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Board Meeting Tuesday February 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm Held via Zoom webinar

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Board Members

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson Joan Jacobs, Vice-Chairperson Rosalie Preston, Secretary Piers Fairclough, Treasurer Keith Pitts, District 1 Julia Esqueda-Arteaga, District 2 Reynaldo Paduani, District 3 Arvie Powell, District 4. Jodette Spann, District 5.. Lorenzo Johnson, District 6. Joycelyn Montgomery, District 7 William Yates, District 8. Jackie Jackson, Community Organization. Richard Lee, Youth Advocate Elijah Thomas, Youth Representative Angela Springs, Outreach/Communications Craig Kusunoki, At-Large

REVISED AGENDA

- 1) Welcome/call to order/roll call (quorum is 9 members)
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (**press *9 to raise hand**, ***6 to unmute**) (2 minutes per speaker)
- 3) Reports
 - a) Council District 15
 - b) Mayor's Office
 - c) Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District
 - d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- 4) Appointment of additional Community Impact Statement filer(s) Vote
- 5) Approval of creating an Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee Vote
- 6) Approval of an updated letter requesting a Council File to implement more effective measures and resources for illegal dumping in HGNNC and throughout the City of Los Angeles **Vote**
- 7) Approval of a letter to Amanda Bettinelli, Assistant US Attorney-Environmental Justice Coordinator, listing the worst illegal dumping sites within the HGNNC **Vote**
- 8) Approval of a letter requesting posted street sweeping signs throughout HGNNC District 1, with a particular focus on Denver Avenue between Gardena Blvd. and 168th Street and Gardena Blvd. from Figueroa Street to Vermont Avenue **Vote**

- 9) Outreach events
 - a) 2023 Board election vote by mail request period open now until March 13
 - b) Black History Month program on February 25 at Rosecrans Recreation Center
 - c) HGNNC Candidate Forum on Tues. March 7 via Zoom
 - d) Neighborhood Team Program online monthly classes began February 2

10) Administrative motions

- a) January 10, 2023, Board minutes Vote
- b) January 24, 2023, General Membership minutes Vote
- c) January 31, 2023, Special Board minutes Vote
- d) January 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report Vote
- e) Approval of \$595 for LAUSD permit to use the 135th Street School March June 2023 Vote
- f) Approval of \$700 to cover possible use of meeting room 185 at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. for larger Committee meetings at a cost of \$100 per meeting **Vote**

11) Board business/announcements

- a) Reports from Committee Chairs
- b) Brief announcements from Board members in-person meetings resume as of March 1

12) Adjournment

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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (District 1), Julia Esqueda-Arteaga (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), William Yates (District 8), Jackie Jackson (Community Organization Representative), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At-large Representative)

- 1) Call to order and roll call of Board members: Chair Miguel Vazquez called the Board meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum of Board members was present.
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction: There was none.

3) Reports

- a) Council District 15: Newly elected Councilmember Tim McOsker introduced himself, saying that he was sworn in on December 15. He noted that Mayor Karen Bass has enacted an emergency order for the homeless crisis, which the City Council has approved. They must reratify this order every thirty days. Each Councilmember is working on implementing measures for the Mayor's Inside Safe initiative, with consultation with their communities. He has been appointed Chair of the City Council Personnel, Audits, and Housing Committee, is Vice Chair of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee and also the Energy and Environment Committee (which oversees Sanitation and LADWP) and sits on the Budget Committee and the Public Safety Committee (which oversees the Police and Fire Departments).
- b) Mayor's Office: Joycelyn Dominguez, the representative for the Watts and Harbor Areas, said that Mayor Karen Bass had declared a state of emergency regarding homelessness on her first day I office to help speed up creation of temporary and affordable housing. She launched Inside Safe, which changes how encampments are dealt with. LAHSA has bridge housing for those who have just left prison in the last 60 days or for the homeless to have temporary housing. The annual homeless count takes place later this month and volunteers are needed. Council file 21-0064 would prohibit the use of single-use foodware items and also the use of Styrofoam containers for restaurants and other food service providers with more than 26 employees. The Department of Sanitation has a resusable food container mircro-grant program for small businesses.
- c) Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District: Ara An reported that at today's Board of Supervisor's meeting, the Supervisors declared the homeless situation an emergency. If you are aware of a veteran experiencing homelessness, contact the Greater Los Angeles VA system at 310-268-3350 Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4 pm or 213-563-7979 after hours.

(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 6:48 p.m.)

Job seekers can find information on the Pandemic Relief Rapid Re-employment Program at bit.ly/getcareerready, while businesses can utilize bit.ly/hirelocaltalent to find employees and information on resources for small businesses at go.smallbizla/recovery. The Supervisors also passed the Fair Workweek Ordinance which will take effect in six months' time and grant 300 workers at businesses located in unincorporated Los Angeles County and with over 300 workers the right to proper break times, control over schedules, and anti-retaliation measures. There is a

map on Supervisor Mitchell's website showing the locations of low-cost internet. 700 laptops were given out to residents at the Willowbrook Library.

- d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Council Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames said he had emailed his report to the Board, including the Candidate Information packet. Region 12 Candidate filing ends on January 17. HGNNC's election day is Saturday April 1. As of January 1 there are new State laws that govern public meetings and these will impact Neighborhood Council meetings, as well.
- **4) Appointment of Nita Stonehocker to the Homeless Issues Committee:** Nita Stonehocker said that she lives in the neighborhood (District 2) and is particularly concerned about the homeless in the area. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed to appoint Nita Stonehocker to the Homeless Issues Committee.
- 5) Approval of a comment letter on SoLA Impact 121 unit apartment building, with 60 parking spaces and 12 very low income units at 110-112 W. Imperial Highway, DIR-2022-4995-TOC-SPR-HCA in District 7, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: The draft letter was reviewed. Some concern was expressed about the limited number of parking spaces provided and it was explained that this is a State law allowing for fewer parking spaces so that more apartment units can be built. It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the comment letter.
- 6) Approval of up to \$1,000 to fund a Black History Month program on February 25: The program is planned for Saturday February 25 from 11 a.m. at the Rosecrans Recreation Center and will be co-sponsored by the Rosecrans Recreation Center. The program will feature young people reciting poems, dancing, and singing, with other aspects of African-American cultural and history. Refreshments will be served. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the expenditure for this program.

7) Outreach events

- a) 2023 Board election candidate filing December 2 January 17: There is a week left to file to run to be an HGNNC Board candidate.
- b) CERT classes Tuesdays at 6:30 pm/Neighborhood Team Program online February 2: Tonight is the second session for the CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) classes being held at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. On Thursday February 2 the Neighborhood Team Program classes will begin online via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month.
- c) Black History Month program on February 25 at Rosecrans Recreation Center: The program will take place later next month. Outreach/Communications Representative Angela Springs is asking each of the eight District Representatives to help advertise the program by giving our flyers in their neighborhood.

8) Administrative motions

- a) December 13, 2022, Board minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Jodette Spann, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the minutes.
- **b) December 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report**: In the absence of Treasurer Piers Fairclough, Chair Miguel Vazquez reviewed the expenses during December. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Jodette Spann, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the December 2022 MER.
- c) Approval of \$120 to Konica Minolta for moving the HGNNC copy machine to office 205: Secretary Rosalie Preston explained that under the City's new contract with Konica Minolta, when the copy machine is moved, it must be moved by Konica Minolta. Therefore the moving charge will have to be paid to have it moved from the old office 241 to the new office

205. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

8) Board business/announcements:

- a) Reports from Committee Chairs: There were no reports.
- **b) Brief announcements from Board members:** Chair Miguel Vazquez reminded attendees that the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will take place on Wed. January 25 at 8 p.m. for the areas covered by Districts 1 through 5 and on Thurs. January 26 at 8 p.m. for the areas covered by Districts 6, 7, and 8.

Chair Miguel Vazquez announced that the HGNNC was awarded a Beautify LA grant for Stanford Avenue and the planting will take place sometime in February.

Chair Miguel Vazquez said that thanks to the efforts of CD 15 Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon and District 4 Representative Arvie Powell, LADOT will be implementing traffic calming measures in the Betty Hawkins Square area of 135th Street and Hoover in mid-2023.

The Tuesday January 24 General Membership meeting will feature reports by Councilmember Tim McOsker and a presentation by Assistant US Attorney Amanda Bettinelli on how to address environmental justice issues within the HGNNC area.

9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary



Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (District 1), Julia Esqueda-Arteaga (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Elijah Thomas (Youth Representative), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At-large Representative)

- 1) Call to order and roll call of Board members: Chair Miguel Vazquez called the Board meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum of Board members was present.
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction: District 2 stakeholder Nita Stonehocker asked about the status of the proposed Prologis warehouse at the corner of Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd.

District 6 stakeholder Erin commented on the trash along the railroad tracks south of 116th Street from Vermont Avenue to Hoover Street. She is also concerned about the RVs on 120th Street near Hoover.

Jodi Moreno, Storage Operations Manager of Nova Storage in District 4, said that there are four RVs parked along side their business on 132nd Street west of Figueroa Street, with people living inside them. They have been doing monthly clean ups and have security on site, but the presence of the RVs and homeless is scaring away their customers. As a solution, she would like to have the curbs along 132nd Street painted red.

District 8 stakeholder Al Spencer discussed the issues along Central Avenue south of 118th Street and the 105 freeway exit where there is a lot of trash and issues with the flower sellers on the sidewalks. From 118th to 119th RVs are parked along Central Avenue. Also there is irregular street sweeping on 118th Drive and when it is done, the streets along the curbs are not properly cleaned. He is interested in getting speed humps on his block.

District 3 stakeholder Martha Cerda wanted to know who to contact about the Rosecrans Farms community garden supervisor which runs from 149th Street to 146th Street west of Denver Avenue.

Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs advised stakeholders to also have their neighbors call 311 about issues to create more attention for their resolution.

District 7 stakeholder Jessye Stafford noted that there is continual illegal dumping along Main Street under the 105 freeway. Also RVs are moving from one street to another in the area.

(Angela Springs entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)

District 8 stakeholder Oscar Ruiz asked for the status of clean up of the homeless encampment south of the 105 freeway and north of the Belvue Presbyterian Church.

3) Reports

- a) Council District 8: No one was present.
- b) Council District 15: Newly elected Councilmember Tim McOsker introduced himself and also the new Field Deputy for the Harbor Gateway area, Nicholas Chavez, who will be attending the monthly HGNNC Board meetings. Councilmember McOsker serves Watts, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, Wilmington, and San Pedro. He has been focusing on the homelessness issue since Mayor Bass declared a state of emergency for this issue and has been focused on homeless encampments and motor homes parked along the major streets. He plans to be very focused on constituent issues. His new District Director is Erika Velazquez, who will oversee the five Field Deputies. Erika previously worked for Janice Hahn when Councilmember and also recently in her role as County Supervisor. Use 311 to request street sweeping, illegal dumping, sidewalk repair, tree trimming, and other City services. The Councilmember has been appointed Chair of the City Council Personnel, Audits, and Housing Committee, Vice Chair of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee, a member of the Energy and Environment Committee (which oversees Sanitation and LADWP) and a member of the Budget Committee and the Public Safety Committee (which oversees the Police and Fire Departments). Field

Deputy Chavez said that besides being the new Harbor Gateway field Deputy, he lives in the Harbor Gateway North area. He can be reached by email: nicholas.i.chavez@lacity.org

District 5 stakeholder Nakiesha Scott asked how she can have her grievance against the Neighborhood Council addressed. Councilmember McOsker said that grievances are handled by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and if there has been a problem to send him documentation so he could follow up. Ms. Scott also asked how can we make sure that all ballots that will be cast in the spring Neighborhood Council election will be counted because they were not all counted in the 2021 election.

Kridikel Truthbey said there have been issues with housing and transparency in Council District 15. She hopes that now there will be opportunities for other housing providers to receive contracts and noted there is still racial discrimination in housing.

District 7 stakeholder Jessye Stafford wondered what the new strategies would be for addressing illegal dumping. Councilmember McOsker said that his office has started discussing use of cameras in chronic dumping areas, plus an increase in the fines for those who are prosecuted.

District 7 stakeholder Janet Mitchell said that there is a need to address the issue of the loitering around the bus benches on Vermont Avenue just north of Gardena Blvd. The loiterers have been drinking and intimidating other bus riders waiting at that location. Does LAPD patrol along Gardena Blvd. to cite people who are creating public nuisances?

A District 4 stakeholder said that the auto repair shop on Menlo Avenue just north of Rosecrans Avenue uses Menlo Avenue to test drive the vehicles after they have repaired them.

A stakeholder asked about creation of an LAPD substation in the Figueroa Street/157th Street area. Councilmember McOsker said he would follow up with LAPD about that.

District 2 stakeholder Nita Stonehocker said that the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will be counting in our area tomorrow night and volunteers are still needed.

District 7 stakeholder Jessye Stafford said that when stop signs are installed, a lot of vehicles do not stop at them and more enforcement is needed.

4) Speaker - Amanda Bettinelli, Assistant US Attorney and Environmental Justice Coordinator for the Central District, discusses her office's work on air pollution, water quality, soil contamination, illegal dumping, lead contamination, and industrial waste and how to file complaints on violations: Ms. Bettinelli introduced herself and said that she has worked for fifteen years as a prosecutor. The Harbor Gateway area has issues of environmental justice due to the juxtaposition of industries and transportation corridors. Before his election, Councilmember McOsker was on a tour with her of the Alameda Corridor in July 2022, which has the same sorts of issues. She said that there is a City initiative to address illegal dumping, which she knows is rampant in the Harbor Gateway North area. However, it is very under-resourced. Illegal dumping can lead to public health concerns, as the trash can then attract lots of rats. Another area which she previously worked on to clean up is the Compton Creek area in Watts. For that area she worked with Khalil Rasheed, the Los Angeles City Attorney assigned to address illegal dumping. She asked that a list of the illegal dumping sites be sent to her, as when there is evidence, a Federal case can be brought. There is also the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, which can be utilized. Having cameras for the illegal dumping areas has been found to be effective as a way of providing evidence for prosecution. The Neighborhood Council also needs law enforcement to work on the illegal dumping issue.

District 7 stakeholder Janet Mitchell said that 116th Place west of San Pedro Street has been the site of a lot of illegal dumping and also more recently a number of burned vehicles which contributes to the air pollution impacting residents of that block and the students who walk to the nearby schools. The lights under the 105 freeway have never replaced, even after many calls to 311. Ms. Bettinelli said she can work with the Department of Public Works and the Senior Lead Officer to get the lighting restored.

District 2 stakeholder Nita Stonehocker said that a warehouse is proposed for Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd. when air quality in the area is already bad. Ms. Bettinelli suggested forming an

Environmental Justice Council or Committee to identify the top four environmental justice issues in the area and also conduct a tour of toxic sites.

District 7 stakeholder Jessye Stafford said that Main Street under the 105 freeway also needs the lights replaced.

District 3 stakeholder Erica Payne said that the Draft EIR for the warehouse at Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd. said that the closest house to the warehouse site was on Orchard Avenue, whereas her home on Menlo Avenue is actually the closet to the site. She said that it is not appropriate to put a warehouse at that location.

District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson pointed out that the proposed warehouse site at Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd. is surrounded by sensitive uses, such as homes, a school, and Rosecrans Recreation Center.

5) Administrative motions

- a) Approval of \$529.51 to Minuteman Press for January 24, 2023, General Membership meeting flyer printing: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 7-0-0 to approve this expenditure.
- b) Approval of \$1,575.00 to Walking Man for January 24, 2023, General Membership meeting flyer delivery: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 7-0-0 to approve this expenditure.
- 6) Brief announcements from Board members Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, Wed. January 25 at 8 pm and Thurs. January 26 at 8 pm:

Outreach/Communications Representative Angela Springs said that the Neighborhood Council is cosponsoring a Black History Month event on Sat. February 25 at 11 a.m. at the Rosecrans Recreation Center. Refreshments will be served. Flyers advertising the event will be given out to each District Representative.

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

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February 16, 2023

Amanda M. Bettinelli, Assistant United States Attorney
Environmental Crimes and Community Safety Section, Environmental Justice Coordinator
United States Attorney's Office – Central District of California
1300 United States Courthouse
312 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Bettinelli:

After your presentation to our Neighborhood Council at our January 24, 2023, General Membership meeting, our Board voted x-x-x on February 14, 2023, to send you a listing of the sites where illegal dumping regularly occurs within our Neighborhood Council area, often on a weekly basis, if not daily in some cases.

- Stanford Avenue under the 105 freeway
- San Pedro Street under the 105 freeway
- 116th Place west of San Pedro Street
- Main Street under the 105 freeway
- 117th Street from Figueroa Street to Broadway
- Hoover Street under the 105 freeway
- South side of El Segundo Blvd. at Menlo Avenue
- Alley north of 129th Street and east of Menlo Avenue
- Alley south of 129th Street and east of Menlo Avenue
- Alley south of 134th and north of the 135th Street School

- Alondra Blvd. under the 110 freeway
- Gardena Blvd. under the 110 freeway
- Estrella west of the 110 freeway from 164th Street to 168th Street
- 168th Street under the 110 freeway

We look forward to working with your office to more effectively address this chronic issue through utilizing Federal investigation of violators and strong enforcement of the laws prohibiting illegal dumping.

Sincerely,

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Karen Bass

Councilmember Tim McOsker – Council District

Councilmember Marqueese Harris-Dawson

Kenneth Mejia, City Controller

Barbara Romero, Director and General Manager - LA Sanitation & Environment

Khalil Rasheed, Los Angeles City Attorney

Nicholas Chavez, Field Deputy - Council District 15

Laura Garcia, Council Aide – Council District 8

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Councilmember Tim McOsker Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson City Hall 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Second request - creation of a Council File for more effective measures to address illegal dumping in the HGNNC and City of Los Angeles

Dear Councilmembers McOsker and Harris-Dawson:

On February 14, 2023, our Board voted x-x-x to request that you create a Council File which would propose various measures to address the major and continual illegal dumping issues impacting the quality of life in our neighborhoods. As an area impacted by three freeways whose underpasses are magnets for illegal dumping and with a number of alleys where illegal dumping occurs regularly, the issue is a particularly important one to our stakeholders. Besides numerous calls to 311 and the efforts of LASAN, our stakeholders and other volunteers spend hours every year cleaning up the illegal dumping, only to find the locations returned to the same state a few days later or even overnight.

We have previously requested enforcement and cameras. In May 2021, after reading former City Controller Ron Galperin's report—<u>Piling Up: addressing L.A.'s illegal dumping problem</u>, we sent a similar letter to our previous Councilmember Joe Buscaino and Councilmember Harris-Dawson requesting that a Council File be created to study, create, and fund a pilot project to experiment with some of the following solutions.

1) LASAN should conduct a formal staffing needs assessment to determine how many Environmental Compliance Inspectors and Officers are needed to fully support the unit's investigation, inspection, and emergency response mandates. It should also consider reorganizing the unit to create a section dedicated to emergency response and illegal

dumping investigations, and a section dedicated to regulatory inspections of industrial and commercial facilities.

- 2) A more robust surveillance camera program targeted on the major illegal dumping sites based on existing service requests
- 3) Creation of a coordinated illegal dumping enforcement strategy and working group, with LASAN as the lead agency and coordination with Bureau of Street Services, Department of Building and Safety, LAPD, and the City Attorney's Office. The Department of Building and Safety has reported that unpermitted construction projects and work performed by unlicensed contractors are a source of illegally dumped construction waste. The working group would identify the root causes of illegal dumping, coordination of enforcement activities and case referrals, data sharing, and enhanced enforcement of waste hauling regulations to ensure that businesses and residents properly dispose of waste.
- 4) Consideration of substantially increasing fines for those found guilty of illegal dumping along with wide-ranging publicity of the prosecution of those found guilty of illegal dumping, especially repeat offenders.
- 5) LASAN should reorganize the Environmental Enforcement and Emergency Response Unit. The reorganization should include dedicated units for (1) illegal dumping investigations and other environmental enforcement activities and (2) MS4 industrial and commercial facility inspections. This would include a dedicated, sworn public officer classification for Environmental Compliance Officer positions to improve recruitment and retention.
- 6) We also support subsidizing the cost for haulers to dump legally, offering more community dumpster days, once a month bulky item pick up days for a neighborhood, regularly scheduled clean ups at known illegal dumping sites (such as under freeway overpasses and alleys), free dump days, vouchers for free dumping, and expanded public awareness programs regarding free bulky item pick up, laws regarding illegal dumping and free and low-cost waste disposal services available.

Another suggestion is to post signs at the dumping sites to advise reporting illegal dumping to 311, with the three ways of doing that: telephone call, website, or via the app on a cell phone.

We believe that the cost of these new approaches to illegal dumping would end up being less expensive and more effective in the long run than the approach the City is using now and result in a higher quality of life for all City stakeholders. And we offer our Neighborhood Council area as a test site for these proposed new approaches.

Sincerely,

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Karen Bass Kenneth Mejia, City Controller Barbara Romero, Director and General Manager – LA Sanitation & Environment Nicholas Chavez, Field Deputy – Council District 15 Laura Garcia, Council Aide – Council District 8



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Councilmember Tim McOsker City Hall 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Street sweeping route(s) in HGNNC District 1

Dear Councilmember McOsker:

On February 14, 2023, our Board voted x-x-x to request that a regular street sweeping route be created and funded to cover our District 1 area, which runs from the south side of Alondra Blvd. into the Merit Tract north of the 91 freeway and from the west side of Figueroa Street to the east side of Vermont Avenue.

A particular focus of the route would be Gardena Blvd. from Figueroa Street to Vermont Avenue, Denver Avenue from Gardena Blvd. to 168th Street, and 168th Street under the 110 freeway, all locations where there is regular accumulation of trash along the street curbs.

Sincerely,

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Barbara Romero, Director and General Manager – LA Sanitation & Environment Nicholas Chavez, Field Deputy – Council District 15

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: January 2023 Budget Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

NC Name: Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation						
Beginning Balance Total Spent Remaining Balance Outstanding Commitments Net Available						
\$22884.15	\$741.25	\$22142.90	\$4523.18	\$0.00	\$17619.72	

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis						
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available	
Office		\$741.25		\$695.19		
Outreach	\$32000.00	\$0.00	\$18023.69	\$2104.51	\$13500.51	
Elections		\$0.00		\$1723.48		
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expend	tures: \$13235.06	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	AT&T PAYMENT	01/05/2023	ATT U-verse for 12-18-2022 (office internet and wi fi)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$53.50
2	STAPLES 00113902	01/06/2023	Two acrylic sign holders for posting HGNNC agendas at the 135th Street School - to replace the two stolen in October/November 2022	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$28.45
3	STAPLES DIRECT	01/18/2023	64 GB usb drive to replace older worn usb drive	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$9.30
4	Armonia Investments, LLC	12/28/2022	January Office rent	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$650.00
	Subtotal:					\$741.25

	Outstanding Expenditures							
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total		
1	Minuteman Press	01/27/2023	Candidate postcards - printing Inv. 20535	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$1723.48		
2	AT&T	02/02/2023	Office phone line - 2 months. Inv#000019359472	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$45.19		

3	Armonia Investments, LLC	02/02/2023	Feb Office rent - Inv#22236	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$650.00
4	Minuteman Press	02/02/2023	Flyer Printing - April General membership meeting Inv#20620	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$529.51
5	The Walking Man, Inc	02/02/2023	Flyer delivery - April GM meeting Inv#F2903	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$1575.00
	Subtotal: Outstanding					

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Issue Date: Account Number: of 2

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Total due

\$53.50

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Account summary		
Your last bill		\$53.50
Payment, Dec 07 - Thank	-\$53.50	
Remaining balance	\$0.00	
Service summary		
Internet	Page 2	\$53.50
Total services		\$53.50

Total due

\$53.50

Please pay by Jan 09, 2023

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Issue Date: Account Number: Dec 18, 2022

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Service activity



Internet

	to a contract of the contract	
Monthly charges	Dec 19 - Jan 18	
AT&T Internet 100 (Promotional Offer)		\$50.00
Company fees & surcharges		
2. Cost Assessment Charge		\$3.50
Total for Internet		\$53.50

Important information

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PAYMENT DATE ♦♦	AMOUNT	PAYMENT STATUS	PAYMENT METHOD	CONFIRMATION	
Jan 4, 2023	\$53.50	Posted	MasterCard ending in 8118	7LR7MYW9Y04HXFV	
Dec 7, 2022	\$53.50	Posted	MasterCard ending in 8118	7KV7MYW9W03HBJG	•
Nov 7, 2022	\$53.50	Posted	MasterCard ending in 8118	7JW7MYW9S045T6W	
Oct 6, 2022	\$53.50	Posted	MasterCard ending in 8118	7HV7MYW9M04JSZF	

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Cashier: 1997802

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Subtotal 25.98 CALIFORNIA 9.5% 2.47

Total

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701 West Redondo Beach Blvd. Gardena, CA 90247 (424) 219-1790

Pick up person(s)

Rosalie Preston

Payment method(s)

Master···· 8118 \$9.30 charged

Order summary	
Items (1)	\$8.49
Coupons	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$8.49
Shipping	FREE
Estimated Tax	\$0.81
Order total	\$9.30
✓ You saved \$10.50	on this order!

1 item ordered

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SanDisk Cruzer Glide 64GB USB 2.0 Flash Drive, Black/Red (SDCZ60-064G-A46)

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\$8.49

Armonia Investments LLC

555 W. Redondo Beach Bl., Ste 227 Gardena, CA 90248

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
1/1/2023	22222

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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Suite 205 Gardena, CA 90248	

Physical Address		
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Armonia Investments LLC 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Ste 227 Gardena, CA 90248 Phone: (310) 538-0566 Fax: (310) 630-0109

Email: contact@simanage.com

Total

\$650.00

Office of the City Clerk **Administrative Services Division** Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program Board Action Certification (BAC) Form Meeting Date: June 14, 2022 NC Name: Harbor Gateway North Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022 Agenda Item No:70 Board Motion and/or Public Benefit Approval of HGNNC 2022-2023 fiscal year budget Statement (CIP and NPG): Credit Card ☐ Board Member Reimbursement Method of Payment: (Select One) ☐ Check **Vote Count** Recused Board Members must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is complete. Board Member's First and Last Name **Board Position** No Abstain Absent Ineligible Yes Miguel Vasquez Chairperson X Joan Jacobs Vice Chairperson X Rosalie Preston Secretary X Piers Fairclough Treasurer X Keith Pitts District 1 Rep X X Julia Esqueda-Arteaga District 2 Rep

District 3 Rep

Reynaldo Paduani

Date: June 17, 2022

Recused

X

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Julia Esqueda-Arteaga (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Jackie Jackson (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), and Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative)

- 1) Call to order and roll call of Board members: Chair Miguel Vazquez called the Board meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum of Board members was present.
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction: There was none.
- 3) Approval of moderator, format and other details of the Tues. March 7 Candidate Forum to be held via Zoom: The proposal is to have the Toastmasters District 1 moderate the Candidate Forum, which will be held via Zoom. The recording can then be posted to the HGNNC website and social media so that more stakeholders are able to view it than just those who view it on March 7. Richard Lee said that he was previously an Area Governor of Toastmasters and that the HGNNC contact with Toastmasters District 1 is Keith Jackson, who can provide a team of three for the moderation at no cost to the HGNNC. Toastmasters has had a lot of experience with providing candidate forum moderation. It was moved by Jodette Spann, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 9-0-0 to hold the HGNNC 2023 Candidate Forum via Zoom, for two hours, with the same question given to each candidate to answer during the Forum, which would help to supplement the information that they have provided in their candidate statements posted to the City Clerk candidates' website.
- **4) Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary