CITY OF LOS ANGELES



PACOIMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Regular Board Meeting Draft Minutes
September 20, 2023
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Pacoima Community Center
11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331



Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category	
Mikayeel Khan	Present	Yes	Home/Condo Owner Representative	
Brenda Morales	Present	No	At-Large Representative	
Anna M. Justice	Present	Yes	Home/Condo Owner Representative	
Roxanne Urquiza	Present	Yes	Youth Representative	
David Ramirez	Present	No	At-Large Representative	
Teodora Reyes	Present	No	At-Large Representative	
Fannie Long	Present	Yes	Senior Representative	
Rebecca Long	Present	Yes	At-Large Representative	
Reuben Garcia	Present	No	Retail Business Representative	
John Hernandez	Present	No	Retail Business Representative	
TOTAL: 10	PRESENT 10 ABSENT 00			

^{*}Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; **X**=expired ** Advance notice given for absence

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to order & Flag salute The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Khan.
- b. Board roll call by Secretary Urquiza.

PNC	Item 1b. Roll Call					
Present	Present -10 Absent-00					
Khan, N	Khan, Morales, Justice, Urquiza, Ramirez, Reyes, F. Long, R. Long, Garcia, Hernandez None					

2. **COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Congressional District 29 Congressman Tony Cardenas Field Deputy: Lilia Monterrosa absent
- b. Los Angeles City Council District 7 Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez Field Representative: Esther Mares reported that with the new initiative to not move the RV problem around, seven vehicles were destroyed and seven persons were housed. This proves that the program works and that it supplies crucial services to those in need and addresses the problems of RV in the community. Since the program was started in 2022, the Councilwomen has placed 83 individuals in housing and has disposed of RVs in the community. Eleven more are waiting for housing. The Councilwoman has a program called Operation Bright Spot that cleans areas that has weeds or debris. Contact the Council Office for service. Move Your Way Stret Festival will be held on September 23rd from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. September 30th will be the Tom LaBonge Day of Service from 9:00AM. The kick-off location will be the Roger Jessup Park at 12467 Osbourne Park Pacoima, CA 91331 which

- will be hosted by LA Civil Rights for All. Additional areas in the community will be cleaned. Finally, Dia De Los Muertos will be held on October 28th form noon to 8:00PM it will be a street closure event in front of Pacoima City Hall and may be the last one as the Metro is coming through in 2024. There will be food and music.
- c. Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Division: Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) Steve Nunez and Diana Figueroa-SLO Herrera was filling in for SLO Nunez until next week. SLO Figueroa reported that she is responsible for the area south side of Van Nuys Blvd and the north side of Branford Street. Crime is looking good with a slight increase in aggravated assaults and robberies. The North Hollywood Division will be hosting a catalytic converter etching event on Saturday from 9:00AM- 2:00PM. It will be held at the Church of Scientology parking lot. You can report crimes online at https://www.lapdonline.org/file-a-police-report/ Go to the website to see what crime reports you can make. If you know anyone that needs to install a child safety seat, they can make an appointment for the installation that occurs each Thursday, SLO Herrera reported that he has been at Foothill Division for five years and on the job for 17 years. They had a victim who had tracked his stolen tools with an Air tag. We have learned that if your tools get stolen, make a report so that it will make a difference. Construction workers are using Air tags to place in their tools and when those stolen tools were tracked, LAPD was able to make an arrest for possession of stolen property. While SLO Figueroa reported that aggravated assaults are up, many of the assaults involve alcohol. Usually, people stay outside longer during the summer and drink, but as fall and winter comes, they usually stay indoors and not drink so the assaults will normally go down.
- d. <u>LAPD Community Safety Partnership</u> Senior_Lead Officers (SLOs) Luis Garcia and Nancy Escober. SLO Garcia was unable to make the meeting. Officer Leo Perez reported that he is new to the unit, but has been with LAPD for 20 years. For the last two months there has only been one crime, a burglary on September 5th at San Fernando Gardens. There has been a rise in vandalism in the area. There was an incident on the 15th near Cesar Chavez and we have increased patrols so that there are no incidents in San Fernando Gardens. In regards to homelessness, they have housed two homeless families. LAPD will be offering CPR classes at the San Fernando Community Center so people can help save a life and is open to all in the community and the class is free. Email the officers for more information.
- e. <u>Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate: Joel Gonzalez Absent</u>
- f. <u>California State Assembly District 39</u> Assemblywoman Luz Rivas Field Representative: Jessica Guzman Absent
- g. LAUSD Board of Education Boardmember Kelly Gonez Field Deputy: Maria Flores Absent
- h. Office of Los Angeles Mayor: Karen Ruth Bass. Field Deputy: Michelle Vergara Absent
- i. <u>Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Third District:</u> Supervisor Lindsey Horvath Field Deputy: Savannah Portillo Absent
- j. <u>California State Senate District 20</u> Senator Caroline Menjivar. District Representative: Katherine Castrejon reported that two bills that the Senator sponsored had been signed by the governor. There are two events that will be happening. Coffee with Caroline which will take place on October 28, 2023 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM at 8720 Sunland Blvd Sun Valley, CA 91352. If you know a veteran that lives in the 20th District and would like to be nominated for Veteran of the Year, you can reach out to Andres in the Van Nuys Office at 818-901-5588. If you know anyone that needs help with any State of California Agency, call the office.
- k. Region 1 Budget Advocate: Kevin Davis <u>kevindavis1935@gmail.com</u> reported:
 Los Angeles City Budget Update
 The City entered into a new labor agreement with the Police Protective League that will increase
 - salaries of new recruits by 13% (\$384 million) over the next four years. This is known as the "2023-

27 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Police Officers, Lieutenant and Below Representation Unit (MOU 24)" and is posted in Council File 23-0862. The goal is to recruit new officers and lateral hires and retain existing officers. The impact on the current year's budget is unknown because the surpluses caused by vacancies will cover some of the costs. This labor agreement was approved by a 12-3 vote on August 23, 2023, with the opponents concerned that the police budget was crowding out other vital services for the homeless, unarmed police response teams, and infrastructure. Negotiations with civilian workers are ongoing as witnessed by the SEIU's one-day strike on August 8. The impact of a new labor agreement on this year's budget is unknown, but estimates are in the range of \$50 million for the second half of the fiscal year (January-June 2024). There will be four initiatives on the March 2024 primary ballot. While three do not impact the budget (minimum wage for private sector healthcare workers, the requirement for hotels to house the homeless if there are vacant rooms, and a cap on executive compensation for healthcare executives), the fourth, if approved by the voters, would require the City to implement the Council approved Mobility Plan 2035. The cost is unknown, but it is estimated to be substantial. The City Council is developing alternative plans. The City is also allocating \$150 million from the ULA ("mansion") tax on the sale of properties of more than \$5 million. This includes the programs for short-term emergency assistance, eviction defense, tenant outreach and education, tenant harassment, rental subsidies for senior and disabled citizens, and low-income programs, affordable housing, and bridge financing for construction projects. The strikes by the writers and actors are estimated to cost the local economy \$3 billion. The impact on the City budget is unknown. On August 18, 2023 the City Council approved 14-0 the purchase of the 204-room Mayfair Hotel, 1256 W. 7th Street in Westlake, for \$60 million and an additional \$23 million for renovations. This acquisition is to provide interim housing and support services for people experiencing homelessness; this facility was previously used for Project Room Key during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council File number is 23-0792.

Budget Advocates Activity

The Budget Advocates are in the process of forming the teams who will interview the City Departments for the next White Paper. This is an exciting opportunity to build contacts with people who are high in the hierarchies of the City Departments. You don't need to be a Budget Representative or a Board member. All Los Angeles stakeholders are eligible to work with us on this and no accounting experience is necessary. If you or know someone you know has a passion for the work of one or more City Departments, please let us know at LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com. Many of the Neighborhood Councils have responded to our requests to know who their Budget Representatives are. Thank you. We ask each Neighborhood Council to appoint two Budget Representatives. To those of you who have not yet done so, please let us know who your Budget Representatives are. Please email their names and contact information to LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our website at www.BudgetAdvocates.org. The September 23rd Congress of Neighborhoods, which will be held inperson at City Hall this year, will include a "City Budget 101" workshop among the numerous offerings. Also, stop by the Budget Advocates table at the Exhibitor Fair. We'd love to meet you. Register now at https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/.

- I. <u>Department of Health Services</u> <u>Olive View-UCLA Medical Center</u> Community Relations Lead: Brenda Yanez absent
- m. <u>LAFD Battalion 12 Battalion Chief Andrew Wordin, A Platoon</u> 818-756-8612 reported that there were some fires last month more near Sun Valley. The fire clean up was difficult because of the wrecked cars and engines and about 10,00 gallons of oil. The LAFD has not experienced other types of fire due to the good weather and no winds. Two weeks ago, a rescue ambulance was involved in a traffic collision on San Fernando Road and was t-boned. The crew was injured and treated and has not returned to work. The collision was caused by

street racing. LAFD had a drill in CD 7 at Hanson Dam with our city partners. The drill was a simulated, wind driven fire with a large evacuation plan that included people and animals.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. David Hyman
- b. Maria Jimenez
- c. Eddie Gonzalez

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/MOTIONS/UPDATES:

President Khan moved the meeting to Item 4e.

a. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) for May 2023 by Anna Justice.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC Item 4a Mot	Item 4a Motion to approve May 2023 MER Seat. Moved: Khan Seconded: F. Long					
Yes –06 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-04 Absen				Absent-00		
Khan, Justice, Urquiza	a, None	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None		
F. Long, R. Long, Gard	cia		Hernandez			

b. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) for: June 2023 by Anna Justice. Motion to amend the month to August 2023.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC	Item 4b Motion to amend the month to August 2023 MER Seat. Moved: Justice Seconded: F. Long					
Yes –06 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-04 Absent-00					Absent-00	
Khan, J	ustice, Urquiza,	None	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None	
F. Long	, R. Long, Garcia			Hernandez		

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC	Item 4b Motion to approve August 2023 MER Seat. Moved: F. Long Seconded: Khan					
Yes -06	Yes –06 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-04 Absent-00					
Khan, Ju	istice, Urquiza,	None	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None	
F. Long,	F. Long, R. Long, Garcia Hernandez					

c. Motion/ Discussion/Vote for the approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER's) for: July 2023. By Anna Justice.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC Item 4a Motion to approve July 2023 MER Seat. Moved: F. Long Second: Garcia					
Yes –06 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-04 Absent-00					
Khan, Justice, Urquiza,	None	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None	
F. Long, R. Long, Garcia					

d. Motion/Discussion/vote for the approval of August 2023 minutes. By Roxanne Urquiza.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC Item 4a Motion to approve August 20	Item 4a Motion to approve August 2023 minutes. Moved: Garcia Second: Justice						
Yes -10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00			
Khan, Morales, Justice, Urquiza, Ramirez,	None	None	None	None			
Reyes, F. Long, R. Long, Garcia, Hernandez							

President Khan moved the meeting to Item 4f.

e. Motion/ Discussion/Vote for the Christmas toy giveaway and Breakfast with Santa event collaboration with PNC and LAPD. On August 31st, 2023, the public safety and health committee approved a motion to collaborate up to \$4,999. This event will be presented to the Board by Officer Luis Garcia. By Reuben Garcia.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC	Item 4e Motion to approve up to \$4999 for an event with LAPD for a Christmas toy giveaway and					
	breakfast with Santa. Moved: Khan Second: Justice					
Yes –06 No-00 Abstain-00			Ineligible-04 Absent-			
Khan, Ji	ustice, Urquiza,	None	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None	
F. Long	F. Long, R. Long, Garcia Hernandez					

President Khan moved the meeting to Item 4a.

f. Motion/Discussion/Vote for the approval of POLOS for the PNC Boardmembers not to exceed \$400.00 dollars. (12 Polos for \$25.00 each for a total of 12 polo shirts). By Anna Justice.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

	Item 4a Motion to approve POLOS for the PNC Boardmembers not to exceed \$400.00 dollars. (12 Polos for \$25.00 each for a total of 12 polo shirts). Moved: Khan Second: F. Long						
Yes -05 No-01 Abstain-00 Ineligible-04				Absent-00			
Khan, Justice, Urquiza,	Garcia	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None			
F. Long, R. Long, Hernandez							

g. Motion/Discussion/Vote for the approval of small key chain flashlights for outreach for the community, not to exceed \$600.00 for 250 of them. By Anna Justice.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC	PNC Item 4g Motion to approve small key chain flashlights for outreach for the community, not to exceed \$600.00 for 250 of them. Moved: Khan Second: F. Long					
Yes -05		No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-04	Absent-00	
Khan, J	ustice, Urquiza,	Garcia	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None	
F. Long	F. Long, R. Long, Hernandez					

h. Motion/discussion/vote on the approval of up to \$300 for the Constant Contact platform. By Mikayeel Khan.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC	Item 4h Motion to approve up to \$300.00 for Constant Contact platform Moved: Khan Second: Justice					
Yes -06	5	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-04	Absent-00	
Khan, Ju	ustice, Urquiza,	None	None	Morales, Ramirez, Reyes,	None	
F. Long,	F. Long, R. Long, Garcia Hernandez					

 Motion/discussion/vote to appointment of Standing Committee Chairs: Arts & Culture Committee.

Public comment: none

Motion Passed

PNC	Item 4i Motion to appoint Teodora Reyes as the chair of the Arts & Culture Moved: F. Long Second: Khan						
Yes –10 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-0							
Khan, I	Morales, Justice, Urquiza, Ramirez,	None	None	None	None		
Reyes,	F. Long, R. Long, Garcia, Hernandez						

5. **BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. President's Report- President Khan thanked Secretary Urquiza and Boardmember Ramirez for the minutes. He also thanked Boardmember Morales for helping get the agenda out. Remember the event this weekend from 10:00AM to 2:00PM and anyone from the Board can join him. President Khan will send out the event details once the Council Office sends them. The Board roster has been updated.
- b. Vice-president's Report- Vice President Morales wants to focus on social media and community events. If the Board needs help with agendas or other issues, feel free to reach out.
- c. Treasurer' Report- Treasurer Justice reported that there is a \$9000 rollover from last fiscal year that will be added to the budget. There will be a budget meeting scheduled in the next week to week and a half to be able to allocate those funds to the budget.
- d. Secretary's Report-Secretary Urquiza thanked everyone.
- e. Outreach Committee Announce Upcoming Meeting Date will be October 18. The committee is looking at Halloween spirit events with costumes. The committee will focus on a social media presence, but does not currently have access to the platforms. President Khan stated that the Board meeting is also that day so let him know the date of the meeting.
- f. Public Health and Safety Committee Announce Upcoming -Reuben Garcia thanked the community and warned the community as the holidays approach to be careful to not wear flashy things and to watch out for car breaking ins as people are shopping. Do not leave packages or items of value in the open.
- g. Arts & Culture Committee Announce Upcoming Meeting Date no report.
- h. Bylaws Committee Announce Upcoming Meeting Dates no report
- i. Housing, Economic Development and Land Use Committee Announce Upcoming Meeting The meeting will be held next Thursday, October 26th.

- j. Youth and Education Development Committee- Have a good night.
- k. Board Member Comments/Announcements- Fannie Long stated that the Board needs to get name plates for the new Boardmembers.
- 6. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned by President Khan at 8:05PM.