



Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2021 Zoom Meeting 7:06PM – 10:00PM (Approved)

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

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Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category
Joel Weinberger	Present	YES	At-large 1 2025
Sophia French	Present	YES	At-Large 2 2023
Emilia Barrosse	Absent	YES	At-Large 3 2025
David Notowitz	Appointed 9:12PM	NO N	At-Large 4 2023
Jason Yap	Absent 7:10PM	NO E	At-Large 5 2025
Shevy Dorfman-Lieder	Present	YES	Business Rep 1 2023
Barry Levine	Present	YES	Business Rep 2 2025
Terrence Gomes	Present	YES	Business Rep 3 2023
Shirley Traum	Present	YES	Business Rep 4 2025
Jonathan Tessler	Present	YES	Business Rep 5 2023
Paula Peng	Absent	NO X	Organization Rep 1 2023
Ken Blaker	Present	YES	Organization Rep 2 2025
Armeen Neshat	Present	YES	Organization Rep 3 2025
Olga Lexell	Present	YES	Resident 1 Rep 2025
Richard Bloom	Present	YES	Resident 2 Rep 2025
Steve Chocron	Present	YES	Resident 3 Rep 2023
Jared Weston	Absent	NO X	Resident 4 Rep 2023
Laurie Levine	Appointed 8:48PM	NO N	Resident 5 Rep 2025
Michael Lynn	Present	YES	Resident 6 Rep 2023
Chad Monk	Present	YES	Resident 7 Rep 2025
Gloria Dioum	Present	YES	Resident 8 Rep 2023
Dina Leeds	Absent 7:09PM	YES	Resident 9 Rep 2025
Robby Naoufal	Absent	YES	Resident 10 Rep 2023
Jon Liberman	Appointed 8:26PM	NO N	School Rep 1 2025
Ethan Frankel	Appointed 8:30PM	NO N	School Rep 2 2025
OTAL: 25	PRESENT 15, Absent 6	<u> </u>	

^{*}Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; **X**=expired

In conformity with the Governor's executive order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Board of South Robertson Neighborhoods Council meeting will be conducted entirely via video and telephonically.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by President Lynn. Quorum was met.

ITEM 1. Roll call	
Present –15	Absent-06
Lynn, Levine, Chocron, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum,	Leeds, Naoufal, Yap, Barrosse, Weston,
Dorfman, Bloom, Weinberger, Monk, Neshat, Lexell, Dioum	Peng

II. Pledge of Allegiance Led by President Lynn.

President Lynn moved to Roman Numeral IV, General Public comment, not calling on anyone then moved to brief Board announcements.

Leeds joined the meeting at 7:09PM.

Yap joined the meeting at 7:10PM.

Brief Board announcements was moved to 7:10PM and suspended at 7:15PM.

- a. Steve Chocron- congratulation to new Board after election
- b. Barry Levine- question about the censure
- c. Gloria Dioum-email

III. Guest Presentation

- a. Los Angeles Controller, Ron Galperin (20 minutes) Controller Galperin gave a presentation and answered questions.
 - i. Call-In User 2
 - ii. Dina Leeds
 - iii. Jon Liberman
 - iv. Olga Lexell

IV. General Public Comment

- a. SORO (Jessica)
- b. Michael Burbank
- c. Rob Wilcox
- d. Call in user 1 (R. Hopp)
- e. Three Blind Mice
- f. Kenneth Mejia
- V. Brief Board Announcements-was addressed before the presentation by Controller Galperin

VI. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Allen)- No report
- b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) No report

- c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Dyner Harris) No report
- d. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Fingard) Fingard presented a written report and presented the highlights.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Comeback Checks Program:

With funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, <u>next month</u>, the City of Los Angeles will distribute \$37M in grants to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 to provide rental assistance and support their recovery. For more info and to apply, contact the City's Economic & Workforce Development Department through your local BusinessSource Center.

City Council Adopts Local Business Preference Program Ordinance to Boost Local Economy

To further its mission of boosting local business participation in City contracting and increasing employment opportunities for transitional workers, the City Council has approved the restructuring of the Bureau of Contract Administration's (BCA) Citywide Bid Preference Programs to create the new Local Business Preference Program. Effective on August 7, 2021, the ordinance (No. 187121) creates more opportunity for Los Angeles County businesses who could be eligible for a contracting preference for local and local small businesses as well as business entities working with the hardest-to-employ populations.

The Small Local Business, Local Business Preference, and Transitional Job Opportunities programs have now been consolidated into the Local Business Preference Program. The updated program is intended to further encourage small and large businesses to compete for City contracting opportunities and establish and maintain local operations.

As part of the restructuring, preference percentages will increase for local small businesses or local transitional employers based on the threshold contract amount of \$150,000. Prime contractors who are not local businesses but use subcontractors who hold a Local Business Enterprise, Local Small Business Enterprise, and/or Local Transitional Job Opportunities Program certification will receive a 1 percent preference for every 10 percent cost of the work up to a maximum 5 percent preference.

For more information, visit https://bca.lacity.org/certification. For a PDF of this news release, click here.

Business Builder Expo

The Business Builder Expo, taking place next Thursday, 8/26/21 from 8am - 3pm, is a virtual one-on-one matchmaking event designed to strengthen the Los Angeles 5-county regional economy by connecting minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled veteran-owned small business subcontractors to prime contractors and procurement opportunities.

More information about the Business Builder Expo can be found at <u>Business Builder 8/26/21</u> (businessbuilderexpo.com).

ANGELENO CORPS PROGRAM

The Angeleno Corps Program is a 10-month program that offers hands-on work experience and educational support for 18-24 year-olds living in Los Angeles. Corps members work part-time, approximately 10-15 hours a week, and earn \$1,000 every month + receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship grant at the conclusion of the program. *Applications for Angeleno Corps are due Monday, August 23, 2021.*

Service Areas: Starting this fall, learn and work in one of four career areas:

- 1. Education and Child Care: You may work and learn on the job at after-school programs, child care programs, or tutoring and mentoring programming.
- 2. Health and Environmental Justice: You may work and learn on the job in hospitals, clinics, health outreach settings, or participate in environmental justice/climate advocacy.
- 3. Tech & Digital Assistance: You may work and learn on the job to close digital/Internet access gaps, provide senior digital access, explore coding and computer science.
- 4. Immigration Advocacy: You may work and learn on the job performing outreach, or providing assistance for legal filings to immigrant communities, including DACA recipients.

Eligibility Criteria: Selected Corps members will be:

- 1. 18-24 years old
- 2. Living within the City of Los Angeles
- 3. Enrolled in a Los Angeles Community College, and/or
- 4. Enrolled at a Youth Source Center

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, HUD allocated 3,300+ Emergency Housing Vouchers, or EHVs, to the City to house individuals who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, victims of human trafficking or domestic violence situations. This allocation is the second-largest allocation in the country, after New York City, and represents a historic opportunity to both support tenants and landlords still dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic. As such, we are partnering with the Housing Authority of the City of LA (HACLA) to recruit as many landlords as possible to participate in this program! EHVs are similar to Section 8 vouchers, but with much more flexibility, since HUD and HACLA recognize the importance of making the program easy for participating landlords.

Tenants pay 30% of their income towards rent, with HACLA paying the rest. HACLA will pay up to \$1,926 in rent for a one-bedroom apartment and \$2,469 for a two-bedroom apartment, based on rent comparables. HACLA will also provide property owners a \$2,500 bonus for renting their Unit to an EHV individual or family. As a landlord, you will receive timely and dependable payments, and voucher holders are typically long-term tenants. To participate or obtain additional information please email EHV.IP@hacla.org or visit www.hacla.org.

Tenants who think they are eligible for the program should contact a Coordinated Entry System Access Center in their region. Here are eligibility requirements for the program. Those already connected to a Coordinated Entry System will be referred by case managers to this program based on prioritization measures developed by LAHSA and HACLA.

MAYOR GARCETTI JOINS MAYORS TO PUSH FOR PASSAGE OF BUDGET RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

Mayor Eric Garcetti today was joined by Mayors from across the country to praise the Senate for their recent passage of the \$1 trillion bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and to call on Congress to finish the job by adopting a robust \$3.5 billion budget reconciliation resolution package.

"Mayors see firsthand the struggles of the people they serve, and know the profound impact these dollars will have on their daily lives," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "If passed, this reconciliation package will fuel the recovery of our cities and make possible long overdue investments to immediately improve the quality of life for millions of Americans."

The bipartisan infrastructure bill and accompanying budget reconciliation measure will deliver the generational investments that America's cities need to continue their economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, grow our economy from the middle out, and create millions of new jobs. On the call, Mayors expressed strong support for the budget resolution's investments that will help cities thrive, including investments in housing, child care, community college, and climate action.

STATEMENT: MAYOR GARCETTI ON SENATE PASSAGE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

"Investments in public transportation, bridges, clean energy and water systems, and broadband are the building blocks of a prosperous future for Los Angeles. We're already investing billions of dollars in infrastructure locally, and these funds are a chance to double down on that work to protect public health, fortify the foundation of our City, and open new doors of opportunity across our region. I want to thank President Biden, Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Senators Feinstein and Padilla, and everyone involved for their efforts to get this historic bill through the Senate."

"This moment does not mean that our work is complete, and I will continue to push for investments that make Los Angeles a better place to live, work, and raise a family. We need Congress to finish the job of Building Back Better by moving this measure to President Biden's desk, while also swiftly passing a reconciliation package that invests in our human infrastructure. Combined, these measures will provide our City with the tools we need to fight climate change, work toward equity, and provide for the health and safety of our residents." - Mayor Eric Garcetti

MAYOR GARCETTI ANNOUNCES COLLABORATION WITH MICROSOFT TO ESTABLISH VETERANS' TECH TRAINING PROGRAM

This week, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced a collaboration with Microsoft to establish the Los Angeles Veterans Technology Training Academy (LAVTTA), a free, four-month training program that will prepare veterans for careers in software engineering, cloud application development, and cloud administration.

"Veterans have given so much to our country and the least we can do is help connect them to opportunities to thrive here at home," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "The men and women who served our country in uniform are some of the most diligent and hard-working people in Los Angeles — and this new program will give them a chance to tap into a thriving sector of our economy and make a living for themselves and their families."

Based on the Microsoft Software and Systems Academy (MSSA), Los Angeles is the first city in the nation to introduce a tech training program for its military veterans. While the MSSA program is tailored for transitioning service members during their last six months of service, LAVTTA will be available to all veterans, including those who have already transitioned out of the military. All veterans living in the City or County of Los Angeles will be eligible to apply.

LAVTTA is made possible by a collaboration between the Mayor's Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, Microsoft, the Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board, JVS SoCal, and Fastlane. Boeing, Microsoft, and the City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency will also partner with the program to offer mentoring, organizational insights, and interview opportunities.

The Los Angeles Veterans Technology Training Academy, working with Microsoft's 700+ employer partners, will connect graduates to companies based in Los Angeles to provide employment opportunities and mentorships. Companies interested in serving as mentors or employment partners should contact the Mayor's Office at mayor.veterans@lacity.org.

The first cohort of the program will start on August 30, 2021. Veterans interested in signing up for the August cohort or learning more about the program can contact JVS SOCAL at weterans@JVS-SOCAL.ORG. Proof of residency will be required.

- e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom (Kaufler) No report
- f. Office of State Senator Kamlager-Dove (Kennerk) No report
- g. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell (Sargsyan) No report
- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)- commented on Civic U which was also a motion later on in the meeting. Civic U will allow Neighborhood Councils to better understand the government and the influence and how to influence policy at City Hall. On August 3, 2021, all current Boardmembers received an email from Susan Leahy of Robert's Rules Made Simple inviting Boardmembers to create an account on the EmpowerLA Robert's Rules of Order educational portal. The portal is brought to you by the DONE as part of the EmpowerLA virtual governance plan that we created to provide Neighborhood Council Boardmembers With online education on parliamentary procedure, so if you have not received that email, please email me, so I could see what I can do to help you get access to that portal. Currently we're doing an election outreach feedback session in the coming weeks, you will be receiving emails about those sessions when they come along, so you can provide feedback on how to improve the election aspect. If Boardmembers are having issues renewing your training, please contact me. I've been informing leadership, about any upcoming training requirements or soon to expire trainings so that any BACs are filled out properly. The City Clerk who reviews BACs also get notified for each meeting on the training requirements completed at the time of the meeting. As you know, we're currently virtual, but we're hoping to get back to in person, right now, there is a working group the EVG Hybrid Group which is this working group working on the policy that will help Neighborhood Councils move towards a hybrid format. More information will be coming, but they did meet on last Monday and they just discussed their future meetings to have discussions about the EVG Hybrid. So, the first meeting was all about meetings. Currently your By-laws are open for amendments. The By-laws changes will close on April 15 of next year. Please note, once you have your By-laws Committee, I'll be more than happy to work with you to ensure that you don't try to change something that cannot be changed because of an ordinance or order of BONC policy that already created standardized language and the By-laws so don't do extra work. And last, but not least, please save the dates for this coming Saturday for Budget Day. Which is going to be exciting and also the Congress of Neighborhoods which will happen on Saturday, September 25. These are two different events that are very helpful and informative for you as Boardmembers if you're looking to learn more about policy, there are currently two drafts in the BONC Commissioners about the digital media policy and the upcoming proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct. Both policies are being currently reviewed by the BONC Commissioners. for It's close to a one year's worth of comments and feedback from the public and Boards. The Code of Conduct's first draft and a memo from our general manager was submitted on July 19 of this year, where we're going to have several feedback sessions, one being a Monday August 30 at

6pm and the other being. Saturday September 11 at 1pm all via Zoom. I will email you all of this information, as well as the links to login, but you can also check our calendar which has the Zoom link as well more details.

Board Questions

- i. Barry Levine
- ii. Gloria Dioum
- iii. Terrence Gomes
- iv. Michael Lynn
- i. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices- No report

VII. Special Orders

- a. Selection of School Representative 1 (Term expires 2025) (GB081921-1)
 - 1. Jon Liberman

Public Comment: SORO, Three Blind Mice, Call-In User_2, Puppet

Board Questions: Olga Lexell, Armeen Neshat

Motion Passed-Liberman

ITEM 7 a1. Motion to appoint Liberman as School Rep 1. Moved: B. Levine Second: Gomes			
Yes –15 No-01 Abstain-1 Absent-04			Absent-04
Lynn, Chocron, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman,	Monk	Neshat	Barrosse, Peng,
Bloom, Leeds, Weinberger, Dioum, Yap, Lexell, B. Levine Weston, Naoufal			Weston, Naoufal

- b. Selection of School Representative 2 (Term expires 2022) (GB081921-2)
 - 1. Ethan Frankel
 - 2. Abraham Morovati had withdrawn

Public Comment: Call-In User_2, Puppet, Baila Romm Board Questions: B. Levine, Dina Leeds, Olga Lexell

Motion Passed-Frankel

ITEM 7 b1. Motion to appoint Frankel as School Rep 2. Moved: Leeds Second: B. Levine			
Yes –18 No-00 Absent-04			
Lynn, Chocron, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom,	None	Barrosse, Peng, Weston,	
Leeds, Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Neshat, Lexell, B. Levine, Liberman, Dioum			

Frankel left the meeting at 8:38PM

- c. Selection of Residential Zone 5 Representative (Term expires 2025)(GB081921-3)
 - 1. Laurie Levine

Public Comment: Call-In User 4, Call-In User 2, Three Blind Mice, SORO, Puppet

Board Questions: Monk, Chocron

Motion Passed-L. Levine

ITEM 7 c1. Motion to appoint L. Levine as Zone Rep 5. Moved: Liberman Second: Leeds			
Yes –12 No-06 Absent-05			
French, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler,	Weinberger, Yap, Neshat,	Barrosse, Peng, Weston,	
Blaker, Bloom, Chocron, Lynn, Leeds, Liberman Monk, Lexell, Dioum Naoufal, Frankel,			

- d. Selection of At-Large Representative (Term expires 2023) (GB081921-4)
 - 1. Matthew Ban
 - 2. David Notowitz
 - 3. Debbie Cohen
 - 4. Jeremy Halpern

Public Comment: Call-In User_5, Puppet, Gabriel Hassler

Board Questions: Weinberger Motion Passed-Notowitz

ITEM 7	ITEM 7 d1. Motion to appoint Matthew Ban, David Notowitz, Debbie Cohen, or Jeremy Halpern as At-Large Rep				
Moved	Moved: B. Levine Second: Gomes				
Ban-0	Notowitz- 12	Cohen-0	Halpern-7	Absent-05	
None	French, Dorfman, Gomes, Traum, Tessler,	None	Weinberger, Yap, B.	Barrosse, Peng,	
	Blaker, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Leeds, Levine, Neshat, Weston, Naoufal,				
	Liberman		Lexell, Monk, Dioum	Frankel	

- e. Selection of Executive Committee Officers
 - 1. Secretary (GB081921-5) was postponed due to lack of nomination.
 - 2. Corresponding Secretary (GB081921-6) Liberman self-nominated

Public Comment: Call-In User 5, Puppet

Motion Passed-Liberman

ITEM 7 e2. Motion to appoint Liberman as Corresponding Secretary. Moved: Leeds Second: Traum				
Yes –15 Abstain-04 Recuse-01 Absent-05			Absent-05	
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B.	Neshat, Lexell,	Gomes	Barrosse, Peng, Weston,	
Levine, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Bloom, Chocron, L.	Monk, Liberman		Naoufal, Frankel	
Levine, Lynn, Dioum, Leeds				

- f. Selection of Board Liaisons
 - 1. Reconsideration of City Attorney Liaison (GB081921-7) Due to the City Attorney policy, the President will be the Liaison to the City Attorney.
 - 2. Bank Card Holders (Terrence and Sophia) (GB081921-8)

Public Comment: Call-In User 5, Puppet

Motion Passed-French and Gomes

ITEM 7 f2. Motion to appoint French and Gomes as Bank Card Holders. Moved: Liberman Second: Blaker			
Yes -19	Recuse-01	Absent-05	
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum,	Gomes	Barrosse, Peng, Weston,	
Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk,		Naoufal, Frankel	
Dioum, Leeds, Liberman			

3. Alternate Signer (GB081921-9) Lynn self-nominated, but withdrew nomination. Leeds self-nominated.

Dioum left the meeting at 9:47PM

Public Comment: Puppet, Call-In User 6, Puppet

Motion Passed-Leeds

ITEM 7 f3. Motion to appoint Leeds as alternate signer. Moved: Liberman Second: Weinberger		
Yes -19	No-00	Absent-06
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum,	None	Barrosse, Peng, Weston,
Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk,		Dioum, Naoufal, Frankel
Leeds, Liberman		

Chocron left the meeting at 9:50PM.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed

Point of Order. Motion to suspend agenda order and immediately move to Item IX a-e. Moved: Liberman Second: Weinberger			
Yes –16	No-02	Absent-07	
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum,	Gomes,	Barrosse, Peng, Chocron,	
Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk,	Leeds	Weston, Dioum, Naoufal, Frankel	
Liberman			

- 4. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) 2nd Representative(GB081921-10)-postponed
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Alternate(GB081921-11)-postponed Budget Advocates – 2nd Representative (GB081921-12)-postponed
- 6. Department of Animal Services (GB081921-13)-postponed
- 7. Appointment of up to 6 Board Members for 2021 Civic U(GB081921-14)-postponed

VIII.Committees

- g. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees(GB081921-15)-postponed
- h. Confirmation of Committee Chair Nominees
 - 1. Public Safety Committee (GB081921-16)-postponed
 - · Terrence Gomes- Chair
 - Baila Room- Vice Chair
 - 2. Land Use Committee (GB081921-17)-postponed
 - Olga Lexell Chair
 - Armeen Neshat Vice Chair
 - 3. Homelessness Committee (GB081921-18)-postponed
 - Sophia French Co Chair
 - Terrence Gomes Co Chair
- i. Committee Reports
 - Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Education, Green Team, LandUse, Public Safety,
 Homelessness, Outreach, Transportation, Quality of Life, LGBTQ, Bylaws, Board Development,
 Robertson Revitalization, Business Advocacy and Economic Development, Parks and Recreationpostponed

IX. Consent Agenda

- j. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of June 17,2021 (GB081921-19)
- k. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of July 15,2021 (GB081921-20)
- I. Budget Adjustment Motion (GB081921-21)
- m. Motion to approve June 2021 MERS Report (GB081921-22)
- n. Motion to approve July 2021 MERS Report (GB081921-23)

Public Comment: Call-In User_3, Mitch

Motion Passed

ITEM 9. Motion to approve consent calendar Moved: Liberman Second: French				
Yes –14 Ineligible-4 Absent-07				
Weinberger, French, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum,	Notowitz, Yap, L.	Barrosse, Peng, Chocron,		
Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, Lynn, Monk, Leeds,	Levine, Liberman	Weston, Dioum, Naoufal,		
Frankel				

X. Unfinished Business

- o. Motion to Request Dismissal of LA City Attorney Criminal Case Against Owner of 8755 West Olympic Boulevard (Public Safety / (GB081921-24) Motion Withdrawn, case dismissed.
- Motion to Request City Council Members to Communicate StakeholderOutrage and Concern to LA District Attorney George Gascón Over Policies (Public Safety / (GB081921-25)postponed

XI. New Business

- q. WRAC Motion on UCLA Station for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project(GB081921-26) postponed
- r. Request to CD 5 for Street Medallion Funding (GB081921-27) -postponed
- s. LANCC Code of Conduct Policy Motion (GB081921-28) -postponed
- t. Purchasing Software Licenses JotForms Motion (GB081921-29) -postponed
- u. Motion to send recommendations regarding the Cornerstone on Demand training system to DONE (GB081921-30) -postpone
- v. Motion to Submit a Letter to LADOT, CD 5, and CD 10 Advising Supportfor LA Metro's PLE Phase 1 First/Last Mile Plan, with Additional Improvements (GB081921-31) -postponed
- XII. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM due to lack of quorum