

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

**Held via Zoom meeting online or by telephone**  
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Barbara Tyson-Frazier, District 7  
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE HARBOR GATEWAY NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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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.  
**(press \*9 to raise hand, \*6 to unmute)**
- 3) Reports
  - a) LAPD
  - b) Council District 15
  - c) Other elected officials
  - d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
  - e) HGNNC Board election-vote-by-mail
  - f) Updates on 2024-2025 Board goals/priorities

- 4) Approval of revisions to the HGNNC Standing Rules, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee **Vote**
- 5) Comment letters
  - a) Approval of letter on 2025 permit review for California Waste Services, 621 W. 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee **Vote**
  - b) Approval of HGNNC 2025-2026 City budget priorities letter **Vote**
- 6) Consideration of support for Council File 24-1580 (Oil Well Acid Maintenance/Public Notification/AB3233) **Vote**
- 7) Administrative motions
  - a) Approval of the February 11, 2025, Board minutes **Vote**
  - b) Approval of the February 25, 2025, Special Board minutes **Vote**
  - c) Approval of \$600 to SoCal Shred for the February 1 voter registration event **Vote**
  - d) Approval of \$149.99 to McAfee for virus protection for office computer and laptop for one year **Vote**
- 8) Board business/announcements
  - a) Reports from Committees
  - b) Brief announcements from Board members

#### Adjournment

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(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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## **Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Eva Cooper Pace (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At Large Representative)

Absent: Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate)

**1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call:** Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She announced that Miguel Vazquez, formerly the Chairperson, was no longer a Board member due to excessive absences from Board meetings. The 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.

(Arvie Powell entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.)

### **3) Reports**

**a) LAPD:** No Senior Lead Officer was able to attend as they have been assigned to the Palisades fire staging area.

**b) Council District 15:** Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez said that Councilmember Tim McOsker wants to reassure stakeholders of CD 15 that although many police and firefighters have been re-assigned to assist with the Palisades fire and its aftermath, there are still adequate numbers of public safety staff assigned to our area. For those who want to donate to help those impacted by the fires, the Councilmember has a list of those accepting donations on the Council District website. Be aware of which organizations seeking donations are reputable. The Department of Sanitation has begun removing debris from the Palisades fire and Urban Forestry has been clearing away downed and burned trees. The CD 15 Clean Team has been focusing on cleaning up under the freeway overpasses, with some cleaning up of weeds along Imperial Highway (Wadsworth to Stanford). The City parkway on Vermont Avenue north of Rosecrans Avenue will also be cleared of weeds and along Hoover Street in District 4. Caltrans has been cleaning up along the 110 freeway from Carson Street to Imperial Highway. Metro/Caltrans has a beautification project that will impact the I-110 at the 91 freeway interchange and also at the 105 interchange. The proposal is to pave some areas that are currently unpaved to make Caltrans vehicle access easier, plus planting new drought-tolerant plants which will help counter illegal dumping. They welcome input on the plant palette and will be hosting a community meeting via Zoom on Wed. February 5 at 6 p.m. Nicholas noted that there have been a number of fires set along the 110 freeway, including at Alondra Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd., and these are related to homeless encampments. There are encampments at Broadway and 117<sup>th</sup> Street and in a nearby alley. Nicholas is working with la-hop and Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka on setting up a clean up. The homeless encampment in the alley south of 129<sup>th</sup> Street should be cleared by January 15. Service providers have been reaching out to those in the encampment. There has also been outreach to those living in vehicles along the south side of Imperial Highway. To reach Exodus to provide a non-police response, call 1-877-275-5273. This number can be used for noise complaints, drug use, loitering, and cars that are doing wheelies or street racing. Due to the fires, the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count has been postponed until later in February. In regard to the increase in graffiti along Gardena Blvd. and nearby, GAP

has been busy painting it out. In regards to the auto repair business at 762 W. Gardena Blvd. across from the Boys and Girls Club, Nicholas has been working with the owner on the issue of the business parking vehicles being worked on on nearby streets and on the illegal removal of the two street trees on the Menlo Avenue side of the business.

**c) Mayor's Office:** No one was present.

**d) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District:** No one was present.

**e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Helena Doub, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for Harbor Gateway North, noted that this is a difficult time for the City of Los Angeles. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has sent out links to resources for those impacted by the fires. Candidate filing for the Neighborhood Council Board election closed on January 6. DONE met with the Board of Public Works on some of the issues which City residents have been raising with their Neighborhood Councils, including the many street lights which are out. Stakeholders can email the Board of Public Works directly when it takes a long time for repairs. The statistics on reports can be found on the Open Data portal, though it has not been recently updated. Public Works will be hosting Town Halls in various Council Districts to hear concerns regarding street lighting, sidewalks, road paving, etc.

**f) HGNNX Board election candidates; voter registration event on Sat. February 1:** Candidate filing closed on January 6. There are four contested seats and three seats with no candidates. The tentative date for the Candidate Forum is either Wed. February 12 or Thurs. February 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Voter registration for vote-by-mail ballots begins on January 24. There will be a ballot drop box, but the location is not known yet. Otherwise there will be postage-paid envelopes to mail back the ballots via U.S. mail.

**g) Updates on 2024-2025 Board goals/priorities:** Rosecrans Avenue medians planting with trees (Joan Jacobs and Dave Trejo)—no updates. Coffee with a Cop--Frankie Mays said that due to the LAPD assisting with the Palisades fire recovery, the event will possibly be scheduled sometime later in February and held at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Increasing stakeholder engagement via van tour of HGNNC (Jackie Jackson and Dave Trejo)—this project is on hold. Dave noted that 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Environmental Charter Middle School will be identifying issues to advocate for at a January 31 meeting. Cultural event involving youth—Finesse Simmons and those students assisting her have started contacting possibly beauty supply businesses and those who offer beauty services. Eva Cooper-Pace noted that she has a box of crocheted hair she can donate for the event. CD 15 will not start planning the event until later in February. Farmers' Markets—Majenni Nixon said that there are no updates. Updating website—Rosalie Preston said that the resource links for fire victims which the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment provided have been posted to the HGNNC website. She will be suggesting some design improvements, such as subject tabs across the top of the website based on the websites of two other Neighborhood Councils.

**4) Revised appointment of Homeless Liaisons:** Three of the previously appointed Homeless Liaisons who were voted on at the January 9 Board meeting have resigned. District 5 stakeholder Hannah Woods will remain, and the proposal is to appoint Board members Marvin Bell and Barbara Tyson-Frazier to join Ms. Woods in being the three officially appointed liaisons. The responsibility of the Liaisons is to attend the bi-monthly meetings set up by DONE, which are held by Zoom, and to report back to the Board. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper Pace and passed 13 (Bell, Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Ruiz, Stonehocker, Trejo)-0-1 (Simmons) to appoint Hannah Woods, Marvin Bell, and Barbara Tyson-Frazier as the Homeless Liaisons.

**5) Approval of revisions to the HGNNC Standing Rules:** District 5 stakeholder and Bylaws Committee member Luetta Watson objected to the Board approving the draft Standing Rules as

she wanted all items to be reviewed and discussed by the Bylaws Committee. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Eva Cooper Pace, and passed 11 (Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Ruiz, Simmons, Stonehocker,)-3 (Bell, Preston, Trejo)-0 to table the item and refer to the Bylaws Committee.

**6) Consideration of support for Council File 24-0602 (Synthetic grass/Health and Environmental Risks):** The draft letter was screen-shared. It has been found that artificial grass has a life span, cannot be recycled and so ends up in landfills, can become extremely hot in the summer so that contact with it can cause burns, and does not save on water as it requires washing down. LADWP no longer pays for artificial grass to replace lawns as part of its efforts to reduce water use in outdoor landscaping. The Council File supporting studies on phasing out artificial turf in public and private spaces has already been passed by the City Council, but the HGNNC can consider adding its support, as many other Neighborhood Councils have done. It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 14 (Bell, Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Ruiz, Simmons, Stonehocker, Trejo)-0-0 to support the Council File and file a Community Impact Statement.

**7) Report on City Attorney communication regarding Board member absences and possible removal:** This item was removed from the agenda on the advice of the City Attorney's office.

#### **8) Administrative motions**

**a) Approval of the December 10, 2024, Board minutes:** It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 14 (Bell, Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Ruiz, Simmons, Stonehocker, Trejo)-0-0 to approve the minutes as corrected. The Board members who were listed as "absent (excused)" will just be listed as "absent."

**b) Approval of the December 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report:** Treasurer Majenni Nixon screen-shared and summarized the expenditures for December. \$23,203.10 remains in the HGNNC Funding account. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Arvie Powell, and passed 13 (Bell, Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Ruiz, Stonehocker, Trejo)-0-0, with Simmons ineligible due to age, to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report.

**c) Approval of up to \$100 for additional Homeless Count refreshments on January 23:** Rosalie Preston explained that LAHSA is providing gift cards for \$50 worth of refreshments for potentially 50 volunteers at the deployment site at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. for the Harbor Gateway area. However, just in case more water and snacks are needed at the last minute, the additional funds would be authorized. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Nita Stonehocker, and passed 13 (Bell, Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Ruiz, Stonehocker, Trejo)-0-0, with Simmons ineligible due to age, to approve the expenditure.

**d) Approval of a Board Reimbursement of \$43.80 to Rosalie Preston for 250 paper bags from Etsy for Winter Wonderland at Normandale Recreation Center on December 20, 2024:** Rosalie explained that the bank card was rejected when she tried to order the bags online and the card could not be unblocked in time for the bags to be received before the event, so she used a personal credit card. It was moved by Frankie Mays, seconded by Majenni Nixon, and passed 12 (Bell, Cooper Pace, Frerichs, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Ruiz, Stonehocker, Trejo)-0-1(Preston), with Simmons ineligible due to age, to approve the Board reimbursement.

## **9) Board business/announcements**

**a) Reports from Committees:** The Planning and Land Use Committee will meet on January 23, with updates on the proposed Prologis warehouse and California Waste Services permit review on the agenda.

**b) Brief announcements from Board members:** The Tues. January 28 General Membership meeting was to have been held at the 135<sup>th</sup> Street School with Neighborhood Housing Services explaining the types of services they offer. However, possibly the meeting will be moved to a virtual meeting due to disruptions due to the fires. Many City Departments are not responding to requests to speak and possibly the school will not be open on that date. A last-minute decision will be made by Thursday January 16 as the meeting flyer needs to go to the printer on January 17.

The Mayor's Day of Service on Sat. January 25 will be postponed. This initiative is something that Mayor Karen Bass announced at the 25-year anniversary celebration of Neighborhood Councils on December 13 at City Hall. The plan is to hold a monthly clean up day at sites around the City of Los Angeles, with participants from many Neighborhood Councils and community groups.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count has been postponed until later in February, due to the impact of the Palisades, Eaton, and other fires.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Eva Cooper Pace (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), and Craig Kusunoki (At Large Representative)

Absent: Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative)

**1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call:** Due to Vice Chair Joan Jacobs being a candidate, At-Large Representative Craig Kusunoki announced that since he is not a candidate, he would be chairing the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The roll call determined that a quorum was present.

**2) 2025 HGNNC Board Election Candidate Forum conducted by the League of Women Voters of Torrance Area including Gardena, Carson, Harbor City, and Lomita:** Gloria Gutierrez, President of the League of Women Voters of Torrance Area, introduced herself and then introduced Ryan Rauzon. Director of Communications for the League. Each candidate was then allowed two minutes to introduce themselves. Then for the four contested seats (Chairperson, District 5 Representative, District 6 Representative, and At-Large Representative) each candidate was asked what they see as the two top issues facing the Neighborhood Council. Then after the contested candidates had answered that question, each candidate was asked for their ideas to get more people involved in the Neighborhood Council.

At the conclusion of the Forum, Gloria Gutierrez reminded attendees that March 25 is election day and to go to <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/elections/neighborhood-council-elections> to learn more about voting in the Neighborhood Council election. She also encouraged attendees to learn more about the League of Women Voters and to consider a membership that ranges from \$20 to \$75 at [www.lwvtorrancearea.org](http://www.lwvtorrancearea.org). The League has been a grassroots organization empowering voters to use their voice for 175 years.

(The Candidate Forum is now posted to the HGNNC YouTube page under

**3) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction:** District 7 stakeholder Clifford McClain asked how to get more involved with the election process.

District 5 stakeholder Nakiesha Scott raised the issue of when the previous Chairperson was last present for a Board meeting. She said that she had consulted the HGNNC Bylaws and that a Board member who misses four consecutive meetings should be removed. She had consulted meeting recordings for the past ten months to verify the absences over that period.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary



# STANDING RULES

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council (HGNNC)

Updated March 11, 2025

### INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council (HGNNC) Standing Rules is to clarify or better define portions of the HGNNC Bylaws, and/or Board procedures and processes, and to establish information regarding Board operations that may be of assistance to the Board and to Stakeholders of HGNNC.

The Standing Rules shall be in addition to the Bylaws and shall not be construed to change or replace any Bylaws. If there is a conflict between a provision of the Bylaws and a Standing Rule, the Bylaws shall govern. Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Board members present and voting.

The HGNNC Standing Rules shall be available for review in their most current version on the HGNNC website.

### **(1) Rules for Participation on a Committee:**

**(a)** The Chair of the Committee shall be a full-voting member.

**(b)** A Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members, including the Committee Chair.

**(c)** Each Committee shall be comprised of Stakeholder(s) and Board Member(s). If necessary, non-Stakeholder(s) with expertise in the Committee's assignment may become an Advisor to the Committee.

**(d)** A quorum for a Committee shall be one-half the number of Committee members plus one.

**(e)** Absence from four consecutive meetings or four meetings during a twelve month period shall be deemed a failure to consistently attend, excluding excused absences, and shall result in removal from the Committee. Committee members shall notify the Chair and/or Secretary of the Committee regarding their inability to attend a meeting via email and/or telephone call at least two hours before the scheduled meeting.

**(f)** Standing Committees may choose to elect a Vice Chair.

**(g)** Committee agendas shall be set by/with collaboration of the Chair and Secretary of the Committee and may include input from Committee members.

**(h)** A Committee shall perform tasks or duties only requested by the Board. A Committee shall not represent HGNNC in an official capacity to third (3rd) parties without approval from the HGNNC Board.

(A Committee cannot act independently of the organization per Robert's Rules.)

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(2) Responsibility of Committees:**

**(a)** For the consideration of all questions referred by the HGNNC Board or the Board Chair.

**(b)** For the creation of reports and of making recommendations to the HGNNC Board for and in the best interest of Stakeholders of the Neighborhood Council.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**3) Agendas:**

The HGNNC Board Agenda(s) ~~shall~~ **may have a Consent Calendar.** Consent Calendar Items are considered to be non- controversial and shall be treated as one Agenda Item. The Consent Calendar shall be enacted with one Motion. There shall be no separate discussion of these items unless the item is removed from the Consent Calendar, in which event that item will be considered on the regular Agenda.

(Adopted November 12, 2019; revised March 11, 2025)

**(4) Public Comment:**

For items not on the Board Agenda. Speaker(s) shall be limited to two (2) minutes to speak on an item. The Chair may extend or limit time due to extenuating circumstances.

(Personal appearance required. No electronic or proxy statements allowed.)

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(5) Speaking on Agenda Item:**

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, audience members/stakeholders shall be allowed to address the HGNNC Board regarding a specific Agenda Item during the time the Item is being considered. Speakers shall be limited to two (2) minutes each. The Chair may extend or limit time due to extenuating circumstances.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(6) Voting:**

**(a)** No vote shall be taken on any Motion or Resolution, including any amendments, until the Chair has stated the final Motion which is before the Board or the Committee. (At the discretion of the Chair, the Secretary may state the final motion.)

**(b)** Votes shall be cast in person. Proxy voting is not allowed.

**(c)** Unless it is necessary to recuse him/herself, each Board member (or Committee member) shall take part in voting on all motions by voting **Yes, No**, or shall formally **Abstain**. All recusal(s) shall be noted in the record. The tally shall be recorded in the Minutes as to composition of the votes cast.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(7) Correspondence:**

Draft copies of all proposed correspondence sent on behalf of the HGNNC shall be provided to each Board Member via email before the meeting during which the correspondence will be voted on. Finalized correspondence will be sent to each Board Member via email. If the correspondence states a position or recommendation of the Neighborhood Council, it shall also state the number of votes cast For, Against, Abstain for the position or recommendation.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(8) Public Speaking In Public Forum(s):**

Unless explicitly authorized to do so, all Board members and/or Committee members shall, in public forums, state that their public comments are made as independent individuals and are not to be taken as HGNNC positions or policies.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(9) Use of HGNNC Title/Position:**

No Board officer, Stakeholder, or member of HGNNC or any of its Committees shall commit the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council to any action without express authority and approval of the Board.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(10) Solicitation for Donations:**

No Board officer, Stakeholder, or member of HGNNC or any of its Committees shall solicit donations of any kind, fashion or in any wise use the name of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council in such endeavor without express authority of the Board.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**(11) Sergeant-At-Arms:**

The Chair may appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms to maintain balance and order during Board meetings.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

**Article V – Section 7A Governing Board- Absences-acceptable “excused” absences**

Acceptable “excused” absences from Board meetings shall include illness, work, family emergency, school/class commitment, bereavement, and vacation

(Adopted March 11, 2025)

**(12) Article VI – Section 2 Duties of the Board Members other than Officers:**

~~Language in this section of the November 12, 2013, Standing Rules is null and void. (Preempted by Article VI – Section 2 of the July 6, 2018, Bylaws.)~~

~~District Representatives: to be aware of stakeholder issues within the assigned HGNNC District and to provide stakeholders with appropriate agencies to contact to address the issues, including City Departments, LAPD, City Council Field Deputy, LAHSA, Caltrans, Union Pacific railroad, etc., follow up with stakeholders and issue(s) they have raised, and recommend Board actions to address underlying issues for ongoing problems.~~

~~Community Organization Representative: maintain contact with churches, non-profits, and other community organizations within the HGNNC boundaries and suggest collaborations where possible.~~

~~Youth Advocate: maintain contact with schools within the HGNNC boundaries, suggest collaborations where possible, and mentor the Youth Representative~~

Youth Representative: develop and maintain communication with youth living and/or going to school within the HGNNC boundaries and recommend actions that the HGNNC Board can take to further the interests of HGNNC youth, including programs, job availability, youth boards and conferences aimed at youth.

Outreach/Communications Representative: chair the Outreach/Communications Committee and help to develop various means of outreach and awareness to HGNNC stakeholders, including through programs and events, HGNNC website, and social media.

At-Large Representative: assist Board members with their representation of stakeholder needs and programs, as needed.

(Adopted March 11, 2025)

**(13) Motion for Reconsideration Procedure:**

(a) Before the Board reconsiders any matter, it must approve a Motion for Reconsideration. Said Motion must be approved by official action of the Board. After determining that an action should be reconsidered, the Board has the authority to re-hear, continue, or take action on the Item that is the subject of reconsideration within any limitations that are stated in the Motion for Reconsideration.

(b) The Motion for Reconsideration must be brought and the Board's approval of said Motion must occur, either during the same meeting where the Board initially acted or during the Board's next regularly-scheduled meeting that follows the meeting where the action subject to reconsideration occurred. The HGNNC may also convene a *Special Meeting* within these specified time frames to address a Motion for Reconsideration.

(c) A Motion for Reconsideration may be proposed only by a member of the Board (Moving Board Member) that previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken by the Board.

(d) A Board member who voted on the original action (Moving Board Member) may make the Motion for Reconsideration orally during the same meeting where the action that is the subject of reconsideration occurred, or by properly placing the Motion for Reconsideration on the Agenda of a meeting that occurs within the allowed, specified periods of time as stated above.

(e) In order to properly place the Motion for Reconsideration on the Agenda of the subsequent meeting, the Moving Board Member shall submit a Memorandum to the Recording Secretary at least two (2) days in advance of the deadline for posting notices for the meeting. The Memorandum must briefly state the reason(s) for requesting the reconsideration and must provide an adequate description of the matter(s) to be re-heard; and, the proposed action that may be adopted by the Board if the Motion for Reconsideration is approved.

(f) A Motion for Reconsideration that is properly brought before the Board may be seconded by any member of the Board.

(g) The Motion for Reconsideration process shall be conducted at all times in accordance with the Brown Act.

(Incorporated from 11/12/13 Standing Rules.)

**(14) Procedure for Returning HGNNC Equipment/Property After a Board Election:** One month after the new Board is certified, HGNNC equipment/property such as office keys, Ham Radio equipment, sound equipment, laptop computer, etc., which were purchased by HGNNC using City of Los Angeles funds; and, which are recorded in the HGNNC equipment inventory and logged out to a Board member or Stakeholder, must be returned per the requirements of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Board members and Stakeholders who do not return such equipment/property shall be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for further action. The HGNNC equipment inventory is maintained by the Treasurer or an appointee of the Board.

(Adopted November 12, 2019)

### **(15) Code of CivilityConduct:**

~~Collectively and individually, the members of the Board of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council and its appointed Committee members agree to abide by a Code of Civility to ensure that our Neighborhood Council's business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for our Neighborhood Council.~~

~~The freedom to express one's views about public matters is a cornerstone of the democratic process. The Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council welcomes the diverse views and opinions of our Board members and stakeholders as they relate to the issues before us. In order for these discussions to be meaningful and effective, we must treat others with respect and dignity.~~

~~We collectively and individually agree to abide by our Code of Civility to the best of our abilities.~~

~~1. I will conduct myself in a professional and civil manner at all times as a representative of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council, including treating each member of the Board and members of the public with respect at all times.~~

~~2. Even in the face of disagreement or differences of opinion, I will demonstrate esteem and deference for my colleagues and the public. During Neighborhood Council meetings, functions, or events I will not engage in or threaten to engage in any verbal or physical attack on any other individual. I will not use language that is abusive, demeaning, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures. I believe that derogatory language about an individual's ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability, or religion is not acceptable.~~

~~3. I will promote and enforce a safe meeting environment at all times. At moments when members of the public become disruptive and violate the rules of civility that we have pledged to follow, I will join my fellow Board or Committee members in demanding that the persons conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner even if I agree with the point of view that is being expressed.~~

~~4. I will commit to communicate my ideas and points of view clearly, and allow others to do the same without interruption. I pledge to truly listen to and hear other points of view. I will practice the art of being able to disagree without being disagreeable.~~

~~5. I will take responsibility for my own actions, and will work to fulfill my role and responsibilities as specified in the bylaws~~

~~6. I will commit to learn the applicable laws that govern Neighborhood Councils, including Bylaws, Standing Rules, meeting procedures, the Brown Act, conflict of interest laws, city ordinances, and the City Charter, and will not knowingly violate any of them so that we can maintain a safe and effective environment for conducting business.~~

~~7. I will seek to present information truthfully, and will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, or misquote information received from others.~~

~~8. If I find myself representing my personal interests before my community's interests, I will publicly disclose the differences and recuse myself from voting on such matters, and I will ask for advice from the Office of the City Attorney whenever I have doubts.~~

~~9. I will commit to good faith efforts to resolve grievances that come before the Board as specified in the procedures of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.~~

~~10. Out of respect to my fellow board members, the public, and the decision makers who we are trying to influence, I will make the best possible effort to understand the issues before me.~~

1. Neighborhood Council Board Members and Committee Members shall conduct themselves in a professional and civil manner.

2. This Policy applies to all Neighborhood Council Board or Committee meetings, Neighborhood Council events; events where the Neighborhood Council is a sponsor or participant; any event where a Board or Committee Member is acting, purports to be acting or appears to be acting in their official capacity as a Board or Committee Member; or when interacting with City employees, contractors, Neighborhood Council Board Members, Committee Members, and other volunteers.

3. This Policy also prohibits Neighborhood Council Board or Committee Members who is acting, purports to be acting or appears to be acting in their official capacity as a Board or Committee Member from using any technology, communication system, or equipment, regardless of whether City-issued, personal, or otherwise, whether used online or offline, to deliver, display, store, forward, publish, circulate, or solicit material in violation of this Policy. The technology, communication systems, or equipment referenced in this subsection may include, but are not limited to, email, text, social media, internet, intranet, telephones, computers, fax machines, voicemail, radio, video, cell phones, mobile digital terminals, or other communication devices.

4. If necessary, it is expected that the Neighborhood Council shall use this policy to either Censure or Remove a Board member who violates this Policy in accordance with BONC Policy numbers 2020-3 and 2020-4 and will proceed to remove an offending Stakeholder Committee Member in accordance with its bylaws.

5. This Policy prohibits harassment or discrimination on the basis of any Protected Category, or sexual harassment, other inappropriate conduct based on a Protected Category or protected activity. These activities interfere with the Policy's goals of maintaining diverse, equitable, inclusive, and productive Neighborhood Councils. Protected Categories under this Policy include those set forth in Section 3.1 of the City Workplace Equity Policy.

This Policy also includes protections for individuals perceived as being a member of one of the Protected Categories and individuals associated with members of the Protected Categories.

6. Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Members shall not engage in harassment. For the purposes of this Policy, harassment is the unwelcome and offensive, threatening, or abusive treatment of one or more persons (by any individual, including both Board and Committee Members) because of their actual or perceived Protected Categories.

Harassment can include, but is not limited to, one or more instances of conduct as set forth in Section 3.2.2 of the City Workplace Equity Policy.  
(Adopted March 11, 2025)

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March 11, 2025

Mayor Karen Bass  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: HGNNC 2025-2026 City budget priorities

Dear Mayor Bass:

On March 11, 2025, our Board voted x-x-x to recommend the following areas as priorities for monetary allocations in the 2025-2026 City budget. These priorities are based on the needs which our stakeholders have brought to us at meetings, via telephone calls, and e-mail:

- Building and Safety – increased funding for code enforcement in conjunction with the Dept. of City Planning or creation of a new quality of life code enforcement office under another Department
- Bureau of Sanitation--increased funding for weekly street cleaning in areas that have not previously had posted cleanings: Districts 1, 2, 3, and 6 of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council area (see our attached map)
- Bureau of Sanitation--increased funding for the removal and prosecution of illegally dumped items and installation of deterrent measures (including cameras and vouchers for dumping at approved landfills for small haulers) at key locations:
  - 1) 168<sup>th</sup> Street under the I-110 (HGNNC District 1)
  - 2) Estrella between 164<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Street (HGNNC District 1)
  - 3) Denver between Gardena Blvd. and 168<sup>th</sup> Street (HGNNC District 1)
  - 4) Alondra Blvd. under the I-110 (HGNNC Districts 1 and 2)
  - 5) Alleys throughout the area between Vermont Avenue and Hoover and from Rosecrans Avenue to El Segundo Blvd. (HGNNC District 4)
  - 6) Vermont Avenue from 125<sup>th</sup> Street to 126<sup>th</sup> Street (HGNNC District 5)
  - 7) alley between 126<sup>th</sup> Street and Laconia Blvd. between Vermont and Ainsworth (HGNNC District 5)
  - 8) Hoover Street-12700 block (HGNNC District 5)
  - 9) Laconia Blvd. at Ainsworth Street (northeast corner) (HGNNC District 5)
  - 10) 116<sup>th</sup> Place from Vermont Avenue to Hoover Street (HGNNC District 6)
  - 11) Hoover Street under the 105 freeway (HGNNC District 6)
  - 12) Grand Street north of Imperial Highway to 110<sup>th</sup> Street (HGNNC District 6) 117<sup>th</sup>



- 13) Athens Way between 120<sup>th</sup> Street and 117<sup>th</sup> Street (installation of deterrent barriers) (District 7)
  - 14) 117<sup>th</sup> Street from Figueroa to Main Street (HGNNC District 7)
  - 15) Alleys in HGNNC District 7 (HGNNC District 7)
  - 16) Railroad tracks between Main Street and San Pedro Street (HGNNC District 7)
  - 17) 116<sup>th</sup> Street at Lanzit (HGNNC District 7)
  - 18) Main Street under the 105 Freeway overpass (HGNNC District 7)
  - 19) San Pedro Street under the 105 Freeway overpass (HGNNC District 7)
  - 20) Stanford Avenue under the 105 Freeway overpass (HGNNC District 8)
- Bureau of Street Services – increased funding for the repair, paving, maintenance of alleys
    - 1) alley east of Vermont Avenue and south of 169<sup>th</sup> Street (District 1)
    - 2) alley west of Ainsworth from 156<sup>th</sup> to Redondo Beach Blvd. (District 2)
    - 3) alley east of Orchard, south of Redondo Beach Blvd. (District 2)
    - 4) all alleys in the area from Vermont Avenue to Hoover Street and from Rosecrans to El Segundo Blvd. (District 4)
    - 5) alley south of 126<sup>th</sup> Street and north of Laconia between Vermont Avenue and Ainsworth (District 5)
    - 6) alley west of Vermont Avenue/south of 124<sup>th</sup> Street – possible Green Alley) (District 5)
  - Bureau of Street Services – increased funding for residential sidewalk repairs needed due to tree roots, sidewalk repairs, broken curb replacement, and tree stump removal, with prioritization of tree removal and sidewalk repairs for ten of the worst areas within our Neighborhood Council each year; we can provide a full listing and photos.
  - Bureau of Street Services – funding for regular maintenance of the parkway/walking path with trees along the east side of Hoover Street, just west of the 110 freeway, from Rosecrans Avenue to El Segundo Blvd. (District 4)
  - Bureau of Street Services – tree planting needed
    - 1) Street median on Figueroa Street from 173<sup>rd</sup> to Redondo Beach Blvd. with trees (District 1)
    - 2) Medians on the south and north sides of Rosecrans from Vermont Avenue to the I-110 freeway (new native/drought tolerant trees and shrubs planted in the medians to mitigate the air pollution from traffic on Rosecrans, with possible water infiltration system) (Districts 3 and 4)
    - 3) Hoover Street from El Segundo to 135<sup>th</sup> Street -new trees planted to replace those that have died (District 4)
    - 4) Imperial Highway from Broadway to Avalon (new trees and shrubs to mitigate air pollution and to help slow traffic which has crashed into homes) (District 7)
  - Bureau of Street Services – total repaving of major roads
    - 1) Vermont Avenue east side from Artesia Blvd. to Gardena Blvd. (District 2)
    - 2) Redondo Beach Blvd. from Vermont Avenue to Figueroa Street (District 2)
  - City Clerk – increase in each Neighborhood Council budget to \$40,000 per year
  - LADOT – installation of bollards/barriers in street to prevent cars doing donuts
    - 1) 140<sup>th</sup> at Ainsworth (District 4)
    - 2) Athens Blvd. at Hoover Street (District 5)
    - 3) Hoover at Laconia Blvd. (District 5)
    - 4) Hoover at 124<sup>th</sup> Street (District 5)
    - 5) Laconia Blvd. at Ainsworth Street (District 5)
    - 6) 120<sup>th</sup> Street at Main Street (District 7)

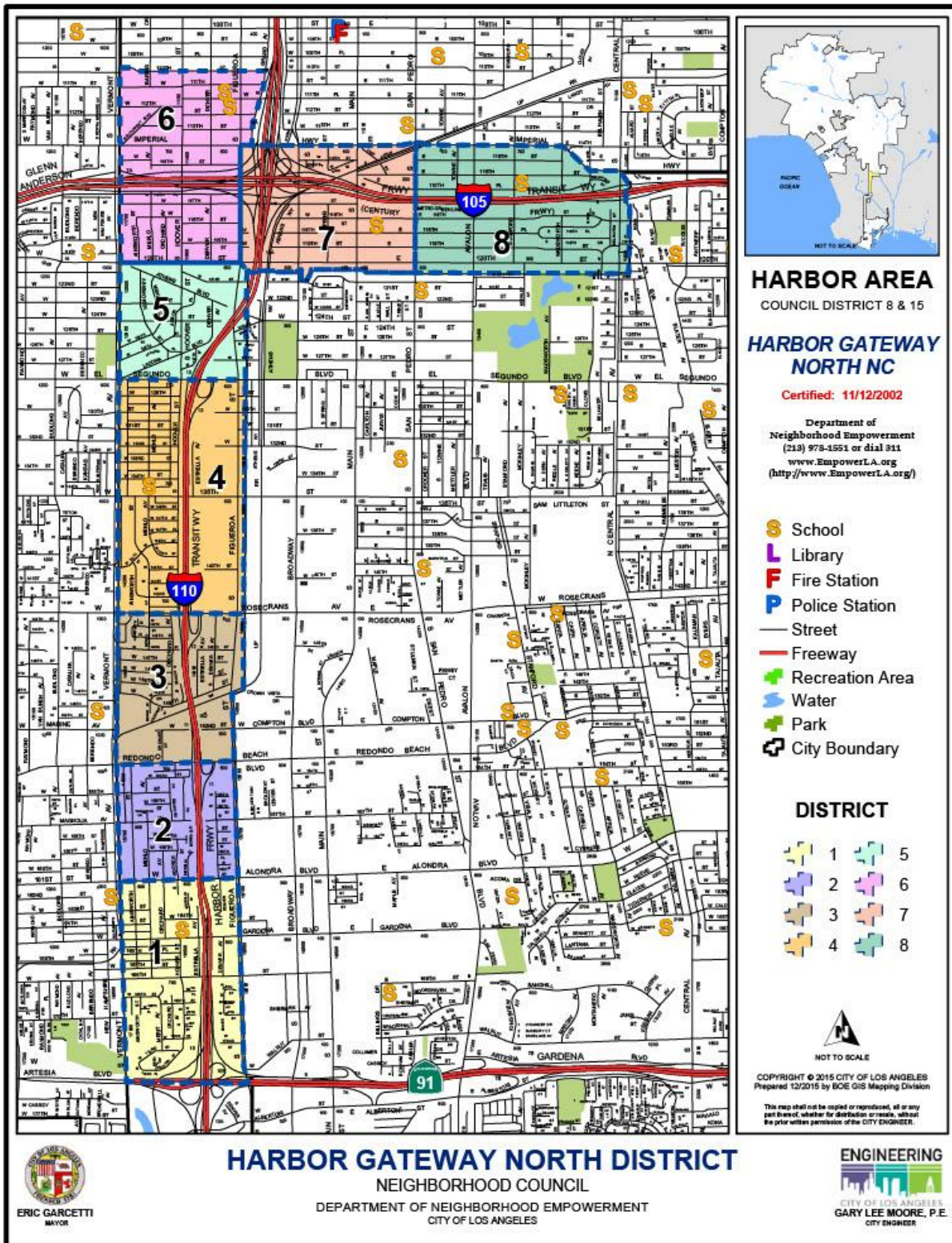
7) 120<sup>th</sup> Street at Avalon (District 8)

- LAPD – increased funding for 911 operators and non-emergency call operators
- LAPD Southeast Division - add one additional Senior Lead Officer for each basic car area (18A97, 18A63, and 18A41) so there is coverage during SLO illness, vacations, reassignment, etc.
- Neighborhood Empowerment – increased funding for field staff and public relations staff
- Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety – adequate funding to oversee the phase out of oil and gas operations near sensitive uses and enforcement of permits for existing drilling
- Transportation
  - 1) Increased funding for parking enforcement to remove abandoned vehicles faster
  - 2) Increased funding for the speed hump program and other traffic calming measures within residential neighborhoods
  - 3) Funding and cooperation with the City of Gardena for installation of a traffic signal at 157<sup>th</sup> Street/Magnolia and Vermont Avenue, which would help with vehicles speeding on both sides of Vermont Avenue (District 2)
  - 4) Funding of proposed traffic calming measure for the intersection of Hoover Street and 135<sup>th</sup> Street (District 4)
  - 5) Funding for approved traffic signal at Rosecrans Blvd. and Menlo Avenue (District 4)

Sincerely,

Joan Jacobs, Vice Chairperson  
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

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March 13, 2025

David Thompson, Program Manager  
Local Enforcement Agency Program  
Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety  
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1250  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: California Waste Services Five-Year Solid Waste Facility Permit Review 2025 (CalRecycle SWIS Number 19-AR-1225)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On March 11, 2025, our Board voted x-x-x to submit this comment letter regarding the 2025 permit review for California Waste Services.

California Waste Services (CWS) began operations for the recycling of construction and demolition waste in the Harbor Gateway North area in 2000, two years before the certification of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council in November 2002. If our Council had been in existence at the time that CWS recycling operations began, such operations at this site would never have been approved, even with the land use designation of M2-1VL-O, because of the location near residential and open space uses (Rosecrans Recreation Center) and potential impact on Amestoy Elementary School. In 2005, CWS was also granted approval for recycling of inert waste (dirt, concrete, asphalt shingles, sand).

In the years since our first meetings, and particularly since 2005, we have consistently received complaints about the operations of CWS, including for the generation of concrete and other types of dust which blow over to the homes located to the north on 149<sup>th</sup> Street, excessive misting spray, noise from operations occurring after hours, noise exceeding permitted decibel levels during the day, rats, insects, and odors from rotting materials. The dust has also impacted the HVAC systems of businesses located in the northern part of the Gateway Crossroads shopping center, coated the paving of Orchard Avenue from Redondo Beach Blvd. to the entrance of the CWS facilities, the parking lot of the shopping center, the pavement of Redondo Beach Blvd. from Orchard Avenue to the I-110 freeway, and the sidewalks in the area. Many people who live

along 149<sup>th</sup> Street and nearby have complained about the constant dust that falls on their parked vehicles and which eats into the painted surfaces, as do those who work at businesses in the shopping center and park their vehicles in the lot.

We also note that the community impacted by the operations of California Waste Services is already overburdened by pollution due to the location near the I-110 freeway. Per California Environmental Protection Agency's CalEnviroScreen, the neighborhood ranks in the 100<sup>th</sup> percentile for overall pollution burden and in the top five percent for pollution burden and vulnerability combined. Additionally the community is almost entirely made up of people of color.

The Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council has reviewed the CalRecycle permit language from 2020 and proposed language in the 2025 permit application and recommends the following conditions be imposed in the operating permit, if California Waste Services is to continue operating at its current location:

- Require that all operations, especially the tipping area for materials and sorting machines, take place in enclosed, ventilated buildings; the current practice of suppressing dust via misters and netting is ineffective and results in the dust blowing onto neighboring properties and the misting water to also blow onto the properties, which at times produces mud. Additionally, the tipping and sorting take place on the north side of the property, closest to the most-impacted homes.
- Require testing of incoming loads for asbestos, fiberglass, lead paint, paint, sewage sludge, industrial waste, medical waste, other hazardous waste, and other non-approved materials by independent inspectors who are not staff of CWS.
- Require that CWS street sweepers also sweep along 149<sup>th</sup> Street from Menlo Avenue to Figueroa Street at least once a week to remove the dust that has blown over the netting.
- Increase the frequency of sweeping up dust from Orchard Avenue (between Redondo Beach Blvd. to 152<sup>nd</sup> Street) and Redondo Beach Blvd. (from Vermont Avenue to Figueroa Street, including the median area) from once per week to at least twice per week.
- Institute independent, non-CWS verification methods to determine the amount of debris brought in per weight each day.
- Implement online posting of documentation/paperwork from those bringing materials for recycling; this would be to a website accessible to public review.
- Require that all CWS trucks and trucks which bring materials for drop off be zero emissions vehicles within the next five years.
- Require filtering of all runoff before it goes into storm drain inlets.

- Install CCTV-time lapse frame/15-90sec- motion/noise activated cameras which are connected to the main CWS office and the office of the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), with video recorders and online public access; 5-10 cameras at entrance, dumping area, sorting /bay/bin storage areas, and loading for take-away, with staff to review, compile, and summarize daily reports
- Prohibit operations at times when wind >3.5mph/5fps and RH (relative humidity)<20%.
- Reduce the hours of operation (acceptance and processing) to end at 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and no hours of operation on Sundays
- Remove the permit for handling of inert debris, which includes dirt, concrete, asphalt shingles, and sand.
- Prohibit maintenance activities after operating hours, except in the case of a documented emergency.
- Install fenceline monitoring for measurement of pm 2.5 particulate matter which is generated by facility operations
- Phase out CWS operations at 621 W. 152<sup>nd</sup> Street completely over the next ten years

Respectfully,

Joan Jacobs, Vice Chairperson  
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Tim McOsker - Council District 15  
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Norali Martinez, City Planner  
Office of Racial Justice, Equity and Transformative Planning  
State Senator Laura Richardson  
Assemblymember Mike Gipson



**MOTION**

As the climate crisis continues to impact our region, Los Angeles continues to be a major oil producer further exacerbating these risks. In August 2023, the California Supreme Court ruled against a California county in a case regarding local government's authority to limit and prohibit oil and gas production. The following year, a judge ruled against the City of Los Angeles and overturned our own ordinance that would have protected our neighborhoods from the dangerous impacts of local oil production. Fortunately, in September 2024 Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 3233 which explicitly reaffirmed the authority of local governments to protect communities by limiting or prohibiting oil and gas production within their jurisdictions. While AB 3233 was celebrated as a win for protecting communities, it does not take effect until January 1, 2025. As a result, the City's authority to regulate oil wells in Los Angeles may be limited since our ordinance was ruled invalid and a new ordinance has not yet been presented to the City Council. Regardless of this legal shift, the oil industry is not absolved from adhering to all regulatory rules and land use conditions to maintain health and safety on their drill sites and for the adjacent communities.

One common process used in the low producing oil well industry is maintenance acidizing. This is a repeated maintenance service where chemical acids are used to dissolve rocks and other material that can restrict the flow of oil and gas. The substances used in maintenance acidizing are extremely hazardous according to chemical and fire protection industry experts. This process is used at multiple locations and within mere feet of residences or schools without much notice or protections granted to adjacent communities, and it is trucked in large quantities to the site where the site workers are in full hazmat suits and are wearing personal electronic monitors. It is unlikely that these substances fully dissipate where no harm occurs to businesses, homes, and schools that surround these sites. The neighborhoods and communities that are living in the shadows of drilling sites can be exposed to these toxic chemicals, pollutants, carbon, and odors that can inevitably affect their health.

Given a sizable increase in maintenance acidization in the aftermath of the California Supreme Court ruling, the City should explore all avenues to protect Angelenos from the impact of maintenance acidizing on communities surrounding oil sites. Significant and ongoing concerns have been raised by neighborhood organizations as to the health and safety impact to communities across the city.

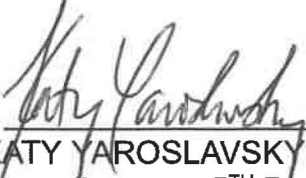
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Petroleum Administrator, and the City Attorney to prepare and present an interim control ordinance that would halt the practice of oil well acid maintenance.



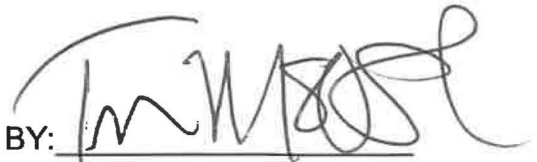
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I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning report back with a timeline on when a new oil ordinance will be completed under the City's authority affirmed by AB 3233 and a timeline for a new Zoning Administrator Interpretation for well maintenance projects that would significantly expand public notification requirements and provide for discretionary review of such projects.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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Councilwoman, 5<sup>TH</sup> District

PRESENTED BY:

  
TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15<sup>TH</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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