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**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Ad Hoc Election Committee – May 5, 2021
Held via Zoom webinar**

Present: Joan Jacobs (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Eva Pace, and Micah Silver

- 1) **Welcome/call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Joan Jacobs.
- 2) **General Public comment on non-agenda items:** Miguel Vazquez, one of the candidates for Chairperson, asked when he would receive his ballot as he had registered some time ago but received nothing. No one on the Committee has received theirs, either.
- 3) **Approval of the April 20, 2021, minutes:** It was moved by Eva Pace, seconded by Micah Silver, and passed 4-0-0 to approve the minutes as submitted.
- 4) **Report from the City Clerk – NC Elections:** Rosalie emailed asked if there would be notice to the Neighborhood Council of how many people are registering for ballots, how many ballots have been sent out, and how many ballots are being received, but has not received a response.
- 5) **Review of the election expenditures to date:** These are the recent election-related expenditures: 500 for Shred Day, 500 for graphic artist Li Hui Ting, 54.99 for Facebook ads, 270 and 100 for posting election-related information on the HGNNC website, and 200 for the League of Women Voters moderation of the two Candidate Forums. The total amount spent so far is still under budget.
- 6) **Review of Shred Day and voter registration event:** The event went off smoothly, with about 50 attendees. The shred driver said that he had planned for 24 bins of paper collected but instead he handled 48. There were quite a number of stakeholders who registered on site or got instructions on how to do so. It was nice to be able to talk with other Committee members and stakeholders in person. The Home Assembly Church provided a lot of support for the event, with the loan of tables, chairs, and help with set up.
- 7) **Review of Candidate Forums:** Because the League of Women Voters Los Angeles was contacted so late, they were not able to provide one moderator for both Forum dates and could not provide timekeepers, so the timekeepers used were obtained at the last minute. The Tuesday Forum got off to a rough start and the recording should not have started until the moderator was ready to introduce the candidates as the discussions among the HGNNC members involved could be heard by everyone. The Tuesday timekeeper cut speakers off in an abrupt manner. Miguel Vazquez, one of the candidates for Chairperson and a District 8 stakeholder, said that he thought the Tuesday Forum came across as being rather chaotic. Rosalie Preston said that she thought having stakeholders register to get the link for the Forums was a barrier to attendance. She had registered for both dates and as a Candidate was able to easily log onto the Tuesday Forum but had a lot of trouble logging onto the Thursday Forum as a stakeholder, even though she was registered.
- 8) **Review of the next stages leading up to Election Day on June 15:** The recordings of the Candidate Forums will be posted to the HGNNC website. The Committee is still not sure if the videos can be edited before posting. Micah Silver will follow up with Freddy Cupen-Ames. The focus now will be on encouraging voter registration. One candidate had asked if there would be pop up registration events, but after discussion, the Committee decided that the HGNNC should not sponsor them as there is still an ongoing pandemic and there is not time to submit event forms for

Board vote and approval by Funding. There can be emails and robo-calls to encourage voter registration, return of ballots, and a final call for ballot return during the June 11 to 15 period. One stakeholder living in District 4 was informed during the online registration process that she did not live within the HGNNC boundaries.

9) Announcements: There were no announcements.

10) Setting date of next Committee meeting/Adjournment: The next Committee meeting will be Wednesday June 2 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

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