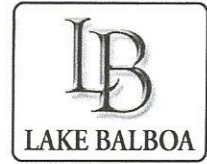


LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Board Meeting Agenda October 1, 2014 6:30pm - meet and greet 7:00 pm - meeting starts Gault Street Elementary – Auditorium 17000 Gault St. - Lake Balboa, CA 91406



Neighborhood Council

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Agenda is posted for public review at Vallarta Market, 16107 Victory Blvd.; Balboa Shell, 6801 Balboa Blvd.; Ralph’s Market, 17250 Saticoy St.; Food 4 Less, 16530 Sherman Way; and Balboa Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Amber Meshack at (818) 374-9898 or (213) 978-1551 or toll-free at (866) LA HELPS, or email amber.meshack@lacity.org.

1. Welcome - Please Sign In - Speaker Cards
2. Roll Call - Quorum 9
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes for September 3, 2014 meeting.
5. **Stakeholder Concerns this month: 10 minutes** Emails from stakeholders: Tree Trimming mess, street cleaning, St Mark's Church, Standing Public Records Act request
6. **Announcements and Reports: 15 minutes** LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Committee Chairs and Board Members. Two-minute limit per speaker.
7. **Raffy Astvasadoorian, Deputy City Attorney- 20 Minutes** - topics: Massage Parlors, Pot Shops, RV Parking on Louise & vacant St Mark's Church
8. **Public Comment - 15 minutes** -Comments from Public on Non-Agenda items, issues, announcements and complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa, NC. Please fill out a speaker card. Two-minute limit per speaker. If a large group, please select one representative to speak for all.
9. **Los Angeles City Budget Update from Budget Reps : 2 minutes** Weichert/Schwering
10. **Committee Review: 15 minutes** - When do you meet, what you are working on, what volunteer help do you need.
11. **Discussion and possible action: 3 minutes** - LBNC Representative needed for **Wildlife Steering Committee /Weichert**
12. **Discussion and possible action: 10 minutes** - Sara Mitchell of Valley Industry & Commerce Association, discussed their **Valley on Track Coalition - A motion was**

made and passed to support. Linda Schwering requested to change her vote, it was decided to agendaize for this meeting/Schwering

13. **Discussion and possible action: regarding CF13-1364 -10 minutes** - Council President Wesson is holding a joint Rules Committee and Ethics Commission meeting at the Van Nuys City Council Chambers on Wed Oct 15th at 630pm to discuss Municipal Elections Reform, including possible consolidation with the County and State Elections. What are LBNC's recommendations, if any? /Gravani
14. **Funding: Discussion and possible action: 3 minutes** - On October 9, 2014 Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) will be hosting the **Board of Supervisors Debate** with the two candidates on the November election, Shiela Kuehl and Bobby Shriver. Dan Schnur, Director of the Unruh Institute of Politics, USC, is the Moderator. It will be the only debate in the Valley. I am requesting **\$300** to help support this event. /Gravani
15. **Funding: Discussion and possible action: 3 minutes** - On December 11, 2014 Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) will hold a **Planning Forum** to educate Neighborhood Councils on the city's land-use process. I am requesting **\$300** to help support this event. /Gravani
16. **Discussion and possible action: CF13-1493 Street Vending -7 minutes** - Street vending is currently illegal. This Council File motion is to obtain a report to determine possible regulations for effective permits for both food and merchandise vending, ways to ensure street food vendors provide safe and healthy food while considering the rights and investments of brick-and-mortar businesses. There are currently 8 NCs who have voiced their opinion. What is LBNC's opinion? /Gravani
17. **Discussion and possible action: 5 minutes** - Tabled from last month. Should the **ad-hoc outreach** committee become a standing committee at this time. /Bonney
18. **Discussion and possible action: 3 minutes** -There is a need to update LBNC's database at outreach functions. Using the recently purchased **NOTEBOOKS** what method could be used if WIFI is not available to immediately update the database /Bonney
19. **Discussion and possible action: 3 minutes** - There is a need to have **official email addresses** when responding to stakeholders, city officials, etc. What is needed to get _____@lakebalboanc.org email addresses for each board member?/Bonney
20. **Discussion and possible action: 5 minutes Van Nuys NC's Third Summit and Workshop** on Immigration will be held on Wednesday, Oct 29, 2014 from 630p-930p at the Marvin Braude Constituent Services Center. The focus is on immigration issues and to help make adjustments on stakeholders immigration status. Their plan is to increase English Language proficiency through partnerships with local non-profits and

similar organizations that teach English. VNNC is currently seeking co-sponsors and speakers for their summit. Shall LBNC participate, if yes how? /Gravani

21. **Treasurer's Report:** 10 minutes Review and request for adoption of the Sept 2014 Expenditure Report including the P-Card & Check reconciliation. /Schwering

22. **Funding:** Discussion and possible action: 2 minutes - Economic Revitalization and Development Committee (EraD) has not yet found a suitable meeting room and must use a local restaurant at which to hold their meetings. This requires the purchase of light refreshments. A request for up to \$70 per month for October, November, and December is needed to continue their meetings. /Arazi

23. **Adjournment.**

**Next Regular Meeting of the
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Wednesday November 5, 2014 at 6:30 PM**

**Combined Emergency Preparedness Committee and
EP Communications Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 9:00 am**

**This is an open invitation to all persons interested in Emergency Preparedness and
Amateur Radio in Lake Balboa and all of the San Fernando Valley**

The Flyaway Bus Terminal – Community Meeting Room, Second Floor

GO INSIDE – take elevator at north end of the building to 2nd floor – turn right to the end of the hall

7610 Woodley Avenue (NE Corner of Saticoy and Woodley) Van Nuys, CA 91406

PARK FREE out front in the spaces closest to Woodley Avenue

Amateur Radio Check-In every Sunday morning, 9:00 AM, Simplex 145.570.

If busy, go down by 10's to 145.530. NO FURTHER!

For Info on Emergency Preparedness call Linda Pruett at (818) 345-9809 or email LindaP@LakeBalboaNC.org.

For more Information on Amateur Radio, call Chair, Dan Tomlinson at KI6YOW@gmail.com or phone (818) 776-0474.

Please be advised that the Bylaws of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions, as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available on our website: www.LakeBalboaNC.org.

"In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: www.lakebalboanc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact ruth@lakebalboanc.org our current secretary.

**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 7720, Lake Balboa, CA 91409 -- Voicemail (818) 779-9026
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Hello,

A.

Tree trimming was done by thrifty tree services, on behalf of the city/ lake balboa this week- specifically yesterday for my house.... Thrifty destroyed my newly landscaped curb area, as well as my front yard. They uprooted and threw away rose bushes, lavender, large landscaping rocks, succulents, and more. Sections of my yard are literally gone and missing. I contacted a Thrifty and they said they could clean up any remaining debris, which there's plenty of. But that won't help replace hundreds of dollars of items gone from my yard. I checked on yelp and there are over thirty scathing reviews of other homeowners, like myself, who suffered due to city tree trimmings. I am beside myself, and am seeking some sort of direction from the board- so that I can prevent other instances like this from happening, as well as be compensated for all of the damage.

Please advise. I am taking photos so that you can see the before and after of my property.

CBNC 10-1-14

#5B

Hello,

My husband and I purchased our home in Lake Balboa a little over one year ago. We were wondering why the neighborhood streets have no street cleaning.

Thank you,

#5C

St. Mark's Church at the corner of Sherman Way and Louise appears to have been abandoned. Many homeless people are now sheltering there. There have been two fires (one as recently as June) in the back buildings. Is the Neighborhood Council aware of this problem? I will call building and safety to report it tomorrow --but it is in your Council area so I thought you would want to be aware.

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I hereby submit this formal Standing Request For Public Information.

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Beginning upon receipt of this email message, please provide me with all future

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council agendas and/or documents comprising an agenda packet for every meeting as follows when they are posted or when they are distributed to a majority of the Board or Committee Members. The current method of distribution to the Board is via email. Please forward all information to my email address [REDACTED].

All General Board Meeting

All Standing Committee Meetings

All Special Board Meetings

All Emergency Board Meetings

All Joint Board/Committee Meetings

Please reply to confirm this request has been officially received.

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MISSION

Valley on Track supports the expansion of the Metro Rail system along the Orange Line and planned transit corridors in the San Fernando Valley in order to get the Valley on track to a 21st century transit system.

The coalition advocates for the construction of the following three projects:

- 1 Update the Metro Orange Line busway to light rail**
Why: A victim of its own huge success, growing ridership has made the line overcrowded and slow. Conversion to light rail is the best choice now to improve what has become the Valley's transit backbone.
The Details: The line is an existing 18-mile east-west busway running parallel to the 101 freeway from North Hollywood to Chatsworth.
Completion Date: Unknown

- 2 Build the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor as a rail system**
Why: The route runs through some of the most transit dependent and majority minority communities in L.A. County. Current bus lines along the corridor are the most heavily used in the Valley after the Orange Line and among the top ten in the county. The Valley cannot accept another underbuilt project that does not meet the demand.
The Details: Currently being planned, the corridor will run north-south between Sylmar and Van Nuys.
Completion Date: 2018, under current Measure R projection

- 3 Build the Sepulveda Pass Corridor project as a rail system, with a tunnel through the Santa Monica Mountains**
Why: Connecting the Valley to the Westside, the Sepulveda Pass is one of the world's most congested traffic corridors. No mode besides rail can even begin to address the transit demand.
The Details: The last project in Measure R, the route will run from Sherman Oaks to the Westside. It should serve UCLA and West L.A. Metro lines, with the potential to reach LAX in the future.
Completion Date: 2039, under current Measure R projection.



Map courtesy of MoveLA

These projects must be prioritized in future ballot measures, federal funding requests, and the identification of other funding resources by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority in order to maintain the Valley's support.



Help us get the Valley on track.

Contact Doug@vica.com to learn more.

>> Find us and join the coalition at ValleyOnTrack.org



RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, during the 2013 municipal election cycle, voter turnout in the City of Los Angeles was 20.8 percent in the March primary election and 23.3 percent in the May general election respectively; this equates to approximately 10 to 11 percent of the population of the entire City of Los Angeles deciding who is the elected leadership of the City; and

WHEREAS, although the City has been working through an Alternative Voting Methods Task Force with City staff, community volunteers, and interested parties that will produce a report shortly, it is time for a more broad-based City engagement in revamping the Municipal Elections process that will use the Task Force's report as a starting point; and

WHEREAS, creating a citywide Commission to develop recommendations over a 6 month period to provide the public and the City's elected officials options that will enhance voter participation in municipal government, with an eye toward substantial participation increases as compared to the last 15 years of elections, is long overdue; and

WHEREAS, the specific purpose of such a Commission would be to consider comprehensive revisions to the City's Elections Code (2012), the City Charter (including Article IV Elections, and Sections 206, 241, 801, and 804); these proposed revisions should provide options to increase voter turnout and participation, including but not limited to exploring: changing the dates of the election cycle, methods to outreach to populations with historically low voter registration/turnout, same-day voter registration, locations and access to polling places, early voting, vote-by-mail only for Special elections, easier access to absentee ballots, efficiencies in vote counting, and utilizing technology for outreach and voting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, a City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission is hereby established to determine the best manner in which to improve and enhance voter participation and civic engagement with respect to the City's electoral process; including the following specific features and tasks:

- 1) Undertake a comprehensive review of the City's Elections Code (2008), Los Angeles City Charter Article IV Elections, and Los Angeles City Charter Sections 206, 241, 801, and 804.
- 2) Provide a final report to the Mayor and City Council on May 14, 2014 proposing specific options and recommendations to increase voter turnout and participation, including but not limited to exploring: changing the dates of the election cycle, methods to outreach to populations with historically low voter registration/turnout, same-day voter registration, locations and access to polling places, early voting, vote-by-mail only for Special elections, easier access to absentee ballots, efficiencies in vote counting, and utilizing technology for outreach and voting.
- 3) The Commission shall be composed of:
 - (a) One member who serves as Chair jointly appointed by the Mayor and the President of the City Council.
 - (b) Four members appointed by the Mayor.

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(c) Four members appointed by the President of the City Council.

- 4) Appointing authorities are generally encouraged to appoint individuals with expertise in one or more of the following areas: elections, marketing, outreach, neighborhood council leadership, polling places, or persons with significant experience managing large one-day events.
- 5) Appointments to The City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission shall be made no later than 30 days after the passage of this resolution.
- 6) Appointments shall be directed to the City of Los Angeles City Clerk's office and do not require confirmation by the full City Council.
- 7) The Commission support staff will include the City Clerk, CLA, CAO, Mayor's Office, City Council President's Office, City Attorney's Office, and the City Ethics Commission.
- 8) Regular meetings of the Commission will be held in the John Ferraro Council Chambers at minimum every two weeks; 8 off-site special meetings in the evening or on the weekend (one Westside region, one Eastside region, one Harbor region, one Central region, one West Valley, one Northeast Valley, two in Van Nuys Council Chambers) shall also be held during the term of the Commission.
- 9) The City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission shall terminate its existence on May 16, 2014.

PRESENTED BY:



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

Street vending on the City right-of-way and sidewalk is illegal. In the average year, there are hundreds of tickets written to vendors, and several hundred arrests. Yet thousands of vendors continue to operate in an underground marketplace, selling a wide variety of food and merchandise on the sidewalks of Los Angeles.

Street vending largely falls within two categories, food street vending and merchandise (non-food) street vending, each with their own complexities. Street vending is permitted in various forms by most other large cities. New York, San Francisco, Houston, Portland and Chicago are among the cities that have established a regulatory system for selling merchandise and/or food on city sidewalks.

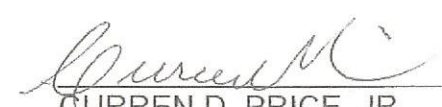
In Los Angeles, a more comprehensive legal framework is required to effectively address sidewalk vending. An effective regulatory system has the potential to protect health and increase public safety and economic activity. Such a policy should also consider the rights and investments of brick-and-mortar businesses, including opportunities to expand and promote their businesses through street vending and with the overall goal of enhancing economic growth and the viability of neighborhoods.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the CLA, along with Bureau of Street Services and in consultation with other Departments as needed, the City Attorney and the County of Los Angeles, be instructed to prepare and present a report within 90 days with recommendations on possible regulation that could effectively permit and regulate *food street vending* on City sidewalks and parkways. This report should include the following: the history and status of the Special Sidewalk Vending District program administered by the former Community Development Department; a review of policies in other jurisdictions; recommendations to improve public safety; and ways to ensure street food vendors provide safe and healthy food options.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the CLA, along with Economic and Workforce Development Department, City Attorney and Bureau of Street Services, and in consultation with other Departments as needed, be instructed to prepare and present a report within 90 days with recommendations on possible regulation of *merchandise and non-food street vending* in the City of Los Angeles. This report should include the following: information on the number of citations that have been issued over the past year and where the citations were issued; the current regulations on street vending and how the regulations are enforced; potential legal constraints for regulating street vending; and a review of policies in other jurisdictions.

PRESENTED BY:


JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, District 14


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, District 9

SECONDED BY:

