse(1)

f. **Government Liaison - None**

g. **Outreach**

- i. Motion to do a Candidate Forum in February, 2024 with an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Tabling/Events line item. Vendors like Broadway Theater, YMCA, Central Library, U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final, and LA Mission.

Committee vote: Y (3) N (0) A (0)

[Lawrence motioned, Pablo seconded](#)

Melynda Choothesa	Ineligible	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	Abstain
Claudia Oliveira	Recuse	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Y	Allen Gross	Y
J. Ellis McGinnis	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y

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

Y(17), N(0), Abstain(2), Absent(2), Recuse(1) Ineligible(2)

- ii. Motion to do a Future of Education in DTLA Symposium in March 2024 with an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Tabling/Events line item. Vendors like YMCA, Central Library, U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final.

Committee vote: Y (3) N (0) A (0)

Lawrence motioned, Allen Alt seconded

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

Y(19), N(0), Abstain(0), Absent(3), Recuse(0) Ineligible(2)

h. Urban Needs & Resources

- i. Discussion and possible action on letter to rename Blassingame Park
Committee Vote Count Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)
- ii. Discussion and possible action on letter for Assessment of Encampment Engagement Grant
Committee Vote Count Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

Letter pulled, has to be addressed to the County. Sent back to committee.

- iii. Discussion and possible action on letter for Assessment of Inside Safe
Committee Vote Count Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

- iv. Discussion and possible action on letter for Assessment of Ordinance 41.18
Committee Vote Count Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

Damion motioned to bundle 1,3,4, Christian seconded

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

Y(19), N(0), Abstain(1), Absent(3), Recuse(0) Ineligible(0)

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

- k. **Next Meeting: February 13, 2024**

- l. **Adjourn 8:47**

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