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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
WESTLAKE NORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM Thursday, August 12, 2021

WEBINAR LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451567454>

WEBINAR ID: 844 5156 7454

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The City's 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.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS (5 minutes)

- a. Call to order & Roll Call
- b. Public Comments regarding items not on the agenda (2 minutes each)

II. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. LA City Council District Representative

Council District 1 - Luis Gonzalez
Council District 13 - Juan Fregoso

- b. LA Police Department Senior Leads
- c. LA Fire Department Representative
- d. Government Departments/Agencies:

- 1. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- e. Community Organizations

III. Presentation (10 minutes) by Juan Fregoso, Field Deputy for Mitch O'Farrell District 13, followed by Q&A. Re: Tiny Home Village in Westlake reports and updates.

IV. Presentation (10 minutes) by David Barrett, Executive Officer for MySafe:LA Fire & Life Safety Education Re: Fireworks & Fire Safety, followed by Q&A.

V. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT FILER

- a. Discussion and possible action to send a letter to Council Member Gil Cedillo, District 1 regarding HCIDLA movement of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds for tenants and landlords. [attached draft letter, open to revisions by board]

VI. WESTLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION

- a. Discussion and possible action to discuss and approve meeting at LAPD, beginning on Thursday, January 13, 2022.
- b. Discussion and possible action to discuss and approve meeting at HCIDLA beginning on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

VII. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS & FINANCIAL ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of June & July 2021.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve roll over funds of \$4,357.79.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to approve updated Admin Packet 2021 - 2022.
- d. Discussion and possible motion to re/approve ProDoc Invoice No 13348 in the amount of 159.00 plus approve tax amount of \$15.11 total approval of \$174.11.
- e. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$400 for Outreach Committee to purchase promotional items for October 29th fall event with Lupita's Market.
- f. Discussion and possible motion to approve social media advertising up to \$1,500.

VIII. NOMINATION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible motion to appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021.
 - Once appointed, participants need to register at tiny.cc/CivicU2021 in order to receive more information about the 3 sessions including the zoom link.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to appoint board member to follow up on

Action Items and/or write Action Items in Minutes:

- Why
- When Is It Due
- Who Is Responsible
- What's Next

IX. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Outreach Committee
2. Budget and Finance Committee
3. Youth/Education Committee
4. Beautification and Land Use and Planning Committee
5. Crime prevention/Public safety committee
6. Rules and Selections Committee
7. Government Liaison Committee
8. Online Platforms Committees

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Introduce new issues or agenda items for consideration by the Board at its next meeting and request for items on future agenda.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes.

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The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

08/09/2021

Re: Council File: Citywide Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program / COVID-19 Pandemic / HICID Release of Fund/Distribution

Position: Support

Dear Councilmembers,

On March 11, 2021 the ERA2 provided up to \$21.55 billion under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which was enacted to help the people throughout the country. The funds were provided directly to states such as California to local governments to distribute to help the constituents in the rental crisis due to the emergency of the state.

On April 30, 2021 renters who applied for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program through HICID have been put on hold to participate and receive funds for past due rent due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The program has stalled in movement in going forward with applications from tenants and landlords. As of September 2021, millions of Californians and Angelenos have yet to pay rent and many face evictions as the rental moratorium approaches the end of its term.

Within the boundaries of the Westlake Neighbor Council Neighborhood and all surround areas resident have voiced concerns about evictions coming soon. Landlords have also expressed into coming close to foreclosures of their properties. Many renters many end up homeless very soon and Landlords, that are also small business owners could be forced to fall into foreclosure. Tenants and Landlords alike share the same

fate in loss if nothing is done by our leadership in the Los Angeles City Council member. The outside organization has had ample time to process applications. We urge you to demand HICID to speed up and process in reviewing applications.

The economic devastation of COVID-19 has been felt in our neighborhood and it is imperative we address the shortcomings of this well-intended rent subsidy program to ensure we are justly providing assistance to renters and landlords who are in need.

Therefore, Westlake North Neighborhood Council (WNNC) expresses its support for Council File: _____ and asks the city to report back to the Housing Committee transparency with a percentage of how many tenants and landlords have currently received ERA2 assistance and recommendations on how the City could require HICID to move faster in the reviewal and approval process.

In the citywide Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program in order to address these unintended consequences of depriving tenants and landlords throughout the City from their right to receive aid. WNNC supports transparency and the movement of distribution of funds from HICID to the constitutes who are depending the assistance with the funding that that HICID has been entrusted with to distribute to renters and landlords.

Sincerely,

 Recoverable Signature

X Elaine Alaniz - President

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