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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

Google Meets Online or By Telephone

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zsy-jsis-vvc>

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Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor, contacte a la Secretaria Terin Ngo por correo electrónico terin.ngo@dlanc.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THIS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call @ 6:35pm

14 Present (P), 4 Absent (A), 5 Vacant (-), 1 (P*) Not counted for Quorum per SB411

Yvette Ayers	A	Daniel Calderas	P
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Jens Midthun	P	Tatheer Adnan	P
Monique Alvarado @6:50pm	P	Damion Wagner	P
Terin Ngo	P	Randy Gonzalez	P
Heera Kapoor	P	Adriana Velazquez	A
Oliver Alpuche	A	Paul Kaufman	P
Melissa Manousos	P	Dennis W. Fried	P
Andrew Wong	P	Amy Mack	P
Lori Aliksonian	A	Vacant (Area Wide Homeless Resident)	-
Teresa Y. Hillery	P*	Vacant (Historic Core Resident)	-
Leonel Aguilar	P	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-
Vacant (South Park Business)	-	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

- Teresa Hillery met w/ applicants.

4. President's Report

- Public Safety advocate. Support w/ Little Tokyo NC.
- Supporting funding for local dtla projects.
- SPAM/phishing from Jens. Change passwords if necessary, check source, reachout to confirm.
- Encourage all to participate & join committees.

5. Speakers

- a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
 - i. Gabriela Agarie (CD1)- impacted by the fires.
 - Sat 9/13 Steps of City Hall, Theme- Viva la Resistance, ICE raids to support community
 - 9/27 Community Clean-up A Chinatown. (Happy to host for future events.) 311 Workshop, App, Students of Eastwind Foundation. Informational session. Bulky item, litter removal, sanitation, etc.

- Senior Morning @ Huntington Library. Will share fliers.
- ii. Jarvis Emerson- meeting w/ BID to id group to encourage items used and properly bagged, mitigate trash, etc. Target sites with issues going on. Work w/ LA sanitation.
 - 9/19 (10-2pm) Skidrow will have a resource fair at Gladys Park. Offering DLANC table (Contact- Ebony Dalton). Looking for org. to do pet grooming. Residents have pets that need support. 1xmos? vaccinations, license, baths, grooming, general info from animal services, leashing pets, etc.
 - Urban Issues- Tatheer wants to schedule something for mid-Sept. Any info or memos to share w/ group and attached.
 - Skidrow Resident Seats- Teresa asked for recommendations and referrals.
- b. Liaisons Reports
 - Reeyan Raynes- Fashion District ShineLA was postponed due to heat. New date. TBD
 - Corner of Pico/Olive- planters to be put in, culmination w/ DLANC support efforts.
 - Civil Unrest- working w/ preparedness resources, visit dlanc.com for resources
 - Historic Core- LADOT has new bike protection measures, “zippers,” Spring & 3rd, reach out to Reeyan for feedback.
- c. Presentation from the Department of Transportation (LADOT) regarding the [Pico Boulevard Safety and Mobility Plan Project](#)
 - Severin Martinez (Vision Zero to eliminate/reduce fatal collisions)- last NC to have presentation, but with most updated info. 30 engagement activities, social media, etc. to provide opp for feedback
 - Pico between Crenshaw & Fig (Dist1&9)- connect to independent and adding bike lanes from Pico to Grand. High injury networks. 3.5mi corridor
 - Measure H LA
 - 2 Options- Protected vs. Painted Bike lane. Pico to single lane, center turn lane, added bike lane, pedestrian safety refuge, preserve street parking
 - Single lane direction have 35% fewer crashes
 - Potential Long-Term Opportunities, trade-offs
 - Plan to construct it next year.
 - QR code for Feedback Survey
 - Andrew Wong- provisions for bike rentals? *Conversations w/ Metro for Bikeshare expansion*. Share liaison contact.
 - Paul Gamberg- % parking lost from Option 1. TBD. Parking on 1 side and not other.; Green median w/out budget. Can you do it all at the same time? *No budget w/ existing tree-wells*.
 - Heera Kapoor- Where and when is starting point. East or west side? *TBD. Short segment to not throw off street network. Impact is a few weeks from end to end.*
 - Presentation attached to calendar.

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

- a. Announcement of vacant board seats- will vote on next mtg or following.
 - i. Central City East Resident Director
 - ii. Historic Core Resident Director
 - iii. Area-Wide Homeless Resident Director

Information on how to sign up to fill a vacant board seat be found here:
<https://dlanc.com/open-seats/>

b. Appointment of vacant board seats

- i. South Park Business Director- **Payas Parab (PP)**, Cornelius Moore (CM)

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Jens Midthun Seconder: Damion Wagner

Board Vote: 14 votes for Payas Parab.

Yvette Ayers	A	Daniel Calderas (LEFT)	-
Jens Midthun	PP	Tatheer Adnan	PP
Monique Alvarado	PP	Damion Wagner	PP
Terin Ngo	PP	Randy Gonzalez	PP
Heera Kapoor	PP	Adriana Velazquez	A
Oliver Alpuche	A	Paul Kaufman	PP
Melissa Manousos	PP	Dennis W. Fried	PP
Andrew Wong	PP	Amy Mack	PP
Lori Aliksanian	A	Vacant (Area Wide Homeless Resident)	-
Teresa Y. Hillery	PP	Vacant (Historic Core Resident)	-
Leonel Aguilar	PP	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-
Vacant (South Park Business)	-	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-

- ii. Central City East Resident Director- Christopher Michael

- Attempted to join as contributor. Connections issues.
- Was on call w/ Teresa Hillery and unable to hear through the phone.
- Attempted to join via phone and unable to connect.
- Continued to attempt to join during the call, but unable to connect.

Jens Midthun moves to postpone for next meeting. Position will become an At-Large position. 8:17 no longer on call as contributor or viewer.

Christopher rejoins at 8:24pm

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to reopen and take a vote.

Mover: Jens Midthun Seconder: Tatheer Adnan

Board Vote: Yes (0), No (14), Abstain (1), Ineligible (-)

Yvette Ayers	A	Daniel Calderas (LEFT)	-
Jens Midthun	N	Tatheer Adnan	N

Monique Alvarado	N	Damion Wagner	N
Terin Ngo	N	Randy Gonzalez	N
Heera Kapoor	N	Adriana Velazquez	A
Oliver Alpuche	A	Paul Kaufman	AB
Melissa Manousos	N	Dennis W. Fried	N
Andrew Wong	N	Amy Mack	N
Lori Aliksanian	A	Vacant (Area Wide Homeless Resident)	-
Teresa Y. Hillery	N	Vacant (Historic Core Resident)	-
Leonel Aguilar	N	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-
Vacant (South Park Business) Payas Parab	N	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-

Information on active candidates for these seats can be found here:
<https://dlanc.com/open-seats/>

- c. Appointment of alternates members
 - i. Appointment of Paul Gamberg as an alternate for Randy Gonzalez - Fashion District Business Director

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.
 Mover: Jens Midthun Secondor: Randy Gonzalez
 Board Vote: Yes (All Present), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (-)

7. Approval of Minutes (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- a. Approval of [August 2025 Special Board of Director Minutes](#)

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.
 Mover: Damion Wagner Secondor: Amy Mack
 Board Vote: Yes (All Present), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (-)

8. Consent Calendar (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- a. None

9. Old Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

- a. None

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

- a. **Budget & Finance / Treasurer Items**
 - i. Approval of March 2025 MERS
 - i. Approval of May 2025 MERS
 - ii. Approval of June 2025 MERS
 - iii. Approval of July 2025 MERS

iv. Approval of August 2025 MERS

b. **Livability Committee:**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a [Community Impact Statement](#) in support if amended of CF [15-1207-S1](#): **Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project.**

Committee Vote: Y (5), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (0)

- Paul Gamberg- transportation consideration? cost to city or developers?
- Reeyan Raynes- pedestrian amenities will be considered, larger scope includes upgrades; financial risks
- Andrew Wong- Planning committee has ability to weigh in?
- Reeyan Raynes- PLUC did review entitlements in 2019/20. City Tourism Dept. Livability has purview.
- Jens Midthun- LA Convention Ctr is #22 in the country. Vote swiftly so that we can be included in deliberations.

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of CF [25-0960](#): **Skid Row / Operation and Maintenance / Four Toilets / Fund Transfer.**

Committee Vote: Y (5), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (0)

- iii. Discussion and possible action to [submit a letter](#) regarding the **3rd Street Pedestrian Tunnel at the CA-110 FWY**

Committee Vote: Y (5), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (0)

- Reeyan Raynes- safety crossing into Westlake, lack of operational lighting, not safe crossing avenue. Work w/ Caltrans to figure out another solution for pedestrian crossing across 110fwy.

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to bundle and approve all 3 items.

Mover: Jens Midthun Seconder: Damion Wagner

Board Vote: Yes (All Present), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (-)

c. **Planning & Land Use Committee:**

- i. Discussion and possible action to appoint a PLUC Committee Members per Article VII, Section 1(D) of the DLANC Bylaws:

1. **Amy Mack** - Board Member
2. **Oliver Alpuche** - Board Member
3. **Paul Kaufman** - Board Member
4. **Reeyan Raynes** - Stakeholder Member
5. **Denis Urbina** - Stakeholder Member
6. **Ruthie Gould** - Stakeholder Member
7. **Justin Weiss** - Stakeholder Member

- Meetings TBD- most likely Tuesdays.

- Reeyan Raynes- PLUC requires add'l training. All members have to be registered for City Planning/ Land Use training. Roster to be submitted.

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Jens Midthun Seconder: Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (All Present), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (-)

d. **Foreign & Domestic Affairs Committee - None**

e. **Outreach & Communications:**

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve [sponsorship and table](#) Festival For All Skid Row Artists October 24 and 25. Amount not to exceed \$1000. Monies to come from Outreach line item.

Committee Vote: Y (4), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (1)

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Jens Midthun Second: Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (14), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (1)

Yvette Ayers	A	Daniel Calderas (left)	-
Jens Midthun	Y	Tatheer Adnan	Y
Monique Alvarado	Y	Damion Wagner	Y
Terin Ngo	Y	Randy Gonzalez	Y
Heera Kapoor	Y	Adriana Velazquez	A
Oliver Alpuche	A	Paul Kaufman	Y
Melissa Manousos	Y	Dennis W. Fried	Y
Andrew Wong	Y	Amy Mack	Y
Lori Aliksanian	A	Vacant (Area Wide Homeless Resident)	-
Teresa Y. Hillery	Y	Vacant (Historic Core Resident)	-
Leonel Aguilar	Y	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-
Vacant (South Park Business) Payas Parab	IN	Vacant (Central City East Resident)	-

- ii. Discussion and possible action to [submit a letter](#) in support of 2025 DTLA Día de los Muertos celebration

Committee Vote: Y (4), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (1)

- [Melissa Manousos- corrections and typos noted.](#)
- [Paul Gamberg- missing word to complete sentiment. "community appreciates..."](#)
- [DLANC with table? TBD](#)
- [Monique Alvarado- importance of community advocacy](#)
- [Heera Kapoor & Jens Midthun are grateful for the partnership.](#)

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve letter.

Mover: Jens Midthun Second: Tatheer Adnan

Board Vote: Yes (All P), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (-)

f. Urban Issues & Resources Committee - None

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12. Board Members and Committee Announcements

13. Next meeting: October 14, 2025 6:30pm

14. Adjournment @ 8:36pm

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS: *The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the [committee] on any agenda item before the committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future committee meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.*

CONSENT ITEMS: *There will be no separate discussion of Consent items as they are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Board, Committee, or a stakeholder requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from Consent and considered separately. Such items will be moved to the end of the agenda.*

NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES: *If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics@lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org.*

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS: *In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed on our website by clicking on the following link: www.dlanc.com, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the secretary, terin.ngo@dlanc.com*

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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS: *For information on the DLANC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the DLANC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.dlanc.com.*

DISABILITY POLICY: *The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 978-1551 or email NCsupport@lacity.org.*

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Every person who, without authority of law willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character,

other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 302 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SB411 UPDATES: *If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.*