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### REGULAR MEETING - APPROVED

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comment.

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. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

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If the CIS or Resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission’s agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative will have an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council’s formal position. In the Chair’s discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. If the CIS or Resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

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1. [6:04 PM] Introduction.
2. [6:12 PM] Call to Order and Commission Roll Call.

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Atkinson	X	
Lipmen ( <i>excused absence</i> )		X
Shaffer	X	
Darett-Quiroz		X
Wehbe	X	
Regalado	X	
Jennifer Valdivia	X	

3. [6:14 PM] Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for [10/17/22](#)

**Action:** Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 10/17/2022. Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: None. / Commission Comment: None.

VOTE	Mover	Atkinson	Second	Shaffer
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X

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Wehbe	X			
Regalado	X			
Jennifer Valdivia	X			
Total	5	0	0	2
Motion	Carries			

4. **[6:16 PM] Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments.

Public Comment: None. / Commission Comment: None.

5. **[6:17 PM] General Public Comments.** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two minutes.

If a Neighborhood Council has submitted a Neighborhood Council Resolution or Community Impact Statement on a matter that is not listed on this agenda, the designated Neighborhood Council Representative may speak during General Public Comments.

Public Comment: Cindy Cleghorn, Josh Nadel, Glenn Bailey, Sharon Brewer, Jamie York.

Commission Comment: None.

6. **[6:28 PM] Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 [Government Code Section 54953(e)].** Determination in accordance with AB 361 [Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)] that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and state or local officials have imposed recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Commission and neighborhood council board and committee members to meet safely in person and state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**Action:** Commissioner Shaffer made a motion to move findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361. [Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)]. Commissioner Atkinson seconded. Motion was approved.

Public Comment: None. / Commission Comment: None.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson

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Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe	X			
Regalado	X			
Jennifer Valdivia	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>			

a. Verbal Update on Department Recommendations to amend the Brown Act.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran wished everyone a “Happy Dia de Los Muertos” and gave update on this.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Shaffer, Commissioner Atkinson, and Commission President Regalado.

Public Comment: “Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov” (aka “Goat Puppet”), Josh Nadel, Cindy Cleghorn, Glenn Bailey.

**7. [6:49 PM] Neighborhood Council Advice Division announcement regarding Staffing.**

D.O.N.E. Representatives: Los Angeles City Attorney Elise Rudin & Los Angeles City Attorney Ruth Kwon.

City Attorney, Elise Rudin, Manager of the Neighborhood Council Advice Division related that Ruth Kwon will be leaving their division and wished her well.

City Attorney Ruth Kwon noted she will continue to work for the City, advising the relatively new Human Rights and Equity Department, and expressed thanks for GM Raquel Beltran, City Clerk Holy Walcott, the Commission led by Commission President Regalado and formerly Commission President Lipmen, every Neighborhood Council she has had the pleasure of advising, and all NC Board members for volunteering their precious time.

Commission Comment: President Regalado, Commissioner Wehbe, Commissioner Atkinson, and Commissioner Shaffer expressed their appreciation and good wishes to City Attorney Kwon.

Public Comment: Jennifer Goodie, “Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov” (aka “Goat Puppet”), Jamie York.

**8. [7:04 PM] Verbal Updates from the Office of City Clerk and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regarding the 2023 Neighborhood Council Elections.** Representatives from the Office of the City Clerk’s Neighborhood Council Election Division and the [Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#).

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Los Angeles City Clerk NC Elections Representative: Renée McDade – Ms. McDade expressed her appreciation of City Attorney Kwon, and gave an update on the 2023 NC elections. See website: [clerk.lacity.org/ncelections](http://clerk.lacity.org/ncelections) and go to the election resources link, click on Subscribe to NC updates.

D.O.N.E. Representatives: General Manager Raquel Beltran introduced Angie Aramayo, Awareness and Engagement Director, and Ann-Marie Holman, Director of Communications

Ms. Aramayo and Ms. Holman provided a detailed presentation enumerating many of D.O.N.E.'s NC election strategy goals. The link to the presentation is at [www.tiny.cc/ncengagementplan](http://www.tiny.cc/ncengagementplan). Some recommendations included to ask your N.E.A. for access to a Canva account for templates if you don't have one, and to use marketing tools such as NC's Marketing Profile available at [www.tiny.cc/ncmarketingprofile](http://www.tiny.cc/ncmarketingprofile).

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Shaffer. Questions were asked and answered.

Public Comment: "Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov" (aka "Goat Puppet") was called twice, and did not respond, Jamie York, "Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov" (aka "Goat Puppet") was called a third time and did not respond, Jennifer Goodie, "Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov" (aka "Goat Puppet") gave comment.

**9. [7:50 PM] Discussion and Possible Action Regarding EVG-Hybrid Working Group Recommendations.**

**[General Manager EVG Update](#)**

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran.

GM Beltran introduced this item, noting members of the Tech Team here include NEAs Freddy Cupen-Ames, Jose Galdamez, and Gibson Nyambura, if available, as well as EVG-Hybrid Working Group Co-chairs Lanira Murphy and Josh Nadel.

GM Beltran gave report on recommendations of the EVG-H workgroup, with some comments that this includes a request for the Commission to approve the list of NCs for possible participation of the pilot program, and a request for an opportunity to provide an opinion when the pilot program is to be administered, given the new Brown Act, specified in AB2449. This will be part of the subject of the report to City Council in **Council File 22-1070** *entitled [Neighborhood Council Meetings / EmpowerLA Virtual Governance \(EVG\) System / In-Person / Emergency Declarations](#)* that will go to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee.

Mr. Cupen-Ames shared his screen to show the report (linked above).

Co-Chairs Josh Nadel and Lanira Murphy gave their update and responded to some issues raised.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Shaffer, Commission President Regalado.

Questions were asked and answered by GM Beltran, Josh Nadel and Lanira Murphy.

Public Comment: "Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov" (aka "Goat Puppet"), Glenn Bailey, A member of this EVG workgroup, Sharon Brewer, Cindy Cleghorn, Josh Nadel.

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**Action:** Commissioner Shaffer made a motion the Commission approve the list of 14 NCs plus 7 alternates so that the conversation may begin. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

**Amendment:** Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to add: *looking at the recommendations, along with approving the attached list, that we approve sending an invitation on behalf of the BONC to these participants in the pilot program and approve hosting an informational meeting session with the approved NCs so we can discuss with them what their role would be in the pilot program* ~~and to invite the approved NCs to take board action to participate in the hybrid program~~ (struck). Commissioner Shaffer accepted all of this amendment except the last line, which is now struck. Commissioner Atkinson further added: *“to request the City Attorney provide an opinion when a pilot program could be administered given the new Brown Act requirements specified in in AB 2449, if needed at this point in time.”* Commissioner Shaffer accepted and seconded the motion.

**Motion Restated by Commission Vice-Chair Atkinson:** The recommendation is to 1) approve the attached list of NCs for participation in the EVG-hybrid pilot program and 2) to approve sending an invitation on behalf of the BONC to participate in the pilot program and approve hosting informational sessions with approved NCs. The motion passed. Motion was approved.

Ruth Kwon responded to Commissioners’ questions.

Public Comment: “Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov” (aka “Goat Puppet”), and Glenn Bailey, member of the workgroup.

VOTE	Mover	Shaffer	Second	Atkinson
Commissioner	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Atkinson	X			
Lipmen				X
Shaffer	X			
Darett-Quiroz				X
Wehbe	X			
Regalado	X			
Jennifer Valdivia			X	
Total	4	0	1	2
Motion	Carries			

GM Beltran asked how the abstentions will be treated. City Attorney Kwon noted that an abstention counts as a “yes” unless there is conflict of interest, in which case the conflict should be briefly disclosed. Commissioner Valdivia noted that she abstained because she hasn’t been with this issue until late, and reported having no conflict



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of interest, to which City Attorney Kwon confirmed that this will be memorialized as a “yes” vote. Commission President Regalado thanked everyone for the work done on this. GM Beltran thanked the Co-Chairs and Tech Team for their work and being here this evening, as well as all involved in this item.

**10. [8:48 PM] General Manager’s Verbal Report.**

Department Administration, Neighborhood Council engagement, civic leadership, innovation, policy and government, staffing and budget, City policies and governance, and exhaustive efforts.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran.

GM Beltran noted that she would be shifting from her planned report to provide a brief quarterly update on high-level aspects of the work the Department provides NCs in the area of support and oversight, and related updates for the period ending October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Public Comment: Glenn Bailey, Jennifer Goodie, “Kevin deLeon 2026 4 Gov” (aka “Goat Puppet”) had used his time; Jamie York, Sharon Brewer.

Commission Comment: None.

**11. [9:04 PM] EmpowerLA Awards Ad-Hoc Committee update –**

Commissioner Atkinson gave report on the NC awards, with Commissioner Valdivia.

D.O.N.E. Representative: General Manager Raquel Beltran.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Wehbe, and Commission President Regalado, who thanked the committee and GM Beltran for all their work.

Public Comment: Kay Hartman, Jennifer Goodie, Glenn Bailey Cindy Cleghorn.

**12. [9:27 PM] Commission Business.** Comment from Commissioners on matters within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.

- a. Brief announcements on Commissioners’ own activities.
- b. Requests for future agenda items.
- c. Ask staff to research issues and report back to the Commission at a future time.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Wehbe, Commission President Regalado, Commissioner Atkinson, and Commissioner Shaffer.

Public Comment: Lee, Jamie York, Josh Nadel.

Commission President Regalado thanked the staff, noting to the GM, how great the staff is, and adjourned the meeting at 9:49pm.

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**Future Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meetings (INFORMATION ONLY)** (*Please note: The items listed below are tentative and may be subject to change. You are encouraged to visit the City's website at [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org) to view Commission agendas and [subscribe](#) through the City's Early Notification System Subscription page to receive the Commission's agendas via email.*)

- Regular Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>
- Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>
- Regular Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041875556>

**FINALIZATION OF BOARD ACTION:**

Per City Charter Section 245, the Board's determination shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the Council during which the City Council has convened in regular session, unless the City Council acts within that timeframe by a two-thirds vote to bring the action before them or to waive review of the action.

**EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES:**

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**RECONSIDERATION:**

The Commission may make a **MOTION TO RECONSIDER** and alter its action taken on any item listed on this agenda at any time during this meeting, or make a **MOTION TO RECONSIDER** at its next regular meeting as indicated below:

If the Commission moves and approves a Motion for Reconsideration at the *initial* meeting wherein an action was taken, then the underlying item may be reconsidered at that time.

If the Commission moves and approves a Motion for Reconsideration at *the next regular meeting* then consideration of the item may *only* occur at this regularly scheduled meeting if the item for consideration has been placed on that meeting's agenda. If the underlying item for reconsideration has not been placed on the agenda for that next regular meeting, then it shall be considered at a subsequent meeting pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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