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in government and make government more
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Welcome to the 2011 Congress of Neighborhoods

GREETINGS FROM CINDY CLEGHORN, NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CONGRESS CHAIR



The 2011 Neighborhood Congress was conceived almost a year ago when Neighborhood Council leaders from throughout the City of LA got together to start the planning. It took a lot of energy and determination along with a united commitment to creating a worthwhile experience full of vital information that could be taken back to our communities.

The NC Congress Planning Committee traveled throughout the city to as many neighborhoods as possible to include the diverse members of our City in the planning process. The workshop sessions were organized by a wide range of talented and dedicated committee volunteers, representing a huge variety of special skills that are reflected in the large variety of presentations and panels.

The NC Congress website www.NCCongressLA.com has been designed to capture the journey well beyond today's event. You'll find recaps from the sessions as well as the handouts.

Along the way, the dedicated staff of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment partnered with Neighborhood Council leaders, encouraging, guiding and working to make the NC Congress vision come to life. General Manager BongHwan (BH) Kim, Thomas Soong and Melvin Cañas were there from the beginning, applauding our new ideas and supporting us through thick and thin. We thank them for their unfailing support.

The NC Congress is a time to celebrate and we congratulate two of our family who are celebrating their 10th anniversaries this month, Wilmington and Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Councils, both certified at the same time and sharing the #1 position in the citywide roster of 95 councils. We also congratulate our newest Neighborhood Councils, Westlake North and Westlake South, so new their boards were just elected last week.

I am especially grateful for the volunteers who brought the NC Congress from vision to City Hall. Our budget was carefully planned and we've exceeded our goal. This year our Congress is ending with "money in the bank" and we can begin to plan for the next Congress. It would NOT be possible without the faith and trust of you, our Neighborhood Councils. You stepped up "above and beyond" with funding for the Congress during this time when our budgets have been cut to the quick. This sends a huge message to the City that our Neighborhood Council Congress counts!

I'm also pleased to announce that this NC Congress has a Title Sponsor for the first time... Wal-Mart! We thank you for supporting us and for believing in the Neighborhood Council system.

We're proud of our journey, we're looking forward to a great Congress, we want your feedback, and we're excited about "Increasing Public Participation in Government!"

*Cindy Cleghorn, Chair
2100 NC Congress*

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GREETINGS FROM BONGHWAN (BH) KIM, GENERAL MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT



Welcome to our annual citywide Congress of Neighborhood Councils! This very special event is a unique opportunity to learn, build relationships and become inspired by community leaders, activists, and organizations representing every diverse neighborhood in our city. You will also have an opportunity to engage with our elected officials as well as our city's department leaders.

This year's event is especially unique because our neighborhood council leaders stepped up to the plate and took it upon themselves to organize our event. Several people came forth many months ago, and volunteered their time to get our event off the ground, because they realized that staffing cuts severely hampered the capacity of our department to do so.

They devoted many of their own hours to make this happen. I want to especially thank Cindy Cleghorn, Secretary of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and Chairperson of our Congress. Cindy spearheaded this project and devoted an extraordinary amount of time and energy putting it together. She not only organized all the planning meetings, she did most of the outreach and attended as many NC and city meetings as possible to garner support for our Congress. I want to also thank the members of the planning committee who devoted many hours of their precious time as well, in order to help put this project together.

Many more, neighborhood council leaders are becoming the central drivers of major events, policies, and issues. However, The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will continue to play a supportive role to foster grassroots leadership, because together, we can assure that the entire neighborhood council system will continue to flourish and thrive.

I am hoping that each of you will use this event to catalyze even more grassroots democracy across our great City that we call home.

*BongHwan (BH) Kim, General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment*



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The kick-off of the 2011 Congress of Neighborhoods began January, 2011, with a team of dedicated neighborhood council and stakeholder volunteers. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment staff also gave their time, patience and history. Meetings were held throughout the City of Los Angeles, in an effort to engage the diversity of our City and bring the best workshop sessions to the Congress by and for neighborhood council leaders and stakeholders.

2011 HOST COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

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Bradley at the Glassell Park NC Community Room

Jay Handal at the West LA NC; Tom Bradley Family Source Center.

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THANK YOU to all who may not be included in the program. We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Congress.

2011 Congress of Neighborhoods Program

The 21 different programs offered at this Congress have been designed by neighborhood council leaders to be practical how-to types of sessions. You will receive a broad overview for each subject along with a hand-out referring to resources you can use, that will help increase your knowledge on how to take local action. Audio and video from all these sessions will be available on the NCCongressLA.com website. A link to this resource will be available on the DONE website at empowerla.org in the near future.

7:45 am – 8:30 am **REGISTRATION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, CITY DEPARTMENT EXHIBITS, NETWORKING – City Hall Rotunda**

8:30 am – 9:15 am **OPENING SESSION / CALL TO ORDER – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Welcome: Cindy Cleghorn, Chair, 2011 NC Congress Planning Committee

Introductions: 2011 NC Congress Planning Committee Volunteers

Welcome: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor

 BongHwan Kim, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Introductions: Members of the Los Angeles City Council, City Departments and other dignitaries

Introductions: Contributors and Sponsors to the 2011 NC Congress

9:15 am – 9:25 am **BREAK**

9:25 am – 10:40 am **SESSION 1**

MEET YOUR CITY OFFICIALS – City Council Chambers

Network with your City Officials: Now is your chance to meet your city's elected officials and departments. After introductory remarks, you will be able to move around the room and talk to the city officials and their staff.

Expected dignitaries include: Councilmembers Paul Koretz, Paul Krekorian, Bernard Parks, Dennis Zine; City Attorney Carmen Trutanich

FUNDING PROGRAM BASICS FOR EVERYONE (How Spending Works) – Room 1060

Speakers: Bong-Hwan Kim, General Manager, DONE; Rita Moreno, Community Development Department

The Funding Program is a vital resource for our volunteer driven Neighborhood Councils. This program includes administration and outreach. It will also include community beautification as well as grants to local non-profits and public schools. The City Council has requested a report from DONE regarding recommendations for program improvements and reform. Also, other reports regarding the feasibility of establishing a grant-based system, allowing Neighborhood Councils to roll over funds for special projects, standardization and streamlining of procedures, reports and creating an all electronic platform, etc. This workshop will first present a "Cliff Notes" summary of how the funding program works today. Then it will seek input from NC Treasurers and other stakeholders on ways to improve the overall accountability, transparency, and efficiency of the funding program.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: a CERT for your Neighborhood, Ham Radio – Room 1050

Moderator: Nina Royal, Safety, Chair-Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Speakers: Larry Bogatz, Battalion 18 Coordinator, Los Angeles City Fire Dept.; Mark Seigel, Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Volunteers will be needed during a major emergency, such as an earthquake. The purpose of this workshop is to specifically address training and maintaining a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), by blocks, in your neighborhood. This session will explain the CERT training, team maintenance and deployment process. It will also cover stockpiling emergency supplies, equipment, and sources of supply. Ham Radio is often an overlooked aspect of emergency preparedness and there will also be a demonstration on its effective use. You will come away from this session eager to adopt an Emergency Preparedness Program to fit the needs of your Community. Note: The Instructor for this session, Larry Bogatz, is the CERT Coordinator for Battalion 18 of the Los Angeles City Fire Department, and Mark Seigel is an Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner.

HOW NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS WORK (Basics, for New Board Members) – Room 1070

Moderator: Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian, Venice NC

Speakers: Leonard Shaffer, President, Tarzana NC; Mary A. Garcia, President, Midtown North Hollywood NC

Because public funds are received by NC's, a budget must be approved by the board and financial statements must match approved expenditures. Also, there must be a descriptive agenda posted in advance since the public has a right to speak before the budget is authorized. Local neighborhood council board members set the Bylaws, Board Policies and standing rules that must also conform to those of DONE and BONC. This session will attempt to give you a summary of each of them. There are practical ways that councils can work to be effective. One key is a strong committee system and a continued communication with your community, through many forms of media and personal contact. At the core of all Neighborhood Councils is the monthly meeting where people can have their voices heard in order to make positive changes in their community.

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EFFECTIVE OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING TECHNIQUES – Public Works

Moderator: Philip Igluar, Glassell Park NC

Panelists: Sue DeVandry, Granada Hills; Shawn Simons, Empowerment Congress; Jennifer Craig, Tesoro Refinery; Victor Medina, Gang Alternative Program

Outreach, like housework, is never done. There are two parts: brand awareness and sales. First, people need to know you exist; that's brand awareness. Neighborhood councils will never be able to afford heavy commercial advertising. This program will give you tips on free and low-cost ways to expose your "brand". One of the best follows Woody Allen's maxim, "Eighty percent of being successful in life is showing up." Make sure your board members show up at every community event they can find. But you can't advertise people into your meetings. You have to sell them on coming. Sales are person to person. Sales also takes finding a prospect's "hot button". Your NC needs to be doing work in the community that people value. For example, social action programs, from citizenship workshops to earth-friendly living events, will help you draw young, action-oriented people. Hook people with a cause, and then show them how participation in government (that's you) pays off. In the end, we are all community organizers.

PERSPECTIVES: THE ROLE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS – Room 1010

Moderator: John Greenwood

Panelists: Jill Barad, President, Sherman Oaks NC, Founder & Chair, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; Larry Frank, Deputy Mayor; Daniel Gatica, President, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; Tony Wilkinson, Panorama City NC

Section 900 of the City Charter says that the two purposes of neighborhood councils are to promote more participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs. Are neighborhood councils focused on these missions today? In particular, how should neighborhood councils use the limited public funding that the city allocates to help councils accomplish their mission? If neighborhood councils are seen as grant-dispensing agencies, will that help them or hurt them when the city's increasingly limited funds are reduced to the support of "core services"? What ever happened to social action? This session will explore divergent opinions about the neighborhood councils' mission, role in the community, activities, and use of public funds.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CITY BUDGET: BUDGET ADVOCATES AND OTHER VOICES – Room 1020

Moderator: Jay Handal, West LA NC

Panelists: Miguel Santana, LA City Administrative Officer; Julie Butcher, SEIU Representative; Gerald Chaleff, Police Administrator, Special Assistant for Constitutional Policing

The City of Los Angeles is facing unprecedented shortfalls between its revenues and its expenditures, including its pension obligations. Critical departments from Planning to Building and Safety to Recreation and Parks have had their budgets slashed. Police overtime has been cut. Next year the situation is even bleaker. Nothing affects the delivery of city services to our communities more than the city budget. The Mayor asked neighborhood councils to appoint a team of Budget Advocates to advise him while he was preparing the city budget. This past year the Budget Advocates transformed themselves into an in-depth investigative team. They used their exceptional access to city departments to develop a broad understanding of the budget challenges. In this session you will hear different perspectives on the budget, from inside and outside the system, from optimistic to pessimistic, including those of some Budget Advocates. You will leave the program with a new appreciation for the size of the problem, and the realization that the way the city does business will be changed forever.

10:40 am – 10:50 pm **BREAK**

10:50 pm – 12 noon **SESSION 2**

WORKING WITH CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES – Room 1010

Moderator: Ankur Patel

Speakers: Glenn Bailey, Executive Board, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Members Group; Shannon Hoppes, Manager, Council and Public Services Division, Office of the City Clerk

City Council Committees are one way for you to have impact on legislation while it is being developed. This program will describe each committee, its current members, the subjects it handles, and key staff contacts. You will find out how to use the Early Notification System to get agendas by electronic mail. You will learn how to use the online Council File Management System to obtain documents relating to issues pending before the City Council, along with the history and current disposition of each Council File. You will learn how to file a Community Impact Statement to place the official actions of your neighborhood council into the Council File.

ETHICS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT (State-Required Training) Part 1 of 2 – Room 1060

Presenter: Darren Martinez, City Attorney

IMPORTANT: You must also take the second half (after lunch) of this session to complete your Ethics Training requirement.

Government Code section 53235 requires ethics training for local government officials, including neighborhood council board members. You must take this training within the first year of gaining office and every two years after that. In order to get a certificate of completion, you MUST enroll in and complete both this program and the second part, which will be held during Session #3 (after lunch.) Part 1 will show you examples of conflicts of interest under the Political Reform Act, explain how Common Law controls personal bias in decision-making, and cover Government Code Section 1090's prohibition of financial interests in public contracts.

ANIMAL ISSUES, ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS (Different Perspectives) – Room 1035

Moderator: Jose Sigala

Panelists: Melanie Ramsayer, President - Board of Animal Services Commission; Brenda Barnette, General Manager, LA City Department of Animal Services; Vikie Briels, Foothill Mounted Patrole

Human-animal interaction in an urban environment raises many issues that are brought to neighborhood councils. Although this session will explain the effort to move the city's Animal Services department toward a no-kill shelter policy, that is only one part of the content. Every type of animal issue will be covered: spay and neuter programs, microchipping, veterinary care, cock and dog fighting, illegal breeding, exotic pets, barnyard animals, dog breed pros and cons, wildlife interaction and preservation, equestrian issues and more. You will come away from this program with knowledge of the many organizations that can serve as resources for animal issues, along with a variety of perspectives

WHO AND WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET THINGS DONE? – Council Chambers

Moderator: Tony Wilkinson

Panelists: Judi Daniels, Vice President, Chatsworth NC; Jim Dantona, Chief of Staff, Councilman Tony Cardenas; Jay Beeber, Sherman Oaks NC; Lydia Grant, Sunland-Tujunga NC

Every neighborhood will have similar people that you need to know. This session will cover many of them, beginning with your councilmember's staff. You will learn how to contact the most important city departments directly for service. (This is especially important with cutbacks to the 311 help line.) You will also learn that when push comes to shove, elected officials' control what happens. The Mayor, state Senators and Assemblymembers, school board members and other elected officials have resources that can help you. Schools are central to the health of your neighborhood. Learn how they work and how to work with them. Discover the power of community projects and the art of co-sponsorship. Find other groups with whom you can partner. Finally, discover city systems that can help you: the Early Notification System, the Council File Management System, and ZIMAS. Learn how and where to send your Board actions, and how to file a Community Impact Statement.

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE AND BOARD CONFLICTS (Practical Suggestions) – Room 1070

Presenters: Vivienne Swanigan, LA City Attorney; Gary DeLaRosa, LA City Human Resources

Difficult people are everywhere. (Sometimes they are even us.) Start by treating them with respect. Then remember that if a difficult person can get you to lose it, they have won. What you need to do is protect colleagues, the public, and the process from being usurped by the difficult person. Actions in a public meeting can be a city liability; the City Attorney will help you understand what you can and cannot do. You'll also get tips on many positive techniques that you can use. Board conflicts are often created when a person or groups of people act in ways that worsens conflicts or prevent moving forward. This program will give you some cover techniques and some social strategy to be more effective in consensus building. You will take home a toolkit, and some hope.

NC COLLABORATIONS (Alliances and Peer Mentoring programs) – Room 1050

Moderator: Jill Banks Barad, Founder and Chair Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Panelists: August Steurer, Founding member PlanCheckNC; Doug Epperhart, Board member, Coastal San Pedro NC; Leonard Shaffer, Chair, Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

Peer Mentoring Section Moderator: Marlene Savage

Speakers: Jay Handal, West L.A.; Dee Olomajeye, Palms; Leyla Campos, DONE; Doug Epperhart, San Pedro

With huge staff cuts at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, DONE is unable to provide a high level of training and support. Most neighborhood councils will need to find ways to help themselves. The answer, not surprisingly, often lies within the neighborhood council system. This program introduces the many ways in which NCs are helping each other. These include the regional alliances LANCC, VANC, the LA Citywide Alliance, and the ad-hoc alliances. The Budget Advocates, NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee, and PlanCheckNC all focus on special city issues. The DWP Committee and SLAP are NC-oriented political action groups. Probably most important of all are the emerging peer-support teams, like those for Bylaws and Treasurers, and the new, broad-based Peer Mentoring program built by NCs and coordinated by DONE. You will come away with a wide range of contacts and opportunities for getting (and giving) help within the NC system.

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PLANNING AND LAND USE 101 – What Land Use committees do: Everything a stakeholder should know about land use and planning – Public Works

Speakers: Sharon Commins, Mar Vista NC; Maggi Fajnor, PlanCheckNC; Challis Macpherson, Venice NC

Are you new to land use and planning issues; or do you want to expand your knowledge about the planning and development process in your neighborhood? This session will introduce stakeholders to the basics of land use and planning and provide a context for that knowledge. The Framework and Planning tools from the general plan to overlay zones, districts and important State and regional laws that affect the local planning process will be briefly described. Participants will get a general idea of how planning and zoning work, “by-right” versus “discretionary development,” conditional use permits, the hearing process and “findings,” and the planning appeals process. You will be provided the context to discuss land use issues with others, take steps to having your concerns heard and know how to go about tracking and reviewing projects in your neighborhood, community and city. You will also learn why it can be important to consider land use proposals before a case is filed, and why everyone should care about issues such as “code simplification” and “development reform.” Finally, you will leave the program with ways you can learn more and get help, including PlanCheckNC.

12:05 pm – 1:10 pm **LUNCH**

1:10 pm – 2:25 pm **SESSION 3**

WORKING WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS (Which Does What, Resources, Staff) – Public Works

Moderator: Marlene Savage

Panelists: Alan Bell, Deputy Director, L.A. City Planning Dept.; Ray Chan, Department of Building & Safety; Nazario Saucedo, Interim Director of Bureau of Street Services; Enrique Zalivar, Bureau of Sanitation; Sandy Jo MacArthur, Assistant Chief, LAPD

City services are delivered by city departments. Knowing which department does what is a critical first step to having an impact on service delivery to your neighborhood. Typical issues and online reporting systems for the most-contacted departments will be covered. We have selected the five most critical departments that neighborhood councils have the most contact with are the Planning Department, Building and Safety, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services and the Police Department. Key contacts at departments will be listed, especially where departments maintain a special liaison for neighborhood councils.

ETHICS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT (State-Required Training) Part 2 of 2 – Room 1060

Presenter: Darren Martinez, City Attorney

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Government Code section 53235 requires ethics training for local government officials. In order to get a certificate of completion, you MUST enroll in and complete both Part #1 and Part #2. This second part of the program covers bribery and extortion, misuse of authority for private benefit, limitations on mass mailings, and prohibition on the use of public funds for political purposes. Most of the time will be spent covering the state open meetings law, the Brown Act, which controls many aspects of neighborhood council operation. The California Public Records Act also applies to neighborhood councils, and its strict deadlines for compliance will be covered. Finally, city rules on competitive bidding will be described, along with city rules for entering into contracts.

GREEN TECHNOLOGIES, SUSTAINABLE LIVING, AND COMMUNITY GARDENS – Room 1010

Moderator: Alan Tratner, Green2Gold

Panelists: Sherri Akers, Mar Vista Community Council Green Committee; Carolyn Casavan, San Fernando Valley Green Team; Erica Wohlmann, CSUN Institute for Sustainability; Christy Wilhelmi, Ocean View Farms; Alina Bodke, LA Neighborhood Land Trust; Lisa Novick, Theodore Payne Foundation; Lielle Arad, FD3

Many Neighborhood Council board members and stakeholders are concerned with “green” issues. This program will present a wide-ranging survey of technologies, organizations, resources, and activities that help us make a lighter footprint on the Earth. It won’t do justice to any one area. It WILL give you a huge toolkit with which you can make your neighborhood a more earth-friendly place. Utility-related subjects include residential solar power, water conservation and dual meters, gray water systems, rain barrels, runoff capture, and a good introduction to gardening with native plants. Community beautification with plants will be embraced for the benefits of an urban forest, with tips for water conservation and for creating permeable hardscapes. Water-efficient landscaping laws and planning requirements will be referenced, as well as Green Building Standards and Low Impact Development (LID) rules. Fruit trees, vegetable gardens, and composting are great for those with a place to grow. There is also a community garden movement to provide everyone with an opportunity to grow fresh food, herbs, and flowers. Much more than food grows at community gardens: they are community-building spaces.

HOW TO RUN A MEETING (Procedures, Fairness, Order, Time Control) – Room 1070

Moderator: Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian, Venice NC

Speakers: Thomas Soong, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; Judi Daniels, Board Member, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council; Linda Lucks, President, Venice Neighborhood Council

Running an effective meeting is an art, not a science. At the end, the group must have accomplished real work, participants must feel that they had an opportunity to be heard, and people should believe that the process was fair. That's a tall order for a Meeting Chair, especially if you have never managed a large public meeting. Nevertheless, this is an essential skill, for committees as well as for Board meetings. A clear, descriptive agenda with time targets helps. Explaining the process to the public as you go (for example, accepting public comment for later action, so it can be placed on an agenda) is often helpful. Consistent application of the same rules, such as the Brown Act, builds public and Board confidence in the integrity of your meetings. Roberts Rules of Order and other meeting rules provide a framework for fair meeting control. The program will give you a quick overview. The chair also needs to use common sense and a feeling for group dynamics. Above all, the chair must be impartial in managing access and the meeting process.

STAKEHOLDERS AS VOLUNTEERS: How to Build and Strengthen Your Neighborhood Council with Volunteers – Room 1020

Coordinator: Dee Olomajeye, Program Co-Chair of Councils for Councils Mentoring and Volunteer Program, President of the Palms Neighborhood Council

Presenter: Pedro Barrientos, Program Manager, Volunteer Center of Los Angeles

Given the economic climate, community resources are becoming increasingly scarce, the extent of which we remain to witness. Neighborhood Councils are in a fortunate position to drive positive community change through their local insight, responsible budget management and engagement of volunteer stakeholders. Come learn how you can build and strengthen your Neighborhood Council by engaging stakeholders as volunteers. Learn how to create a volunteer program to engage stakeholders as volunteers, use volunteers to help address your community needs and increase participation in your Neighborhood Council. Through this session, you will learn the basics of a Volunteer Program with a special focus on outreach, hear best practices from Neighborhood Councils currently engaging volunteers, and receive resources to assist you in creating your own Volunteer Program.

CREATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (Both Financial And Joint-Action) – Council Chambers

Moderator: Tony Wilkinson, Vice Chair and Finance Chair; Panorama City Neighborhood Council (PCNC)

Panelists: Dianabel Gonzalez, PCNC Board and Education Chair; Viviano Montes, PCNC, Outreach Chair; Angel Valdivia PCNC, Gang Programs Chair; Jay Handal, West LA NC; Lark Galloway-Gilliam, Executive Director, Community Health Councils

It's not in the Charter, but one of the important functions of a neighborhood council is community-building. One of the best ways to build community relationships is to work together. As a city agency, a neighborhood council is often in a great position to "pitch a tent" and invite everybody to come. Health fairs, education fairs and anti-gang collaboratives are examples of this kind of partnership. Partnering with other organizations is also a practical way to get things done that a NC can't do alone. Finance Chair Tony Wilkinson, will describe practical examples of partnerships and how to make them work. Businesses, business organizations, elected officials, religious groups, schools, colleges, service clubs and non-profit service organizations are examples of possible partners who have funds, expertise, or volunteers. There are also many events put together by others in which NCs can participate. These are both outreach opportunities and "photo ops". This program will give you tips on how to team up with others, ways to handle funding, and events that work.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS (CFMS, ENS, ZIMAS, ETC.) – Room 1050

Moderator: Terrence Gomes, South Robertson NC

Panelists: Doug Fitzsimmons, South Robertson NC; Kirt Daradics, CitySourced

Often the first place you go to find an answer about a neighborhood issue is the Internet. Online research is one of the critical skills that every neighborhood council needs. This program will cover all the basics. You will get an outline of city web sites, including the places you can go to report and track local issues. You will be introduced to specialized services like the Council File Management System to track legislation, the Early Notification System to get meeting notices and agendas, the DONE database of neighborhood councils, and the Planning department's ZIMAS database of properties and planning cases. Then there are sources of understanding. Some sites focus on the neighborhood council movement, in Los Angeles and nationally; others focus on community organizing. Finally, there is the power of social networking. This session will give you tips on how to use Facebook, Twitter, email services, photo sites, blogs, YouTube, Vimeo and podcasts to promote your neighborhood council.

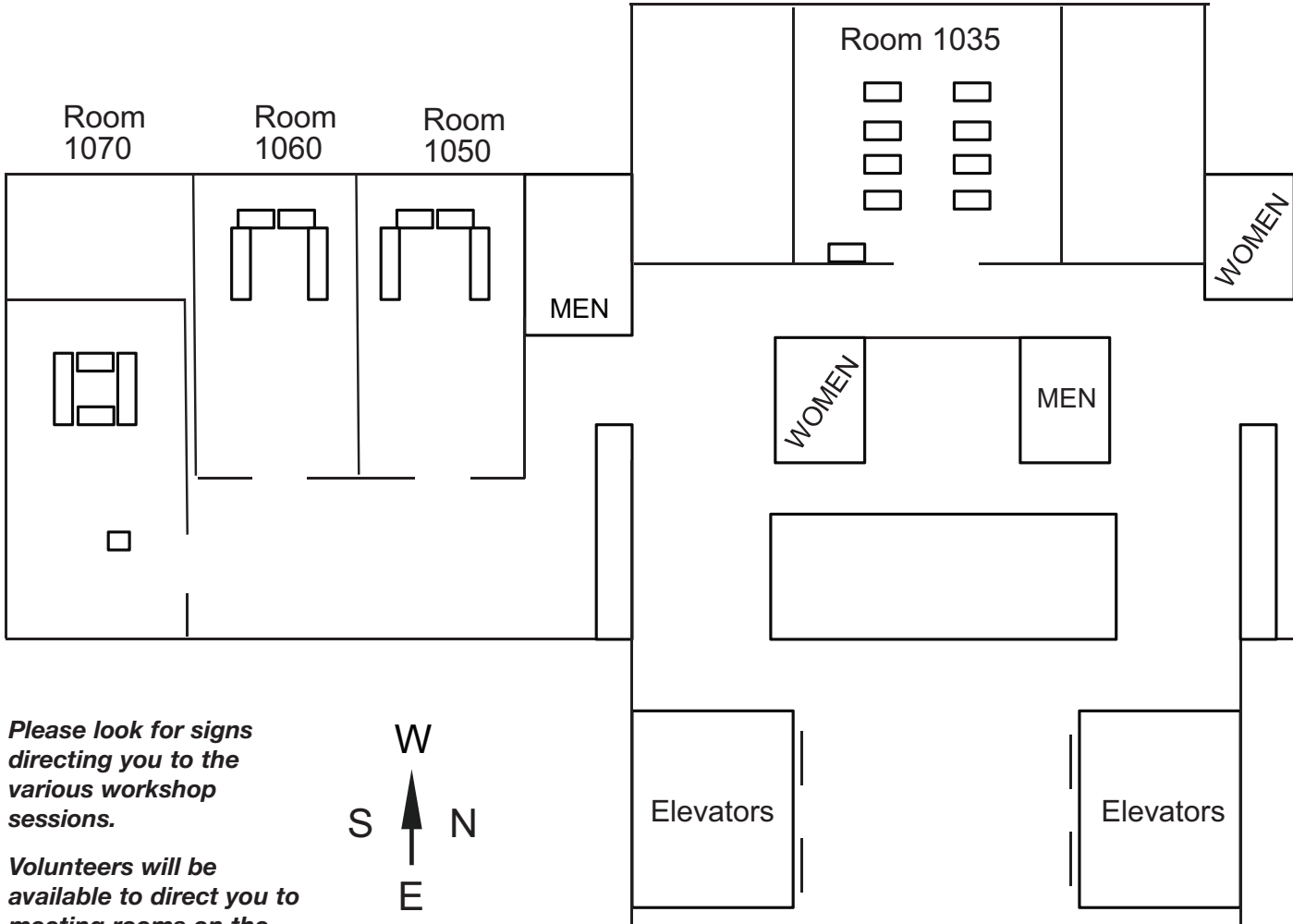
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm NC CONGRESS ACTION SESSION – City Council Chambers

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm NETWORKING SESSION / CONGRESS CONCLUDES

THANK YOU to all who may not be included in the program. We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Congress.

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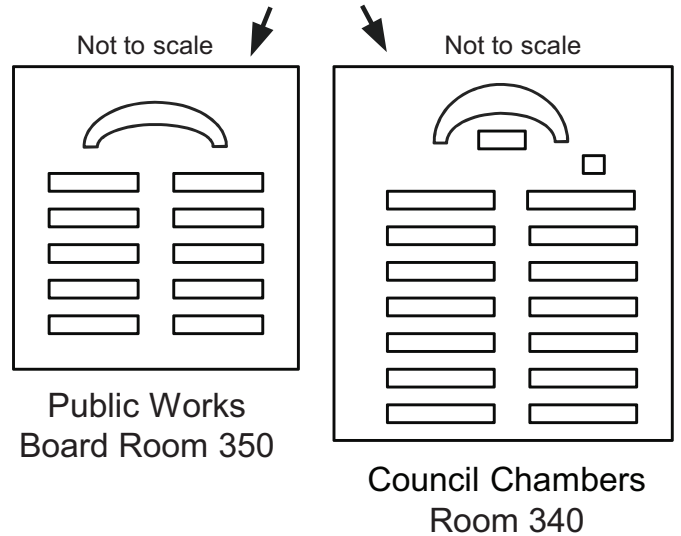
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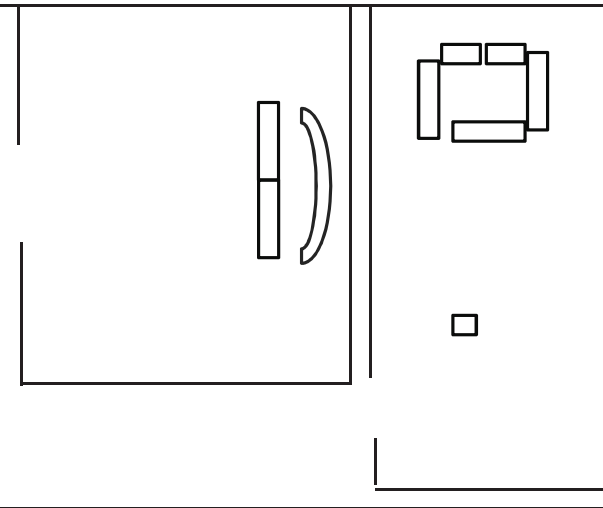
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WORKSHOP SESSION	ROOM
MIXER and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST • 7:45 am - 8:30 am	
OPENING SESSION, NC ROLL CALL, WELCOME • 8:30 am - 9:15 am	
BREAK • 9:15am - 9:25am	
SESSION 1 • 9:25am - 10:40am	
Meet your City Officials	Council Chambers
Funding Program Basics	1060
Emergency Preparedness	1050
How NCs Work	1070
Effective Outreach	Public Works
Perspectives: Role of NCs	1010
Perspectives: City Budget	1020
BREAK • 10:40am - 10:50am	
SESSION 2 • 10:50am - 12:00pm	
Working with City Council Committees	1010
Ethics Training I of 2	1060
Animal Issues	1035
Who and What to Know	Council Chambers
Dealing with Difficult people	1070
NC Collaborations/Mentoring	1050
Planning & Land Use 101	Public Works
LUNCH • 12:05am - 1:10pm	
SESSION 3 • 1:10pm - 2:20pm	
Working with City Departments	Public Works
Ethics Training 2 of 2	1060
Green Technologies / Sustainable Gardens	1010
How to run a meeting	1070
Working with volunteers	1020
Creating Community Partnerships	Council Chambers
Online Resources for NCs	1050
BREAK • 2:20pm - 2:30am	
ACTION SESSION • 2:30pm - 3:30pm	Council Chambers
NETWORKING SESSION • 3:30pm - 4:00pm	Council Chambers

This schedule is subject to change due to meeting room capacity limits. Please plan to get to your session early to be sure you have a seat.

Meet Your Moderators, Speakers, Panelists



Sherri Akers, Co-Chair, Mar Vista Community Council Green Committee

Sherri has a passion for environmental community activism, working to inspire the Mar Vista community and connecting them with resources to tackle important environmental issues. The MVCC Green Committee has partnered with various city agencies on environmental programs like LA Rainwater Harvesting, and the Green Gardeners Collective. Gaining visibility with the

wider Los Angeles community through their annual Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase, they are now mentoring other neighborhood councils to help create Green Committees in other council districts. Sherri and her husband live in a what they strive to make a green home by retrofitting a conventional Mar Vista house with drought resistant landscaping, solar panels and a host of water and energy conserving measures that have brought their water and power usage to well under half of the Los Angeles per person average.

Lielle Arad, Global Director of Public Affairs, FD3

Lielle is involved with FD3, an international non-profit world helping organization. FD3 is an original process that is bringing personal and collective world changing workshops and true solutions and balance to our planet. She is involved with the organization; production and assembling of many serious world helping non-profit huge save our planet events.



Glenn Bailey, Encino Neighborhood Council / Executive Board Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Glenn Bailey is a founder and has been a member of the Encino Neighborhood Council for eight years and serves as Area 1 Representative. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and serves as Vice Chair of the L.A. City's Bicycle Advisory Committee. Glenn also serves as a representative

on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, which is advisory to the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, and also serves on the boards of other community, civic, and non-profit organizations.



Jill Banks Barad, Founder and Chair, Valley Alliance of NC's, President, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Jill, a civic leader in Los Angeles for over 30 years, is in her fifth term as President of the council she helped organize. She is also founder and Chair of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, now in its eighth year, and it has been called a "model of regional governance" and a model for other alliances throughout the City. Jill

also chaired Mayor Tom Bradley's Advisory Committee on Education, serves on several volunteer Boards and has a long list of civic recognition's for her many accomplishments. Among her awards are "Most Inspirational Woman in Business" by State Senate and Assembly members. "Valley Leader of the Year" by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal, Harmon Ballin Award from VICA for community service and the CD5 Pioneer Woman Award. Jill owns her own public relations, political consulting and government affairs firm, Jill Barad & Associates. She has also been teaching political public relations, media, and fundraising at UCLA since 1988.



Brenda Barnette, General Manager LA City Dept. of Animal Services

Brenda F. Barnette, began her role as chief of Los Angeles Animal Services on August 16, 2010, after an extensive national search was conducted for the right person to lead the Department, that is responsible for the public safety as well as welfare and protection for all animal in our city. Brenda has earned a reputation as a positive change manager. Prior to moving to Los Angeles,

she served as CEO of the Seattle Humane Society and had a remarkable record of success. Under her leadership in 2009, the Seattle Humane Society had the best year in its 113-year history with the placement of 6,091 animals and a Live Save Rate of 92 percent. Much of this success was due to a robust Foster Care Program that allowed over 4,300 animals to benefit from home care while they waited for homes of their own. Previously, Brenda served as CEO of Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation. Before joining ARF, Brenda was the Executive Director of Pets In Need, and the Development Director at the San Francisco SPCA.



Pedro "Peter" Barrientos, Program Manager, Volunteer Center, Manager, HandsOn Volunteers Program, Volunteer Center of Los Angeles. (VCLA)

Pedro has more than 8 years of experience in volunteer management working in various capacities including recruitment, training, retention, and recognition of volunteers. He has extensive experience engaging community volunteers to serve as mentors for at-risk youth, support

"done-in-a-day" projects, connect to various cause-focused organizations and organizing large-scale special events such as 9/11 Day of Service. Currently, Pedro delivers VCLA's Volunteer Management Training Program to help community organizations improve how they engage volunteers and, ultimately, their ability to deliver their mission. He recently worked with the Councils 4 Councils Task Force, made up of various NC members, and advised the development of the new DONE Volunteer Program. Pedro was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley and is a proud, new Downtown Los Angeles resident.



Jay Beeber, Board member, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Jay Beeber, a writer and filmmaker, is a board member of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and serves on the City's Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He is also the Executive Director of Safer Streets L.A., the advocacy group credited with convincing the Board of Police Commissioners and the City Council to end the City's Photo Red Light Camera Program. Jay

strongly believes that with the right tools, proper strategy and unwavering determination, average citizens can accomplish positive changes from our government officials.



Alan Bell, AICP, Deputy Director, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Alan is responsible for Development Services and Zoning Administration. Also, Policy Planning and Historic Resources with focus primarily on community planning, long-range and citywide planning, zoning code amendments and simplification, and development reform. Alan recently led the effort to reorganize the Department and implement the eight strategic changes outlined

in Blueprint 2010-11. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Director, he was the Senior City Planner in the Office of Zoning Administration, where he managed the code studies, case management, zoning investigations, and nuisance abatement units.

Alina Bodke, Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Alina's career and public service demonstrate her commitment to increasing parks and gardens as a strategy to revitalize underserved neighborhoods and improve the quality of life in low-income communities. Prior to joining the Neighborhood Land Trust, Alina served as Deputy Executive Officer for the River and Mountains Conservancy and managed complex conservation-focused real estate transactions for The Trust for Public Land. Alina holds a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of New Mexico and a bachelor's degree in biology from Macalester College.



Larry Bogatz, CERT Battalion Coordinator and very active in developing emergency preparedness programs for communities and neighborhoods.

Larry is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) coordinator for the Los Angeles City Fire Department's Battalion 18 and the administrator of the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP). He also serves on the LAPD Wilshire Division's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)

Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Pico Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Committee, and is Chair of the Safety and Security Committee for South Carthay Neighborhood Association. He also serves as a Red Cross Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Presenter.

Larry received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Penn State and a Master of Public Administration from USC prior to serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, working for the Central Intelligence Agency and becoming involved in computers.



J. Russell Brown, Former Executive Director - Historic Downtown LA Business Improvement District (HDBID)

The Historic Downtown LA Business Improvement District (HDB) provides clean & safe services to 30 blocks of Historic Downtown LA, including over 1600 property owners. Russell has been responsible for economic development, urban policy, Art Walk, coordination with City of L.A. departments since 2008. He has served as

president of the Downtown LA Neighborhood Council from 2005-2010. DLANC represents a community of 500,000 daily workers and visitors. Other positions included president Pershing Square Park Advisory Board, Film LA Community Relations Board member, Founding Director of The Exchange, a community event center which facilitates community engagement, education and creative events. He has also held multiple positions on the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council and served on the BID Consortium a coalition of 38 Business Improvement Districts.



Carolyn Casavan, President, San Fernando Valley Green Team

The SFV Green Team is a non-profit organization that connects business, education, government, and community resources to bring healthy, sustainable, green opportunities and jobs to the region. Prior to her current position, Carolyn has provided environmental consulting and engineering services including sustainability, energy efficiency and water conservation, in California

and across the US for over 20 years. She has a bachelor's of science in chemical engineering from University of Pittsburgh



Gerald Chaleff, Police Administrator, Special Assistant for Constitutional Policing

Chief of Police William J. Bratton appointed Mr. Chaleff to the Los Angeles Police Department on January 13, 2003. He serves as Bureau Chief to the Chief of Police and Commanding Officer of the Consent Decree Bureau (CDB). As Bureau Chief of CDB, Mr. Chaleff oversees the operations of TEAMS II Development Bureau, Risk Management Group, Audit Division and Civil

Rights Integrity Division, which is responsible for the Department's implementation of the Consent Decree with the United States Department of Justice. Mr. Chaleff was appointed to the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners in 1997 and elected President from 1999 to 2001. He is a former President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He served as Deputy General Counsel to the Webster Commission, which examined the Department's response to the 1992 civil unrest and has experience with both the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office. He received his Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and is graduate of Harvard Law School.



Raymond Chan, Executive Officer, LA Department of Building & Safety

Mr. Raymond Chan is licensed as a Structural Engineer, Civil Engineer, General Building Contractor, and Real Estate Broker in the State of California. He has two Bachelor of Science degrees, one in Physics and one in Civil Engineering. Mr. Chan has 27 years experience with the City of Los Angeles, two in management positions.



Cindy Cleghorn, Chair, Congress of Neighborhood Councils 2011, Secretary, Sunland-Tujunga NC (STNC)

Cindy became involved with the STNC upon relocating her business from Burbank to the Sunland-Tujunga community. She worked with community leaders to certify the STNC and she has served two terms as President and is currently Secretary. Her involvement with the community helped to spearhead the restoration of

the community's business section of Commerce Avenue that has now been designated as Historic Olde Towne Tujunga. She also serves on the STNC Land Use Committee, Safety Committee and on the Executive Board for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and PlanCheckNC. She was selected to serve as a Los Angeles City Commissioner on the Neighborhood Council Review Commission representing the North Valley. Cindy also serves on the DWP Advocacy Committee, which collaborated with Neighborhood Councils citywide to defeat local Measure B. Cindy is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and has served on the LA County Disaster Communications Service and Tournament of Roses Radio Amateurs.

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Jennifer Craig, Community Affairs Representative, Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company

Jennifer Craig is currently the Community Affairs Representative for Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company in Wilmington. Her responsibilities include coordinating the company's community outreach and stakeholder management activities, with a focus on maintaining essential relationships with various community leaders and businesses.



Kurt Daradics, CitySourced

Kurt is the "Social Catalyst" at CitySourced. In that capacity, he has helped spearhead its growth from initial idea by focusing on talent and partner acquisition, plus sales strategy. He is, as Benjamin Kuo, Founder of socialTECH LLC, noted, "a connector. someone who makes things happen, and knows everyone, and does his best to make the world a better place." Kurt comes to CitySourced with an extensive background in

sales & marketing. He is a recognized leader in the Southern California Tech Market producing the Digital Family event series, along with the MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) Salon series.

Sue DeVandry, Board member, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Mrs. DeVandry has served as a board member on the Granada Hills North NC for seven years, which included the position of Outreach Officer for six years and served as Treasurer for one year.

Judith Daniels, Board member, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

Judith served as president of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC) for 5 years and currently serves as vice president. She was part of the organizing committee and was a founding board member of CNC in 2003. She has been serving on the executive board of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils for 4 years. She spoke to numerous NCs after the September 12, 2008, Metrolink train crash about emergency preparedness and how CNC provided more than 2,000 full meals for police officers in the first 72 hours after the accident. Judith forged a strong alliance with the Chatsworth Neighborhood Watch and has been active in public safety issues in the area. As President Judith was proud to be able to say that in the CNC "equestrian" is a legal definition of a stakeholder. She recently helped with inaugural elections for two Valley-area Neighborhood Councils and has mentored several new board members and officers.

Judith served 20 years as a local news editor at the Los Angeles Times after stints at the Long Beach Independent, Press-Telegram, Orlando Sentinel and The Ledger, in Lakeland, FL. She then moved into a second career in family practice medicine.

Gary De La Rosa, Consultant, LA City Human Resources

Gary De La Rosa has been a Human Relations consultant for the City of Los Angeles since 1998. He began working with the neighborhood council system in 2001, and has facilitated neighborhood council developmental meetings, retreats, elections, by-law meetings, and served as a Final Decision-Maker for NC elections across the City. In addition he has facilitated retreats and community meetings involving police and communities, elected offices, LAUSD, and individual community groups.



Doug Epperhart

Doug Epperhart has been on the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council since February, 2002. He served four years as president. He chairs the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the Council.

He has been involved with the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) since its founding in June 2009. Doug also chaired the Budget Advocates in 2010.



Doug Fitzsimmons, South Robertson Neighborhood Council

Doug has served as President of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council since November 2008. During that time, he's helped build the Board into one of the City's most effective Councils. During his professional career, he has led creative strategy and direction for clients over the past twenty years. His clients included:

American Express, Delta Air Lines, Wells Fargo, eHarmony, GM, Paramount, Fandango, and Southern California Edison, for whom he built cross-channel marketing solutions that yield tangible results and true customer insight. Most recently, he was Vice President, Creative Director for Participant Media, the studio behind An Inconvenient Truth, Food, Inc., The Cove, Waiting for "Superman", and The Help.



Larry Frank, Neighborhood and Community Services Deputy Mayor

Larry serves as Deputy Mayor of Neighborhood and Community Services. As a senior staff member, he is responsible for several city departments, including the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Community Development Department, and the Bureau of Contract Administration. He also oversees the Mayor's field operations, constituent services,

volunteer services, external labor issues, workforce development and the city anti-poverty programs. Before City Hall, he was a faculty member at UCLA, and worked as both Staff Director and the Research Director for their Center for Labor Research and Education. He graduated from St. Lawrence University with a degree in Religious studies before entering Princeton Seminary. After leaving the Seminary, he took a position with United Farm Workers Union and two others before forming a non-profit organization in Los Angeles that focused on voter participation and he conducted two local initiative campaigns. He obtained his J.D. from the UCLA School of Law and then developed a sentencing practice while specializing in juvenile law.

Mary A. Garcia, President, Midtown No. Hollywood Neighborhood Council

Mary has been a Community activist for over 25 years. and has been member of the Board since its inception and held the following offices: Vice President, Parliamentarian and a member of the BONC/DONE By-Laws Task Force. She currently serves on the following committees: By-laws, Public Safety, Planning Land Use, Housing Transportation, and Arts and Humanities, CORO Arts Leadership Fellow. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils "VANC" and a Commissioner on the Commission for Community and Family Services.

Daniel Gatica, North Valley, BONC Commissioner, BONC President

Daniel Gatica was born and raised in the City of Los Angeles and currently resides in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. He attended Cal State University Northridge, earned a Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology and received an AA in Liberal Arts from LA Mission Community College.

Daniel worked in the nonprofit sector for over nine years. Most recently, he was Site Director of Chrysalis in Pacoima, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals become self-sufficient through employment opportunities. Prior to Chrysalis, he served for two years as Assistant Director of Pacoima Graffiti Busters (PGB). During this time, he helped put together numerous community cleanups utilizing community stakeholders and was responsible for all community outreach efforts.

Daniel has sat on numerous Executives Boards for community organizations some of which dealt directly with economic development, community development and business development.



Lydia Grant, Board member, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Lydia has many years of experience on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. She served on the Board as a Region Representative, followed by two terms as the Education Representative, and currently holds the position of Parent Representative.

Lydia is also a Parent Revolution Board Member, a non profit organization, and was instrumental

in helping to get the Parent Empowerment Act SBX5 4 passed in California, also known as the "Parent Trigger". Lydia considers herself an Education advocate and is willing to help communities across the city with school issues including those involving land use, such as the issues raised in Sunland-Tujunga's battle to stop a Home Depot. She is also a Board Member of LA Clean Sweep and believes that together we can make an incredible difference to the City of Los Angeles.



John Greenwood, President of Coro Southern California

John is the founding President and continues to serve as a Board member of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. He is also Chair of the City of Los Angeles Citizens Oversight Commission, Proposition Q from 2002 to present. The Commission monitors the spending of \$650 million in funds for police, fire and emergency service construction. He has served as President of

the Gang Alternatives Program and the San Pedro Rotary Club. He has been involved with Angels Gate Cultural Center and Habitat for Humanity. John became President of Coro in August 2010. He is a graduate of the University of California Riverside and received a Masters Degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan. He participated in the Coro Fellows Program in 1967-68 and accepted a position as Director of Training and spent seven and a half years involved with training and supporting Coro in Los Angeles. After leaving Coro, he served ten years as Vice President, Development, of San Pedro Peninsula Hospital. During that time he was a member and President of the Los Angeles Board of Education, representing South Los Angeles and the Harbor area. John and his wife Caren have a real estate business in San Pedro.



Jay Handal, Chair, West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (WLANC)

Jay has served the WLANC as its chair since 2007, president of the Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) and recently served as Chair of the NC Budget Advocates and co-chair of the Neighborhood Council Peer Mentoring start up committee. Some of his volunteer service in the City of L.A. includes: chairman of the West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, hearing examiner for the LAPD Commission, chairman of the West L.A. CPAB, served on the Brentwood Community Council, board of directors for Shane's

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Shannon Hoppes, Manager, Council and Public Services Division, Office of the City Clerk.

Ms. Hoppes is responsible for managing, directing, and organizing the daily functions of staff in providing legislative services to the public, Mayor, City Council, Council Committees, and City entities. She has served the City of Los Angeles for the past 17 years and has held various positions within the departments of Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles World Airports, and

Neighborhood Empowerment. She has also played an active role in educating Neighborhood Councils on the legislative process and how to effectively participate in City government. Ms. Hoppes is a graduate of Pepperdine University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and enjoys instructing in the culinary arts part-time in Culver City.

Philip Iglauar, Board member, Glassell Park Neighborhood Council

Philip serves as Business Representative on the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council He is the founder and president of the Northeast Los Angeles Coalition, a group of regional NC members and community leaders from many other local community groups collaborating and co-operating together to help activists do what they do better. Phil was born and raised in Los Angeles and lived in South Korea from 2002-2008, where he worked as a journalist and in public relations for Korea's largest bank. In 2008, He returned to L.A., working as a marketing consultant and founder of Iglauer & Associates. However, he is still passionate and concerned continues to work for the city where he grew up-- L.A. He can be found sometimes hiking along Northeast L.A.'s beautiful arroyo by Figueroa and on the trails of Angeles Crest.



Bonghwan (BH) Kim, General Manager DONE

Mr. Kim currently serves as General Manager for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The Neighborhood Council system is an historic initiative approved by a majority of voters in a city wide election to improve government responsiveness to local concerns. He is responsible for the overall management of the department including development of the budget, strategic planning, programs and services, policies, personnel, and constituent relations. Prior to this, he has led a number of non-profit, community-based organizations involved in a range of social and community development missions including the MultiCultural Collaborative and the Korean Youth and Community Center. He has also operated his own consultant agency serving a variety of non-profit organizations, governments, and private sector institutions.

He has served on a number of government commissions, corporate and foundation advisory boards. He has served as the co-chair of the Black Korean Alliance, the California Attorney General's Violence Prevention Policy Council, and the National Immigration Forum. He has been a lecturer at the University of California Los Angeles teaching in the areas of leadership and community building.

Mr. Kim was a recipient of the NAACP Equality Award, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Drum Major Award, and the California Wellness Foundation's Peace Award in recognition of his efforts to fight for the civil rights of all people. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

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Linda Lucks, President, Venice Neighborhood Council

Lucks was elected President of the Venice Neighborhood Council in 2010 and has served on the board since 2005 as an "at large" representative and Vice President. Professionally, she is a public relations consultant to small businesses and non-profit organizations on fundraising events. She was appointed to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in 2006, and served as president and was recently confirmed to her second term. Her extensive public service has included terms on various state boards and Commissions: Presiding Chair of the State of CA Health Professions Education Foundation Board of Trustees; the Medical Board of California, Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Psychology and the Legal Service Trust Fund Commission of the State Bar of California. She was first woman president of the Los Angeles County Beach Commission. As a 41 year Venice resident, Ms. Lucks served as Chair of the Venice Beach Area Community Police Advisory Committee, founder and co-chair of the annual Venice Garden and Home Tour, benefiting the non-profit Neighborhood Youth Association's Las Doradas Children's Center. She is also a recipient of 1998 "Spirit of Venice" award and a "Women Leader" award from the National Women's Political Committee (NWPC), Westside chapter in 2007. Also a founder of The California List and has long been active in various organizations dedicated to electing women to public office. She was raised in Pacoima where she was also elementary school teacher.

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Sandy Jo MacArthur, Assistant Chief LAPD

Sandy has had an inspiring career spanning over 29 years of dedicated service with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Her extensive history is founded in police operational, administrative and command experience. The complexity and sensitivity of her professional assignments demonstrate her understanding and recognition of the importance of leadership in the areas of human relations, discrimination, conflict

Darren has been advising the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and Neighborhood Councils from the time they were created. Prior to working with Neighborhood Councils, Mr. Martinez worked in the City Attorney's Land Use Division. He joined the City Attorney Office's in 2001 after serving as President of the South Valley Area Planning Commission. Mr. Martinez joined the City Attorney's Office after 10 years of practice in the private sector. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1988 and UCLA School of Law in 1991.



Darren R. Martinez, Managing Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division, General Counsel Division

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Victor Medina, Gang Alternative Program

Victor Medina has contributed to the Gang Alternative Program's (GAP) vision, "To prevent young people from joining gangs." for over six years. Victor is currently the Community Outreach Coordinator for GAP. His responsibilities include coordinating the company's community outreach and stakeholder management activities, with a focus on maintaining essential relationships with various community leaders and businesses.

Rita Moreno, Resource Development Unit, LA City Community Development Department

A past Sr. Project Coordinator with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Rita was assigned and responsible for the certification of and services to San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils. She also lead the Empowerment Academy and helped develop its training curriculum. Rita came to the department with over 15 years of organizing experience in labor, community, and civic participation, as well as having worked for the City of Pasadena and then Congressman Edward Roybal. She has since worked for the Ethics Commission, Office of Historic Resources in City Planning, and, currently, for the Community Development Department.



Dee Olomajeye, Program Co Chair, Councils for Councils (C4C)

Dee first served as Secretary and currently serves as President of the Palms Neighborhood Council. She has more than 11 years of experience in the Human Resources field working in various capacities in the areas of benefits, recruiting, retention, employee relations and performance & rewards. She is currently the Client Director for The Miles Organization, Inc - a boutique benefits brokerage and consulting firm in Venice, CA. She also worked in various aspects of Human Resources for Accenture (Chicago), Mercer Human Resource Consulting and The Los Angeles Times - (Los Angeles) as well as with The Los Angeles Teaching Fellows Program recruiting mid-career professionals to teach in poorly served areas of the LAUSD. She holds a BFA in Electronic Media Communications from the University of Cincinnati and has resided in Los Angeles since 2000.

Ankur Patel is a graduate student at California State University Northridge who regularly makes public comment during City Council meetings and has a weekly commentary on KPFF during Uprising Radio titled "Civic Circus."

Ankur Patel

Melanie is a life long animal lover and has been rescuing animals since she was a child. She is currently President of the Los Angeles Animal Services Commission, and lives with five rescued pets. She is also a successful businesswoman and has been an agent in the entertainment industry for 15 years and is employed by The Gersh Agency for the last 18 years. She represents directors and producers, along with other technical talent like editors and Academy Award winning cinematographers in film and television. Melanie is originally from Canton, Ohio and attended UCLA where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Engl

Melanie Ramsayer, President, City Los Angeles Animal Services Commission,

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David Rockello, President, Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC); District 5 Representative on the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council (GEPENC)

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reer as an Artist, Writer, Set Designer, Graphic Designer, Scenic Artist, Sculptor, Makeup Artist, Art Director, Curator, and Animator, and on the IRP Committee for the Bureau of Sanitation.

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Nina Royal, Safety Chair, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC)

Nina, a 25 year community activist is one the organizers of the STNC. She served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chairman and Vice President of Outreach. She is a staunch supporter of public safety and improving the quality of life for everyone and serves as Safety Chair as well as on the Land Use Committee. She founded Sunland-Tujunga Safety & Emergency Response Volunteer

Services (S-T SERVS) and serves on the Foothill Div. Community Police Advisory Board. She also serves on the DWP MOU and Advocacy Committees, PlanCheckNC, and on the IRP Committee for the Bureau of Sanitation, and is on the Board of LA Clean Sweep and Saving LA Project. Her professional career was in Materials Management for the aerospace industry, but her first love is journalism. She is the Publisher and Editor of the North Valley Reporter, an all volunteer community service newspaper whose mission is Keeping You Informed.

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Miguel Santana, City Administrative Officer

In August 2009, Mr. Miguel Santana was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and confirmed by the City Council as the City Administrative Officer (CAO) for the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Santana is one of the few city officers who reports directly to the Mayor and the City Council. As the CAO, his office has direct oversight over the City's \$6.75 billion budget, labor negotiations, risk management, debt management and other major policy issues as directed by the Mayor and/or City Council.

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Nazario Saucedo, Interim Director of Bureau of Street Services

Nazario, is a Civil Engineer with a Master's Degree in Public Administration, He has worked for 23 years for the Bureau of Street Services, seven years as Assistant Director and he is currently the Interim Director. He is Professor at LA Trade Technical College part time.

Marlene Savage, Venice Neighborhood Council

Marlene has been involved in the Neighborhood Council system for six years. She served as Vice President of Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Outreach Chairperson, Co-Chair of the Land Use and Planning Committee, and the liaison to city entities. Marlene is now focused on a mentoring program "Councils 4 Councils" The program will collaborate with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and utilize the experience and knowledge of neighborhood council veterans to provide support and training for councils that request assistance. Also, she currently serves as a co-chair for the Western Region Alliance of Councils/ Land Use and Planning Committee, which involves the 13 neighborhood councils and community councils on the Westside. She is also on the steering committee for PlanCheckNC Marlene has been involved in the development of the last four Neighborhood Council Congresses.



Mark Seigel, Treasurer, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC)

Mark is one of the founders of the STNC. He chaired the Ad Hoc Committee to certify the STNC in 2001. He also served on the Board as a Group Representative for Scouting, Representative for Region 4, and now he is in his second term as Treasurer. He also chaired the STNC Fact Finding Committee for what is known as the Canyon Hills Project. He is presently Chair of the

By Laws and Budget Committees. He became a certified Neighborhood Council Independent Elections Administrator (IEA) and has served as an election volunteer for several neighborhood councils throughout the city, before the elections were taken over by the City Clerk. He also serves on the Executive Committee for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. Mark is an Extra Class Amateur Radio operator and holds classes twice a year to license new operators as a Volunteer Examiner recognized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).



Leonard Shaffer, Chair, Tarzana Neighborhood Council and LANCC

Leonard's neighborhood activities began in 1972 when he joined the Tarzana Property Owners Association board. He became interested in neighborhood councils after he attended a conference at USC prior to the passage of the 1999 Charter. In 2003 he led the effort to form the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, which he currently chairs. In 2005 he participated in the formation

of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition, (LANCC) a city wide group that he also chairs.

Jose Sigala, President of the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council (GEPENC) Board of Governors.

Jose currently serves as President of GEPENC. Since his election as Board President in 2006, Jose has worked to improve the communication between the neighborhoods he represents and City Hall. Jose works closely with his fellow neighborhood council members to support local community groups, organize neighborhood clean up events, review development projects and offer the community's perspective on issues related to City Hall and city departments. José began his career in public service at the State Capitol as a State Senate Fellow in 1993. He worked in the office of then Senator Gary Hart, longtime Chairman of the State Senate Education Committee. He was directly responsible for helping develop and shepherd bills through the Legislature on farm workers issues, gun control, domestic partners and access to higher education for the children of working class families. Jose currently serves as a Field Representative for Councilmember Richard Alarcon.



Shawn Simons, Empowerment Congress North

Shawn has served as the President of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) in South Los Angeles for three years and currently chairs the Economic Development Committee, Park Partnership Committee and serves on the Outreach and Land Use Committees. Shawn was the South LA regional NC Budget Rep in 2010. Shawn developed I HABLO U, a bilingual community language and civic engagement program through her NC, which has received more, then \$30,000 of grant funding. Shawn also brings her decades of entertainment producing experience to the NC system with honed skills in strategic partnerships, budgets, marketing and event planning. She currently runs a community animal rescue non-profit, Kitty Bungalow Charm School for Wayward Cats, that helps the community with free spay and neuter services and socializes and adopts out Los Angeles Street cats keeping them out of the city shelter system.

Meet Your Moderators, Speakers, Panelists

Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian for Venice and Boyle Heights

Ivan currently serves as a bicoastal Parliamentarian for both the Venice and Boyle Heights Neighborhood Councils. His years of experience in creating organizational bylaws led him to join the BONC/DONE Bylaws Task Force. He is co-chair of the DONE Bylaws Resource Team, which is working with NC's to help revise their bylaws into the new Table Of Contents format. He is training NC participants in a wide range of topics and a designer of the new Councils 4 Councils Peer Mentoring program. Ivan became involved in the L.A. school system as a volunteer with a focus on putting technology into classrooms. He chaired several school and district councils and was chosen as a member of the Superintendent's Focus on Achievement Council, which advised the Superintendent on setting LAUSD policy. Ivan relocated to L.A. from Brooklyn, NY, and spent 25 years as the Artistic Director of a non-profit performing arts organization. He produced, directed, and/or designed over 300 theatrical productions. As a service to the LA Theatre community he taught grant writing and was a peer panelist for the California Arts Council. He works as a Poll Inspector for the City Clerk and the County Registrar of Voters in his spare time

August Steurer, Founding Member, PlanCheckNC

The PlanCheckNC Steering Committee is an alliance of Neighborhood Council planning advocates recognized by the City Planning Department to work on Neighborhood Council planning-related issues. August is also a leader on planning issues for the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council as a Board member and as Co-chair of its Planning, Land Use & Mobility Committee, since 2004. He has also served on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the restudy of the soon-to-be replaced Warner Center Specific Plan since 2005.

Vivienne Swanigan, L.A. City Attorney

Vivienne is a 25 year veteran of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, with extensive expertise in employment law. Ms. Swanigan worked as a criminal prosecutor before joining the civil side of her office, handling employment litigation and advice, and conducting EEO, workplace violence, and other training for supervisors and employees. She currently works in the Labor Relations Division, provides employment advice to City departments, leads the City Attorney's Workplace Violence Unit within Labor Relations, and is the longest standing member of the City-wide Threat Assessment Team. She holds a BS in Criminal Justice from Cal State University - Los Angeles, is a native Californian, and earned her Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law.

Alan Tratner, Executive Director, Green2Gold

Alan is an educator, lecturer, consultant, and entrepreneur/innovator. He is widely recognized for having conducted nearly 3,700 workshops, seminars, and conferences for more than 35 years across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Tratner has numerous inventions to his credit and has mentored and assisted thousands of small businesses, entrepreneurs, inventors, new product developers, non-profits, and small business start-ups. He also fosters products and enterprises in the areas of water technology, emerging technology, sustainability, and renewable energy.

Tony Wilkinson, Vice Chair, Panorama City Neighborhood Council

Tony is one of the founders of the Panorama City Neighborhood Council. He has served as Chairman and currently serves as Vice Chair of the PCNC. He also serves as Chair of the citywide committee for the Neighborhood Councils' Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water and Power, and also on the executive board of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. He also serves as a representative to the LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC). Tony retired from the land title insurance industry after a 35 year career as a business economist, marketing manager, and finally a computer systems manager.



Christy Wilhelmi, Founder, Gardenerd.com

Christy's obsession with gardening began in 1996 on the balcony of her Los Angeles, California apartment. She is a board member of Ocean View Farms Organic Community Garden in Mar Vista, California, and gardens almost entirely with heirloom vegetables. She also wrote, co-directed, edited and hosted a weekly lifestyle television show, "The Garden of Life: whole life wellness through gardening, fitness and food."

Christy believes that gardening unifies both physical activity and healthy food choices, while providing a grounding spiritual and creative outlet. She has dedicated herself to the study of organic gardening and its benefits, and delights in sharing this information with anyone who will listen.



Erica L. Wohldmann, Ph.D., Associate Professor, California State University, Northridge

Dr. Wohldmann received a grant funded by the National Institute of Health to research factors that influence food choices and also works with Dr. Kelly Brownell at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University, as part of this grant. She also teaches a course for the CSUN Institute for Sustainability, entitled "Best Practices in Sustainability." She started a community food garden at CSUN and is Chair of a Food and Garden Working Group sponsored by the Institute for Sustainability. Dr. Wohldmann holds a film and speaker series devoted to raising consciousness about food, water, and waste issues which includes taking students on an edible walking tour of campus and teaching students about food preservation, foraging, and canning.

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Enrique C. Zaldivar, P.E., Director, LA Bureau of Sanitation

Enrique is a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California. He received his Degree in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly Pomona in 1985, where he continued his graduate studies. He began his career with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering in 1985, as a design engineer on wastewater treatment plants and major sewer projects, including projects at the Terminal Island, the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation plants and the 200 million dollar North Outfall Relief Sewer (NORS). In October 2007, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Enrique Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, one of the largest agencies in the City, with nearly 2,800 employees and an annual value exceeding \$1.2 billion.

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Arleta

3rd Tuesday
Beachy Elementary School
Auditorium
9757 Beachy Street
Arleta, CA 91331

Arroyo Seco

4th Monday
Ramona Hall
4580 Figueroa
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Atwater Village

2nd Thursday
Christ's Church of Griffith Park
3852 Edenhurst Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Bel Air-Beverly Crest

4th Wednesday
Community Magnet School
11310 Bellagio Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Boyle Heights

Last Wednesday
Boyle Heights
Senior Citizen Center
2839 E. 3rd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90033

CANNDU

4th Friday
Estelle Van Meter Center
Senior Ctr.
606 E. 76th St
Los Angeles, CA 90001

Canoga Park

Last Wednesday
Canoga Park Community Center
7248 Owensmouth St.
Canoga Park, CA 91303

Central Alameda

2nd Saturday
New Harvest Church
1374 E. 41st St.
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Central Hollywood

4th Monday
Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall
6501 Fountain Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90731

Central San Pedro

2nd Tuesday
Port of Los Angeles High School
250 W. 5th St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Chatsworth

1st Wednesday
Lawrence Middle School
10100 Variel Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Coastal San Pedro

3rd Monday
Cabrillo Marina Community Bldg.
Cabrillo plaza Berth 28
San Pedro, CA 90731

Del Rey

2nd Thursday
Courtyard By Marriott
13480 Maxella Ave.
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Downtown Los Angeles

2nd Tuesday
Water and Power Cafeteria
111 N. Hope St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Eagle Rock

1st Tuesday
Eagle Rock Public Library
5027 Casper Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90041

East Hollywood

3rd Monday
LA City College Faculty Lounge
855 N Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA

Elysian Valley Riverside

3rd Thursday
Elysian Valley United
2812 Newell St.
LA 90039

Empowerment Congress Central

4th Monday
Amistad Plaza Appt. Community Rm.
6050 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90047

Empowerment Congress North

1st Thursday
2980 S. Menlo Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Empowerment Congress Southeast

4th Tuesday
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Empowerment Congress Southwest

3rd Monday
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Empowerment Congress West

2nd Monday
Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
3650 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Encino

4th Wednesday
Encino Community Center
4935 Balboa Blvd.
Encino, CA 91316

Foothills Trails District

3rd Thursday
Lake View Terrace
Rec Center

Glassell Park

2nd Monday
Glassell Park Community Center
3750 Verdugo Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Granada Hills North

Last Monday
Van Gogh Elementary School
17160 Van Gogh St.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Granada Hills South

2nd Thursday
First Baptist Church
11011 Hayvenhurst Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Greater Cypress Park

3rd Tuesday
Aragon Elementary School
Auditorium
1118 Aragon Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Greater Echo Park Elysian

4th Tuesday
St. Paul Cathedral Center,
Grand Hall
840 N. Echo Park Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Greater Griffith Park

3rd Tuesday
Los Feliz Community Police Center
1965 Hillhurst Ave. 2nd Fl.
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Greater Toluca Lake

3rd Tuesday
Toluca Lake Elementary School
Auditorium
4840 Cahuenga Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Greater Valley Glen

1st Monday
Valley College Cafeteria/Conf. Rm.
5800 Fulton Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 91401

Greater Wilshire

2nd Wednesday
(odd numbered months)
Wilshire Ebell Theatre
743 S. Lucerne Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Harbor City

3rd Wednesday
Harbor City/Harbor Gateway
Library
24000 Western Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710

Harbor Gateway North

4th Tuesday
135th St. Elementary School
801 W. 135th St.
Gardena, CA 90247

Harbor Gateway South

2nd Thursday
Halldale Ave. School Auditorium
21514 Halldale Ave.
Torrance, CA 90501

Historic Cultural

2nd Tuesday
Hellman Qoun Bldg.
114 E. Paseo De La Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Historic Highland Park

1st and 3rd Thursdays
Franklin High School
820 N. Ave. 54
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Hollywood Hills West

Location varies, check website
<http://www.hhwnc.com>

Hollywood Studio District

2nd Monday
Hollywood Forever Cemetery
Historic Chapel
6000 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Hollywood United

3rd Monday
First Presbyterian Church
6054 Yucca St.
Hollywood, CA 90028

LA-32

1st Wednesday
El Sereno Senior Center
4818 Klamath Place
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Lake Balboa

1st Wednesday
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Lincoln Heights

1st & 3rd Thursday
3501 N. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90031

MacArthur Park

1st Wednesday
The Seven Maples Community
Room
2618 W. 7th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Mar Vista

2nd Tuesday
Mar Vista Recreation Ctr.
Auditorium
11430 Woodbine St.
Mar Vista, CA 90066

Mid City

2nd Monday
First Presbyterian Church
1809 West Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Mid City West

2nd Tuesday
National Council of Jewish Women
543 N. Fairfax Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Mid-Town North Hollywood

2nd Wednesday
Sendak Elementary School
11414 Tiara St.
North Hollywood, CA 91607

Mission Hills

2nd Tuesday
San Jose Street Elementary
School
14928 Cylmer St.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

NC Valley Village

4th Wednesday
Colfax Elementary School
11724 Addison St.
North Hollywood, CA 91607

NC Westchester/Playa

1st Tuesday
Westchester Municipal Bldg.
Council Community Room
7166 W. Manchester Ave.
Westchester, CA 90045

North Hills East

1st Monday
Penny Lane Center
Rainbow Room
15314 Rayen St
North Hills, CA 91343

North Hills West

1st & 3rd Wednesday
The Veterans Admin. Facility,
Bldg. 22
16111 Plummer St.
North Hills, CA 91343

North Hollywood North East

2nd Thursday
Senior Park Plaza Apts. Rec. Room
6755 Rhodes Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91606

North Hollywood West

4th Wednesday
Saticoy Elementary, odd months
7850 Ethel Ave
North Hollywood, CA 91605
Coldwater Elementary, even mths
6850 Coldwater Canyon Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91605

Northridge East

3rd Wednesday
Northridge Academy High School
9601 Zelzah Avenue
Northridge, CA 91325

Northridge West

3rd Tuesday
Mid-Valley Regional Branch
Library
16244 Nordhoff Street
North Hills, 91343

Northwest San Pedro

2nd Monday
Peck Park Auditorium
560 N. Western Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90732

Olympic Park

1st Monday
LAPD West Bureau Community
Room
4849 Venice Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90018

P.I.C.O.

2nd Wednesday
Tom Bradley Center
5213 W. Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Pacoima

3rd Wednesday
Pacoima Community Center
11243 Glenoaks Blvd.
Pacoima, CA 91331

Palms

1st Wednesday
Iman Cultural Center
3376 Motor Ave.
Palms, CA 90034

Panorama City

4th Thursday
Mission Community Hospital
Medical Office, 2nd Floor
14860 Roscoe Blvd.
Panorama City, CA 91402

Park Mesa Heights

2nd Saturday
Angeles Mesa Elementary
Auditorium
2611 W. 52nd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Pico Union

1st Monday
Pico Union Villa
1200 South Union Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Porter Ranch

1st Tuesday
Shepard of the Hills
19700 Rinaldi St.
Porter Ranch, CA 91326

Rampart Village

3rd Tuesday Path
340 N. Madison Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90004

Reseda

1st & 3rd Monday
Canoas Banquet Hall
18136 Sherman Way
Reseda, CA 91335

Sherman Oaks

2nd Monday
Sherman Oaks Elementary School
14755 Greenleaf St.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Silver Lake

1st Wednesday
Micheltorena Street Elementary
School
1511 Micheltorena St.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

South Central

3rd Saturday
(odd numbered months)
Centro Cultural Francisco Villa
2100 Maple Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90011

South Robertson

2nd Wednesday
Palm Fellowship Hall
2908 Robertson Place
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Studio City

3rd Wednesday
Editorial Bldg. 2, Room 6
4024 Radford Ave.
Studio City, CA 91604

Sun Valley Area

2nd Tuesday
Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale St.
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Sunland-Tujunga

2nd Wednesday
North Valley City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA 91042

Sylmar

4th Thursday
Location varies, check website
sylmarneighborhoodcouncil.org

Tarzana

4th Tuesday
Tarzana Elementary School
5726 Topeka Dr.
Tarzana, CA 91357

United Neighborhoods

1st Thursday
Council District 10 Field Office
1819 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Van Nuys

2nd Wednesday
Marvin Braude Constituent Center
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Venice

3rd Tuesday
Westminster Elementary
Auditorium
1010 Abbott Kinney Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

Voices of 90037

2nd Wednesday
Normandie Ave. Elementary
4505 S. Raymond Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Watts

2nd Tuesday
Watts Senior Citizen Center
1657 E. Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90002

West Adams

3rd Monday
Delta Sigma Theta Senior Center
2528 West Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

West Hills

1st Wednesday
Chaminade College
Preparatory High School
7500 Chaminade Ave
West Hills, CA 91304

West Los Angeles

2nd Wednesday
Felicia Mahood Community Center
11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Westlake North

2nd & 4th Thursday
Central City Neighborhood
Partners
501 S. Bixel St., 2nd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Westlake South

4th Tuesday
Westlake Plumbing & Hardware
1810 W. James M. Wood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Westside

2nd Thursday
Westside Pavilion
10800 W. Pico Blvd., Room A
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Westwood

2nd Wednesday
Westwood Presbyterian Church
Hoffman Hall
10822 Wilshire Boulevard,
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Wilmington

4th Wednesday
Wilmington Senior Center
1371 Eubank Ave.
Wilmington, CA 90744

Wilshire Center-Koreatown

2nd Thursday
Central Plaza
3450 Wilshire Blvd. #1114
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Winnetka

2nd Tuesday
Valley Village Center
20830 Sherman Way
Winnetka, CA 91306

Woodland Hills-Warner Center

2nd Wednesday
Parkman Elementary School
20800 Burbank Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367