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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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DLANC Budget & Finance Virtual Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Contact: payas.parab@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.

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

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).**

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 of the Committee.

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 6:34 pm

Payas Parab (Chair)	Yes	Jens Midthun(Ex-Officio)	Yes
Lori Aliksanian	Yes	Melissa Manousos	Yes

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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3. New Business (All items for discussion and possible action)

- a. Treasurer's Report: previous administrative packet analysis, budgeting process, and SOPs going forward.
- b. Discussion and possible action to allocate up to \$3,500 for Downtown Urban Core Issues Candidates Forums. Monies to come from Outreach Expenditures category, events subcategory - pending approval of FY 26-27 Admin Packet (item D).
 - i. Move to approve the main sponsorship, allocating up to \$3,500 for a one day set of Candidate Forums to be held at the Mark Taper Auditorium of the LA Central Library on a Date to be determined, between Labor Day and end of October (based on availability). Monies to come from Outreach Expenditures category, events subcategory - pending approval of FY 26-27 Admin Packet (item D).
 - 1. Mover: payas Second: lori.
 - 2. PP: yes, LA: yes, JM: yes, MM: yes
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve event form for Downtown Urban Core Issues Candidates Forums.
 - i. Move to approve Treasurer signing event approval form and appointing Paul Gamberg.
 - 1. Mover: melissa, Second: lori
 - 2. PP: yes, LA: yes, JM: yes, MM: yes
 - ii. friendly amendment: switch paul's email to be dlanc email consistently
 - iii. Date Range: Between Labor Day and late October
 - iv. in One Day to
 - v. Budget \$3.5K, 250 estimated attendees
- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the administration packet for FY 26-27 for DTLA_FY2026-27_AdminPacket1_JULY2026_FINAL.pdf
 - i. Motion to approve Lori, Melissa seconds
 - ii. PP: yes, LA: yes, JM: yes, MM: yes
- e. Discussion around full year finalized budget priorities for FY 26-27 following confirmation of rollover funds in mid-August:

DTLA_FY2026-27_Admin_Packet_SEPTMBER2026_FORECAST.pdf as well as board preview at July meeting.

Category	Packet #1 (Jul)	Packet #2 (Sep)	Full Year
Office/Operational	\$11,300	—	\$11,300
Outreach (incl. \$8,000 Events)	\$11,500	—	\$11,500
Elections (deferred)	—	\$9,000	\$9,000
NPG (deferred)	—		\$10,000
CIP	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Total allocated	\$22,800	\$19,000	\$41,800
Total available	\$25,000	+\$23,750 est.	\$48,750

JM: recommends Flipping NPG and CIP.

LA: Flipping NPG to CIP, Election: \$4.5K and split to outreach. Operational: storage look into reducing, in person (need to verify total cost): cut one meeting for Zoom.

MM: Concur with flipping and NPG and CIP. Savings from more virtual meetings.

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5. Other Committee Comments and Announcements

6. Next Meeting: TBD

7. Adjournment 8:17 pm

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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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