



WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7:00 PM
ZOOM Meeting I.D. 927-2226-3585
<https://zoom.us/j/92722263585>

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. There are no documents associated with this meeting.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial (669) 900-6833, and enter 927-2226-3585 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting

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- I. **Call to Order** (1 minute)
- II. **Community Partner Reports** (20 minutes)
- III. **General Public Comment** (6 minutes)
- IV. **Approvals** (5 minutes)
 - a. Outstanding draft meeting minutes (Secretary)
 - b. Outstanding MERs reports (Treasurer)
 - c. Appoint Jamie Keeton to open organization seat which term expires in 2023, and which has been posted as vacant on our website since the last election
 - d. Accept resignation of Jamie Keeton from at-large seat
 - e. Appoint Jamie Keeton Board Chair until the next election of officers in June 2021
 - f. Declare at-large seat open and post the seat as open on the website
 - g. To approve any funds that were voted on to Budget Advocates currently being held by DONE to be transferred to the Budget Advocates new Fiscal Sponsor, Friends of West Los Angeles (FOWLA) (\$500 last year and \$1,000 current year).
- V. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to and including \$25,000 to develop, print and direct mail NC newsletter to all households and businesses in the district
- VI. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to and including \$5,000 to Pacific Graffiti for direct services for graffiti monitoring and removal in the district
- VII. Discussion and possible motion to approve trial use of software to generate agendas and minutes developed by Damien Burke <https://ncmanager.org/>
- VIII. **Environmental Committee Report** (20 minutes)
- IX. **Sawtelle Heritage Committee Report**
- X. **Officer Reports** (8 minutes)
- XI. **Homeless Committee Report**

- a. Discussion and possible motion: In reference to Council File 21-0350, the WLASNC strongly advises the members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WLASNC opposes using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks* for housing of the unhoused. Neighborhood or Community Councils where these sites are listed in the Council motion shall work in good faith to identify alternative sites within their boundaries.
* The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and Neighborhood Council in the area of the parks.
- b. Discussion and possible motion: To support CF 21-0031/correction of unhealthy and unsafe encampment conditions
- c. Discussion and possible motion: To urge city to enforce laws against illegal drug sales, human trafficking and other serious crimes in encampments
- d. Discussion and possible motion: To urge city to strictly enforce laws against blockage of the public right of way (PLUM supported 4-0-0)
- e. Discussion and possible motion: To urge city to find additional funding to expand safe parking programs
- f. Discussion and possible motion: Resolution to urge city to require fire safety buffers between encampments and structures (PLUM supported 4-0-0)

XII. Budget Advocate Report

XIII. Discussion and possible motion: to draft letter to Jason Amoroso, owner of 11434 Pico Boulevard Apartment Investors, LLC, safely maintain the property, in lieu of the weeds overgrowth, trash and recent fire that threatened the neighbors.

XIV. Discussion and possible motion to support WRAC Motion

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/opposition-to-raising-land-use-appeal-fee/>.

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the proposal by the City's Chief Administrative Officer (Rich Llewellyn), to raise the fee for a citizen (or a community group, such as an HOA) to file an appeal of any city land use (or Building & Safety) decision, from the current \$89 to the discriminatory amount of \$16,097. This amount that has no basis in reality will prohibit the majority of stakeholders in the City from having meaningful access to any city land use appeal procedure. CF 09-0969-S3.

XV. PLUM report (15 minutes)

Discussion and possible motion to support PLUM resolution: The PLUM voted, 3-0-1, to recommend that the Board advocate for the following policies to increase affordable housing, improve the environment, reduce government corruption, and reduce poverty, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

1. Good planning:
 1. Adaptive re-use shall be promoted (instead of more expensive and more damaging demolition), especially big box and commercial / office.
 - i. This construction is better for the environment than demolition and new construction, and can be quicker and cheaper.
 2. Single-family housing shall be protected. Subdivisions of single-family lots shall be prohibited.
 - i. Sufficient zoning capacity already exists in Los Angeles for 9,000,000, so upzoning is not needed to increase density.
 3. Taller buildings on corridors shall respect the neighboring homes behind them, including green/tree buffers, setbacks and stepbacks, and breaks in the buildings (not monolithic cubes).
 4. Housing shall be developed on the numerous parking lots, empty big boxes and transit corridors with short buildings that are available.
 - i. Downtowns should have taller residential buildings, because of their location near jobs and transit.
 5. ADUs shall be of limited sizes (i.e. 700 sf).
 - i. This will produce smaller housing, which is more affordable, and prevent 3-story full-size houses to qualify as ADUs.
 6. Modular shall be developed, which is faster and cheaper (but also smaller with fewer amenities).
 7. Municipalities shall be penalized for failure to meet RHNA standards (especially affordable) – loss of State transportation funding, lawsuit by Attorney General.
 - i. If cities must subsidize affordable housing, then they must generate funds to do so, instead of saying “it’s developers’ responsibility, it’s not ours.”
2. Reduce poverty:
 1. Industrial zoning shall be preserved to allow for good jobs close to residents.
 2. Healthcare funding shall be increased.
 - i. Prevent medical bankruptcies, which creates much poverty and and homelessness. Preventative medicine is cheaper than emergency treatment later in taxpayer-funded emergency rooms.
 3. Education funding shall be increased.
 - i. Best solution to increase income and move the most persons out of poverty.

1. Policies that increase the middle class shall be enacted – no tax cuts for corporations and the rich, close corporate loopholes, and strengthen unions.
3. Public safety: Development shall be limited in high-fire zones and sea-level rise zones.
4. Sustainability:
 1. Tree requirements shall be increased for all parcels, including downtown commercial areas.
 2. LEED Gold and solar panels shall be required for all new buildings.
5. Good government: The State’s gut and amend process shall be eliminated, and local hearings shall be required for State-level laws that legislate local zoning.
 1. This process allows legislators to introduce bills sponsored by special interests without public notice and transparency.

XVI.

XVII. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (5 minutes)

XVIII. Board Comment and Announcements (5 minutes)

XIX. Adjournment



RECONSIDERATION PROCESS – Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a motion by any Board member(s).

GRIEVANCE PROCESS – A stakeholder, or a group of stakeholders, may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board, and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – 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 reviewed at a scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the Agenda, please contact the Board Secretary or telephone support at 310-235-2070.

The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council will hold its regular General Board meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month and its Executive Committee meetings to be announced, and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability.

RECORDING MEETINGS – Note that Board meetings may be sound or recorded for backup to Minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION – Si require servicios de traduccion, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 dias de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Jamie Keeton al jamie.keeton@gmail.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

- DONE: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- DOD: Department of Disability
- WLASNC: West L.A. Sawtelle Neighborhood Council