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**Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood
Council Business and Innovation
Committee Regular Meeting Agenda
March 31, 2026
6:00-8:00pm PT**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUSINESS AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (+1 475-329-0079), and enter this PIN (339622433) and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board 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 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.

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. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b(3)).

The 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. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

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. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A 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 paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),**

A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Present (P), Absent (A)

Payas Parab (Chair)		Paul Kaufman	
Damion Wagner		Andrew Wong	
Heera Kapoor		Jeremy Masys	
Lori Aliksonian		Jens Midthun (Ex-Officio/Non-Voting)	

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 2/24

III. CHAIR’S REPORT - The Chair will provide a verbal report to the Board on conversations and feedback from business owners in Downtown Los Angeles.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and/or possible action to present the broader Downtown Los Angeles Council Neighborhood Council with a proposal for a small business promotional video project to highlight businesses in the Downtown Los Angeles community.
- b. Discussion and/or possible action for a “Business Owners of Downtown Los Angeles” Forum.
- c. Discussion and/or possible action to begin a pilot project to bring local artists, businesses, and community members together around the history of Downtown Los Angeles.
- d. Discussion and/or possible action regarding a potential proposal to City Council District 14 regarding support for small businesses in the community.
- e. Discussion and/or possible action on a potential small business grants program.
- f. Discussion and/or possible action regarding a committee position on a potential vacancy tax.
- g. Discussion and/or possible action regarding a small business contact list of African American Business and Innovation Committee.
- h. Discussion and/or possible action on a local resident pass for verified Downtown LA residents at local businesses.
- i. Discussion and/or possible action on a Downtown LA Small Business Resource Guide.

VI. NEXT MEETING: 04/28/2026

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

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