

PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Special Board Meeting Agenda

Virtual Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, October 28, 2020; 6:30 PM

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The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

No formal meeting shall be held, or business conducted, or votes taken, in the absence of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of nine (9) members of the Board. No floating quorums are allowed.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

a. Call to order: at 6:37pm by Mikayeel Khan

b. Roll Call:

Mireya Pacheco

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Alex Morales

Daniel Valencia 6:39

Reuben Garcia

Imelda Foley

Rebecca Long

Mikayeel Khan

Vanessa Serrano

John Hernandez

Anna Justice

Jessica Urquiza 6:49

Absent:

Elisa Avalos

Fannie Long

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices, Police Department, and community-based organizations)

a. California Congressional District 29 Congressman Tony Cardenas Field Deputy:
Michelle Vergara: No one in attendance.

b. California State Senate District 18 Senator Bob Hertzberg, District Representative:
Eveline Bravo-Ayala: No one in attendance.

c. Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers Adriana Munguia and Steve Nunez: Officer Munguia gave an update that crime is down 7.9% in Pacoima and 3.8% in Foothill. The department has been preparing for Election Week, as well as dealing with incidents of elder abuse.

d. Los Angeles City Council District 7 Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez Field Representative: Susana Carmona: Not in attendance. Sent an e-mail this evening that will be forwarded to the board.

e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Vanessa Serrano: Vanessa will have to leave. Requested 10 minutes to speak at the next meeting.

f. LAUSD Board of Education Board Member Kelly Gonez Field Deputy: Esmeralda Marcial: Update about District efforts to bring students and staff back to campus safely, to provide financial aid and tutoring for those in need and to provide testing at school campuses to set the foundation for safe reopening. Kelly Gonez encouraged constituents to vote on ballot Measure RR to support facility upgrades.

g. California State Assembly District 39 Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, Field Representative: Brenda Yanez Zamora: Field Representative Brenda Yanez Zamora announced that the Assemblywoman had been giving virtual tours of the Senate chambers to 4th and 5th graders. Anyone interested can contact the office. The office will also be holding a drive-by Trick-or-Treat in conjunction with Mission Hills on Halloween. Citizens are welcome to drive up to the intersection of Grand and Noble Avenue, costumes encouraged. Staff is available to help anyone having issues with any state department.

h. Office of Los Angeles Mayor Mayor Eric Garcetti, Field Deputy: Caroline Menjivar: Announced a CWP program being offered in conjunction with DWP to help constituents having trouble paying utility bills by giving them a one-time \$500 check, through the CARES Federal Grant. Applications are open through November 15, with the money being distributed through late November.

Caroline Menjivar asked people to continue to social distance as COVID-19 cases rise, with numbers cited as highest in the San Fernando Valley, in communities of color and among those who are low income. She also reminded constituents to vote for Council Officers, with polls open through November 30. Veterans Day events will be held in Ritchie Valens Park on November 11.

i. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Field Deputy: Jessica Orellana: No one in attendance.

j. Region 1 Budget Advocate: No one in attendance.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Community Organizer for Tree People Jaime Del Rio, asked that board members complete the Needs Assessment Survey for the Our Water Talks Program and send it to jdellrio@treepeople.org

4. Presentation: Election administrator and provide information on the 2021 NC Election season to the board (Lanee M. Basulto, Election Administrator for Pacoima NC elections):

The City Clerk is administering an all-vote-by-mail, with an election date of April 20, 2021. Therefore the election information worksheet will be due November 13, requiring Spanish and Korean translation. The candidate filing period has been extended from 30 to 40 days and candidates can complete and submit an application through candidate filing

portal. Ballots will be mailed out beginning about 29 days before Election Day, around March 22, 2021. Dropboxes will be available, one per Neighborhood Council. The tally will be live-streamed, with a link on the PNC website. The City Clerk is working to make sure those experiencing homelessness will have access to ballots. Lanee will contact the sites to make sure they're accessible and available on Election Day and the board will make the decision whether to confirm the locations and to pay the site fees.

The PNC board's decision is due by November 13, though the option remains request more time, since this election date is farther out. Please contact Lanee with any concerns throughout the process.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE/MOTIONS/UPDATES:

a. Review and Motion/Discussion/vote possible Board action on submitted Board Member Applications: Community Based Organizational Representative: Stakeholders who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood and who are 18 years or older.

Received 1 application: **Mireira Moran (Candidate)** **Current Vacancies:** Anna moved to approve the candidate. Mikayeel seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call vote with 9 for, 3 absent and 1 ineligible. Mireira is welcomed onto the board.

Current Vacancies:

i. **Home/Condo Owner Representative:** Stakeholders who own residential property within the PNC boundaries and who are 18 years or older.

ii. **School Representative:** A stakeholder who lives, works, owns property in the neighborhood and is a participating member of an educational institution within the PNC boundaries and who is 18 years or older.

b. Motion/Discussion/Vote and possible action on the 2021 Elections Information Worksheet requested by the City Clerk NC Elections Division. Pacoima NC will select a drop box location within the Pacoima NC boundaries and select a six to eight-hour window between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the Pacoima NC Election Day, April 20, 2021.

Rueben moved to approve the issue. Rebecca seconded. Discussion on the issue and agreement to vote at the next meeting.

c. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) for:

i. January 2020: Anna moved to approve the January MER. Rebecca seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call vote with 9 for, 2 absent and 2 ineligible.

ii. September 2020: Anna moved to approve the September MER. Jessica seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call vote with 9 for, 2 absent and 2 ineligible.

d. Motion/discussion/vote for the approval of the September 2020 minutes prepared by AppleOne.

e. Motion/discussion/vote and possible board action for East San Fernando Valley Transit Project because Metro released its Final Environment Impact Statement / Report (FEIS /FEIR) and is taking public comment until Monday, November 2nd, 2020. (Faramarz Nabavi):

The item was approved on the Land Use Committee and Faramarz is requesting approval from the board as an individual stakeholder. The deadline to submit public comment to Metro on the item is Nov. 17 at eastsfvtransit@metro.net. Metro will be holding an open meeting on the issue on Wednesday, November 18, at 3:00pm.

Jessica moved to approve the issue. Anna seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. Motion/discussion/vote for possible Board action to draft a letter to Council Member Monica Rodriguez and other City Elected Officials in regard to our position in to the “Defunding of LAPD”. (Public Safety Committee):

Reuben moved to approve the issue. Mikayeel seconded. Discussion on the issue. Agreement to postpone action on the issue.

i) **Community Impact Statement**: part of a pilot called a Therapeutic Transportation Pilot with the intent to remove armed responses to non-violent emergency calls, to which mental health leaders are already responding. The individuals will be transported to a safe location where they can be stabilized. The CIS details how funds will be reallocated to services such as pavement and graffiti cleanup. The CIS passed. (by Carline Menjivar)

Mikayeel moved to table the issue. Rebecca seconded. MOTION PASSED, with no abstentions.

g. Motion/discussion/possible action for resignation of John Hernandez as a Chair for Public Health and Safety Committee.

John moved to approve the item. Anna seconded. Agreed that it was unnecessary to vote on the item.

h. Motion/discussion/Possible action for Elect new Chair for Public Health and Safety Committee:

John moved for discussion on the item. Imelda seconded.

John nominated Reuben Garcia as Chair for the Public Health and Safety Committee. (Reuben declined.) Reuben nominated Imelda as Chair for the Public Health and Safety Committee. (Imelda accepted.)

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with no abstentions.

The Public Safety Committee now has one remaining vacant seat. Anyone interested, or with any nominations, should talk to Imelda.

i. Motion / Discussion / Vote for possible board approval for the veteran day event with the Mayor's office, they are asking PNC to sponsor this event with a donation of \$2,000.00. (by Caroline Menjivar)

This will be rephrased to “collaboration,” or “sponsorship,” rather than “donation.”

The event on November 11, 8:30-11:00am, will include distributed goodies to veterans. By sponsoring the event for \$2,000, PNC will receive its logo on the banner. PNC is giving the money to the non-profit the Mindful Veteran Project, a 501(c)3. Once the non-profit receives the money, they can buy whatever they want. The group still needs the following items for 300 veterans: Mini flashlights, pairs of socks and veteran-themed stress balls.

Anna moved to approve the issue. Jessica seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 7 for, 3 absent and 3 ineligible.

j. Motion/Discuss/Vote and possible board approval for sponsoring the Thanksgivings Drive November 20, 2020, with Mend and Luz Rivas for \$4000.00 (by Anna Justice):

Anna moved to vote on the issue. Mikyael seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 7 for, 3 absent and 4 ineligible.

Request to change language to “sponsoring”, not “co-sponsoring.” This item was approved last month.

6. BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

President: No updates.

Vice-president: No updates.

Treasurer: No updates.

Secretary: No updates.

Outreach Committee: No updates.

Public Health and Safety Committee Arts & Culture Committee: No updates.

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use Committee: Land Use will likely not be meeting next week.

Youth and Education Development Committee: VACANT – NEED Chairperson.

Board Member Comments/Announcements: John asked that an item be put on November's agenda, if the board expects to be dark in December.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 8:59pm

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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