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BOARD MEETING
Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm
555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. – Room 185, Gardena, CA 90248

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Rosalie Preston, Secretary
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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call (quorum is 9 members)
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes per speaker.
- 3) Reports
 - a) CD 15
 - b) LAPD
 - c) Mayor's Office
 - d) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District
 - e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- 4) Administrative motions
 - a) Approval of the October 10, 2023, Board minutes **Vote**
 - b) Approval of the October 24, 2023, General Membership minutes **Vote**
 - c) Approval of \$700 to Onsolve for 5,000 robo-call credits **Vote**
 - d) Approval of the use of Apple One for temporary staffing services, such as a minute taker for Board meetings, for services not to exceed \$250 per meeting during fiscal year 2023-2024 **Vote**

- 5) Approval of HGNNC position letter on Harbor Gateway Community Plan ENV-2019-3379-EIR, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee **Vote**
- 6) Approval of position letter on Ponce Auto Repair, 11000 S. Figueroa Street, continued use of non-conforming auto repair and smog check shop in [Q]R4-1 zone (ZA-2023-5293-ZV; ENV-2023-5294-CE), in District 6, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee **Vote**
- 7) Approval of Council File 23-1114 (Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils/SB 411/Teleconferencing/Remote Meetings/Brown Act Modification) Authorizing Neighborhood Councils to use teleconferencing for Board and Committee meetings pursuant to California Code Section 54953.8 **Vote**
- 8) Board business/announcements
 - a) Reports from Committee Chairs
 - b) Brief announcements from Board members

Adjournment

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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (Treasurer), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Frankie Mays (Community Organization Representative), Will Yates (Outreach Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At-large Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: In the absence of Chair Miguel Vazquez and Vice Chair Joan Jacobs, Treasurer Keith Pitts welcomed those present at 7:11 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum was present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: There was none.

3) Reports

- a) **CD 15:** Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez was not able to be present.
- b) **LAPD:** None of the Senior Lead Officers were present.
- c) **Mayor's Office:** Jocelyn Dominguez was not present.
- d) **Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District:** No representative was present.
- e) **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Neighborhood Empowerment Advocated Freddy Cupen-Ames was on vacation.

4) Administrative motions

a) **Approval of the September 12, 2023, Board minutes:** It was moved by Arvie Powell, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the minutes.

b) **Approval of the September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report:** Treasurer Keith Pitts reviewed the Report, which shows the annual budget as \$37,901, with the inclusion of the rollover money. \$32,424.88 is currently available after the September expenditures and outstanding payments. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the Report.

c) **Approval of renewal of the lease for office 205 in Plaza Redondo, at new monthly cost of \$670 per month:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 10-0-0 to approve renewal of the lease at the new monthly amount of \$670 per month.

(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and took over the roll of Chairperson)

5) Approval of eight recommendations from the Ad Hoc Environmental Justice

Committee: After a number of months of meeting, the Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee presented the following recommendations, with clarification on the details of each to be found in the minutes of Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee, which are posted to the HGNNC website. 1) Compatible/Non-Compatible Developments, 2) Educate/Engage Tools, 3) Invite Environmental Presenters/Speakers to General Membership meetings, 4) Amend Bylaws to include Environmental Justice Committee as a Standing Committee, 5) Virtual Toxic Tour of Harbor Gateway North locations, 6) Write letter to Councilmember Tim McOsker requesting support on environmental issues adversely impacting stakeholders of Districts 2 and 3, 7) Create a flyer for the website highlighting environmental justice issues impacting HGNNC, and 8)

Extend/continue the Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee after the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has approved the revised HGNNC Bylaws n 2024; mandate to include engagement/education of stakeholders via outreach, partnerships, and recruitment on environmental justice issues of concern and authority to engage/network with resources in furtherance of the mission, such as environmental justice agencies, Planning Director for Council District 15, Amanda Bettinelli in the Department of Justice, the State Attorney General, South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Air Resources Board, and others with environmental justice expertise. It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 11-0-1 (Trejo) to approve the recommendations.

6) Approval of letter of support for using native plants in City plantings: The greater use of native plants in medians, parkways, on the grounds of public buildings, etc. will help to support local birds, butterflies, and other pollinators, as well as provide trees and shrubs suited to the climate and low water use. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Nita Stonehocker, and passed 12-0-0 to approve the letter.

7) Letter of support for Council File 23-0919 (Establishing a Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Los Angeles): The Council File seeks to encourage the City Council and City Departments to adopt long-range planning such as Santa Monica and other cities do, in order to more adequately to plan and budget for building repairs, sidewalk repair, major street improvements, bike lanes, etc. than the current year-to-year budgeting that is currently done. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Nita Stonehocker, and passed to approve the letter and file a Community Impact Statement.

8) Authorization for Miguel Vazquez to obtain the 2023 Election records: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12-0-0 to authorize Miguel Vazquez to obtain the 2023 HGNNC Board election results from the City Clerk's office.

9) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: The Planning and Land Use Committee will meet on October 26.

The Environmental Justice Committee will meet in October.

b) Brief announcements from Board members – Congress of Neighborhoods and recordings of sessions: Secretary Rosalie Preston noted that four Board members attended at City Hall and that the link for the recordings of the sessions had been sent to Boardmembers.

SB 411, which amends the Brown Act on open meetings, specifically for the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles, has passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor yesterday. The next step will be approval by the Los Angeles City Council, followed by the creation of guidelines by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Our understanding is that Neighborhood Councils will then be able to resume meetings via Zoom and only need to hold one in-person meeting per year. However, Boards will need to vote as to officially vote on what they plan to do for both Board meetings and Committee meetings.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: April Johnson, Assistant Director for Community Engagement for 2nd District Supervisor Holly Mitchell, introduced herself. A new Deputy for the Harbor Gateway area has been hired and will start to attend the meetings. The County's Pathway Home project has recently seen 50 RVs taken off the County streets to the east of the

HGNNC with many being placed in housing. Another effort will be made to remove more. On Monday October 16 the County of Los Angeles will hold its Budget Town Hall virtually from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sign up for the Supervisor's newsletters at Mitchell.lacounty.gov

Michelle Chambers introduced herself. She is running for Senate District 35 and said that she has the endorsement of the current State Senator Steven Bradford, who is termed out and cannot run again. She was previously a Councilmember in the City of Compton and has worked on the staffs of a number of elected officials, including Janice Hahn. She has also been endorsed by 2nd District Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (Treasurer), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Frankie Mays (Community Organization Representative), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), Elijah Thomas (Youth Representative), and Will Yates (Outreach/Communications Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: Chairperson Miguel Vazquez called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. A roll call determined that a quorum of Board members was present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: There was no general public comment.

3) Reports

a) CD 15: Nicholas Chavez, Field Deputy for the Harbor Gateway, noted that Rosecrans Recreation Center will be holding a Trunk or Treat event on Sat. October 28 from 3-7 p.m. He reported that the One-Five Clean Team which is dedicated to providing additional clean up in the five neighborhoods of Council District 15, has picked up 1,000 tons of trash and illegal dumping during its first 100 days. Continue to use 311 to report illegal dumping and for other City services, but for difficult situations to report, email Nicholas at nicholas.i.chavez@lacity.org Councilmember Tim McOsker's State of the District was held for the first time in Watts on October 18. The Councilmember reported on his first ten months in office and plans for the future. LADWP has received a \$19 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources to support lawn removal and new landscaping at no cost to residents, if you meet the income and other guidelines. The program will begin early next year. He also spoke about the Gardena Willows Wetland located in the City of Gardena and the companion remnant located on the east side of Vermont Avenue in the City of Los Angeles. The County of Los Angeles Public Works recently cleared the weeds and trash from the open bottomed area of the Dominguez Channel. Filling City jobs and helping CD 15 residents find jobs is a key issue for Councilmember McOsker. There is still a 20% vacancy rate across all City Departments, including LAPD. CD 15 has held two job fairs so far and will be hosting the next one on Thurs. October 26 in Wilmington from 9 am to 3 pm. A job fair in the Harbor Gateway area will be planned for next year.

Some of the issues which stakeholders then asked Nicholas about were how to handle an overhanging tree from the property of a next-door apartment in District 2? Let Nicholas know and he will contact the Housing Authority.

(Marvin Bell entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.)

A tree on LADWP property that is near the back wall of a stakeholder's home in District 3? Contact LADWP as they are responsible for trimming it.

A District 4 stakeholder noted that some new trees are being planed on Hoover Street to replace the ones that were planted a number of years ago but had died.

b) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District: No representative was present.

c) LAPD: No representative was present.

Niles Foundation – Mataub Golab said that the non-profit Foundation had received funding to work with Council District 15 on promoting clean transportation. The Foundation wants to understand your interest in EVShare and other types of public transportation. They have a table

at the back of the auditorium and there is a survey that you can complete via your smartphone and a gift card and snacks for those who participate.

Reparations Advisory Commission: Mandla Kavise is one of the Commissioners on the Reparations Advisory Commission. He noted that Los Angeles is one of the few cities with such a Commission. The State of California also has its own Commission. He said that the issue of reparations for those who have suffered the continued impacts from slavery during the 1700's and 1800's comes at a historic moment. He encouraged stakeholders to take the survey on their experiences as African Americans to document such impacts as government-sanctioned race-based violence, land and asset seizures, redlining, restrictive covenants and housing segregation, housing and employment discrimination, environmental and health outcomes, unequal educational opportunities, and injustice in the legal system. The study and survey by the Commission will continue through December 31. Then the Commission will work on a reparations pilot program for January 2025. He has paper surveys and can show participants how to access the survey online. The Commission is also holding online webinars to help document the black experience in Los Angeles and to work to heal from past harms and to move forward as a City. He also introduced Diamond James, who was present from the LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department.

4) Speaker – Parking Enforcement – Abandoned vehicles, sweeper day fines, no heavy trucks on residential streets, no big trucks on non-truck routes, etc.: Captain Kenneth Hill, who oversees Southern Parking Enforcement, said that his division of the Department of Transportation works to enforce parking laws 24/7 in the City of Los Angeles. Southern Parking Enforcement has 40 officers to cover the large area from south of the 10 freeway, west to the Crenshaw District and south to San Pedro and Wilmington. Southern Parking Enforcement receives 160 calls for service every day, mostly for blocked driveways. They receive 300 calls regarding abandoned vehicles every day.

For removal of **abandoned vehicles**, call 1-800-ABANDON or 1-800-222-6366. An officer has to come out to mark the vehicle, then wait 72 hours to issue a citation if the vehicle still hasn't moved, and then allow 24 hours for the vehicle to be towed. Use 1-800-Abandon, rather than 311, as the call goes directly to Parking Enforcement.

Street cleaning now is done only twice a month for streets that have posted signs. Fines for not moving a vehicle on sweeper day are in the range of \$83 to \$85. Parking Enforcement is not pro-active on giving out tickets and does not drive up and down streets looking for violators as they do not have enough staff. They write tickets as a deterrent. Someone who receives a ticket can pay just \$5 to create a pending master file and that holds up the collection process for fines. Street sweepers operate out of a different City Department—Street Services-Public Works. On sweeper days Parking Enforcement goes out at 8 a.m. to cite vehicles still parked on streets that will be cleaned. They then come back to double-check on other vehicles that may have parked on the street before the sweeper has come by. To figure out which week is the first week of the month and the second week, the week in which the first day of the month falls is considered the first week.

In regards to **big trucks driving on non-truck routes**, CHP and LAPD cite those. The truck routes should have posted signs. A task force may need to be created to deal with trucks using residential streets and non-truck routes.

Clean up of **RVs** parked along streets requires multi-agencies to be involved. Parking Enforcement cannot tow any RV with a person or persons living in it. LAHSA and LAPD have to become involved to try to get the person into housing first.

Blocked driveways and alleys is the issue that generates the most number of calls to Parking Enforcement. Use 213-485-4184 to report, with staff present to answer calls 24/7.

(Elijah Thomas entered the meeting at 7:57 p.m.)

For **stolen vehicles** found on streets, call the Parking Enforcement communications center at 213-485-4184.

Commercial trucks over 22 feet can stop to unload goods on residential streets but cannot park on residential streets. Call 213-485-4184 to report them and have them ticketed and ask for the incident number for follow up.

Some questions from stakeholders, in District 6 why are some streets not posted for street sweeping? CD 15 Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez said that their office is working on the issue. In District 8 on Central Avenue, Metro removes vehicles from the 105 freeway that have broken down or been in accidents and leaves them on Central Avenue. Call 1-800-ABANDON to have them removed. A number of residents of District 4 said that when they park on their blocks on the non-street sweeping weeks, they get tickets anyway. Captain Hill said he would give them his contact information for follow up, as that should not be occurring.

5) Documentation of issues related to oil drilling at the Garner well, 809 W. 126th Street – how to report vibrations, cracking, noise, and odors to Department of City Planning, South Coast AQMD, LA Fire Department, CalGEM: A number of residents have reported impacts from drilling at the Garner well site, 809 W. 126th Street, due to slant drilling from the well and fracking of below ground rock to access oil and gas deposits. Edber Macedo, Department of City Planning, has sent contact information to report such impacts, such as vibrations of homes and apartments, cracking of walls and driveways, noise from the drilling, and odors, such as hydrogen sulfide, benzene, and toluene.

6) Give away of free organic waste pails provided by LA Sanitation: The Neighborhood Council received 25 organic waste pails to give out to residents. Residents just need to fill in their address and zip code on the sign up sheet. The pails are part of the City's effort to reduce the amount of food waste going into the black bins and then to landfills so that the amount of methane which landfills produce is reduced. The initiative is part of the State of California's goal to reduce organic waste 75% by 2025.

7) Administrative motions

a) Approval of \$629.92 to Minuteman Press for October 24 General Membership meeting flyers: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

b) Approval of \$1,575 to Walking Man for delivery of October 24 General Membership meeting flyers: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Arvie Powell, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

c) Support for Council File 23-1057 Athens on the Hill Historic-Cultural Designation and possible Historic Preservation Overlay Zone: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 13-0-0 to support the Council File and file a Community Impact statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

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November 16, 2023

Christopher Piña, City Planner
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street - Room 667
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Harbor Gateway Community Plan Update – ENV-2019-3379-EIR

Dear Mr. Piña:

On November 14, 2023, our Board voted x-x-x to make the following comments of support for goals and policies of the updated Harbor Gateway Community Plan. The proposed new zoning will help implement these goals and policies of the Plan.

Since the beginning of the Harbor Gateway Community Plan update process, our Neighborhood Council has maintained certain goals for the update, which have been reflected in our previous comment letters. These include the preservation of our existing low-scale neighborhoods (including the R2-1 zoned blocks), the protection and restoration of historic cultural resources, neighborhoods and landmarks (including Athens on the Hill, the block of Orchard Avenue between Alondra Boulevard and Gardena Boulevard, Gardena Blvd. from the 110 freeway to Vermont Avenue, and the Chacksfield-Merit Tract), an increase in park facilities and open space, the creation of community centers and gathering spaces, and the change in zoning from industrial to hybrid industrial where industrially zoned parcels are located near residential and other sensitive uses.

In the last several years we have also supported the State and City efforts to consider the special needs of our community as it relates to environmental justice and note with approval Chapter 3 and its many environmental justice-related proposals for planning and land use.

We have also expressed concerns with the impact of many of the businesses which conduct auto repair in the commercial zones on the nearby residential uses and the current appearance of those businesses and note the proposals to address those concerns.

These are some of the proposals in the Preliminary Draft of the Harbor Gateway Community Plan - June 2023 which we concur with as they support our original goals for the update:

Land Use and Urban Form

Explore the application of Character Districts to support efforts to conserve architecturally distinctive residential neighborhoods such as Athens on the Hill and the Chacksfield-Merit Tract. LU 6.1

Retain, support, and reinforce the various historic and architectural elements of Athens on the Hill, including the development patterns, tree canopies, and the landscaped medians along Athens Boulevard and Laconia Boulevard. LU 6.2

Support and strengthen the historic and cultural legacy of African-American residents of Athens on the Hill. LU 6.3

Maintain and strengthen the integrity of post-war architectural styles such as Traditional Ranch and distinguished Japanese-style landscaping in areas such as the Chacksfield Tract Survey LA Planning District. LU 6.4

Support the restoration of the historic homes on Orchard Avenue (between Alondra Boulevard and Gardena Boulevard) in a manner that preserves the craftsman and cottage architectural elements and integrity of existing structures. LU 6.5

Support the rehabilitation and reuse of buildings and materials with architectural character, such as existing early 20th Century brick commercial buildings, especially along Gardena Boulevard. LU 6.7

Encourage and promote the utilization of incentive programs, such as the City Mills Act, Historical Property Contract Program, the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, and California Historical Building Code for owners of historic properties to conserve the integrity of historic-cultural resources. LU 5.1

Support efforts to preserve the potential historic resources in Harbor Gateway identified through SurveyLA and future comprehensive historic survey efforts. LU 5.4 Note: As called out in SurveyLA 2012, designate the Tepper Tire Service Station, 848 W. Gardena Boulevard as a potential historic-cultural monument.

Encourage the restoration and adaptive reuse of distinctive residential architecture dating from the first half of the 20th century. LU 5.5

Seek a high degree of architectural compatibility and landscaping for new infill development to protect the character and scale of existing residential neighborhoods. LU 16.1

Protect existing lower density residential neighborhoods from new construction that is out-of-scale by introducing frontage standards and building envelope requirements that achieve compatibility with the existing built form. LU 16.2

Support the contextual rear infill of new additions and accessory structures in established neighborhoods that contribute to the overall existing development patterns and property values, and do not disrupt the integrity of the historic or building era they represent. LU 16.4

Encourage neighborhood-oriented shopping and services to be developed within walking distance to residential areas. LU 7.5

Support an adequate level of neighborhood commercial services (e.g., grocery stores, sit-down restaurants, and fitness facilities) by prioritizing and increasing ground floor commercial uses over residential-only development in Community Center, Neighborhood Center, Villages and the Regional Center designations. LU 8.2

Support improvements to existing buildings along commercial and mixed-use corridors through targeted programs, such as façade improvement programs. LU 17.2

Encourage the design of commercial development, including infill development, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and reuse efforts, to produce a high-quality built environment that is compatible with adjacent development, and reflects the community's unique historic, cultural and architectural context and overall enhances community identity. LU 18.1

Promote new development with ground floor transparency and entries along the sidewalk to sustain street level interest and enhance pedestrian activity and safety. LU 18.9

Encourage urban design techniques, such as appropriate building orientation and scale, transitional building heights, landscaping, buffering and increased setbacks in the development of commercial properties to improve land use compatibility with adjacent uses and to enhance the physical environment. LU 19.2

Encourage overall site improvements as part of expansions and modifications of existing auto-related facilities, including improved landscaping, buffering and architectural character in order to minimize environmental impacts. LU 19.4

Support the screening of open storage, recycling centers and auto uses, and limit visibility of automobile parts storage and other related products from public view. LU 19.5

Encourage paved areas such as driveways, walkways, and outdoor spaces to be designed with permeable surfaces in order to increase infiltration and reduce runoff. LU 20.5

Encourage mixed-use districts near transit and at other key nodes that combine a variety of uses to achieve a community where people can shop, live, and work, and enjoy access to healthy open spaces with reduced reliance on the automobile. LU 9.1

Promote a broad range of uses and streetscape improvements, including an urban tree canopy, that support and enhance El Segundo Boulevard, Rosecrans Boulevard, Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena Boulevard, Figueroa Street, and Vermont Avenue. LU 7.7

Incentivize safe, job-rich industries that provide new employment opportunities for the residents of the community, while discouraging businesses that do not generate significant employment opportunities. LU 13.3

Create light industrial and hybrid industrial areas that foster clean and emerging industries that are compatible with adjacent residential areas. LU 14.1

Advance Environmental Justice goals to reduce pollution from freeways, oil drilling, industrial waste recycling, and other industrial sources within our Harbor Gateway North community

Ensure that existing oil well sites located in residential areas have well-maintained and landscaped front yard setbacks, be enclosed by perimeter fencing (except for the front yard portions) and have well-maintained oil equipment at all times. LU 3.2

Environmental Justice

Promote public health and environmental sustainability outcomes that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand access to green and healthy spaces, improve air quality and encourage physical activity, and provide all residents with the opportunity to access good jobs. Promote new development that integrates sustainable design, green building practices, technologies, green roofs, tree planting, low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) materials and other features that minimize impacts on the environment, including the reduction of heat island effect and greenhouse gases. EJ 3.1

Encourage the creation of landscaped corridors and enhancements through the planting of street trees along commercial corridor segments and through median plantings. EJ 3.2

Encourage the sensible use of native and drought-tolerant plants and permeable surfaces in all new development. EJ 3.3

Encourage green, sustainable industries that bolster the economic base and provide high-skill and high-wage job opportunities for local residents. EJ 4.1

Support the transition of industrial land uses from heavier industrial uses to lighter industrial uses, in close proximity to residential neighborhoods to minimize the negative environmental and visual impacts to the community. EJ 5.1

Minimize residential-industrial land use incompatibilities and discourage the introduction of heavy industrial uses adjacent to residential neighborhoods. EJ 5.2

Prevent the enlargement of nonconforming, incompatible commercial and industrial uses within residential uses and support their removal on a scheduled basis. EJ 5.4

Support the creation of green buffers next to freeways to help reduce the amount of particulate matter (PM2.5) spillover into residential areas. EJ 5.8

Encourage existing industrial businesses to improve the physical appearance of their properties with adequate screening and landscaping when adjacent to residential or other sensitive uses and require such improvements for the establishment of new businesses in order to reduce environmental impacts. EJ 7.1

Support the implementation of prevention measures and design features that proactively safeguard the community from exposure to noxious activities (e.g., oil and gas extraction) that emit odors, noise, toxic, hazardous, or contaminant substances, materials, vapors, and other hazardous nuisances. EJ 7.2

Expand the enforcement of existing regulations that prohibit cargo container storage yards and warehousing near residential zones. EJ 7.4

Ensure that existing oil well sites within residential areas provide appropriate screening, fencing and landscaping and have well-maintained equipment until such time as they are phased out. EJ 10.1

Ensure that all existing uses that employ extraction technology, including fracking, acidizing, drilling or other technologies that involve potentially hazardous materials, create no negative impacts on public health or the environment. EJ 10.3

Support the expedited preparation of plans and programs for the abandonment, proper plugging and remediation of all oil-related sites, prioritizing sites in residential areas, consistent with State, County and City efforts to phase-out oil drilling and ensure that all existing oil well sites adhere to adopted amortization programs and prohibitions. EJ 11.1

Public Realm and Open Space

Develop new community, neighborhood and pocket parks to increase parks and open space that are equitably distributed throughout Harbor Gateway, engaging the community and surrounding residents. PO 1.1

Pursue joint-use agreements to share facilities with schools, especially in neighborhoods that suffer a disproportionate lack of park space and recreational facilities. PO 1.13

Provide more opportunities for accessible public spaces along streets in the form of plazas and paseos that are designed to encourage social activity, especially along Rosecrans Boulevard and Gardena Boulevard. PO 2.2

Design plazas and other open spaces as communal gathering places that provide opportunities for markets, music, art and community events as well as a range of active and passive activities for users of all ages. PO 2.4

Enhance tree planting and sustainable landscaping in parkways, medians, and neighborhood gateways as a placemaking strategy. PO 2.6

Promote urban trails and paths that maximize water recapture and include watershed-friendly landscaping to encourage biodiversity through design features, such as pervious paving and the use of California native, drought-tolerant plants. PO 3.2

Promote open spaces to maximize water recapture, promote biodiversity, reuse and recycling, as well as to facilitate natural collection, filtration and treatment of stormwater to reduce stormwater runoff, recharge aquifers, remove pollutants and reinforce the Dominguez Channel district as a resilient riparian corridor. PO 3.4

Facilitate the planting and maintenance of appropriate street trees, which provide shade and scale to residential and commercial streets in all neighborhoods. PO 4.1

Preserve and frequently maintain open space in the spaces provided by the Vermont Avenue median between 120th Street and Redondo Beach Boulevard, the Athens Boulevard median, and the Laconia Boulevard median. PO 4.5 Note: Vermont Avenue between Gage and Gardena Blvd. is designated a Scenic Highway in the City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035.

Identify and inventory potential garden/urban farm sites within existing parks, vacant lots, public easements, rights-of-way and schoolyards in appropriate locations. PO 5.1

Mobility and Connectivity

Ensure the community is served by a complete street system that is safe, attractive, and that balances the needs of all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, mobility-challenged persons and vehicles. MC 1.1

Encourage improved local and express bus service in Harbor Gateway through coordination with regional and local transit agencies (e.g., the Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro), LADOT, Long Beach Transit, Torrance Transit and Gardena Transit), and with community input. MC 2.1

Enhance the development of park-and-ride facilities that are strategically designed to integrate with freeways, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities and transit routes. MC 2.2

Reduce automobile dependency by providing a safe and convenient transit system accessible to all, pedestrian linkages and a network of safe and accessible bikeways and by encouraging alternatives, including reduced emissions vehicles, such as electric and neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs). MC 3.3

Maintain sidewalks, streets and rights-of-way in good condition, free of obstructions, and with adequate lighting, trees and parkways. Streets should accommodate pedestrians and be ADA accessible through adequate sidewalks, curb cuts, parkway landscaping that provides shade, and street lighting that provides safety during the night. MC 5.4

Promote pedestrian-oriented ground floors on Gardena Boulevard for remodels, tenant improvements, and re-use efforts that remain consistent with existing shopfront features such as horizontal and vertical articulation around windows and shop front entrances that reflect this historic pattern. MC5.11

A parking supply that is efficient, serves economic development and facilitates all modes of transportation MC 7.1

Sincerely,

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

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November 16, 2023

Maneri Roman, City Planner
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Re: ZA-2023-5293-ZV; ENV-2023-5294-CE (continued use of non-conforming auto repair and smog check shop in [Q]R4-1 zone)

Dear Ms. Roman:

On November 14, 2023, our Board voted x-x-x to affirm the recommendation of our Planning and Land Use Committee for the continued use of Ponce's Auto Repair and Smog Check, 11000 S. Figueroa Street, in the [Q]R4-1 zone. Mr. Ponce has operated his business at that site for 18 years and previously the property has been used as a site for auto repair since 1960. We have spoken with nearby residents of the business, who have all said that they have no issues with its operation and that it provides a community service at the location.

We make the following recommendations for conditions of the renewal:

- 1) Continuance of the current hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday
- 2) Support for having a street tree planted in front of the business on Figueroa Street, to help provide shade for pedestrians
- 3) Support for planting vines in cut-outs on the inside of the fencing that can eventually cover at least parts of the fencing to beautify the property
- 4) Plan approval review in five years' time
- 5) Authorization for operating an auto repair business in the residential zone to run with the land

Sincerely,

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson – Council District 8
Albizael Del Valle, Planning and Economic Development Deputy - Council District 8
Laura Garcia, Field Deputy - Council District 8

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2023 Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 411 into law, which modifies the Brown Act to authorize eligible legislative bodies to use teleconferencing, as prescribed, if the City Council has adopted an authorizing resolution and two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of an eligible legislative body votes to use the alternate teleconferencing provisions;


WHEREAS, SB 411 defines “eligible legislative body” for this purpose to mean a neighborhood council that is an advisory body with the purpose to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs that is established pursuant to the charter of a city with a population of more than 3,000,000 people that is subject to the act;

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Neighborhood Councils met using teleconferencing and many community members found the ability to join meetings remotely eased the process of being involved in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils should be able to increase participation by meeting remotely if they think it is in the best interest of their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles authorizes Neighborhood Councils to use teleconferencing pursuant to California Code Section 54953.8.

PRESENTED BY:


HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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