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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA**

**City Hall East - Controller's Room 351
200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Contact: jens.midthun@dlanc.com for more information

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 Secretaría Terin Ngo por correo electrónico terin.ngo@dlanc.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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

Call to Order / Roll Call @ 6:40pm

Present (16), # Absent (5), 3 Vacant, # (P*) Not counted for Quorum per SB411

Adriana Velazquez	P	Oliver Alpuche	P
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	P
Andrew Wong	P	Payas Parab	P

		(New Alternate- Francis Villanueva)	
Damion Wagner	P ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A ▾
Daniel Calderas	P ▾	Tatheer Adnan	P ▾
Dennis Fried	P ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	P ▾
Heera Kapoor Left@8:44pm	P ▾	Terin Ngo	P ▾
Jens Midthun	P ▾	Yvette Ayers Late@6:54pm	P ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A ▾		
Lori Aliksanian	P ▾	Vacant (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	
Melissa Manousos	P ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	P ▾	Vacant (Historic Core Resident)	

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Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

- Teresa Y Hillery has spoken to candidates.

President's Report

- Public comment opportunities for DLANC- Convention Ctr advocacy. Tom Grode sings! The art of public speaking- Jens Midthun offers support.

Speakers

- City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
 - CD14 constituent representative.
 - Jarvis- Working w/ CD14 to address lighting issues. Ensuring that there is someone in the role to make things happen.; LASAN to get vacuum trucks out to clear out drains, etc.; Dog grooming, vaccinations.; Connect Day @ Inncity Arts- w/ possible dog grooming in SkidRow.
- Liaisons Reports
 - Reeyan Raynes Report storm drain problems, etc. Report to MyLA311 to LA City Services. Can report multiple times. LADWP for water emergencies that will respond in 48hrs.

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

- a. Announcement of vacant board seats
 - i. At-Large Director (formerly Central City East 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 (include any Rules and Selections Committee Recommendations)
 - Teresa Y. Hillery speaks to the Committee process- Applicants, 2 mins for opening, 1 min for questions, 2 mins for closing, committee deliberates after, and makes a recommendation.
 - i. Central City East Resident Director
 - no applicant
 - ii. Historic Core Resident Director
 - 3 eligible stakeholders applied
 - 2 eligible stakeholders participated in the Applicant Forum yesterday, vetted yesterday- Robert Martinez (RM) and Ubel Perez (UP)
 - The committee recommends Robert Martinez.

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to vote on R.M. or U.P.

Mover: Jens Midthun **Second:** Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (12), No (0), Abstain (4), Ineligible (0)

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

- iii. Area-Wide Homeless Resident Director
 - 2 eligible stakeholders applied

- 1 eligible stakeholder participated in the Applicant Forum yesterday, vetted Israel Batiz (IB) and recommended. Mike Rimson (MR) not present.

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve M.R. or I.B.

Mover: Jens Midthun **Seconder:** Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (17), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (0)

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

c. Appointment of alternates members

- Appointment of Francis Villanueva as an alternate for Payas Parab - South Park Business Director
 - Francis Villanueva- eligible

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Teresa Y. Hillery **Seconder:** Dennis Fried

Board Vote: Yes (18), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (4)

Adriana Velazquez	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	A
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Tatheer Adnan	Yes ▾

Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Yvette Ayers	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A		
Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾	Israel Batiz (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	Yes ▾
Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez (Historic Core Resident)	Yes ▾

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

- a. Approval of September [2025 Board of Directors Minutes](#)

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Melissa Manousos **Second:** Tatheer Adnan

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

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

- a. None

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

- a. None

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

- a. **Budget & Finance / Treasurer Items**

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve of final revised and final budget [Admin Packet for fiscal year 2025-2026](#).
- Proposed amendment to allocate value of \$5,171.26, defer to recommendation.

Committee Vote: Y (3), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (1)

Motion: Tatheer Adnan moves to approve Admin Packet.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Second:** Melissa Manousos

Board Vote: Yes (All), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (2)

Adriana Velazquez	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾

Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	A
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Tatheer Adnan	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Yvette Ayers	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A		
Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾	Israel Batiz (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	In ▾
Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez (Historic Core Resident)	In ▾

- ii. Discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement not to exceed \$300 for Board Member, Tatheer Adnan, for Extra SpaceStorage. Monies to come from Office Budget Category.

Committee Vote: Y (3), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (1)

Motion: Tatheer Adnan moves to approve reimbursement.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Seconder:** Lori Aliksanian

Board Vote: Yes (16), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (2)

Adriana Velazquez	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	A
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Tatheer Adnan	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Yvette Ayers	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A		

Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾	Israel Batiz (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	In ▾
Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez (Historic Core Resident)	In ▾

- iii. Discussion and possible action to update Second Signer — from Damion Wagner to Jens Midthun, and alternate signer from Leonel Aguilar to Damion Wagner.

Motion: Tatheer Adnan moves to update.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Second:** Heera Kapoor

Board Vote: Yes (16), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (2)

Adriana Velazquez	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	A
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Tatheer Adnan	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Yvette Ayers	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A		
Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾	Israel Batiz (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	In ▾
Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez (Historic Core Resident)	In ▾

- iv. Discussion and possible action to reorder blue heart t-shirts from vendors such as Collective Color, T Shirts Haven, Homeboy Silkscreen. In an amount not to exceed \$1200. Money to come from a line item of the Outreach budget.

Committee Vote: Y (3), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0), Absent (1)

Motion: Tatheer Adnan moves to reorder tshirts, not to exceed \$1200.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Second:** Damion Wagner

Board Vote: Yes (10), No (0), Abstain (6), Ineligible (2)

Adriana Velazquez	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	A
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Tatheer Adnan	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Abs ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Abs ▾
Heera Kapoor	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Abs ▾
Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Yvette Ayers	Abs ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A		
Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾	Israel Batiz (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	In ▾
Melissa Manousos	Abs ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	Abs ▾	Robert Martinez (Historic Core Resident)	In ▾

v. Discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement not to exceed \$300

vi. Discussion and possible action to approve reimbursement to Damion Wagner for purchasing Domain Name Renewal not to exceed \$257. Monies to come from Office Budget Category.

Motion: Tatheer Adnan moves to approve to renew domain.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Second:** Oliver Alpuche

Board Vote: Yes (All), No (0), Abstain (x), Ineligible (2)

Adriana Velazquez	Yes ▾	Oliver Alpuche	Yes ▾
Amy Mack	A	Paul Kaufman	Yes ▾
Andrew Wong	Yes ▾	Payas Parab	A
Damion Wagner	Yes ▾	Randy Gonzalez	A
Daniel Calderas	Yes ▾	Tatheer Adnan	Yes ▾
Dennis Fried	Yes ▾	Teresa Y. Hillery	Yes ▾
Heera Kapoor	Yes ▾	Terin Ngo	Yes ▾

Jens Midthun	Yes ▾	Yvette Ayers	Yes ▾
Leonel Aguilar	A		
Lori Aliksanian	Yes ▾	Israel Batiz (Area-Wide Homeless Resident)	In ▾
Melissa Manousos	Yes ▾	Vacant (Central City East Resident At-Large)	
Monique Alvarado	Yes ▾	Robert Martinez (Historic Core Resident)	In ▾

b. Livability Committee:

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a [letter](#) regarding including Spring Street Park in the Park Gate Closure Program (PGCP).

Motion: Heera Kapoor moves to approve and submit a letter of support.

Mover: Lori Aliksanian **Seconder:** Paul Kaufman

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

- ii. Discussion and possible action on submitting a [letter](#) regarding the draft [Los Angeles Park Needs Assessment \(PNA\)](#).

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

Motion: Heera Kapoor moves to approve and submit a letter of support.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Seconder:** Paul Kaufman

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

- iii. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement **in support** of CF [25-0972](#) Embedding Sensors / Street Lighting Infrastructure / Active Monitoring / Security Improvement.

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

- iv. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement **in support** CF [11-1013-S12](#): MyLA311 System Issues / Performance and Efficiency Reporting / System Enhancements.

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

Motion: Heera Kapoor moves to bundle items iii & iv and consent.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Seconder:** Oliver Alpuche

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

- v. Discussion and possible action to approve DLANC organizing a virtual LAPD Downtown Public Safety / Community Policing Forum.
 - [In collaboration with Arts District NC & Little Tokyo NC; CD1, CD14, CD9](#)
 - [Moderated event.](#)

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

Motion: Heera Kapoor moves to approve DLANC Virtual Forum.

Mover: Tatheer Adnan **Second:** Oliver Alpuche

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

c. Planning & Land Use Committee:

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

1. **Mark Oberholzer** - Stakeholder Member
2. **Ashley Craig** - Stakeholder Member
3. **Robert Pallman** - Stakeholder Member

Motion: Andrew Wong moves to approve new PLUC members.

Mover: Lori Aliksanian **Second:** Tatheer Adnan

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

- ii. **Case No:** [ZA-2025-3737-CUB](#)

Project Name / Location: 2222 Damon St, Los Angeles, CA 90021

Project Contact: Brett Engstrom

Project Description: Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensation of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a membership 5,760 sq. ft. office/private club with 63 seats.

Recommended action: DLANC to submit a [letter of support](#) for the Applicant's request in Case No.: ZA-2025-3737-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following:

CONDITION 1: Owner/Operator shall come back and present to DLANC PLUC should any owner or operator change.

CONDITION 2: Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

CONDITION 3: Owner/Operator shall provide adequate architectural , area, or security lighting along the Damon Street frontage of the site.

d. Foreign & Domestic Affairs Committee - None

e. Outreach & Communications - None

f. Urban Issues & Resources Committee - None

General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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chair, depending on the number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.) (20 min. cap).

Board Members and Committee Announcements

Next meeting: November 11, 2025 at 6:30pm

Adjournment @ 8:57pm

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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.*

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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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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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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.