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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Election Committee – March 10, 2021 Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Fred Nichols, and Micah Silver

1) Welcome/call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on an informal basis by Secretary Rosalie Preston as there was not a quorum but four stakeholders were present.

2) General Public comment on non-agenda items: There was no public comment.

3) Approval of the February 24, 2021, minutes: Due to lack of a quorum, this item was tabled.

4) Updates from City Clerk – Elections: Rosalie read out the information that Lanee Basulto, Election Administrator, had provided orally, in response to emailed questions.

Ballot Drop Box: Due to the City Clerk's contract with the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder, only existing drop boxes can be used, so there will be no drop box at the Home Assembly Church. The closest to the Harbor Gateway North area will be the one at Algin Sutton Recreation Center, 8800 S. Hoover Street, and it will be available for drop off ballots from 9 a.m. on Friday June 11 to 8 p.m on Tuesday June 15.

Contact information of the candidates: In order for the HGNNC to be able to notify all of the certified candidates about the Candidate Forum to be held on Tues. April 27, the City Clerk will send a list of email addresses and telephone numbers (whatever the candidates have submitted) to the Election Chair by Friday April 16.

Voter registration: Because the HGNNC requires documentation for voters, those wishing to receive the vote-by-mail ballot will need to submit not only the registration form but also a copy of a photo ID that lists their address and age. For voters for the Youth Representative seat, who can be 14 or older, a report card or a letter from their school, birth certificate, or school ID or some possible forms of age verification. For those submitting their voter registration via a paper form, their printing must be very clear to make any necessary follow up by the City Clerk's office possible.

5) Status report on candidate recruitment, including distribution of candidate recruitment postcard, social media postings, other forms of advertising, and number of candidates who have filed: Rosalie and Eva took candidate recruitment postcards to the duplexes and apartment buildings on the east side of Central Avenue north of 120th Street up to the 105 freeway and also left some at local businesses. Fred said he would work on getting the word out to Nuestras Raices. David Matthews will contact St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Gardena which is attended by a number of HGNNC stakeholders. Rosalie mailed the candidate postcard and a cover letter to twenty-two churches within the HGNNC boundaries.

6) Discussion of Voter Registration/Shred Day event on April 24: The four stakeholders present at the meeting were asked their opinion of holding the Shred Day event and all said they would want to attend it. The shred van will be located at the back of the Home Assembly parking lot, on the south side of the building. Informational sheets on how to register to vote will be given out and attendees encouraged to park their vehicles in front of the Home Assembly Church to register themselves on their smartphones and upload their photo IDs or other needed verification. Volunteers will be available to answer questions, from a distance. Paper registration forms will also be available for attendees to take home to encourage family members and neighbors to register.

7) Discussion of April 27 Candidate Forum-moderator and format: For the moderator, it was suggested that Amber Sheikh-Ginsberg of San Pedro be asked to perform that role. There was discussion of the format—possibly two minutes for each candidate to introduce themselves and their goals in running and then possibly two or three questions, prepared in advance, directed to each candidate for the contested seats. And even possibly posted on the HGNNC website.

(Micah Silver entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

Fred suggested that the candidates could submit their answers in writing, which would be posted on the HGNNC website. Micah suggested the same, but also the ability to post a video, for those more comfortable giving oral answers to the questions.

8) Discussion of voter registration issues—drop box location and voter verification

documents: This information was already presented under the City Clerk update under number 4.

9) Announcements: Micah asked that Committee members and stakeholders share the HGNNC election Facebook posts with their networks. The social media posts and candidate recruitment postcard have so far helped to direct more than 200 people to the HGNNC election page.

10) Adjournment/setting of next Committee meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary