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**Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
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LANCC Meeting

**June 3, 2017
10:00AM**

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
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1. PRESENTATIONS

1. Lisette Covarrubias, Neighborhood Liaison, External Affairs Unit, Department of City Planning, introduction and how she can assist the NC system to navigate the planning process.
2. Greg Good, Mayor Garcetti's Chief of Legislative and External Affairs, and Ben Winters, from the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity, would like 30 minutes on the June LANCC agenda to speak on [Council File 17-0274](#), which would establish an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee for development projects to be placed in a Housing Impact Trust Fund.
3. Jill Stewart, discussion and possible action on public participation and transparency on the General Plan and Community Plan process.

2. LEGISLATIVE

Whereas the city has for months been working on a plan behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles, the **General Plan**, which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall;

And whereas Mayor Garcetti has said, residents must have "a sense of ownership over the development of our communities," and City Councilman Jose Huizar, chair of the powerful PLUM committee, pledged to bring "accountability and transparency back into our **General Plan and Community Plan** processes";

And whereas Los Angeles is several years behind other Western U.S. cities in involving its citizens in a **General Plan Update** process that starts from the ground up;

And whereas public money and public interest are major factors in the earliest decision-making on our **General Plan Update** process, strategies, and dreams;

And whereas it is widely agreed the public cannot fully participate in **General Plan Updating** meetings, hearings and debates that unfold during the day downtown;

And whereas closed-door meetings on the fundamental debates and decisions about our dreams and goals for

updating of the **General Plan** can only create more distrust and dismay over the city's broken planning system;

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition(LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests that now-underway, and upcoming, Planning Department Work Group meetings about our shared ideas and ideals for the **Los Angeles General Plan** and its many Elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; invite a representative from each neighborhood alliance; and in the case of the nearly completed Open Space Work Group, be expanded from the four meetings completed in closed-door sessions, to four extra meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition(LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) further requests, in the same vein, that the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the **General Plan** both be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand their closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

Draft letter:

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Planning Director Bertoni:

The city has since February been working on plans behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles, the **General Plan**, which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils later on.

Yet as you, Mayor Garcetti, said in response to Measure S and other criticisms of non-transparency and the broken planning system at City Hall, L.A. residents must have "a sense of ownership over the development of our communities," and as City Councilman Jose Huizar, chairman of PLUM, pledged, City Hall will now act to bring "accountability and transparency back into our General Plan and Community Plan processes."

We agree. That is why these closed meetings about our shared ideas and ideals for the **Los Angeles General Plan** must be fully transparent, more inclusive, and open to the public now.

It has come to our attention that some of those invited to the Work Group Meetings for Open Space, including environmental stakeholders, cannot regularly attend the four scheduled meetings because they are set for the convenience of city planners at 2 to 4 p.m. downtown.

Moreover, it has come to our attention that a developer consultant sits on the Work Group Meeting for the Open Space Element of the General Plan, and is being described by city officials as an "open space expert."

Moreover, the "chapters" now online at the city's OurLA2040.org website describing the Open Space Element and the Conservation Element are woefully inadequate and do not include crucial issues that should be innovative and forward-thinking new Elements. One glaring omission is an Urban Forest Element that pursues the need to recreate and save our fast-vanishing urban tree canopy, which is crucial to fighting GHG and creating livable communities.

These are the many kinds of problems that fan the widespread distrust of the city planning system and the citywide debate over how to fix it -- these problems are created when the city reverts to closed-door meetings and selective choosing of who the experts should be, as it has so far this year.

Second, and in the very same vein, the mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan should also be open to the public now. Key strategies for planning, shaping and reshaping Los Angeles are unfolding in these closed meetings.

Best practices demand that you, Mayor Garcetti, adopt a ground-up process for your Task Force and your Steering Committee, open to the public just as the Measure HHH

Citizens and Administrative Advisory Committees and the Measure H Work Group meetings were devised: open to the public from the very beginning and including independent experts and thinkers, warts and all.

Attached is a motion our Council has approved, urging the above actions.

Sincerely,

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
(LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council)

1. REPORTS

1. EmpowerLA- Grayce Liu/Mike Fong
2. Budget Advocates- Jay Handal/ Liz Amsden
3. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners-Len Shaffer
4. Speed Round/ Announcements/ Alliances' Updates
5. Adjournment

Passed motions from LANCC

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) resolves to develop a plan to appoint one person from each of the 12 Neighborhood Council Districts, to discuss and propose an equitable way to fairly allocate funds amongst NC's. Following the creation of the group, it should report to LANCC, prior to recommendation being authorized for submission to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and Los Angeles City Council. The plan could be based on Population of Stakeholders, Geographical area, or some combination of appropriate criteria.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC)

(XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) resolves to recommend to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and Los Angeles City Council, that the elections planned for 2018, to be conducted by the City Clerk's office, be postponed to 2019, and that they should be held on odd numbered year henceforth. Further, all current Neighborhood Council Board Members would have a year appended to their current terms, along the lines of what had been done with Los Angeles City Council and Citywide offices.

CF 16-0187, CF 17-0166 The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) opposes Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposal to close part of the City's \$250 million budget gap for next year by using an estimated \$50 million of Local Return money from Measure M, the permanent half cent increase in our sales tax that was approved by 71% of voters in November, 2016. We support that the funds be evenly distributed between the Council Districts. We further recommend that Measure M Local Return Funds be used to supplement city budget funding to repair our sidewalks and pave our streets as presented to voters in Measure M campaign outreach. We also support that the Neighborhood Councils have a more active role in the decisions of how the funds will be spent.

CF 17-0225 The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) supports the actions by LAPD to allow online reporting of certain, low level crimes, but it does not go far enough. According to the [U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics](#), in 2015 an estimated 35 percent of property crimes like burglary and motor-vehicle thefts were not reported to the police nationwide and these crimes are not reportable to LAPD online. LAPD asks residents to be the eyes and ears to help reduce crime, but residents need the tools to make the job easier. We ask City Council to look at expanding the Online Reporting Program on the LAPD website and other reporting tools to make Los Angeles safer and allow victims easier ways to report crime.

1. CF15-1022-S2

Whereas the City plans to change NC election procedures unilaterally and,
Whereas the City plans to make all NC elections self-affirmation against the will of some boards and bylaws, and
Whereas the City plans to reduce unilaterally the voting age of stakeholders in some NC's to 16 years of age against the bylaws and will of the boards, and
Whereas the City is mandating all NC's use online voting only, against the will of the some boards who voted against online voting, and
Whereas the City is attempting to mold neighborhood councils to fit an electronic voting model rather than fitting the contracted for electronic voting model to neighborhood councils,

Therefore, The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) moves to demand the City suspend online voting unless and until it can show evidence that the online model is complete and secure as contracted for, that the City will provide proper outreach, that the Department can show it has returned to its core mission of supporting NC's, and can truly support neighborhood councils per its Charter mandate, and allow all of the councils, per the Charter, Ordinance and plan, to self-rule for the benefit of its stakeholders, and to allow the NC's to determine whether it should be online, self-determination and age specific for its voters.

1. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) supports the efforts of the Mayor Garcetti to implement his vision of Great Streets and utilization of Vision Zero Los Angeles to provide safe streets. A major component of Vision Zero Los Angeles is the safety countermeasures of education and enforcement to combat speed, a common contributing factor for collisions resulting in severe and fatal injury. Due to a lack of current speed surveys on our city streets, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is unable to effectively enforce speeding infractions with proven and safe use of laser radar. LAPD has written 78,000 less citations to enforce the safety of our streets. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests:

1. The Los Angeles City Council creates a council file to immediately fund speed surveys on streets identified by LAPD, LADOT, and the communities that need immediate attention for public safety.
2. The Mayor combines Great Streets and the Vision Zero Los Angeles programs so that the two programs can create mutual goals of safety and great streets. copy to: Mayor Garcetti, CM Englander, Wesson

1. Los Angeles is in a state of emergency and the resources of the City and County are unable to solve the crisis of homelessness. When the City of Los Angeles declared a state of emergency on homelessness on September 22, 2015 after the historic motion by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and supported by the Certified Neighborhood Councils on January 3, 2015 to declare a state of emergency, dedicate \$150,000,000 to combat the problem, and to utilize abated motels and vacate city buildings, the homeless population was at 35,000. According to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times, the homeless population hovers at 47,854 people on the streets and many experts feel that the population will swell to 50,000 husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters living in squalor on Los Angeles' streets by the end of the year. It is not the purpose of local population to solve a national problem. We need State and Federal help.

1. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) demands that the Governor of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr. declare a state of emergency for the Los Angeles metro area for the purpose of combating the suffering of over 47,000 people living on the streets of Los Angeles. The Governor needs to understand that Los Angeles has more people living on the streets of Los Angeles than most towns in America have residents. He needs to act now.

2. The City of Los Angeles and the County needs to identify all vacant property currently owned by the City and County and all of its departments and agencies that can house temporary FEMA-style trailers for up to two years to start the housing process. All identified properties must also be large enough to have supportive services onsite. Any properties that have covenants placed on them by State or Federal agencies need to be negotiated to temporarily relieve those covenants during the crisis.
3. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) does not support the proposed \$1.2 B bond on the November ballot. The residents of Los Angeles are shouldering a national problem and should not be burdened with the total costs. As a national problem, we need State and Federal funding to create low income and affordable housing solutions. CF 16-0047 copy to: **Governor Brown, Mayor Garcetti and City Council**

1. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) encounters illegal dumping on the streets of Los Angeles on a daily basis. The current fine of \$1000.00 for illegal dumping is a cost of doing business for the individuals that commit these crimes. The City Council needs to be proactive and enact similar laws as the County and State. California Penal Code 374.3 makes illegal dumping on public and private property punishable by a fine up to \$10,000. Also, pursuant to Section 117555 of the California Health and Safety Code, a person who dumps illegally is punishable by up to six months on jail. In addition in August 2005, the County of Los Angeles adopted an [ordinance](#) (PDF, 338 KB) that would allow the Sheriff to seize a vehicle if it is used in the act of illegal dumping. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) requests:

1. That the City Council opens a Council file to

create an ordinance that mirrors the County and State law on illegal dumping.

2. That the City Council incorporates a reward program to create incentives for residents to report illegal dumping based on a percentage of the fine collected. copy to: CM

Koretz, Wesson

2. Following up on last month's LANCC meeting discussion, [Council File 11-1020-S2](#), which would in effect transfer the NC Funding Program to the City Clerk, is titled by the City Clerk as: Neighborhood Council Funding Program / Transfer Administration of Trust Fund / City Clerk Attached is the [report from the City Attorney](#) as well as the [draft ordinance](#).

No date for Committee hearing or City Council consideration has yet been posted.

1. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) supports a portion of CF 16-1060 to create a seven-member Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) to ensure effective oversight of the Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing and Facilities solution.

It is prudent to prepare the City for the possible influx of additional funds from the County, State, and Federal sources for Supportive Housing and to identify additional strategies that would further ensure sufficient oversight of and public accountability for resources intended for Supportive Housing and homelessness prevention.

It is in the interest of the City to make efficient use of funding and to foster a transparent and competitive process in the awarding of public resources. The COC would have seven members, five from the community that would have the expertise and qualifications determined by the CAO, CLA, and HCID and two members from the Neighborhood Council system, one from north of the Santa Monica Mountains and one from south of the Santa Monica mountains.

2. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) also supports CF 15-1138-S11 and encourages

Boards to establish a Homeless Advocate Program during this crisis.

3. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) also directs the City Council to fund one additional staff position for \$120,000 that would create a process and procedure and facilitate interaction between City Council and the DONE and incorporate input from the Neighborhood Councils.
4. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) supports CF 16-1068 which opposes the above-ground, high speed train route known as E2 as proposed by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), and calls for a station planning grant to be allocated to the City of Los Angeles to conduct environmental studies related to a proposed station which would be located on both the City of Los Angeles and Burbank property. The motion would allow the City of Los Angeles to have local planning control of a State project.
5. The LANCC (XXXXXX Neighborhood Council) supports the State of California's lead to sever all financial ties with Wells Fargo Bank. The City of Los Angeles pays the Wells Fargo \$15,000,000 a year for banking services. During the contract, the Controller has found incidents of charges for services never performed for \$500,000 and the City Attorney has had to take Well Fargo to court for fraud. Wells Fargo has lost the trust of the people of Los Angeles and can no longer be allowed to perform services on their behalf. We request that the Los Angeles City Council make a motion to sever all ties with Wells Fargo and their subsidiaries and to contract with a bank that will put the needs of Los Angeles first and uphold their fiduciary duty.
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Please email LANCC@empowerla.org once your NC has passed the motions.

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