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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 6:30 PM

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

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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 @ 6:30pm**
   13 Present (P), 7 Absent (A), 4 Vacant, 0 (P* Not counted for Quorum per SB411)

Adriana Velazquez	A	**Oliver Alpuche**	P
Amy Mack	A	**Paul Gamberg**	P

Andrew Wong	P	**Paul Kaufman**	P
Daniel Calderas	P	**Payas Parab**	A
Dennis Fried	P	**Robert Martinez**	P
Georgia Hawley	P	**Teresa Y. Hillery**	P
Heera Kapoor	P	**Terin Ngo**	A
Jens Midthun	P		
Leonel Aguilar	A		
Lori Aliksanian	P	**Central City East - VACANT**	-
Melissa Manousos	A	**Civic Center / Financial District Resident - VACANT**	-
Michael Williams	P	**Area-Wide Homeless Resident - VACANT**	-
Monique Alvarado	A	**Fashion District Business - VACANT**	-

2. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
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   - T. Grode- Comment on Skid Row FBI raids.

3. **Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications**
   - Teresa Y Hillery, Paul Gamberg, Robert Martinez - spoke to Fashion District Candidates.

4. **President's Report**
   - Jens has been in touch with Harvard students interested in new urban design for DTLA
   - P. Gamberg described challenges with hosting a governor's or mayoral debate by neighborhood council, including library permissions from the city; charter reform & personal history to LA.

5. **Speakers**

   a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives

- CD1 representative- described recent 311 calls and upcoming events such as MacArthur Park Halloween, food distributions list for Oct.; El Nino weather preparations.
- CD14 representative- came to describe resources given to Skid Row stakeholders during a recent federal raid. She was also at crime control office and would like to have a safety plan for coordination for next/future raids. She has asked BIDs to provide a list of lighting and suggests people contact with funding requests.
- Heera asked for Spring Street Park to be on the closure list.
- Georgia and Monique described their experience as Skid Row service providers regarding overblown allegations of animal abuse that does not reflect LAPD or Skid Row providers experiences on site.
- Dennis asks why lights cannot be turned on in South Park.
- Laura Hamilton, Skid Row resource officer described upcoming pet resources for Skid Row.; Drain clearance in Skid Row.

b. Liaisons Reports

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

a. Appointment of **Yvette Ayers** as alternate for Teresa Y. Hillery as Area Wide Director Seat.
   - **Board Vote:** Yes (13), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (0)

b. Appointment of vacant board seats (include any Rules and Selections Committee Recommendations)

   i. Civic Center / Financial District Resident Director Seat Vacancy
      - Seat will go At-Large since it's been empty for 60 days.

   ii. Fashion District Business Director Seat Vacancy
      - Candidate- Anna Carill gave statement introducing self.
      - Heera: What will you contribute to downtown?
      - Robert: What is Anna's position on safety in downtown?
      - Paul G: What is her connection to the city and interest in the neighborhood council?
      - Dennis: Why do you want to be on the board and contribute to DLANC?
      - Robert- Explained why Marco (other candidate) no longer wanted to run for the position.
      - **Board Vote: Marco (10), Anna (0), Abstain (4)**

   iii. Area-Wide Homeless Resident Director Seat Vacancy

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

   iv. Announcement of Central City East Business Director Seat Vacancy

7. Election of Executive Officers

a. Discussion and/or possible action to appoint Vice President of Outreach and Communications
   - Teresa nominates Dennis. Dennis declines.
   - Jens nominates Georgia. Georgia accepts.
   - Motion: Jens moves to approve.
     Mover: Jens Seconder: Paul

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

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

    a. Approval of August 2026 Board of Directors Minutes
    b. Approval of August 2026 Special Board of Directors Minutes

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. **Livability Committee - None**

    b. **Budget & Finance / Treasurer Items**

        i. Approval of July 2026 MERS
        ii. Approval of August 2026 MERS
        iii. Approval of September 2026 MERS
        iv. Announcement of Rollover Funds

    c. **Planning & Land Use Committee**

        i. **Case Number:** ZA-2026-701-CUB-CUX

        Staff Assigned: David Woon
        Project Name / Location: Blue Moon Hookah Inc, 1053 S Hill St.
        Project Contact: Raul Cueva [Company: Liquor License Agents]
        Applicant: Omar Jibawi [Company: Blue Moon Hookah, Inc.]
        Neighborhood: Historic Core
        Project Description: A CUP to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages with patron dancing in conjunction with a sports bar operating from 12 pm to 2 am. pursuant to LAMC 12.24-W1, a conditional use permit for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages, with patron dancing, for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 2,702 square foot sports bar containing 60 of indoor seats and 25 outdoor seats on a x square foot patio. Hours of operation shall be limited to 12 pm to 2 am.

        Recommended action: DLANC to **oppose** the Applicant's requests in Planning Case No. ZA-2026-701-CUB-CUX. and to submit a **letter of opposition.**

        - Andrew Wong outlined LAPD conversation and incidents at Blue Moon Hookah.

        Motion: Andrew Wong moves to approve.
        Mover: Andrew Wong **Seconder:** Jens Midthun
        Board Vote: Yes (14), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (0)

        ii. **Case Number:** ZA-2025-5618-CUB

Staff Assigned: Monique Acosta
Project Name / Location: El Patroncito Mexican Cuisine, 421 W. Venice Blvd.
Project Contact: Liliger Damaso [Phone: 213-757-8600]
Applicant: Rodrigo Hernandez [Company: El Patroncito Mexican Cuisine, LLC]
Neighborhood: South Park
Project Description: A CUP to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,430 sq. ft. restaurant with 34 indoor seats. Hours of operation: 9 am - 2 am, daily, with live entertainment (DJ, Karaoke, Mariachi; no patron dancing).
Project Requests: Letter of Support for a Type 47 ABC License.
Recommended action: DLANC to submit a **letter of support** for the Applicant's request in Case No.: ZA-2025-5618-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following:

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.
Mover: Andrew Wong Seconder: Paul Kaufman
Board Vote: Yes (14), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (0)

iii. **Case Number: LA-R-26-110035-ANN**

Staff Assigned: TBD
Project Name / Location: The G.O.A.T., Inc. / 824 E 17TH ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90021
Project Contact: Javier Ramos [Phone: 310-363-5995]
Applicant: The G.O.A.T., Inc.
Neighborhood: Fashion District / Alameda East
Project Description: Commercial cannabis activity including Cultivation Specialty Indoor, Distributor, and Retail operations.
Project Requests: Letter of Support for commercial cannabis activity license.
Recommended action: DLANC to submit a **letter of support** for the Applicant's request in Case No.: LA-R-26-110035-ANN. Support is conditioned on the following:

CONDITION 1: Owner/Operator will come back and present to DLANC PLUC should 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: Owner/Operator complies with all provisions of LAMC §104 (Ordnance No. 183,241) and other regulatory requirements of the City of Los Angeles.
CONDITION 4: Owner/Operator installs enhanced architectural and area lighting at the on-site parking lot.
The previous board approved this. Time ran out.

Motion: Andrew Wong moves to support CUP.
Mover: Andrew Wong Seconder: Paul Kaufman
Board Vote: Yes (5), No (0), Abstain (8), Ineligible (0)

iv. **Re: CF 26-0756: SB 969 (Wiener) / Entertainment Zones / Potential Regulatory Controls / Alcohol Purchase / Public Right of Way**

Recommended action: DLANC to submit this Community Impact Statement **in support** of CF 26-0756: SB 969 (Wiener) / Entertainment Zones / Potential Regulatory Controls / Alcohol Purchase / Public Right of Way.
Robert asks fro stronger ties with LAPD in return for the 5% budget increase LAPD will get for entertainment zones. Asks for coordination in calls going to LAPD about which venues are causing issues like violent crime.

Motion: Andrew Wong moves to support CUP.
Mover: Andrew Wong Seconder: Dennis Fried
Board Vote: Yes (12), No (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (0)

v. **Case Number:** DIR-2026-4146 SPP

Staff Assigned: MARIE PICHAY
Project Name / Location: Wells Fargo / 1200 Wilshire Blvd
Project Contact: Steve Therriault [Phone: 619-571-9675]
Applicant: Steve Therriault [Company: Signtech Electrical Advertising]
Neighborhood: City Center / West
Project Description: Installation of one set of face-lit and back-lit channel letters onto existing bracket and four illuminated wall signs.
Project Requests: Letter of Support for Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance.
Recommended action: DLANC to submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Case No.: DIR-2026-4146 SPP.

Motion: Andrew Wong moves to approve.
Mover: Andrew Wong Seconder: Dennis Fried
Board Vote: Yes (13), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (0)

d. **Rules and Selections Committee - None**

e. **Government Affairs Committee - None**

f. **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 Category - Event Sponsorship Line Item.
Monique recuses.

Motion: Paul moves to approve.
Mover: Paul Seconder: Oliver
Board Vote: Yes (12), No (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (0)

g. **Housing & Homelessness Committee - None**

h. Business & Innovation Ad Hoc Committee

i. Reconvening announcement and updates.

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12. Board Members and Committee Announcements

13. Next meeting: November 10, 2026 - 6:30pm VIRTUAL

14. Adjournment

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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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