

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. 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