

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Held via Zoom Webinar  
November 11, 2022**

**Present:** Carolyn Webster (Secretary), Frankie Mays, Janet Mitchell, Arvie Powell

**1) Welcome/call to order/roll call:** In the absence of Chair Willa Henshaw, Committee Secretary Carolyn Webster called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

**2) General public comment on non/agenda items: (2 minutes per speaker)**

Lionel Mares: a Community Activist and Stakeholder presented information on the increase in catalytic converter thefts and asked for members of the community to be on the lookout and report incidents to the appropriate police department. He has requested increased nighttime patrols by the Los Angeles Police Department from the Chief of Police due to available funding in the LAPD budget for this crime. Governor Newsom has recently signed a new law to increase penalties for black market thefts of this type. Trucks and SUVs are easy targets due to the height of these vehicles. Be vigilant and alert for suspicious activity and report it.

**Monica Hall:** Battalion Chief of the Los Angeles Fire LAFD was present on behalf of new LAFD Management and to re-engage with Neighborhood Councils to assist and provide better services for the needs of our communities. She will attend as many meetings as possible and will discuss, prepare and bring talking points on relevant subjects such as earthquake safety, public safety, and fire safety. Please notify her via e-mail in advance of the meeting and she will prepare or ask one of her counterparts to attend if she is unavailable.

**3) Motion to Approve October 14, 2022, minutes** by Secretary Carolyn Webster--  
Second- Janet Mitchell: Read and approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

**4) Weekly Conference Call Report with Officer Hill and LAPD**

No meeting was held on November 10, 2022

Meeting Notes are for November 03, 2022. Scheduled etching of catalytic converters to be held on November 05, 2022 at Locke High School. Kia and Hyundai vehicles are still being stolen at an alarming rate. Reports of ATM card skimmer in place at 7 Eleven located at Imperial and Avalon causing loss to users. Increase in iPhone and jewelry robberies. Please be aware of surroundings and if accosted, please give items requested. Lights need to be installed on the 105 freeway underpass at Imperial Hwy. for the safety of residents.

November 24, 2022—No meeting—

December 01, 2022—Conference Call

December 08, 2022—Christmas Party--- Location TBD

December 13, 2022—In-person meeting at Fire Station--- 145 W. 108<sup>th</sup> Street

No additional In-person meetings are scheduled until January 10, 2023.

**6) Neighborhood Team Training Program:** No updated information available for discussion or vote. Item tabled for next meeting.

**7) Traffic Calming Measures---135<sup>th</sup> and Hoover—** There is currently no funding available for the Safe Streets Pop-Up Program. Committee member Arvie Powell has been contacted and been in discussion with the Department of Transportation regarding appropriate signage and LADOT will take a look at the location for a feasible solution. HGNNC Chair Miguel Vazquez has also contacted Caitlin Muldoon of Councilmember Buscaino's office for assistance. A traffic study of the location will need to be requested to move forward.

**8) Announcement:** Janet Mitchell said that the Community Unity Project will host their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade on December 17, 2022. All are invited. The parade will begin at Imperial Hwy. and end at Gompers Middle School. Flyers will be forwarded via e-mail for distribution at a later date.

**9) Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Date: December 09, 2022, @ 7:00 P.M.**

Minutes taken by Carolyn Webster, Secretary- Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee