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## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Saturday, July 14, 2018 2:00 PM  
Laguna Senior Apts., 4201 Sunset Blvd.  
Street parking, Metro 2,4, no secure bike parking

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- A. Call to order – Barbara Ringuette & David Valdez called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM
- B. Committee roll call – Nina Sorkin, David Valdez and Barbara Ringuette

#### 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

#### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- A. Review and Adoption of Minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting – Amended to add a proposed item for discussion - a possible Town Hall in advance of the November election; minutes approved unanimously.

#### 4. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

A. Motion to support the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated March 2018 and to approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement to include the 10 recommendations listed on pages 2 and 3 or Council File: 18-0600. Link to the White Paper: <http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2018-White-Paper-complete.pdf> - David moved, Barbara seconded; passed 3-0 to support all 10 recommendations of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates with these modifications:

#1 Town Hall meetings be accessible and held on weekends or during day time hours.

#2 Labor contracts or other agreements be revenue neutral as to proprietary Departments (DWP, Harbor and Airports) as well.

#6 Results of repairs to streets and sidewalks by private contractors and by City-staffed crews be compared and evaluated by a neutral third party.

#10 Procedures to appoint an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability must ensure both transparency and accountability.

- B. Motion to support the Mayor and the City Council for the reunification of children separated from their parents and a demand that the federal government immediately prioritize the reunification of children with their families...to support the Mayor's efforts and those of advocacy groups to monitor this situation and to ensure every child is reunited with his/her family as soon as possible...to support the use of legal aid through the LA Justice Fund in this effort. Further, to file a Community Impact Statement in support of the Keep Families Together Act S3036 (Feinstein) which is addressed in Council File 18-0002-S76 and related files 18-0002-78, 18-0002-79 and 18-0002-82. – David moved, Nina seconded; passed 3-0.



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5. Motion to support Councilmember David Ryu's motion and 12 recommendations regarding Neighborhood Councils and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File: 18-0467. Link to the motion: [clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0467\\_mot\\_05-25-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0467_mot_05-25-2018.pdf) - David moved, Barbara seconded; passed 3-0 to support Councilmember Ryu's motion and recommendations with these modifications:

#2 The Definition of Stakeholder in the By Laws of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council can be used as a model. Further, that individual Neighborhood Councils (NC) have the option of additional clarification in their NC By Laws.

#3 Clarification is needed - that the election of Board Members to vacant seats be by election of the current Board Members.

#4 We are not in favor of the proposed one-time review process out of concern that it could take away some of the independence Neighborhood Councils are founded on. NCs want the best person for each Board position. We have concern that a requirement for stakeholder types could make difficult filling vacant positions. At the same time we strongly agree that all Neighborhood Councils should be guided to ensure diversity.

#5 We recommend a uniform age of 16 years keeping in mind that 18 years is a requirement for voting on support for projects applying for a conditional use permit to sell alcohol. We understand the significance of providing experience and participation in community issues and providing a focus on youth development. However, youth of a younger age do not have the capacity or the experience to vote on complex community matters.

#7 We are not in favor of rolling over funds from one fiscal year to the next. If NCs are aware of the needs in their community, they will spend all their \$42,000.

#8 We are not in favor of NCs accepting in-kind or monetary donations. This proposal would raise questions of equity among neighborhood councils. Also, there is the potential of ethical concerns such as contributions from developers seeking NC support for their projects.

**6. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. Election awareness campaign - partner with other organizations or NCs, Griffith Park Adult Community Center Group,(GPACC), League of Women Voters, David Bonner from GPACC (Nina), confirm last day to register.

**7. ADJOURNMENT 3:55 PM**