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

IN-PERSON MEETING MINUTES

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 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.

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

19 Present (P), 5 Absent (A), 0 (P*) Not counted for Quorum per SB411

Adriana Velazquez	A	Monique Alvarado	A
Amy Mack	P	Oliver Alpuche	A

Andrew Wong	P -	Paul Kaufman	P -
Damion Wagner	P -	Payas Parab	P -
Daniel Calderas @ 6:48 pm	P -	Randy Gonzalez (Alt- Paul Gamberg)	P -
Dennis Fried	P -	Robert Martinez	P -
Heera Kapoor (Alt- Ubel Perez)	P -	Tatheer Adnan	A -
Israel Batiz	A -	Teresa Y. Hillery @ 6:52 pm	P -
Jens Midthun	P -	Terin Ngo	P -
Leonel Aguilar	P -	Yvette Ayers	P -
Lori Aliksanian	P -	Michael Williams	P -
Melissa Manousos	P -	Jeremy Masys	P -

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2. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

3. President's Report

- Spring Street Park- LA Parks to support w/ gate closures, etc.
- Lighting Task Force- currently working in Boyle Heights, DTLA last on the list.
- Metro Police- Transit Watch App is an add'l way to contact police. Add 311 to request city services.
- Homeless Count- Jan 20th @8pm
- LACPC- county is cutting \$100mil in services
- DTLA Pets- animal abuse
- Parks Needs Assessment- added a lot of DLANC input
- Committees- have standing meeting time, reschedule if needed.

4. Speakers

- a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
 - Animal Services: Officer Verna Riparip assigned to Van Nuys shelter, targeting Skidrow area, w/ Central Division. Pilot program for animal cruelty and neglect is

only 3 mos (end of Jan). Making contact w/ pet owner, assistance and education. Spade/neutering and breeding concerns. Homeless housing does not monitor animals being snuck in w/out proper care, etc. Difference between right vs privilege to own a pet. DTLA residents should call the North Central Region, to bypass 311 to the proper channel.

- Council District 1: Gabriela, Food distributions throughout the month. Send recommendations to have more scheduled. Mayra is willing to host Budget 101. Event support offered by CD1 w/ supplies, staffing, etc.
 - Skidrow: Jarvis Education push for residents in Skidrow. Working w/ CD14 w/ lighting issues at night. Headcount helps to determine money allocations. Gladys and San Julian Park getting new restrooms. Less flooding issues during the rainy season, drains were cleared and not blocked like it was in the past. Working with LA Sanitation for once a day pickup, to avoid trash/feeding that attract rodents.
- b. Liaisons Reports (Reeyan Raynes)
- Parks and Needs Assessment- capstone on how the city will invest for the next 30yrs. Investment for future DTLA parks (in Skidrow). DLANC letter 90% reflected in report.
 - Bunker Hill- safety concerns around Fire Station 3
 - Collaboration with Metro

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

- i. None

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

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

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Damion Wagner **Secunder:** Melissa Manousos

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

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

- a. None
- Teresa Y. Hillery- Committee Chairs will meet to strengthen what is currently being done.

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

- a. None

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

- a. Quarterly committee chairs check-in.
- b. **Budget & Finance / Treasurer Items**
- i. Approval of November 2025 MERS

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Lori Aliksanian **Secunder:** Ubel Perez

Board Vote: Yes (17), No (0), Abstain (2), Ineligible (0)

Adriana Velazquez	- v	Melissa Manousos	Y...
Amy Mack	Y...	Michael Williams	Y...
Andrew Wong	Y...	Monique Alvarado	- v

Damion Wagner	Y...	Oliver Alpuche	-
Daniel Calderas	Y...	Paul Kaufman	Y...
Dennis Fried	Y...	Payas Parab	Y...
Heera Kapoor (Alt- Ubel Perez)	Y...	Randy Gonzalez (Alt- Paul Gamberg)	Y...
Israel Batiz	-	Robert Martinez	A...
Jens Midthun	Y...	Tatheer Adnan	-
Jeremy Masys	Y...	Teresa Y. Hillery	A...
Leonel Aguilar	Y...	Terin Ngo	Y...
Lori Aliksanian	Y...	Yvette Ayers	Y...

ii. Approval of December 2025 MERS

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve.

Mover: Melissa Manousos **Secunder:** Amy Mack

Board Vote: Yes (18), No (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (0)

Adriana Velazquez	-	Melissa Manousos	Y...
Amy Mack	Y...	Michael Williams	Y...
Andrew Wong	Y...	Monique Alvarado	-
Damion Wagner	Y...	Oliver Alpuche	-
Daniel Calderas	Y...	Paul Kaufman	Y...
Dennis Fried	Y...	Payas Parab	Y...
Heera Kapoor (Alt- Ubel Perez)	Y...	Randy Gonzalez (Alt- Paul Gamberg)	Y...
Israel Batiz	-	Robert Martinez	A...
Jens Midthun	Y...	Tatheer Adnan	-
Jeremy Masys	Y...	Teresa Y. Hillery	Y...
Leonel Aguilar	Y...	Terin Ngo	Y...
Lori Aliksanian	Y...	Yvette Ayers	Y...

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

i. **Case Number:** [ZA-2021-9771-CUB](#)

Staff Assigned: Michelle S Carter

Project Name / Location: 1245 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Project Contact: Steve Rawlings [Company: Rawlings Consulting]

Applicant: Sharon Johnson [Company: Good Samaritan Medical Office Building, Inc]

Neighborhood: Civic Center/Financial District

Project Description: A CUB to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at 4,028 sq. ft. restaurant with 41 interior seats and 24 seats on a 855 sq. ft. patio.

Recommended action: DLANC submit a [Letter of Support](#) which is conditioned on the following for [ZA-2021-9771-CUB](#):

CONDITION 1: Owner/Operator will come back and present to DLANC PLUC should the owner/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: Storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety.

Motion: Andrew Wong moves to approve a letter of support.

Mover: Damion Wagner **Seconder:** Paul Kaufman

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

d. **Rules and Selections Committee**

- i. First reading of bylaws updated sections.
- ii. Second reading of staggered term updates.
 - Will need 2/3 majority when ready for vote. To be reviewed prior to votes.
 - Paul Gamberg- DTLA has more renters than owners vs other neighborhoods. It is important to maintain stagger for experience. Holding for 4 yrs terms. Changing the quorum from a hard number of 13. (Half plus 1 is quorum.) Can not be a floating number.
 - Board Composition- round number to 25; to add include Fashion District Business Representative. Board structure changes must be approved by the City.
 - Proof of Eligibility- Must maintain stakeholder qualification for the remainder of the seat.
 - Documentation- Will propose that voters will verify with written self affirmation. With in-person voting options.
 - Dennis Fried- Article 13 on how to amend the bylaws. Amendment for stakeholders to approach the appropriate Director to speak on behalf of the proposed amendment.

- Lori- Committee members are appointed by committee chairs. Amending w/ the adding and removing.
- Committees- Is there a way to change or determine who is a part of the committee?
- Vacant Seats- Currently 60 days to fill. Can we extend this time period? 90 days?
- Submit questions and ideas by this Friday. Next meeting 1/28/26 at 4pm

e. **Livability Committee**

- i. Discussion and possible action to send an initial [Letter of Support](#) in regards to the formation of the Hooper Commons Property and Business Improvement District.

- Reeyan Raynes
- Paul Buckley, Business Owner

Motion: Jens moves to approve a letter of support.

Mover: Amy Mack **Second:** Dennis Fried

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

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a [letter](#) in regards to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the LA River Path Project.

- Reeyan Raynes

Motion: Jens Midthun moves to approve a letter of support.

Mover: Paul Kaufman **Second:** Damion Wagner

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

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

g. **Outreach & Communications - None**

h. **Urban Issues & Resources Committee - None**

i. **Business & Innovation Ad Hoc Committee - None**

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11. Board Members and Committee Announcements

12. Next meeting: February 10, 2025 - 6:30pm

13. Adjournment @ 8:47pm

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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.*

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.*

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 403 *(Amended by Stats, 1994, Ch. 923, Sec. 159. Effective January 1, 1995.) – 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.