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**GHNNC Board Meeting**  
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- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies (Limited to three minutes)
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes).
- D. President Comments
- E. Executive Committee
  1. Motion to approve the following Board Meeting minutes
    - a. GHNNC April 6, 2021 Board Meeting
    - b. GHNNC May 4, 2021 Board Meeting
    - c. GHNNC May 27, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board
    - d. GHNNC July 6, 2021 Board Meeting
    - e. GHNNC July 19, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board
  2. Presentation by Capri Maddox, Executive Director and General Manager of Civil Human Rights and Equity Department
  3. Discussion and motion to establish ad hoc committee to review GHNNC By Laws
  4. Discussion and motion to organize GHNNC retreat
  5. Discussion and motion to establish a GHNNC Youth Committee
  6. Discussion and motion to appoint a member of GHNNC to the following:

- a. VANC - Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
  - b. LANC - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition
  - c. Memorandum Of Understanding committee
- F. Treasurer Report
  - 1. Review of Budget 2022 vs Budget 2021
  - 2. CAG (Community Advisory Group)
  - 3. Budget Advocate Report
- G. Planning and Land Use Committee Report
- H. Emergency Preparedness Committee Report
- I. Citywide Issues Committee Report
  - 1. Resolved the Mayor's proposal to distribute funds received in the federal COVID, as a monthly stipend to designated residents of the City of Los Angeles
  - 2. Resolved that GHNNC prepare a CIS opposing CF-0153 the creation of a LA City Department of health and further resolve that no further action be taken on this Council File and maintain the vote of the citizens that defeated a similar ballot proposal
- J. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report
- K. Public Safety Committee Report
  - 1. Motion to approve CD12 DOT to place "No Parking between 2 AM – 6AM Vehicles Over 7' High or 22' Long Except By Permit" on the North side of Rinaldi between Balboa Blvd and Woodley and on the South side of Rinaldi between Balboa Blvd and Blucher St.
- L. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance Representative Report
- M. Small Business Representative Report
- N. Faith-Based Representative Report
- O. Student Representative Report
- P. Board Member Announcements
- Q. Adjournment

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- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance(**Meeting Started at 6:36PM**)  
**Present:** Keren Waters, Brian Allen, Chris Coyle, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Thomas Hartfield, Rahim Khazi, Jason Lester, Citlali Manzo, Alvin Waters, Alfredo Castillo, Oscar Jimenez[**absent:** Ralph Kroy, Danitza Pantoja]
- B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies (Limited to three minutes)(**Comments Made as well as announcements, John Lee**)
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes).
- D. President Comments:
  1. Discussion and motion to recommend the new board seating to take place on July 6, 2021.{(**Keren motions and Brian 2nds**) **Votes: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstains: 0 Ineligible: 1**}
  2. Discussion and motion that at the July 6, 2021 board meeting new board member seating, board member appointments and elections of board officers be in the following order:{**Comments discussed on all three items and voted for all three(Sid motions to vote on all three, Chris 2nds): Motion to vote on all three Votes: YES: 11 No: 0 Abstains: 0 Ineligible: 1**}
    - a. Newly Confirmed Board Members are seated
    - b. Appointments of members are discussed and confirmed
    - c. Nomination and Election of Board Officers
  3. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$86k of \$100k funds for sidewalk repairs on South side of Rinaldi Street between Gothic and Gaynor (See Attached){**Discussion made: Votes(Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstains: 1 Ineligible: 1 Reclused: )**}

4. Discussion and motion to appoint Rahim Kazi and Nathan Lee to the GHNNC Board(**Discussion made: We have not taken action to remove Rahim. DONE does not have the authority to remove him from it.(Amendment made only appoint Nathan Lee(Oscar montions to amend motion to only reflect Nathan Lee as Rahim Kazi is already on the board and we never removed him) Brian 2nds the motion) Votes: 10 Yes: 9 No: Abstain: Ineligible: 1**  
**Votes to approve the motion as amended: Votes: 12 Yes:10 No: Abstain: Ineligible: 1**  
**Appointee Passes**)
  5. A CUP (Conditional Use Permit) application (ZA-2021-2147-CUB) was filed on March 24, 2021 by owner of restaurant located at 11908 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills, CA 91344. The permit is to allow for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol beverage for on-site consumption with the existing restaurant.(**Information only referred to Plum committed for future updates.**)
- E. Executive Committee
1. Motion to approve the following Board Meeting minutes
    - a. GHNNC March 2, 2021 Board Meeting(**Votes: 11 Yes:10 No: Abstain: Ineligible:1 )**)
  2. Discussion and Motion to approve the NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) for LAPD Devonshire PALS in the amount of \$2,500.00 (See Attached NPG)(**Discussion made: Chris Motions Keren 2nds: Votes: 11 Yes:10 No: Abstain:0 Ineligible:1)**)
  3. Brian Allen will take on role of mail collection from the GHNNC Post Office Box. (**Unanimous vote**)
  4. Become Familiar BONC document in support of council file 20-0990, for diversity, equity and inclusion training for the NC System(**information only**)
  5. Discussion and Motion for GHNNC CIS to support Council File 21-0318, addressing the Fireworks Problem in the City of Los Angeles: Create a fireworks buyback Program; Create a reward program to encourage individuals to report major suppliers of illegal fireworks; Enable the MyLA311 app as a platform to report illegal fireworks year round; Expand the current seasonal online portal via the LAPD website; Report with data on the number of dead and recovered animals during periods of increased fireworks usage. Additional comments and suggestions from the GHNNC board are welcome.(**Discussion made: Amendment made to add a buyback program: Votes: 11 Yes:10 No: Abstain: Ineligible:1)**)
  6. Discussion and Motion for GHNNC to Support Council File CF 21-0002-S67,HR1/For The People Act/HR4/John R.Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020 (Ridley Thomas): The City of Los Angeles includes in it's 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program, Support of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020, which would expand voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance laws, government ethics, and amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to re-establish preclearance requirements. (**Discussion made: Chris Motions to move to committee and Keren 2nds the motion: Votes:11 Yes: 10 No: Abstain: Ineligible:1)** motion moved
- F. Treasurer Report
1. Motion to approve the following MERs:(**Discussion made: Votes:11 Yes:10 No: Abstain: Ineligible:1)**)
    - a. February 2021 MER
    - b. March 2021 MER
  2. CAG (Community Advisory Group)(**Discussion and information passed**)
  3. Budget Advocate Report (**Discussion and information passed**)
- G. Planning and Land Use Committee Report
1. The CUP (Conditional Use Permit), CASE NO. ZA-2020-0205-CU, for the 11600 Balboa Blvd property conversion was denied by LA Dept of City Planning.(**discussion and information given: permit denied**)
  2. Discussion and Motion for GHNNC PLUM CIS to support the opposition by the Mayor and Los Angeles City Council to Council file 21-0002-S21 (SB 10 Weiner). The Legislative Program would not require sensitivity to the character of existing neighborhoods.(**information passed from Thomas Hartfield and Discussion made: Votes: Unanimous. In-eligible:1)motion passes.**)
- H. Citywide Issues Committee Report
1. Discussion and Motion that GHNNC communicate to BONC not to adopt the proposed DONE social media policy (**Discussion made: Votes:11 Yes: Unanimous vote: Ineligible:1) motion Passes**)
  2. Discussion and Motion that GHNNC recommend BONC support institution of California Amendment to the Brown Act AB-992 (See Attached Document)(**Discussion made: Votes: 11 Yes:10 No: 1 Ineligible:) Motion Passes**)
  3. Discussion and Motion recommend to BONC to instruct DONE to work with the LA City Attorney to establish a training program for all Neighborhood Councils to utilize the updated Brown Act.(**Discussion made: Votes 11 Yes:unanimous. No: Ineligible: )**)
  4. Discussion and Motion for GHNNC to provide a CIS with positive report on LAPD handling our community safety and awareness during the 2020 riots lieu of the negative report.(**voted to move to next meeting: Votes: 11 Yes: unanimous**)
- I. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report (**Report and update made by Keren Waters re: shred event and car meet Granada hills Holiday parade will be in December**)
- J. Public Safety Committee Report (**Meeting tomorrow night....update made by Michael Greenwald**)
- K. Small Business Representative Report (**nothing to report by Brian allen**)
- L. Faith-Based Representative Report (**Ralph Kroy absent nothing reported**)
- M. Student Representative Report (**nothing to report by Citlali Manzo: Kennedy is having their 1<sup>st</sup> football game this Friday.**)
- N. Board Member Announcements (**announcements and comments made**)
- O. Adjournment (**9:50pm**)

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Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Oscar Jimenez	X		Rahim Kazi	X	
Keren Waters	X		Ralph Kroy	X	
Alfredo Castillo	X		Jason Lester	X	
Chris Coyle		X	Danitza Pantoja	X	
Sid Gold	X		Citlali Manzo	X	
Michael Greenwald	X				
Thomas Hartfield	X		Total Present		
Alvin Waters	X				
Brian Allen	X		Stakeholders	21	

#### B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies (Limited to three

- minutes)(**Comments and announcements made**)
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes). (**Announcements and Statements made**)
  - D. President Comments
  - E. Executive Committee
    - 1. Motion to approve the following Board Meeting minutes(Keren motions, Thomas 2nds Votes: Yes: No: Abstains
      - a. GHNNC December 1, 2020 Board Meeting(**Votes: Yes: 12 No:0 Ineligible: 1**)
      - b. GHNNC January 5, 2021 Board Meeting (**Votes: Yes: 12 No: 0 Ineligible: 1**)
      - c. GHNNC February 2, 2021 Board Meeting (**Votes: Yes: 12 No: 0 Ineligible: 1**)
    - 2. Presentation from Congressman Brad Sherman(**Presentation made**)
    - 3. Presentation by Jeff Takeda of Training Concepts on mindfulness meditation practices. (**Presentation made**)
    - 4. Discussion and motion to approve CIS#1 (City Council File: 20-0990) regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Anti-Bias training. (**Votes: Yes: 12 No: 0 Ineligible: 1**)
    - 5. Discussion and motion to approve CIS #2 (City Council File: 20-0692) from VANC requesting LA City Council not to defund LAPD in the San Fernando Valley. (**Discussion made; Votes: Yes:12 No: Abstain: Ineligible: )**
  - F. Treasurer Report
    - 1. Motion to approve January 2021 MER(**Votes: Yes:12 No: Abstains: Ineligible: 1 )**)
    - 2. CAG (Community Advisory Group)(**Announcements made:they are not getting clearance over the Social Gas documents and they are not releasing the necessary information for our neighborhood**)
    - 3. Budget Advocate Report (**Report made by Brian Allen**)
  - G. Planning and Land Use Committee Report(**Report made by our Leader Thomas Hartfield**)
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  - J. Public Safety Committee Report
  - K. Small Business Representative Report(**No report made**)
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  - M. Student Representative Report (**No report made**)
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**University of California, Davis, California**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Communications [double major], June 2001

**LEGAL WORK**

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Partner**, Gray Duffy, LLP, April 2012 to the present, 15760 Ventura Boulevard, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Encino, California 91436. Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, Insurance Coverage related-issues, Business-related disputes

**Principal**, The Law Offices of Nathan B. Lee, February 2012 to April 2012, 15303 Ventura Blvd., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403.

**Staff Attorney**, Legal Ascent Law Group, Inc., November 2011 to February 2012, Temple City, California.

**Interim Associate**, Law Offices of Cindy N. Tran, August 2011 to November 2011, Pasadena, California.

**Certified Law Clerk**, Diamond and Associates, March 2011 to May 2011, Los Angeles, California

**Student Intern**, Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County, July 2010 to February 2011, Van Nuys, California.

**Certified Law Clerk**, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, June 2010 to August 2010, Van Nuys, California

**Territory Sales Manager**, Fiji Water, Inc., July 2007 to June 2009, Los Angeles, California

**Airport Branch Rental Manager**, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, January 2002 to June 2007, Los Angeles California.

**Nature of Practice:**

Insurance Coverage, Environmental Compliance and Complex Environmental Litigation, Personal Injury

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Lee focuses his practice on civil litigation matters, including personal injury, insurance coverage, and business-related disputes, and has particular expertise pertaining to asbestos issues. Mr. Lee also represents subcontractors in construction-related claims and has successfully litigated on behalf of numerous clients in civil proceedings, including at evidentiary hearings and trials. He works closely with clients from case inception to resolution to obtain the best possible outcome.

Mr. Lee also represents policyholders in insurance coverage matters, and counsels clients on environmental compliance and complex environmental litigation. Mr. Lee has handled a range of insurance coverage and insurance-related disputes, including claims for coverage under commercial general liability and excess policies, and environmental impairment policies. Mr. Lee's environmental experience includes representing and advising clients in the automotive industries in a variety of significant disputes, including site remediation and cost recovery, as well as administrative enforcement matters.

Mr. Lee is admitted to the State Bar of California, as well as the United States District Court for the Central and Northern Districts of California.

Mr. Lee obtained a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern Law School where he received the Hon. Tom Bradley Scholarship and Hon. Gilbert Lindsay Scholarship. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications from the University of California, Davis. He is the recipient of the "Witkin Award for Academic Excellence" in Criminal Law.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Member, California State Bar

Member, United States District Court for the Central District of California

Member, United States District Court for the Northern District of California

**LEGAL WRITINGS, ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS**

- Article: "Following Form: Deductibles vs. SIRs"  
Published: American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section – Excess, Surplus Lines And Reinsurance  
Spring 2020

- Article: "Ambiguities in Policy Language Results in Coverage for Attorney's Fees Awards Against Insureds"  
Published: American Bar Association TIPS Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Newsletter  
Fall 2019"
- Article: "The New Consumer Privacy Laws: What You Can Do Now To Comply"  
Published: *Auto Success*  
August 2019
- Article: "Best Methods for Setting Aside a Default Judgment"  
Published: *Claims Journal*  
October 2017
- Article: "Determining Loss of Earnings Claims During a Despondent Economy"  
Published: *Claims Journal*  
August 2014

Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant; Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

SECTION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) LAPD Devonshire PALS 23-7270505 CA 05/15/2019  
*Organization Name* *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (If applicable)*

1b1 8721 Wilbur Avenue Los Angeles CA 91324  
*Organization Mailing Address* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1c) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (If different)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:  
Edgar Sedano 818-885-6433 Esedano@devonshire-pals .org  
*Name* *Phone* *Email*

2) Type of Organization- Please select one:  
☒ Public School (not to include private schools) or ☐ 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)  
Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

SECTION II- PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

The mission of LAPD Devonshire PALS (PALS) is to build character and enrich the lives of children and teens by offering year-round, after-school activities that foster trust and understanding between young people, the LAPD and the community. To that end, PALS provides a range of programs that pique our members' interests, encourage their curiosity, and expand their horizons. The requested funds will be allocated to supplies at our youth center for our agricultural, robotics, and arts programs. Funds will be designated specifically for agricultural materials including the following:

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

PALS is dedicated to developing character in youth, reducing juvenile crime and creating safer communities. We do this by providing after-school enrichment programs for low-income, at-risk children and teens. Particularly during the ongoing health, economic, and educational crisis, youth are suffering from heightened stress, anxiety, and depression. We know that we will have to provide local youth with more academic, emotional, and social support than ever before while maintaining stringent safety protocols. By offering a variety of hands-on, experiential and FUN learning activities, we are supporting our members' educational progress while taking a much-needed break from ubiquitous screen time. We also are providing an outlet for participating children and teens to decompress, express themselves creatively, and use

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

Sa)

Personnel Related Expenses	Reauested of NC	Total Protected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

Sb)

Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Agricultural program supplies	\$700	\$1,500
Robotics kits	\$1500	\$3,500
Art supplies	\$300	\$900

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

☐ No

Iii Yes

If Yes, please list names of NCs:

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) ii ☒ **No** ☐ **Yes** If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
		\$
		\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$2,500

10a) Start date: 03 /            10b) Date Funds Required: 04            10c) Expected Completion Date: 09 30 /             
(After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

11 a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

iii No

0 Yes

If yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?

☐ Yes☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No \*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current **Board Member** of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - **REQUIRE**

Edgar Sedano

*PRINT Name*

Executive Director

*Tdle*

## Saturation

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02/16/21

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - R**

Bree Breckenridge

**PRINT Name**

Board Secretary

**Title**

**S. ture**

02/16/21

Date \_\_\_\_\_

• If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or \_\_\_\_\_ for instructions on completing this form



INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **JUL 02 2020**

LAPD DEVONSHIRE POLICE ACTIVITY  
LEAGUE SUPPORTERS  
8721 WILBUR AVE  
NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324

Employer Identification Number:  
23-7270505  
DLN:  
29053045317030  
Contact Person:  
MRS. JOHNSON ID# 31287  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
May 15, 2019  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Based on the information you submitted in your application, we approved your request for reinstatement under Revenue Procedure 2014-11. Your effective date of exemption, as listed at the top of this letter, is retroactive to your date of revocation.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, three-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar

LAPD DEVONSHIRE POLICE ACTIVITY

to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for S01(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements



Hi Oscar,

Below is the estimate you requested. Let me know if you have any questions.

Bo

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Stump Removal	Each	\$ 450.00	1	\$ 450.00
Total =				\$ 11,900.00

16052 Rinaldi St.:

Item	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Subtotal
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16020 Rinaldi St.:

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Sidewalk Remove and Replace	Square Foot	\$ 35.00	120	\$ 4,200.00
Curb and Gutter Remove and Replace	Linear Foot	\$ 200.00	18	\$ 3,600.00
Tree Remove, stump grind and replace	Each	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00
Total =		\$ 10,800.00		

16016 Rinaldi St.:

Item	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Subtotal
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## Bo Savage

*Deputy Director of Operations*  
**Los Angeles Conservation Corps**  
 John Van de Kamp Center  
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**Oscar Jimenez** <[oscarjimenez.csave@gmail.com](mailto:oscarjimenez.csave@gmail.com)>

Apr 2, 2021, 4:46 PM  
 (19 hours ago)

to Bo

Bo,

Thank you. That was really quick. I'll keep you posted on next steps.

Oscar







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## **AB-992 Open meetings: local agencies: social media.** (2019-2020)

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### **Assembly Bill No. 992**

#### CHAPTER 89

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 54952.2 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

[ Approved by Governor September 18, 2020. Filed with Secretary of State September 18, 2020. ]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 992, Mullin. Open meetings: local agencies: social media.

The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires that the meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies be conducted openly. That act defines "meeting" for purposes of the act and prohibits a majority of the members of a legislative body, outside a meeting authorized by the act, from using a series of communications of any kind to

discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

This bill would provide that, until January 1, 2026, the prohibition described above does not prevent a member from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this act with any other person using an internet-based social media platform, as defined, to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves, as defined, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, and that a member shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.

Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 54952.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**54952.2.** (a) As used in this chapter, "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Section 54953,



to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(b) (1) A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of a local agency, from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter with members of a legislative body in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency, if that person does not communicate to members of the legislative body the comments or position of any other member or members of the legislative body.

(3) (A) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing a member of the legislative body from engaging in separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body provided that a majority of the members of the legislative body do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. A member of the legislative body shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, all of the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Discuss among themselves" means communications made, posted, or shared on an internet-based social media platform between members of a legislative body, including comments or use of digital icons that express reactions to communications made by other members of the legislative body.

(ii) "Internet-based social media platform" means an online service that is open and accessible to the public.

(iii) "Open and accessible to the public" means that members of the general public have the ability to access and participate, free of charge, in the social media platform without the approval by the social media platform or a person or entity other than the social media platform, including any forum and chatroom, and cannot be blocked from doing so, except when the internet-based social media platform determines that an individual violated its protocols or rules.

(c) Nothing in this section shall impose the requirements of this chapter upon any of the following:

(1) Individual contacts or conversations between a member of a legislative body and any other person that do not violate subdivision (b).

(2) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a conference or similar gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to public agencies of the type represented by the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to allow members of the public free admission to a conference or similar gathering at which the organizers have required other participants or registrants to pay fees or charges as a condition of attendance.

(3) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(4) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of another body of the local agency, or at an open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(5) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(6) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body, provided that the members of the legislative body who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.

**SEC. 2.** Section 54952.2 is added to the Government Code, to read:

**54952.2.** (a) As used in this chapter, "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Section 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(b) (1) A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of a local agency, from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter with members of a legislative body in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency, if that person does not communicate to members of the legislative body the comments or position of any other member or members of the legislative body.

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(6) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body, provided that the members of the legislative body who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2026.

**SEC. 3.** The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, which amends and adds Section 54952.2 of the Government Code, respectively, impose a limitation on the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

The limitations on the people's right of access set forth in this act are necessary to ensure the free flow of communications between members of a legislative body of a local agency and the public, particularly on internet-based social media platforms.

**SEC. 4.** The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, which amends and adds Section 54952.2 of the Government Code, respectively, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes of that constitutional section as they relate to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

This act is necessary to ensure the free flow of communications between members of a legislative body of a local agency and the public, particularly on internet-based social media platforms.



# CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

## GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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### MEETING MINUTES 5-4-21

GHNNC Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – 6:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting Online  
<https://zoom.us/j/98538834487>  
By Telephone Dial (669) 900-6833 or Toll  
Free # are (833) 548-0282 or (877) 853-5257  
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY. TO ACCESS DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THIS MEETING GO TO GHNNC.ORG AND CLICK ON THE LINK IN THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT.

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### All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible Board action

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance (Meeting Started @ 6:22 PM)  
**Present:** Keren Waters, Brian Allen, Chris Coyle, Michael Greenwald, Thomas Hartfield, Rahim Khazi, Jason Lester, Nathan Lee, Citlali Manzo, Danitza Pantoja, Alvin Waters, Sid Gold, Ralph Kroy, Oscar Jimenez[absent: Alfredo Castillo and Chris Coyle]
- B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies (Limited to three minutes) **(comments and announcements made)**
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes). **(comments made)**
- D. President Comments **(no Comments)**
- E. Executive Committee
  1. Motion to approve the GHNNC April 6, 2021 Board Meeting minutes **(Moved to next meeting)**
  2. Presentation by FBI regarding Human trafficking and other issues. **(Presentation made on public corruption and not Human trafficking)**
  3. Discussion and Motion to approve up to \$4,200.00 for the NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) for VFW Post **(Discussion made: Amendment made to \$2000 Votes:12 Yes: unanimous but Chris Coyle left): Votes for the motion as amended: Votes: Yes:10 No: 1 Abstain: ineligible:1 Absent: 1)**
  4. Discussion and motion to approve additional \$14k of \$100K funds for a total of \$100K for sidewalk repairs on South side of Rinaldi Street between Gothic and Gaynor. **(Discussion made: Votes: 13 Yes:10 No: Ineligible:1 Absent:2)**
  5. Discussion and motion to approve May 29, 2021 for the GHNNC drive through Shred Event from 9:00 AM –

- 11:30 AM at St. Euphrasia. \$1,200 and event was approved at 8/04/2020 board meeting. **(Discussion made: Votes:13, Yes:Unanimously No: Ineligible: Abstain: absent:2 )**
6. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$500 for the Congress of Neighborhoods **(Discussion made: Motion to reduce amount to \$250 Votes: 13: Yes: unanimous No: Ineligible: Abstain: Absent: 2) (Votes on the amended motion: Votes 13 Yes:10 No: 1 Ineligible: 1 Absent: 2) motion passes**
  7. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$150 for bull horns to be used as needed at community events **(board moved item to next meeting)**
  8. Discussion and Motion to oppose council file 21-0407 restructuring the NC Elections process. Denies NCS the ability to operate independently as was intended when NC's were established. **(board moved item to next meeting)**
  9. Discussion and Possible action regarding creation of the Municipal Bank of LA (MBLA) Council File 19-1235. **(Board moved item to next meeting)**
  10. Discussion and motion to create a GHNNC Youth Committee **(item moved to next meeting)**
- F. Treasurer Report
1. CAG (Community Advisory Group) **(Announcements made by Brian Allen)**
  2. Budget Advocate Report **(Announcements made by Brian Allen)**
  3. Update and discussion on outstanding funding approvals not acted on yet and the remaining funds available, with action items to finalize processing of previously approved items **(Discussion made and update by Brian Allen)**
- G. Planning and Land Use Committee Report
1. Special Meeting of the PLUM Committee on May 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM regarding Car Wash project at NE corner of Balboa Blvd and Rinaldi. Meeting to be held via Zoom Webinar. <https://zoom.us/j/89198431500> or by dialing the number listed at the header of this agenda and enter Webinar ID: 891 9843 1500.
- H. Citywide Issues Committee Report **(updates and announcements made by Sid Gold)**
- I. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report **(updates and announcements made by Keren Waters)**
- J. Public Safety Committee Report **(Per Michael Greenwald Nothing to report)**
- K. Small Business Representative Report **(Nothing to report by Brian Allen)**
- L. Faith-Based Representative Report **(Per Ralph Kroy nothing to report Michael Greenwald Volunteered reach out to the Faith based list that is provided by Keren Waters)**
1. Contact all Faith Based organizations within GHNNC boundaries and suggest they visit our website and register for email notifications.
- M. Student Representative Report **(Announcement by Citlali Manzo)**
- N. Board Member Announcements **(announcements made)**
- O. Adjournment **(9:38pm)**

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## MOTION

The Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999 to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, elected to office by the members of their community, with the purpose of ensuring that the diverse voices from every neighborhood are heard by City Hall. Democracy cannot exist without a fair electoral process at every level of government. As the closest form of government to the people, Neighborhood Councils must ensure their elections are inclusive, accessible and transparent.

Today, the City of Los Angeles is home to 99 Neighborhood Councils, each with its own election process. Where a person lives in the city determines the inclusivity of the process to cast a ballot, including whether photo identification is required. Requiring photo identification to vote, although seemingly unobstructive, is voter suppression, as many have experienced during the current Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council election. Obtaining identification is a significant burden for many groups as IDs can be costly and the travel required is often an obstacle for people with disabilities, the elderly, and people living in rural areas.

As voter suppression efforts take root across the United States, it is even more important that the City of Los Angeles reconfirms our commitment to voter rights, and equal and consistent elections throughout the neighborhood council system, ensuring that everyone who wants to participate in this grassroots democracy, is provided the same opportunity as their neighbors in other communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be instructed to report with a survey of Neighborhood Council Election rules, with an analysis on how the bylaws of different Neighborhood Councils vary on election issues, including, but not limited to: eligibility requirements for Board seats, governing board structure, stakeholder requirements, and stakeholder verification.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on the City Council's authority to standardize election rules across Neighborhood Councils, and potential limits to this authority.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to report on the costs associated with administering the existing nonstandardized Neighborhood Council election systems, and provide recommendations for streamlining Neighborhood Council elections, and potential cost savings that could result from standardizing Neighborhood Council election rules.

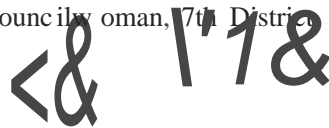


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Councilwoman, 7th District

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# PUBLIC BANK LOS ANGELES

A Summary of the Los Angeles Public Bank.





# ABOUT PUBLIC BANK LOS ANGELES

Public Bank Los Angeles is a volunteer initiative founded in 2017 to create a socially and environmentally responsible municipal bank for the City of Los Angeles. Public Bank LA (PBLA) evolved from Divest LA, a nationally recognized grassroots movement which succeeded in divesting Wells Fargo from the City of Los Angeles' commercial banking services. The movement was rooted in the DefundDAPL phenomenon and resistance from all vulnerable communities victimized by unethical banking practices. A [Change.org petition](#) to City Council was signed by over 38,700 supporters.

In 2018, Public Bank LA led Measure B, a Los Angeles ballot initiative to amend a section in the LA city charter to take the first steps towards the creation of a municipal public bank. With only four months to organize and less than 1/10 of the average budget needed to win a city-wide initiative, the measure did not pass but received 42% of votes in approval, with [over 430,000 Angelenos](#) supporting the ballot.

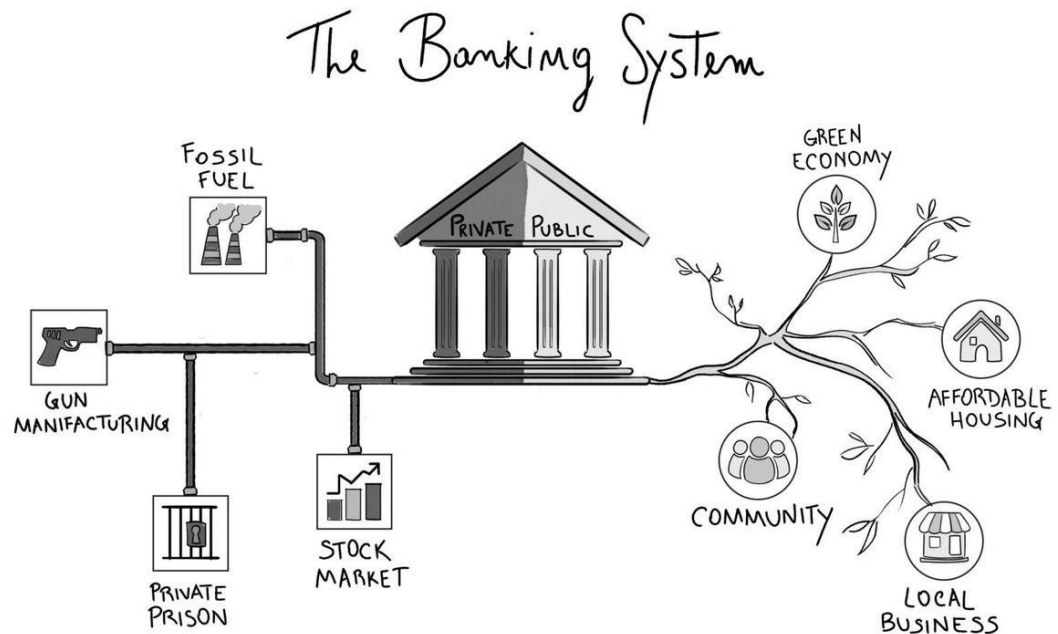
In 2019, Public Bank LA, a founding member of the California Public Banking Alliance (CPBA), passed [Assembly Bill 857](#), empowering California cities, counties and regions to form public banks. AB 857 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on October 2, 2019, legalizing public banking in California for the first time in history.

During the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, Public Bank LA and the California Public Banking Alliance collaborated on a State Public Bank bill to expand the existing California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) and increase its capacity for recovery lending for small business and community development infrastructure.

Public Bank LA and CPBA are currently working on [AB 1177](#), the CA Public Banking Option Act, with co-sponsor [SEIU California](#) in the 2021 legislative session. PBLA is also working with Congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez on the re-introduction of the federal [Public Banking Act](#) in 2021, a bill that would make it easier for states and local governments to form public banks.

# WHAT IS A PUBLIC BANK

A public bank is a bank owned by a government entity (“local agency”), like a city or county, with a non-profit public purpose and governed by public mandate. Unlike private commercial banks, the interest and profit of a public bank belongs to the community.



## BENEFITS OF A PUBLIC BANK

- Deposits generate loans locally with profits and interest returned to localities
- Uses banks' ability to leverage money to benefit the public instead of private shareholders
- Reflects community values and invests in community-identified priorities
- Brings democracy and transparency to banking and investment of public funds
- Creates a multi-generational source of capital that invests long term for impact purposes for residents and businesses
- Keep public money invested locally

# WHY THE COVID-19 CRISIS CALLS FOR PUBLIC BANKS

*Public banks are the financial infrastructure we're missing.*

Billions in public funds will be invested over the next five years, to bring our economy into recovery and to make significant investments in infrastructure development and climate change mitigation. Federal, state and local governments will depend on banks and other lenders to deploy large sums to public projects, green energy development, workforce programs, disaster relief, and other social impact investments.

Wall Street banks have thus far dominated the deployment of funds from these programs, earning huge profits while giving preference to big business and reinforcing inequalities present in our financial system. These mega private banks have shown to pursue profit over all other considerations - and the cost of this singular focus is obvious.

*Federal programs will distribute trillions in relief, often in the form of loans and other financial mechanisms.*

Early in the pandemic, the Federal Reserve established a “Municipal Liquidity Facility” (MLF). Los Angeles city could have tapped \$1.2 billion, the county near \$2 billion, but high penalty rates made MLF unusable, and small cities had no access. Private banks engorged themselves on cheap capital from Fed spending and distributed the bulk of PPP loans to large corporations who are their biggest customers. Small businesses, especially those owned by Black and Latino families were left out.

A public bank positions the city and county to be in the driver’s seat when such programs are opened to financial institutions, who currently have a monopoly on the basic public utilities of municipal debt and administration of public purpose investment programs.

# WHY LOS ANGELES NEEDS A PUBLIC BANK

*A Los Angeles Public Bank will invest directly in Los Angeles to aid our economic recovery and reinvest in housing, transportation, clean energy, and jobs for Angelenos.*

Los Angeles manages more than \$8B in annual revenue collected from tax, fee and fine payers. The city maintains bank accounts with between \$4B and \$12B in cash, and manages up to \$45B in investments for pensions and other funds. That money is currently held in accounts at commercial banks, where it earns next to zero interest. The city paid over \$109 million in transactional and originations fees to these commercial banks in 2016.

Some of these banks have been downgraded by authorities for their risky or fraudulent practices. Many of the city's investments finance direct harm to the public, including over \$70M invested in tobacco companies alone. The firms who help manage these funds seek the highest possible fees for themselves, extracting the financial power of taxpayers to perpetuate bubbles in housing and capital markets, instead of economic development here at home.



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In 2017, Los Angeles disqualified Wells Fargo from providing banking services to the city, due to their non-admission-settlement of fraud charges from state and federal authorities. City Council took a step forward to better discriminate between the financial institutions to which we entrust public funds, and to disqualify those banks which have shown themselves to be unworthy of the public trust.

But in an era of consolidation, where banks have grown too-big-to-fail, any discerning city will soon run out of options for where to put its money. We can and must go a step further. We should learn from the example of municipalities and states which have founded their own public banks.

North Dakota, a dyed in-the-wool red state, has operated the country's only public bank for nearly a century, and it is a great success. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bank of North Dakota provided more PPP loans to small businesses than any other state. Without the leakages, without the huge fees of Wall Street banks, BND deployed capital quickly and efficiently to help small businesses get back on their feet.

In Germany, the Sparkassen network of county-level public banks provides unique regional benefits to their constituents, while out-performing their commercial competitors in reliability, security, growth and transparency.

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The Bank of Los Angeles would accept and insure city deposits, ensure liquidity, and provide all the banking and purchasing services the city requires. It would make prudent, targeted loans to the city itself, as well as to responsible parties in sectors of the local economy where capital would make a measurable difference in the lives of Angelenos. By recirculating our own money into local loans and investments, a public bank would grow the economy faster than if that same money were invested on Wall Street and paid in fees to brokers. No longer would new bridges, schools and power plants be subject to exorbitant interest paid to bondholders, which currently makes up about 50% of all spending on infrastructure. A public bank would finance public works at a fraction of the price of private capital.

The public bank would be answerable to an independent board of governors made up of residents of Los Angeles including civil servants, and experts in public finance, banking, affordable housing and climate change mitigation. It would follow a strict mandate to safeguard and grow the city's assets through loans to local businesses and municipal entities. It would operate according to a mandate to act in the interest of the city and its people, and not for individual shareholders or executives. A bank whose employees are public servants, and whose mission is to measurably improve the lives of regular Angelenos, grow revenues and cut costs for city government, and safeguard LA's assets in the event of another financial collapse, and to enable investment in Los Angeles by Los Angeles.



50%

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As the economic crisis created by COVID-19 continues to devastate local economies across the country, now more than ever, a Los Angeles public bank is needed to expand lending in areas that support local businesses, create jobs, respond to pressing local issues, and invest in frontline communities.

A Los Angeles Public Bank would be able to multiply the impact of public funding by leveraging the bank's capital into targeted recovery loans. This would allow the city to quickly and efficiently distribute assistance to individuals and make low-interest loans to businesses, utilities, and school districts to help them get back on their feet. We must recover from this crisis through the creation of a just financial institution that invests in our communities — accountable to the people, not Wall Street.

As the City of Los Angeles explores local funding for small business and worker relief in response to the COVID-19 crisis, a public bank is the mechanism to allow for low-cost lending at a local level to support the resurgence of our restaurant and small business corridors, particularly those owned by disadvantaged and underrepresented people of color, that have been forced to close may never return. A public bank will lay the foundation for a more equitable local economy by financing projects including local public infrastructure, renewable energy, affordable housing, a local Green New Deal and more, that create good paying and union jobs.

A Los Angeles Public Bank will invest directly in Los Angeles to aid our economic recovery. Now is our moment in history to pave the way for a strong, transparent, and compliant institution that will reinvest in housing, transportation, clean energy, and jobs for the people of Los Angeles.

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# SAVE MONEY

The city of Los Angeles pays \$100M a year in banking fees and interest. This could be reinvested into our communities instead of siphoned out by Wall Street. By depositing our public tax dollars into a publicly owned and accountable financial institution, Angelenos would keep our money in *our city*, creating credit from our own revenue, instead of giving that power to Wall Street to finance wars, pipelines, private prisons, among other socially and environmentally harmful projects.

1

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2

*If we fund public projects ourselves through a public bank, we can halve the cost of infrastructure, doubling our power to invest in our own communities.*

Nearly 50% of the cost of all infrastructure projects go towards paying bank interest and fees – if we fund public projects ourselves through a public bank, we can halve the cost of infrastructure, doubling our power to invest in our own communities.

The Bank of North Dakota is the nation's only state-owned and operated bank. It is also the most profitable bank in the United States. With a nearly 17% return on investment, the BND is more profitable than Goldman Sachs, with a better credit rating than JPMorgan Chase. It withstood the economic crash of 2008 because, unlike large private banks, the BND does not engage in high-risk financial schemes.

Like the BND, a municipal bank for Los Angeles would be prohibited from unsafe and unsound banking practices. In 2020, it allowed North Dakota to disburse the most amount of PPP loans per capita through partnership with a vast network of local financial institutions while also refinancing the student debt of many of its residents.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

With a public bank, we can focus on the long-term prosperity of our community through affordable and supportive housing, green energy infrastructure and conservation measures, co-ops, small businesses, etc. The city-owned Bank of Los Angeles would be a banker's bank, partnering with local credit unions and community banks, guaranteeing their loans for locally-directed economic development, public works financing, and jobs creation.

1

Fund local projects for affordable and supportive housing by extending credit lines through the public bank's loan portfolio. In partnership with local lenders, the public bank can bring down the cost of financing housing developments; unlike private banks, they won't be bound by a need to maximize profit margins.

2

Low interest loans or interest free loans for students to invest in education and stimulate the economy.

3

Support small businesses and cooperative ownership structures by increasing the lending capabilities of local credit unions, community banks, and CDFIs.

4

Finance transition towards decarbonization and renewable energy. The German Sparkassen public banking networks have funded over 70% of investment for renewable energy infrastructure.

# ETHICAL ALLOCATION OF MONEY

California's municipal public banking movement advocates for banks to be chartered with socially and environmentally responsible mandates. This includes a transparent Board of Directors and an anti-corruption ethos to ensure the bank operates under sustainable and ethical guidelines. The bank's lending activities would be subject to strict mandate to adhere to its principles and fulfillment of its public policy goals.

## LOCAL SELF-DETERMINATION

The City of Los Angeles pays \$3.14B in debt service, which is the cost to borrow money; billions of dollars of our city's interest payments are redirected into the coffers of Wall Street. A city-owned public bank enables Los Angeles to recapture public dollars and have a say over the financing of our own community. A public bank maximizes public good within the community rather than maximizing profits for a small group of investors. With municipal revenues and banking profits being returned to the public, the bank would issue loans to benefit the local economy, not private shareholders.

## SERVE THE UNBANKED AND UNDERBANKED

Three out of ten Angelenos do not have either access or adequate access to a checking or savings account and therefore cannot build credit, and are susceptible to theft, fraud, and the predatory practices of financial alternatives such as payday lenders or check cashers. A public bank would help meet the financial needs of the unbanked and underbanked population, largely composed of minority, working-class communities and immigrant households, by partnering with local community banks and credit unions and extending their credit lines, enabling local banks to offer low-cost consumer services to Angelenos.

# FAQ

## Where will the money come from for the Bank of Los Angeles?

The bank's equity, or reserve capital, would come from a city ordinance or appropriation, or from a voter initiative and bond, or from excess pools of interest earned by existing city budget items. The bank would actually return money to the city, lessening the burden of taxes and increasing city budgets, and it would save the city money in interest, fees, and losses incurred by speculative Wall Street investments. After the Bank of Los Angeles is able to accept deposits, the City could transfer a portion of its existing deposits to the public bank. The City of LA already has billions of dollars in checking and short term investment accounts at commercial banks. A public bank would house these deposits instead, putting them to work for the people of LA.

To raise additional investments, the City could still sell bonds on the existing market. The public bank would actually seek to participate in the early series of municipal bonds (year 1 - 5) to shore up their portfolio with high grade collateral and to maintain liquidity. The bank could be designed to have a bond broker department that directly serves its municipality and charges drastically less for origination of bonds, to make access to credit a more mundane city function.

The Bank of Los Angeles could also provide alternative credit options to a city at far below the bond market rate (4-6%) by borrowing at the federal funds rate (~0.25%) and making preferential loans directly to city projects. This is especially advantageous on infrastructure improvements like transportation, power and trash which have revenue streams that can pay down loans at a predictable rate.

The bank would also provide fiscally and socially responsible investment options to city investment and pension funds to help them balance their riskier investments while still earning a strong return on investment.

## **Details of the City's \$10.57B in investment pool (5/31/2018)**

- \$3.7B in core portfolio: short-term investments with average maturity 108 days
  - 80% growth 2010-2018
  - Fund invested per CA § 53601 a-p
    - Majority invested in US T notes and bonds up to 5 year terms
    - Commercial paper and debt securities from major corporations with investment-grade ratings
- Unrestricted General Fund portion of Investment Fund: \$453.8MM as of 6/30/2017
- Total general fund portion ~\$4B

## **What services would the public bank cover?**

Any sound business plan will require focus and detail on the complicated enterprise of running a bank. This means a feasible and trustworthy bank will be sure to 'get it right the first time.' This means starting with what's most important, prove competence and capacity for more, and then add services as the demand dictates and bank capacity allows. This process of adding services provided by the bank should be thought of as happening over a medium- and long-term time horizon (3-20 years).

The most basic function the bank can provide is checking, credit card processing, and repo (liquidity) services for the city treasury. The public bank would work closely with city departments and agencies to smoothly integrate their accounts payable, receivable, merchant accounts, checking, wire, ACH and payroll services. It would work with the Office of Finance to facilitate the collection of taxes and the accounting and reporting of the same.

Once the bank is managing deposits, it can begin to make loans and purchase interest-bearing assets. The bank would construct a portfolio of loans and investments according to its investing priorities and guidelines determined at its founding, and according to the direction of the Board of Governors. Loans made by the bank could be infrastructure loans made to

## **What services would the public bank cover? (cont.)**

the city, or small business loans made in partnership with community banks. Special loans could be made for important city priorities, such as for affordable housing or clean energy upgrades to city property.

The bank would likely serve as a ‘banker’s bank’ at first, providing liquidity and security for community banks looking for a powerful local partner to help face down large multinational financial institutions. It could provide clearing services and interbank liquidity.

After the bank has proven it can hold city deposits and earn a return on its loan portfolio while focusing on regional and socially beneficially investments, it can expand its offerings. By partnering with community banks, the public bank could expand access to banking services by providing extra security for partner banks, lowering the cost of banking for everyone. The public bank could serve business in the cannabis industry which are shut out of commercial banking. It could provide cash banking services to immigrants through utility bills and other novel and low cost means.

## **Will the bank be taking tax money?**

The City would collect and store revenue in bank accounts as deposits, the city would continue to perform all its regular activities. Merchant services would be brought in-house. The City can manage it at a much lower cost than commercial banks.

Except to build up its reserve at the very beginning, a public bank would not use tax dollars to fund its activities. Loans would be made by the bank and backed up by city deposits, which would be properly insured or guaranteed, and would not be at risk.



## Who would be a typical customer?

The public bank would start as a "banker's bank." The City of Los Angeles would be the primary customer, lending to areas of greatest public demand, such as affordable housing, green infrastructure, etc. The bank would work in partnership with local community banks, credit unions, and CDFIs.

The bank itself would initiate its own programs to follow the economic development plans of the city. The German model does the same thing, they adhere to the cities' goals in their lending programs even though they're independent. For example: housing lending (especially affordable housing), enterprise lending (small and medium size businesses), and infrastructure. We'd recycle the money back into city accounts.

## Will this bank work with local banks and credit unions?

Yes. We want to duplicate the commercial lending model of BND, where all commercial lending is made through a network of community banks. This is a major check on the system. BND simply provides extra credit, acts as the dealmaker, and services the loan. The customer remains that of the community bank or credit union.

In other words, a municipal public bank would keep money circulating within the community through community banks and credit unions. The only banks it takes away money from are the Wall St. leviathans.

Finally, the profitability, incorruptibility, ethicality and financial soundness are all very serious considerations in the development of the bank. There will be measures taken to ensure these concerns are met, by establishing the means to ensure the bank is fully transparent, that all bankers are public servants accountable to the people, that the bank has a board of directors that reflects community needs as well as financial expertise, and a culture of meritocracy and intelligent financial management.

## How will the public bank be governed?

The governance of the Bank of Los Angeles will be informed by input during the creation of the business plan. It will be up to Los Angeles' elected representatives, banking experts, and the People to provide their input on what structure will be most conducive to financial soundness while being sensitive to the local needs of the city and guaranteeing the upholding of the social and environmental responsibility mission. At this time, the following details can serve as a guide:

- ♦ Transparency and Accountability
  - Public banks under AB857 are exempt from taxes and, like public agencies, will be subject to the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. Public bank oversight will be conducted at four levels:
    - the independent board of directors of the Bank;
    - the local agency owners of the bank (cities, counties);
    - the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, and
    - the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation thereby ensuring their transparency, good governance, and commitment to the public interest.
  - Members could additionally establish Commissions to oversee the bank.
- ♦ Board of Directors and Executive Director
  - If the sole Participating Member of the Bank is the City of Los Angeles, its City Council would control 100% of voting membership and could provide direct oversight and appointment power over the Board of Directors.
  - If the Bank is jointly formed by the County and the City, and/or in collaboration with other cities, or if it accepts Participating Members following its establishment, then membership agreements would govern the % of voting membership in the Bank exercised by each constituent City or County.
  - The Board of Directors would establish rules for its own composition, subject to its founding mandate, which should provide for geographic and demographic representation, and enable stakeholder participation in the selection of new Directors.
  - The Executive Director would be empowered to execute on the mission of the Bank, at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

## How will the public bank be governed? (cont.)

- ♦ Jurisdiction and Liability
  - The Bank is a separate Mutual Benefit Corporation with its own assets, liabilities, and legal members, and will have jurisdiction that is contiguous with its Participating Members.
  - Municipal and county treasurers will play a role in overseeing public banks in their jurisdictions, and will assess their impact on city credit and finances.
    - The BLA would comply with the current, stringent legal requirements for the collateralization and liquidity of deposits for public funds and investment holdings of public entities.
    - Treasurers / Oversight Commissions of Participating Members will jointly produce an annual report documenting a third-party fiscal, social equity and environmental audit of the Bank and its activities.

The composition of the board of directors can draw on existing workable models as inspiration, such as the following:

- UC Board of Regents: Allow for appointments and ex-officio structure modeled after the UC Board of Regents with the additional inclusion of state and county treasurers, finance/banking professionals and representatives of communities of focus (labor, housing, environmental justice, frontline communities, technology).
- The Bank of North Dakota: The board for Bank of North Dakota has three elected representatives, the governor attorney general and Secretary of Agriculture. They set policy for public service interests. There is an advisory board of 10 to 12 bankers who serve in an advisory capacity. BND also has a chartered mission to serve the people.
- Sparkassen of Germany: The board relies one three of their own separate elections.
  - One third is elected through the regional parliament.
  - One third is made up of employees who elect representatives.
  - One third is made up of people of the public who can run for a 4-year term and are approved by banking supervisory authority.

## **What will be the geographical scope of the city bank?**

The Bank of Los Angeles could serve, if it desired, a broader geographic area, which allows for the inclusion of regional partners. AB857 allows for individual public banks to have Participating Members, which can invest in and/or make deposits in a public bank. Participating Members could be, for instance, the County of Los Angeles or any of the other 87 cities in the County.

As other local public banks open, the Bank of Los Angeles could be part of this expanding network of public banks. This would allow for individual public banks to serve their constituencies while not overstepping boundaries. A network of public banks could also pool risk, insurance, and information technology. Sparkasse, a network of 400 regional public banks in Germany, is a realistic example of how a network of public banks can operate.

## **How will a public bank help with economic redevelopment including affordable housing?**

Los Angeles currently faces a housing crisis with more than 400,000 households living in substandard housing conditions. Many Angelenos are forced to pay over 50 percent of their paycheck towards rent and utilities. L.A. has the highest national homelessness with over 60,000 people living on the streets at any given time. Statewide in California, the median home price is more than 2.5 times higher than the median national home.

A public bank would enable the city to loan money for housing development to supplement affordable and supportive housing creation and conversion, while also preserving already affordable housing. A city-owned bank can extend the credit lines of community banks and credit unions to offer loans to low-income residents and help bankroll low-income housing, fund community land trusts, develop new short-term housing facilities, and rehousing programs to address solutions for the increasing homeless population.

## **How will a public bank help with green energy infrastructure and development?**

A city-owned bank could address the environmental crisis and reduce the impacts of climate change by financing clean energy infrastructure, increasing renewable-energy lending, and incorporating sustainability investment goals into the City's redevelopment plan. Sparkasse, a network of 400 regional public banks in Germany, has been instrumental in Germany's green energy transformation. According to Wolfram Morales, Chief Economist of Sparkasse, 73 percent of investment in renewable energy came from the German public bank sector. Renewable energy accounts for 41 percent of energy production and consumption in Germany. The Sparkasse banks are able to offer interest rates as low as one percent on loans, considerably lower than commercial bank rates.

Costa Rico's worker-owned Banco Popular, is another example of publicly-controlled banks funding environmentally friendly projects. The bank has financed sustainable water supply systems, residential solar energy panels, hydroelectric energy generation, and energy-efficiency retrofitting. In addition to promoting energy democracy, Banco Popular is also socially driven, working with co-ops and public institutions, as well as the unbanked and underbanked populations.

## **How will the bank be insured?**

All deposits in the Bank of Los Angeles will have FDIC insurance. They will be collateralized like all public deposits. We will make no adjustment to collateral or capital requirements for the public bank.

## **Will a public bank be in use before cannabis becomes federally legal?**

As long as cannabis is a Schedule 1 drug, the Bank of Los Angeles would not be able to lend to these businesses as it would conflict with access to the FDIC and Federal Reserve System.



## **Why do we need a public bank if unions already have credit unions?**

Credit unions missions are devoted to their members. A public bank would be established to profit and benefit the entire city of Los Angeles. It would work hand-in-hand with credit unions toward that goal. Public banks would add to the diversity of options and allow public funds to more fully support the activities of unions.

Credit unions cannot access the Federal Reserve in the same way as chartered banks. Public funds held by Wall Street banks are in direct contradiction to the spirit, mission, and legal framework of unions and the people they support.

## **Are there any other precedents of public banking in the U.S. right now?**

In 2019, Public Bank Los Angeles, a founding member of the California Public Banking Alliance, passed the landmark Assembly Bill 857, paving the way for California cities, counties and regions to form their own public bank. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law on October 2, 2019, legalizing public banking in California for the first time in history.

The Bank of North Dakota (BND) was founded nearly a century ago, before the Federal Reserve Act and the FDIC. Until AB 857, cities and regulators lacked specific guidance on how to form or govern public banks, so states and localities which have explored the issue over the years have been faced with more questions than they could answer alone. Now that AB 857 addresses the state law and regulatory issues, such as those raised by the Los Angeles CLA report and others like it in other California cities, we expect to see many more serious inquiries and potential applications for banks of this kind.

BND is more profitable than Goldman Sachs with a higher credit score than JPMorgan Chase. BND has returned record profits for the last 12

## Are there any other precedents of public banking in the U.S. right now? (cont.)

years with a nearly 17% return of investment. It withstood the economic crash of 2008 because it does not engage in risky or unsound investments and lending practices. BND makes low interest loans to students, existing small businesses and start-ups. It partners with private banks to provide a secondary market for mortgages and supports local governments by buying municipal bonds.

Not only was the nation's only public bank survive the Great Recession, during the COVID-19 pandemic, BND provided more PPP loans to small businesses than any other state.

Since the passage of AB 857, multiple municipalities and regions in California have begun the process for their public bank's business plan. Advocates in New Mexico are currently working with legislators to create a New Mexico State Bank. The cities of Seattle, Denver, Chicago, and the state of Illinois, Maryland Massachusetts, and Mississippi have active public banking campaigns.

The State of Washington completed its public bank business plan through efforts led by long-standing public bank advocate WA State Senator Bob Hasegawa. Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey also signed an Executive Order to form a public banking task force to create an implementation plan for a public bank. New York State Senator James Sanders Jr. introduced a bill to create a state bank. In January 2021, Philadelphia Council member Derek Green and 12 city councilmembers introduced a resolution to create the Philadelphia Public Banking Authority.

In January 2021, six San Francisco supervisors spoke at a press conference about their support for a public bank. The legislation would set up a task force that would have a year to craft a business and structural plan.

In January 2021, six of nine San Diego council members, asked Mayor Todd Gloria to hire an economist to write a proposed business plan for a public bank.





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### MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

GHNNC Special Meeting of the Board  
Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting Online

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People Present: **Brian Allen, Alfredo Castillo, ChrisCoyle, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Rahim Khazi, Nathan Lee, Jason Lester, Citlali Manzo, Danitza Pantoja and Oscar Jimenez.**

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1. Call to Order (7:07 pm)
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limited to two (2) minutes).
3. President Comments
4. Executive Committee
  - A. Discussion and Motion to approve the following NPGs (Neighborhood Purposes Grant):
    1. up to \$4,584.00 for Jane Adams High School to support interactive touch display(**Discussion made: Voted: Motion Passes**)
    2. up to \$5,000.00 for Devonshire SOLID for improvements to LAPD gym(**Discussion made: Voted: "Motion Passes"**)
    3. up to \$2,400 for PALS for the automotive repair program(**Discussion Made: Voted: "Motion Passes"**)
5. Board Member Announcements(**Announcements made**)
6. Adjournment (8:20pm)

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### MINUTES 7/6/2021 6:36 PM

GHNNC Board Meeting Tuesday, July  
6, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Online

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- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance (**Meeting Started 6:36pm** Present: Keren Waters, Ralph Kroy, Danitzia Pantoja, Brian Allen, Sid Gold, Michael Greenwald, Thomas Hartfield, Rahim Khazi, Jason Lester, Citlali Manzo, Alvin Waters, Alfredo Castillo, Oscar Jimenez [absent: Chris Coyle])
- B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies (Limited to three minutes) (comments made, by Mary Jerejian ([mary.jerejian@asm.ca.com](mailto:mary.jerejian@asm.ca.com)) (Comments made by others [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)))
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes).
- D. President Comments
- E. Executive Committee
  1. Motion to approve the following Board Meeting minutes (**Moved to next meeting**)
    - a. GHNNC April 6, 2021 Board Meeting
    - b. GHNNC May 4, 2021 Board Meeting
    - c. GHNNC May 27, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board
    - d. GHNNC June 2021 Meeting (NA- Meeting Cancelled)
  2. Newly Confirmed Board Members are seated and sworn in
  3. Appointments of members are discussed and confirmed (**Discussion made: Votes: 11 Yes: No: Abstains**)
    - a. Chris Coyle
    - b. Sid Gold
    - c. Oscar Jimenez
    - d. Rahim Kazi
    - e. Nathan Lee

4. Nomination and Election of Board Officers(**Board Members Nominated. Sid and Michael Nominate OSCAR JIMENEZ as PRESIDENT, Oscar Accepts Graciously**) Votes: Yes: 14 No: Abstain) KEREN WATERS-Vice President(Votes: 16 Yes: 15 No: 0) Treasurer: Michael Nominates Brian Allen , Alfredo 2nds: Votes 16(Yes: 16 No: 0) Financial Officer: Michael Greenwald (Keren motions and Oscar 2nds. Votes: 16Yes: 16 No.0)(**SECRETARY: Alfredo Castillo Nominated ; Votes: YES: 14 No: 0 2 left meeting**)
5. Motion to appoint Graham Czach as GHNNC Representative for West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness. Representative may be a GHNNC board member or stakeholder.[(**Nomination accepted**) Yes:14 No: 0 Abstains: 0]
6. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$150 for 2 bull horns to be used as needed at community events(**Votes: Yes: 13 No: Abstains: 0 ineligible: 2**)
- F. Treasurer Report
  1. Discussion and motion to approve the GHNNC 2021 -2022 Budget(Presentation made by Michael, because Brian had to Leave meeting temporarily.)(**Votes: 16 Yes:13 NO: 1 in-eligible: 2**)
  2. Motion to approve May 2021 MER(**Votes:16 Yes: 14 No: In-eligible: 2**)
  3. CAG (Community Advisory Group)(**Discussion and update made from and by Brian Allen**)
  4. Budget Advocate Report(**update made by Brian Allen**)
- G. Planning and Land Use Committee Report(**there is nothing new from the Shoshone/Rinaldi development, update made on the JUGG JUGG license permit application, the notion to Carwash on rinaldi/balboa**)
- H. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report
  1. Discussion and Motion to approve up to \$750 for outreach mailers for PLUM Committee Community outreach.(**Votes:16 Yes:14 No: Abstains: Ineligible: 2**)
  2. Discussion and Motion to approve up to \$500 for outreach flyers and distribution.(**Votes: 16 Yes: 14 No: 0, Abstains: 0, ineligible: 2**)
  3. Discussion and Motion to approve up to \$3,000 for GHNNC giveaways: Travel Mugs, Pot Holders, Shopping Bags, T-Shirts S/M/L/XL/3XL, Caps and Stickers. Additional Suggestions from the GHNNC board are welcome.(**Votes: 16 Yes: No: 0 Abstain:0 Ineligible: 2**)
- I. Citywide Issues Committee Report
  1. Resolved the Mayor's proposal to distribute funds received in the federal COVID, as a monthly stipend to designated residents of the City of Los Angeles
  2. Resolved that GHNNC prepare a CIS opposing CF-0153 the creation of a LA City Department of health and further resolve that no further action be taken on this Council File and maintain the vote of the citizens that defeated a similar ballot proposal
  3. Resolved that GHNNC prepare a letter requesting the LA City Police Commission investigate and prepare a report of the effects of DA Gascon's proposed prosecutory actions will have on the safety of the city, the ability of the City Attorney to perform his office's function and the quality of life of the city of Los Angeles(**Votes: 16 Yes: No: abstain: Ineligible:0**)  
and further resolve that GHNNC write a letter to Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Lee to introduce an action taken by many cities in LA County such as Beverly Hills, Azusa and others to show no confidence in DA Gascon. (**Votes: 16 Yes: 8 No: 2 Abstain:6 Ineligible**)[**motion passes**]
  4. Resolved that GHNNC prepare a CIS indicating opposition to CF21-0407 and further resolve GHNNC prepare a letter to the City Attorney requesting opinion the legality of the proposal in light of the wording of LA City Charter 902 sections f&g
  5. Resolved and that GHNNC will prepare a CIS opposing CF-21-0533 that resolves the city will forbid the further installation of retail gas and diesel fuel pumps
  6. Resolved that GHNNC will support the investigation into the feasibility of establishing a Congress of NC's for NC's created in the San Fernando Valley (**Discussion made: Votes:16 Yes:16 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Ineligible:0**)
- J. Public Safety Committee Report(report and update made)
- K. Small Business Representative Report(No Report)
- L. Faith-Based Representative Report(No Report)
- M. Student Representative Report(No Report)
- N. Board Member Announcements(Announcements made)
- O. Adjournment(in memory of Julian Soto) 10:18

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- B. Public Comment on non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes).(comments made by Jason Hector)
- C. President
  1. Appointment of Committee Members for:
    - a. PLUM (**Keren, Thomas, Danitza, Graham**)
    - b. Outreach & Publicity (**Keren, Alvin, Jason**)
    - c. Citywide Issues (**Sid, Brian, Graham**)
    - d. Public Safety (**Michael, Brian, Nathan, Robert**)
    - e. Emergency Preparedness (**Robert, Michael, Graham, Alfredo**)
  2. Appointment of Committee Chair for:
    - a. PLUM(Thomas)
    - b. Outreach & Publicity(**Keren**)
    - c. Citywide Issues(**Sid**)
    - d. Public Safety(**Michael**)
    - e. Emergency Preparedness(**Chair to be elected at Meeting**)
  3. Discussion and Motion to reallocate \$10,000 from the \$100,000 to the Urban Forestry Department for tree removal and replacement on Rinaldi Street resulting in a savings of \$5,000.(**Discussion made: Votes: 15: Yes:13 No: Ineligible: 2**)



- D. Executive Committee(**nothing to report**)
- E. Treasurer Report
  - 1. Motion to approve April & June 2021 MERs(**Discussion Made: Votes: 15 Yes:13 Ineligible: 2 : 1, absent**)
- F. Planning and Land Use Committee Report(*Nothing to report*)
- G. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report(**Nothing to report**)
- H. Citywide Issues Committee Report(**Report Made**)
- I. Public Safety Committee Report(**Report made**)
- J. Small Business Representative Report(**Nothing to report**)
- K. Faith-Based Representative Report (**Not in attendance**)
- L. Student Representative Report(**Nothing to report**)
- M. Board Member Announcements(**Announcements made, Brian asked for a youth committee, Sid made announcements**)
- N. Adjournment(adjournment (**8:27**))

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