

Grievance #256

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Grievance Form

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regarding your Grievance. Your concerns are important to us. Please fill out this form as completely as possible to help expedite our determination. Please be aware that the information you are submitting is subject to the California Public Records Act.

We will NOT be able to respond to your Grievance unless you provide a valid email or mailing address. Please note that once you click Save at the upper right corner, your Grievance will be submitted.

All witness statements must be attached on this form.

The Department will not process more than three Grievance Forms filed by the same person in any calendar year and no more than five Grievance Forms filed by the same individual in any three year period. All Grievances submitted through this portal are considered processed.

First Name Selena
Last Name Inouye
Please identify your role within the Neighborhood Council system: Board Member

Phone Number [REDACTED]
Email Address Selena.Inouye@marvista.org

Mailing Address [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California 90066

Neighborhood Council Mar Vista
Neighborhood Council Bylaws

Specific Violation Alleged

Failure to indicate the nature of your alleged Grievance will result in the dismissal of your Grievance.

- Neighborhood Council Bylaw**
- | Article Number | Section |
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| Article V, Governing Board, Section 8: Censure | Article XIV, Compliance, Section 1: Code of Conduct |
- Los Angeles Administrative Code**
- Plan for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils**
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy**
- Please state Policy below**
- The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy - Policy Number 2014-2 – Adopted 10-4-16
- <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NEIGHBORHOOD-COUNCIL-BOARD-MEMBER-CODE-OF-CONDUCT-POLICY.pdf>
- Department Policy**
- * - Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils.**

Date of Alleged Violation

09-08-20

A Grievance must be filed within 30 days from the date of the event giving rise to the Grievance. Any Grievance alleging a violation relating to Neighborhood Council funding must be filed within 90 calendar days of the date the expenditure is made.

Please specify the exact rule and explain the facts of the alleged violation.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the file size, I was unable to upload the .mp4 files of the Zoom meeting videos. You can find links to these videos under heading REFERENCE MATERIALS.

This grievance asserts that, when presented with a motion for censure on September 8, 2020, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) Board of Directors:

- 1) did not engage in a good-faith determination that at the July 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting held and recorded on Zoom
 - a) a member engaged in conduct contrary to the Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy, the The Code of Conduct of the Mar Vista Community Council and the MVCC Bylaws and Standing Rules, and
 - b) a member engaged in conduct that impeded the orderly business of Board operations, and

2) did not place said Board member on notice of misconduct and provide the Board member with an opportunity to correct the misconduct.

Furthermore, as an independent, self-governing and self-directed certified Neighborhood Council, on September 8, 2020 the MVCC as a body failed to publicly demonstrate that it upholds and follows its own bylaws, standing rules and policies, as well as the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.

When a Board member engages in inappropriate behavior, it's a reflection on the entire Board. When evidence of misconduct is presented, the entire Board of Directors has both an obligation and responsibility to investigate, take action, and communicate the results to the stakeholders.

Board members should be held to a higher standard because they hold positions of greater responsibility in the community. While it is common for Board members to develop camaraderie and friendships, it is not permissible to let these personal relationships get in the way of the business of the MVCC. At the September 8, 2020 MVCC Board meeting, it appears that Board members held their personal relationships with a Board member over the best interests of those they are elected to serve.

The result of their inability or unwillingness to address a Board member's inappropriate behavior and unwise choices has negative consequences for the entire Board, its volunteers, participants and stakeholders. And when those in the community perceive the actions of the entire MVCC Board as questionable, it gives the appearance of impropriety.

If the MVCC does not follow their own bylaws and other applicable ordinances, policies and regulations, then a situation is created where individual Board members, as well as the entire Board, could become subject to legal action. Misconduct by Board members, and inaction by the Board as a whole to address it, undermines the authority of the MVCC and gives the appearance that Board Directors are simply meddling in the affairs of stakeholders and the community.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

1) Link to the recording of the July 14, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting

https://zoom.us/rec/play/CQ-Kf05xfqizrA-faSVUoqfHbJimSzTLVMnw7hN_5R9xdiQabFpCH6xr8xeN13wLN938MOgHTvWUB3dM.LGvqAM9_MTedkkEr

Discussion on agenda item 10.3 Committee Appointments for FY2020‐2021 that leads into to the incident begins at 01:12:00.

2) Link to the agenda of the July 14, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting:

<https://www.marvista.org/docs/34485871-11041.pdf>

3) Link to the July 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting supplemental meeting materials for agenda item 10.3 Committee Appointments for FY2020‐2021:

<https://www.marvista.org/docs/34485871-11081.pdf>

4) Link to the recording of the September 8, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/EoW5OPoon-G4M_TpnsHojUvODchj_NNa9CqqrXobVzKxWxpsIT3p3MNHnpUJBeKweCdLpxHW6oGOfZQE.YMSwKrp5P1O_dUgN

Motion of censure is heard beginning at the 00:55:00 mark.

5) Link to the agenda of the September 8, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting:

<https://www.marvista.org/docs/34486123-11246.pdf>

4) Link to the motion of censure in the September 8, 2020 Board of Directors meeting supplemental meeting materials:

<https://www.marvista.org/docs/34486123-11242.pdf>

NOTE: Ms. Shure's statement in the supplemental materials has been redacted. To hear Ms. Shure's entire statement, which she gave as her First Vice Chair's report at the August 11, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting, please use this link:

https://zoom.us/rec/play/8Bw7AjuV5XeXTsMkFtrv1DpUvLmH9HS2ha2NTf9EERq_1RUBGBmvKn06mpMgapgNbHbUjkKmu8vhtP-m.wCmuF_dDu0GHlYd1

The First Vice Chair's report begins at 01:01:18.

1) The Mar Vista Community Council Bylaws (latest version approved approved by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on June 23, 20)

<https://www.marvista.org/productphotos/Mar%20Vista%20CC%20Bylaws%20-%20Approved%2007.28.2020.pdf>

Article V, Governing Board, Section 8: Censure (page 7):

The purpose of the censure process is to place a Board member on notice of misconduct and to provide the Board member with an opportunity to correct the misconduct. The Neighborhood Council ("Neighborhood Council") may censure any Board member at a regular or special meeting open to the public following a good-faith determination by the Neighborhood Council Board that the member has engaged in conduct that is contrary to rules and regulations applicable to the Board or that impedes the orderly business of Board operations. Grounds for censure include, but are not limited to, persistent disruptive conduct at meetings, violations or abuses of the Board's bylaws or rules, violations of the Code of Conduct, acting on behalf of the Board without authorization, and misuse or abuse of the censure or removal process by acting in bad faith.

Article XIV, Compliance, Section 1: Code of Conduct (page 19):

The MVCC shall abide by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy and the MVCC Code of Conduct. Violation of the Code of Conduct by a Director or Committee Chair(s) may result in Censure or Removal. The MVCC shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney before any removal process.

2) The Code of Conduct of the Mar Vista Community Council, POL#2019‐003, (approved by MVCC Board of Directors on August 13, 2019)

<https://www.marvista.org/productphotos/MVCC%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20Policy%20-%20August,%202019.pdf>

3) The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy - Policy Number 2014-2 – Adopted 10-4-16

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Remedy

There are various remedies available. Please select from the list below the remedy OR remedies you are seeking. Please be advised that the Department has sole discretion in determining whether your remedy conforms with your Grievance.

From the list below, which remedy or remedies are you seeking?

- 1) Warning to the Neighborhood Council board, individual board member, or, members.
- 2) Required corrective action of the Neighborhood Council.
- 3) Mandated training for the Neighborhood Council, individual board member, or, members.
- 4) Required mediation for the Neighborhood Council board, individual board member, or, members.
- 5) Suspension of Neighborhood Council board until mandated trainings are taken by board, board member, or, members.
- 6) Temporary suspension of Neighborhood Council Funding.
- 7) Placement of the Neighborhood Council board under control and supervision of the Department.
- 8) Suspension of individual board member or members.
- 9) Initiation of de-certification process or process to declare board seats vacant.

Please state why you are seeking the above mentioned remedy or remedies.

During the July 14, 2020 Board meeting, per Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition:

- a) the Board Chair could have called the Board member misbehaving to order and remind them of the proper rules of debate.
- b) when the behavior persisted, the Chair could have named the member
- c) any Board member could have made a motion proposing a penalty to impose on the named member, including:
- a motion that the member must apologize
 - a motion that the member must leave the remainder of the meeting
 - a motion to suspend the member's rights for a designated period of time

After the July 14, 2020 Board meeting, corrective action could have been taken by the named Board member, including a conversation, an apology and/or an invitation to a mediation session.

Given all these missed opportunities to address the misconduct during and immediately following the July 14, 2020 Board meeting, it seems the MVCC requires direct intervention by DONE staff to get on the right track. The objective would be for DONE to closely supervise the MVCC to assess the situation, create a plan of corrective action and supervise its implementation.

Witness Information

ALL of your Witness information and Witness Statement needs to be included at this time. The Department will ONLY accept and review Witness information included at time of submission. You can find the Witness Statement form [here](#).

Witness 1 Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Witness Statement

Witness 2 Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Witness Statement

Witness 3 Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Witness Statement

If no witness, please check this box

Supporting Documents

Before submitting, please include ALL supporting documentation HERE. The Department will ONLY process and review materials included at time of submission.

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MVCC agendas and supplemental materials.pdf

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing this form.

Selena Inouye

To SUBMIT, please click "Save" on top right corner.

Status	Staff	Initial Status	Notes	Response	Panel Determination	Date Closed
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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Selena Inouye

Neighborhood Council: Mar Vista Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 256

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw; Article V: Section 8: Censure; Article XIV, Compliance Section 1: Code of Conduct.

Date Received: October 8, 2020

Date of Department Review: October 13, 2020

GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The Department reviews all Grievances to determine whether the Grievance conforms to the Grievance Policy. Upon a determination that a Grievance conforms to the Policy, the Department certifies the Grievance and notifies the affected Neighborhood Council that the Grievance may proceed through the Grievance process established herein. The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance has merit, a notification is sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the suggested remedy.

Dear, Ms. Inouye:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council on October 8, 2020. The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

1. "The Board of Directors did not engage in a good-faith determination at the July 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting held and recorded on Zoom; a member engaged in conduct that impeded the orderly business of Board operations, and did not place said Board member on notice of misconduct and provide the Board member with an opportunity to correct the misconduct."

RESPONSE: The allegations above are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The Neighborhood Council will be made aware of this matter and pursuant to the Grievance Process Policy; the grievance will bypass consideration by the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council Board. The Department will convene a Regional Grievance Panel and forward the grievance to a Regional Grievance Panel for consideration.

Notices related to your grievance will be sent to you via email to the email address that you provided to us in your grievance,

Thank you for bringing this issue to the Department's attention. I hope the Department's description of the Neighborhood Council's Grievance process of the rules provides clarification of the circumstances in question.

Respectfully,



Mar Vista Community Council



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

<http://www.marvista.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Zoom Electronic Meeting

Webinar ID 946 5647 6371

<https://zoom.us/j/94656476371> or

Join by Phone [\(720\) 707-2699](tel:7207072699) Meeting ID: 946 5647 6371
for instructions on how to join, see <https://bit.ly/2yhhvGS>

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum
3. **Community Memorial Observations**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda**
6. **Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest** - Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.
7. **Adoption of the Agenda**
8. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of minutes for prior meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors (June 9th, June 12th, and June 25th)
9. **Reports**
 - 9.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports** – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments
 - 9.2. **Officer Reports**
 - Chair – Elliot Hanna
 - First Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure
 - Second Vice-Chair – Christine Stemar
 - Secretary – Mary Hruska
 - Treasurer – Holly Tilson
 - 9.3. **Zone Director Reports**
 - Zone 1 – Stacy Shure
 - Zone 2 – Martin Rubin
 - Zone 3 – Mary Hruska
 - Zone 4 – Rob Watkins, M.D.
 - Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
 - 9.4. **Committee Reports** – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees including the Outreach Quarterly Report.
10. **Special Orders**
 - 10.1. **Affirmation of Revised MVCC Bylaws** – Reading and final approval of the revised MVCC Bylaws as approved by the MVCC Board of Directors and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - 10.2. **Announcement of BoD Vacancies** – Announcement of one Zone 7 and one At-Large vacancy as provided in Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws of the Mar Vista Community Council as approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on June 23, 2020.

- 10.3. Committee Appointments for FY2020-2021** – Approval of committee and other appointments for FY2020-2021.
- 11. Consent Calendar**
- 11.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][TILSON] Approval of FY2020-2021 Administrative Packet Corrections** – Discussion and possible action regarding corrections to the FY2020-2021 Administrative Packet including appointing Elliot Hanna as Second Signer and Stacy Shure as Alternate Signer.
 - 11.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report** – Discussion and possible action regarding the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s).
 - 11.3. [FUNDING][EXFIN] Board Member Reimbursement** – Approval of a reimbursement, in the amount of \$49.34, to Kathryn Wheeler for outreach expenses.
 - 11.4. [FUNDING][EXFIN] Appropriation for Survey Monkey** – Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$400.00, for SurveyMonkey.
 - 11.5. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] FY2020-2021 Budget Adjustments** – Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to the FY2020-2021 budget).
 - 11.6. [FUNDING][EXFIN] Appropriation for Advertising in MVNA Newsletters** – Discussion and possible action regarding an appropriation, not to exceed \$150.00, for advertising in MVNA newsletters
 - 11.7. [FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for PLUM Door Hangers** – Approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$685.38, for labels, delivery services, and other expenses related to PLUM door hangers.
 - 11.8. [FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for Business Card Redesign** – Approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$120.00, for business card design services.
 - 11.9. [FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for Storage-Related Items** – Approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$357.00, for items related to sorting MVCC property at the Mar Vista Recreation Center.
 - 11.10. [POLICY][PLUM] CUB for 12701 Venice Blvd.** – Approval of CUB #ZA-2018-4776-CUN-ZV for on-site sale of beer and high-end sake for Tortoise and a zone variance to make non-conforming use (retail since the early-1940s) conforming.
 - 11.11. [POLICY][SHURE] WRAC Foundational Platform** – Approval of the foundational platform for the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils.
 - 11.12. [POLICY][SHURE] Support of WRAC Policy Statement Concerning L.A. City Budget Priorities** – Approval of the WRAC support of a city budget that prioritizes crime prevention and social services, supports substantial reform efforts within L.A.P.D. and a reassessment of its priorities, and a budget that addresses social, housing, and economic inequalities.
 - 11.13. [POLICY][SHURE] Support of WRAC Land-Use Statement** – Action regarding recommendation of a postponement of action on the “Atkins Housing Package” of bills.
- 12. Excluded Consent Items**
- 13. Unfinished Business and General Orders - None**
- 14. New Business**
- 14.1. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Affordable Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities** – Discussion and possible action on a request to the Dept of City Planning to increase the required per cent of affordable housing in Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Density Bonus projects in Mar Vista, to 60%, as permitted by the TOC ordinance.
 - 14.2. [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project** – Discussion and possible action regarding a request that money budgeted for the Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project be used to install the long awaited Venice Blvd. Gateway Sign, install the Great Streets Venice Blvd. Mosaic Hopscotch at the Mar Vista Library and fix the Grand View Blvd./Pacific Ave. Pavement Mural.
 - 14.3. [POLICY][T&I] Letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority** - Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to be sent to Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) regarding a) Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit, b) a request to postpone the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan for at least a year, and c) the NextGen Bus Service Proposal.
 - 14.4. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [T&I] Stakeholder Town Hall Regarding the TreePeople Watertalks Program** - Discussion and possible action regarding hosting a joint MVCC and TreePeople Virtual Town Hall via Zoom on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - 14.5. [POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Telecommuting** - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council Files CF 20-0584 (Ryu/Koretz) (link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0584>) and CF 20-0498 (O'Farrell/Martinez) (link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0498>) which both request feasibility studies for new initiatives regarding telecommuting.

- 14.6. [POLICY][T&I] **Community Impact Statement Regarding Making Slow Streets Permanent** - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council File CF 20-0838 (Ryu) which asks for a feasibility study on making Slow Streets Initiative permanent. (link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0838>)
- 14.7. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EACC] **Collaboration with the Mar Vista Recreation Center Regarding the “Mar Vista Menagerie”** – Discussion and possible action regarding partnering with the Mar Vista Recreation Center on the “Mar Vista Menagerie.”
- 14.8. [POLICY][WATKINS] **Community Impact Statement Regarding Humane Policing and Equal Justice** - Discussion and possible action regarding Community Impact Statement regarding support for H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7120/text?r=1>)

15. Adjournment

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- * **PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – *The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.*
 - * **PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** - MVCC agendas are posted for public review at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066. Subscribe to our agendas via email through L.A. City’s Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/subscriptions> or via at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>
 - * **THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT** - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities, including sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting chair@marvista.org.
 - * **PUBLIC OBSERVATION AND COMMENT** – Any member of the public may observe all or part of the meeting by following the link toward the top of this agenda. Members of the public may participate during general “Public Comment” or during the public comment period on any agenda item. Participants may signal their intent to speak and will be recognized by the Chair.
 - * **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION** - Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a chair@marvista.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.
 - * **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact secretary@marvista.org.
 - * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on MVCC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.

Mar Vista Community Council Committee Appointments

FY2020 – 2021

July 14, 2020

(01.01) Elections & Bylaws

Chair – Martin Rubin (martin.rubin@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Vice-Chair – Holly Tilson (holly.tilson@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.02) PLUM

Chair – Stacy Shure (stacy.shure@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

~~Vice-Chair – Ken Alpern (ken.alpern@marvista.org) [DELETED]~~

Vice-Chair – Neil Kritzinger [REDACTED] [ADDED]

(01.02.01) Community Plan

Chair – Mary Hruska (mary.hruska@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Vice-Chair – Ashley Zeldin [REDACTED] [ADDED]

(01.02.02) Renters'

Co-Chair – Tyler Laferriere (tyler.laferriere@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Co-Chair – Annie Bickerton (annie.bickerton@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.03) Public Health & Safety

Chair – Christine Stemar (Christine.stemar@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Vice-Chair – Tim Hui [REDACTED] [ADDED]

(01.03.01) Homeless Issues

Chair – Rob Watkins [REDACTED] [UNCHANGED]

Vice-Chair – Renee Sabshin [REDACTED] [UNCHANGED]

(01.03.02) Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair – Carl Ginsburg (carl.ginsburg@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Co-Chair – Tyler Proctor – [REDACTED] [ADDED]

(01.03.03) COVID-19 Ad Hoc

Chair – Selena Inouye (selena.inouye@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Vice-Chair – Andrea Ambriz (andrea.ambriz@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.04) Education, Arts, & Culture

Chair – Gabriel Hill (gabriel.hill@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

First Vice-Chair – Pamula Solar (pamula.solar@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Second Vice-Chair – Dana Christensen [REDACTED] [ADDED]

(01.05) Executive and Finance

Chair – Elliot Hanna (elliott.hanna@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure (stacy.shure@marvista.org) [ADDED]

(01.06) Transportation & Infrastructure

Chair – Ken Alpern (ken.alpern@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

~~First Vice-Chair – Selena Inouye (selena.inouye@marvista.org) [DELETED]~~

~~Second Vice-Chair – Andrea Ambriz (andrea.ambriz@marvista.org) [DELETED]~~

Vice-Chair – Michelle Krupkin [REDACTED] [ADDED]

(01.06.01) Mobility

Chair – Rob Kadota (rob.kadota@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

*Denotes a committee that is a non-MVCC committee and is not subject to its rules.

**Mar Vista Community Council Committee Appointments
FY2020 – 2021
July 14, 2020**

(01.06.02) Great Streets

Chair – Michelle Krupkin [REDACTED] [UNCHANGED]

(01.06.03) MVCC/CD11/LADOT Transportation*

Chair – Albert Olson (albert.olson@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.07) Outreach

Chair – Kathryn Wheeler (kathryn.wheeler@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.08) WRAC*

Primary – Elliot Hanna (elliott.hanna@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Alternate – Stacy Shure (stacy.shure@marvista.org) [ADDED]

(01.09) LUPC*

Primary – Stacy Shure (stacy.shure@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Alternate – Mary Hruska (mary.hruska@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.10) Budget Advocates*

Primary – Christine Stemar (christine.stemar@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Alternate – Holly Tilson (holly.tilson@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.11) Sustainability Alliance*

Primary – Stacy Shure (stacy.shure@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

Alternate – Mary Hruska (mary.hruska@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

(01.12) StreetsLA Advisory Council*

Primary – Selena Inouye (selena.inouye@marvista.org) [UNCHANGED]

*Denotes a committee that is a non-MVCC committee and is not subject to its rules.

From: Annie Bickerton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Elliot Hanna
Cc: Tyler Laferriere
Subject: Leadership Application

Hi Elliot,

Please consider this email my official request to be considered for cochair of RES again.

I believe Tyler has sent you a longer email about this, but after discussion about some of the challenges this year and important opportunities to create more value for renters in the community in light of the pandemic, we both agreed that we will be more successful if RES could operate independently as its own committee rather than as a subcommittee to outreach. I hope you will consider that option as we plan for the year ahead.

Best,

Annie Bickerton

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[REDACTED]

From: Ashley Zeldin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:22 PM
To: elliot.hanna@marvista.org
Subject: MVCC Committees

Hi Elliot,

I saw in an email last week from Martin Rubin to the North Westdale Neighborhood Association that the Mar Vista Community Council is reconfiguring its committees for the coming year.

I've thought long and hard about whether I should attempt to get involved again with MVCC committees in a leadership capacity. I hope you're aware that I've remained a present and engaged stakeholder, attending not only MVCC Board of Directors meetings but also meetings of various MVCC committees and subcommittees (by my count I've attended meetings of Community Plan, Education, Arts and Culture, Elections & Bylaws, Great Streets, Planning & Land Use Management, Outreach, Renters' Engagement, Transportation & Infrastructure, and I'm sorry I wasn't able to get to more). I've appreciated the opportunity to learn a good deal about the various issues in our community as well as to observe the way committees collectively work with the MVCC to enact positive change.

Admittedly, I had reached out to some MVCC board members to gauge their opinion as to whether I'd be well-received in trying to get involved more formally on a committee again. All encouraged me to give it a go. That said, I still didn't email you about a committee appointment as I don't quite know where I fit in and I don't want to step on any toes. That is, 'til now; I received a phone call asking why I hadn't, urging me to reconsider. So, I hope it's not too late.

To refresh your memory as to who I am: I'm a project manager, web developer, event organizer and writer/editor.

Last year I worked with the tech nonprofit Write/Speak/Code to organize their annual professional development conference bringing 500+ women, nonbinary and trans technologists together for three days of content, coding and community. I was responsible for organizational partnerships and communication as well as day-to-day operations, vendor relations, volunteer management, even emceeding the main stage at the event. Unfortunately COVID-19 has disrupted plans for this year's W/S/C conference.

So, since April I've been working with Annie Bickerton and Cristin Lim of Westside Friends, writing and designing content for their newsletter.

Before that I led event coordination and relationship management for the Los Angeles chapter of the International Game Developers Association--the second-largest chapter worldwide--for 5 years.

I'm dedicated to community-building in all my endeavors.

As a renter, it might make sense for me to get involved with the Renters' Engagement Subcommittee, though I've noticed that committee has met only sporadically (and been dormant for the duration of the COVID-19 shutdown).

While I still think I have valuable insight and enthusiasm to bring to the MVCC, I completely understand if you think it's best to look elsewhere in the community. I remain eager and willing to devote my energy to whatever committee might benefit from my involvement, as a stakeholder or otherwise.

Cheers,
Ashley Zeldin

mvcc.director.hanna@gmail.com

From: Solar, Pamula [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Elliot.Hanna@marvista.org
Subject: EACC

Hi Elliot,
I would be interested in Vice Chair of the EACC.(Not Co-Chair) Thanks!

Pamula Solar

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From: lotzofknotz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:16 AM
To: elliot.hanna@marvista.org
Subject: Leadership Application

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From: Tyler Proctor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:57 AM
To: elliot.hanna@marvista.org
Subject: Committee Position

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Hi Elliot,

I, Tyler Proctor, intend to apply for the office of Public Health and Safety for the Mar Vista Community Council.

I was born in 1985 in Pittsburgh, PA, and raised in the suburbs of Latrobe. Immediately following high school graduation, I immigrated to Sydney, Australia, earning a Bachelor in Music with a Major in Audio from the Australian Institute of Music. Upon graduation, I was hired to work in the mailroom at Network Ten (one of Australia's "big four" networks), where I was able to climb the corporate and creative ladder, working my way up to senior audio director by the age of 25.

I've now been an audio engineer for 15 years. To learn more about my business, please follow this link to my site [REDACTED]

After 10 years, I became a dual citizen of Australia, and two years later moved back to the US to enjoy fresh opportunities and advance my career as a post-production sound engineer. Returning with me Stateside was my Aussie wife Nikki, a dual citizen of New Zealand and the daughter of a Holocaust refugee, who is also an amazingly accomplished editor now working for Disney/ABC.

After some serious health issues and a spinal cord injury sustained in a car accident three years ago, I now spend much of my free time trying to better myself and heal naturally. Mind, body and spirit optimization is my hobby. This includes regular yoga practice, working out, saunas, cold therapy, meditation and breath work, sun worship, grounding, concocting healthy recipes, studying supplementation, gardening, and listening to great thinkers, comedians, philosophers and stoics.

My wife and I also love nothing more than a date night at the Comedy Store.

Living in Los Angeles for the past five years, my wife and I bought our first home in Mar Vista four years ago, on Venice Blvd.

At our location, there has been an ongoing tent and homeless situation for almost two years, which has been dubbed the Wasatch encampment. This encampment eventually started to spread and take over several blocks, with drug dealers and human traffickers stationed on almost every corner of our neighborhood.

Our community was no longer safe.

Before COVID, it was bad. During COVID, it got way worse and the police are now hands-off.

This issue has been put right on my front lawn.

For this reason, leading up to and during the pandemic, I successfully helped to unit my neighborhood to look out for each other.

And we have.

Our neighborhood is a lot quieter now, a whole lot safer, the drug dealers are gone — with zero thanks to our tax dollars.

It's been sad to see the government let us down so much.

Many people in the neighborhood have been telling me to run for office.

Never having imagined a career in politics, but seeing the flagrant corruption and inaction that surrounds me, I'm finding myself traveling down a path that I feel compelled to trek.

Everyone at all societal levels is being squeezed out. Those who show no virtue are being given the most freedom, while those who need the help aren't receiving it.

The so-called left and right continue to bicker and battle, while the politically correct over-liberalization allows the city of Los Angeles to turn to squalor.

Now is the time to move beyond the long-held typical constraints of partisan politics. I value real debate and nuanced conversation to find virtuous solutions that are often found in the political gray areas. Spending my 20s in Australia, I experienced how another country and government can work for its people, while allowing me to spend meaningful time seeing how America is perceived from the outside.

While we continue to slip into a new great depression, we need to find real solutions that benefit the greater good, rather than the privileged few, in this new post-pandemic world.

I look forward to hearing from you and discussing the opportunity further.

Sincerely,

Tyler

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[Redacted signature block]

"Go back to the Valley, man!" – Point Break

From: Alex Pappas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Elliot.Hanna@marvista.org
Subject: Re: MVCC

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Hi Elliot,

Just wanted to follow up and make sure you got my email since today is the deadline according to the website.Thanks!

On Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 8:57 AM Alex Pappas [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Elliot,

My name is Alexander (Alex) Pappas. I've been living in Mar Vista since May 2018. I love it here but I see a need to help, especially when it comes to safety, homelessness, and a few other issues. MV is a great micro-community with friendly people and has some great mom and pop businesses. I've made a lot of wonderful friends in MV over the past 2 years including a couple of community leaders, namely Mitch from the Art Walk and Monique also from the art walk.

I lived in Miami previously where I was very active in the community with efforts including leadership programs with the city to local activism groups, young professionals groups associated with Miami cultural landmarks, and also by using budget dollars from the companies I worked for to help fund local non profits and grassroots arts and cultural projects.

- Graduate of Leadership Miami, a program designed for young professionals to learn about city and county departments and their function while creating a community project to benefit an underserved or at-risk group
- former member of TrAC- Miami's Transportation Action Committee which pushed for better public transportation
- former member of the young professional's groups associated with MOCA Miami, ICA, Arsht Center, New World Center, and History Miami
- Helped fund non-profit ventures including O-Cinema and Borcht Film Festival

On a personal note, I have an MBA from NSU, i am a child of an immigrant father with dual citizenship, and i really enjoyed the local music scene in mar vista until there was a clampdown on it and then covid19 happened.

Let me know what else you want to know and what the next steps are to potentially join the CC.

Thank you,

Alex Pappas
[REDACTED]

From: Tyler Laferriere [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Elliot Hanna
Subject: Renters' committee co-chairship

Good afternoon, Elliot.

I hope this email finds you well.

Since we have arrived at that time of year for committee appointments, I wanted to express my interest in renewing my co-chairship of the renters' committee. I own up to the fact that Annie and I have struggled to find our footing with this committee. However, for my part, I am ready to go into this year with renewed vigor and purpose in addition to new ideas.

I do want to discuss something that has been alluded to in the past but that I think should be revisited. I would really like to see the committee become its own full committee and not under the aegis of another standing committee (Outreach, PLUM, etc.). First, I think the mandate of the committee needs to extend beyond mere engagement and outreach. As you are no doubt aware, there is a lot of renter-related legislation taking place at the state and local level which the Board could consider at least weighing in on, and a renters' committee could be the workshop for those motions. Second, I think our constituents could be best served if renters' issues did not require a bureaucratic two-step with regard to committee motions i.e. having to go from the sub-committee to the full committee and finally to the Board. In some cases, at least according to my understanding, motions would have to go to ExFin for consideration if they are spending motions. Thirdly, I think a full renters' committee would be better empowered to work with other committees, including PLUM and Outreach, when we have areas of collaboration. However, independence would allow a renters' committee to not be bound by the mandate of a parent committee.

That said, I am happy to discuss all of this and more (as necessary) further. In closing, thank you for your time and consideration, sir, and I look forward to communicating further with regard to your thoughts and next steps.

Kind regards,
Tyler

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Tyler W. Laferriere
Associate Economist, Institute of Applied Economics
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

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From: Tim Hui [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:54 PM
To: elliot.hanna@marvista.org
Subject: Mar vista community council

Hello Elliot! I am interested in being part of Th e council. As a resident of Mar Vista for 5 years, I've been active in building and participating in the neighborhood, such as performing for the art walk. I would love to be involved in organizing and helping out our neighborhood with the resources available.

I am a software engineer who is active in planning and organizing events in Mar Vista. Lately I've started a weekly walking group that meets every Friday and walks around mar vista, Venice and the west side. I am concerned about the homelessness issue and is interested in finding practical, sensible solutions. With my experience in organizing and getting people together, I believe I can be a great asset to the community.

My phone number is [REDACTED]. Let's talk soon!

Thank you!

Tim

From: Dana Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 7:37 AM
To: elliot.hanna@marvista.org
Subject: Re: Committee Position

Hi Elliot,

The phone number below is not correct, I apologize for that confusion!

My phone number is [REDACTED]. Please let me know if you need any other information from me and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Dana

On Sat, Jun 20, 2020 at 5:54 PM Dana Christensen [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Elliot,

My name is Dana Christensen and I live in Zone 5 of Mar Vista. I am interested in applying for a committee position.

I am hoping this is an opportunity to share my commitment to community support with my neighbors. Currently, I work in philanthropy with a focus on child welfare. Previously, I worked in the nonprofit field focusing on educational equity with the AmeriCorps program City Year and at the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles. While working at the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, I organized community resource fairs for families and created a county-wide reading guide for families of young children through the LA County and LA City Library Systems. Through this work, I came to see the importance of direct community advocacy and the influence of neighborhood councils on shaping our city.

I would like to take a more active role in Mar Vista to support its growth and continued betterment.

I would love the opportunity to speak with you more about this application process, the qualifications, and the responsibilities of the committees. My phone number is [REDACTED]. I look forward to connecting.

Thank you,
Dana

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[DANA CHRISTENSEN](#)

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From: vianney boutry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:53 AM
To: elliot.hanna@marvista.org
Subject: Leadership Application

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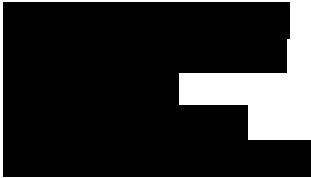
Good Morning,

I am a French architect. I have 3 children and have been living in mar vista for the last 10 years. I have always been interested in improving the walkability of the city, making it more friendly to bicycles, developing public transportation and decreasing the amount of concrete and asphalt and bring nature back to the city. Los Angeles was build on a car's scale and it is time to change it to a people's scale. I do not have a lot of free time but I can always find some for a worthy cause. I would be happy to contribute, to the extent of my abilities, to my community.

Thank you.
Best regards,

Vianney Boutry
Principal

re, Interior & Landscape





Mar Vista Community Council



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

<http://www.marvista.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7:00pm

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Zoom Electronic Meeting
Webinar ID 946 5647 6371

<https://zoom.us/j/94656476371> or

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum
3. **Community Memorial Observations**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda**
6. **Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest** - Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.
7. **Adoption of the Agenda**
8. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of minutes for prior meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors (July 14th and August 11th).
9. **Reports**
 - 9.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports** – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments.
 - 9.2. **Officer Reports**
 - Chair – Elliot Hanna
 - First Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure
 - Second Vice-Chair – Christine Stemar
 - Secretary – Mary Hruska
 - Treasurer – Holly Tilson
 - 9.3. **Zone Director Reports**
 - Zone 1 – Stacy Shure
 - Zone 2 – Martin Rubin
 - Zone 3 – Mary Hruska
 - Zone 4 – Rob Watkins, M.D.
 - Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
 - Zone 7 – Krishna Curry
 - 9.4. **Committee Reports** – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

10. Special Orders

[AMBRIZ/HILL/INOUYE/KADOTA] Censure of Board Member Stacy Shure – Discussion and action regarding a Directors’ Motion for censure of Zone 1 Director Stacy Shure under Article V, Section 8 of the “Bylaws of the MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL,” dated July 1, 2020.

11. Consent Calendar

- 11.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report** – Discussion and possible action regarding the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s).
- 11.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] FY2020-2021 Budget Adjustments** – Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to the FY2020-2021 budget).
- 11.3. [FUNDING][EXFIN] Expenditure of Encumbered Funds for Website Upgrades** - Action regarding the expenditure of *accrued* funds, not to exceed \$2,500, for upgrades to the <http://www.marvista.org> website (20200625-13.1, \$2,500).

12. Excluded Consent Items

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- 13.1. [POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Making Slow Streets Permanent** - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council File CF 20-0838 (Ryu) which asks for a feasibility study on making Slow Streets Initiative permanent. (<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0838>).
- 13.2. [POLICY][WATKINS] Community Impact Statement Regarding Humane Policing and Equal Justice** - Discussion and possible action regarding Community Impact Statement regarding support for H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7120/text?r=1>)
- 13.3. [POLICY][PLUM][RENTERS’] Renters’ Subcommittee Mission Statement** – Discussion and possible action regarding the mission statement for the Renters’ Subcommittee.
- 13.4. [POLICY][AMBRIZ/INOUYE] Support for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** – Discussion and possible action regarding support for a statement regarding MVCC's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, reference CF 20-0990.

14. New Business

- 14.1. [POLICY][T&I][PUBLIC SAFETY] Infrastructure; Open Space, Health and Safety Concerns, Mobility and Post-COVID Mobility Needs and Limitations** – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposal for purchase/lease of school parcels in Zone 1 for the creation of Open Space and a proposal for open Space creations along flood control channels for pedestrian and bike usage.
- 14.2. [POLICY][PUBLIC SAFETY][HOMELESS ISSUES] Consistent and Obvious Police Presence** – Discussion and possible action regarding a request for the Los Angeles Police Department to provide Mar Vista with a continuous and obvious police presence.
- 14.3. [POLICY][PUBLIC SAFETY][T&I] MVCC Position Regarding New Los Angeles City Sign Ordinance**– Discussion and possible action regarding MVCC’s position regarding a new Los Angeles City Sign Ordinance as recommended by the City Planning Commission in Version B+ of the proposed sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015, Council File 11-1705.
- 14.4. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Extension of Time for Draft Concepts Document** – Discussion and possible action regarding a COVID assessment and an extension of time for the draft concepts document.
- 14.5. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Calculation of Zoning and Dwelling Unit Capacity** – Discussion and possible action regarding the calculation of zoning capacity, dwelling unit capacity, and the use of those calculations in the community plan update.
- 14.6. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Additional Items for Draft Concepts Document** – Discussion and possible action regarding a list of additional items including – but not limited to – mobility, infrastructure, traffic, and open space that the Mar Vista Community Council requests be included in the draft concepts

document of the community plan update.

14.7. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Request for an Additional Input Cycle for the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan– Discussion and possible action regarding a request for an additional community presentation and feedback cycle taking into consideration additional elements pertinent to the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update including, but not limited to, mobility; infrastructure; demographics; existing and proposed zoning of the entire Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Area; the Dwelling Unit Capacity calculated for the existing and updated plans, including population estimates used; and average tenure of current renters and owners.

14.8. [POLICY][PLUM] Opposition to the Development at 2512 Centinela Avenue – Discussion and possible action regarding PLUM’s recommendation to oppose the development at 2512 Centinela Avenue.

15. Adjournment

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- * **PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.
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 - * **PUBLIC OBSERVATION AND COMMENT** – Any member of the public may observe all or part of the meeting by following the link toward the top of this agenda. Members of the public may participate during general “Public Comment” or during the public comment period on any agenda item. Participants may signal their intent to speak and will be recognized by the Chair.
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 - * **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact secretary@marvista.org.
 - * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on MVCC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.

MOTION for CENSURE

Censuring Stacy Shure, 1st Vice-Chair of Mar Vista Community Council

The [Plan for a Citywide System of the Neighborhood Councils](#) (Plan) in the City of Los Angeles (City) aims to “foster a sense of community for all people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods and their government” (Plan Article I, 6). Within the Plan, Inclusive Membership is the first official desired characteristic of Neighborhood Councils (NCs), and NCs are required to “be diverse, inclusive and open to all Community Stakeholders” (Plan Article II, 1). Additionally, NCs “must encourage all Community Stakeholders to participate in all of their activities, and may not discriminate in any of their policies, recommendations or actions against any individual or group on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner status, renter status or political affiliation” (Plan Article II, 2).

As required, all Board Members of the Mar Vista Community Council have signed a [Code of Conduct](#), in accordance with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BNC) Policy 2014-2(2), Attachment A. The Code of Conduct requires Board members to:

1. “Conduct themselves in a professional and civil manner”
2. “Treat other Board Members and members of the public with respect regardless of the other’s opinion, ethnicity, race, religion, religious belief or non-belief, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner status, renter status or political affiliation.” (Referenced as protected characteristics)
3. “Not, during meetings, functions or events engage in or threaten to engage in any physical attack on any other individual.
4. “Not use language that is threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including profanities, insults or other disparaging remarks or gestures directed toward other Board Members.”
5. “Promote and, if necessary, enforce a safe meeting environment. If other Board Members become disruptive or violate the Code of Conduct Neighborhood Council Board Members have agreed to abide by, Board Members should demand that the offending Board Member conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner.”
6. “Not engage in ‘bullying’ or harassment” as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Board Members represent their constituents and exercise their authority voluntarily during Neighborhood Council meetings. It is an expectation that Board Members attending these meetings in their capacities as elected leaders, will hold discussions on NC matters with respect, civility, and professionalism. Board members are expected to act with integrity in all NC engagements, including official Board meetings.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has established a policy for the Censure of offending NC Board members, per the [Uniform Policy for Board Member Censure](#), and created a censure process “to place a Board member on notice of misconduct and to provide the Board member with an opportunity to correct the misconduct” ([BNC Policy Number 2020-3](#)). As outlined this policy, grounds for censure include, but are not limited to, “violations or abuses of the Board’s bylaws or rules, violations of the Code of Conduct.”

Board Member Stacy Shure, current 1st Vice-Chair of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has engaged in uncivil and unprofessional behavior, and in “bullying” and “harassment” as defined by and in violation of the Code of Conduct:

- At an MVCC Board meeting held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00pm, Shure displayed obscene behavior, including profanities and disparaging remarks and gestures toward another MVCC Board Member (See video recording at https://zoom.us/rec/share/vfZnCl_c5nFJGK_t0U7eYqo5EIDYaaa8hyhNrPMPxByLpuxN6Qb5sDnNpGw6ISxW).
 - During the meeting, Shure raised her voice at a fellow Board Member, ordering the Board Member to “shut it” on at least two occasions.
 - Shure employed a vulgar physical gesture, including raising and directing a middle finger obscenity toward the same Board Member.
 - Shure also verbally mouthed insults and physically motioned for the Board Member to “suck it” while offensively inserting her index finger into her own mouth.
 - Shure repeatedly interrupted the same Board Member and interfered with the Board Member’s ability to participate in the Board discussion, stating that the Board Member “had no privilege,” and further disparagingly referenced the Board Member’s Latino ethnicity and age with hostility--protected characteristics as outlined in the Code of Conduct. This was in response to the Board Member’s comments calling for inclusion and equity, and their expressed concern to set committee appointments by the MVCC Chair and leadership.


- At an MVCC Executive and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00pm, Shure used threatening language inferring physical harm and/or inappropriate behavior.
 - During the meeting and as part of a discussion of a previous MVCC committee meeting and in reference to disruptive members of the public who attend MVCC meetings, Shure stated she efforts to “always have the baseball bat in my car, it’s really quite effective.” Shure further stated “actually, I did do this once asking ‘who’s not leaving?’ ” from a meeting.

MVCC Bylaws include a requirement that the MVCC abide by the Code of Conduct, as referenced above, and that a violation of the Code of Conduct by a Board member or Director may result in Censure or Removal” (MVCC Bylaws, Article XIV, Compliance, Section 1).

We therefore move that the Mar Vista Community Council does hereby censure Stacy Shure for having willfully violated the MVCC Bylaws and Code of Conduct, having engaged in uncivil and unprofessional, obscene gestures and profanities, and used offensive and threatening language and remarks toward other Board members.

We further move that Board Member Stacy Shure conduct herself in a respectful and civil manner, and offer corrective action for her exhibited inappropriate behavior and actions.

Signed by:


8/9/2020

 Andrea Ambriz, DATE
 At-large Director


8/9/2020

 Selena Inouye, DATE
 At-large Director


08/09/20

 Gabriel Hill, DATE
 At-large Director


8/9/2020

 Robert Kadota, DATE
 At-large Director

September 8, 2020 MVCC Board Meeting Supplemental Materials for Agenda Item 10

Item 10. [AMBRIZ / HILL / INOUE / KADOTA] **Censure of Board Member Stacy Shure** – Discussion and action regarding a Directors’ Motion for censure of Zone 1 Director Stacy Shure under Article V, Section 8 of the “Bylaws of the MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL,” dated July 1, 2020.

Motion: The Mar Vista Community Council censures Stacy Shure for violating the MVCC Bylaws and Code of Conduct.

DOCUMENTATION:

1. Video recording of MVCC Board meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Motion refers to timestamp 1:29:00 - 1:30:30; topic begins around timestamp 1:12:10.
 - https://zoom.us/rec/share/vfZnCI_c5nFJGK_t0U7eYqo5EIDYaaa8hyhNrPMPxByLpuxN6Qb5sDnNpGw6lSxW
2. Audio recording of MVCC Executive and Finance meeting, November 4, 2019 (half of meeting)
Motion refers to timestamp 0:29:10 - 0:30:36; topic begins around timestamp 0:17:00.
 - <https://soundcloud.com/user-433132385/mvccexfinnov4/s-SLZcgaJj2kA>

BACKGROUND MATERIALS:

3. Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy, Policy 2014-2(2), Empower LA
 - <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NEIGHBORHOOD-COUNCIL-BOARD-MEMBER-CODE-OF-CONDUCT-POLICY.pdf>
4. Uniform Policy For Board Member Censure, Policy 2020-3, Empower LA
 - <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/NC-Board-Member-Censure-Policy-2020-03-03.pdf>
5. Mar Vista Community Council By-laws
 - http://www.marvista.org/pdfs/Mar-Vista-CC-Bylaws_Aproved%2007-01-2020.pdf
6. *Plan For A Citywide System Of Neighborhood Councils*, Empower LA, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
 - https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Plan_Amended_12-18-131.pdf