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RE: June 16, 2022 Soro NC General Board Meeting

1 message

Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 9:49 AM

- The Assemblymember and our office is happy to continue serving the District with him winning over 80% of the vote in last week's election.
- The Legislature has approved the budget. We will have some highlights on what this includes forthcoming. More detailed spending will come out in the next couple months in budget trailer bills.
- Bills have all left their house of origin if they are going to continue through the legislative cycle. All but two of the Assemblymember's bills have passed out of the Assembly and are now going through committee hearings in the Senate. All bills will have to pass through those committee hearings by Summer Recess July 1.
- The Assemblymember will be in the District more often, attending even more events during Summer Recess. If there are events you would like to invite him to, please let us know on our website and reach out to me.
- This weekend, we will be celebrating Juneteenth across the district. You can find us on Saturday at the Crenshaw YMCA and in Leimert Park. On Sunday we will be in Leimert Park and the Melrose Trading Post with Mid City West Neighborhood Council. Additionally, we wish a Happy Pride and a happy Immigrant Heritage Month to everyone celebrating.

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Board of Supes' Take 5: June 14, 2022

Making the PLACE Program Permanent

This week, we passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Hilda Solis expanding the PLACE (Preparing Los Angeles for County Employment) program and laying the groundwork to make it a permanent County Program.

Initially launched in 2018 as a pilot program following a motion Supervisor Solis and I also authored, PLACE creates a pipeline to train and place clients of our County safety net programs in stabilizing, good-paying County jobs. Since then, the program has engaged and found placement for 140 individuals across six departments, helping them to build skills and begin good careers at LA County. In order to continue and build on that success, this motion seeks ongoing funding and cross-departmental collaboration and sets out plans to more than double our placements each year.

Care with Pride: LA County Gender Health Program

Gender-affirming healthcare is lifesaving healthcare, which is why we passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Hilda Solis establishing a Gender Health program at the Department of Health Services.

A U.S. survey of transgender people in 2015 found that 23% of participants shared that they avoided healthcare services, even when needed, because of the fear of mistreatment due to their gender identity. Additionally, of those seeking healthcare services, 33% reported at least one negative experience in the medical setting that they attributed to their gender identity.

This motion will ensure that our County healthcare system is set up to serve these community members in a way that is effective, inclusive, and consistent with national standards of care for transgender and gender nonbinary people.

This motion stands as a message that, while other states cruelly attempt to make gender-affirming care inaccessible and illegal, LA County will always provide care with pride to our LGBTQ+ residents.

Land Bank Pilot

In yet another move to support LA County's affordable housing infrastructure, the Board passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Hilda Solis seeking funding and a concrete plan for a Land Bank Pilot within the County.

While we were updating the LA River Master Plan (more on that below!), one of the primary requests we heard through public comment was to be thoughtful about how that plan may impact the communities surrounding the river, especially those with a large percentage of lower-income renters. Land banking, through which government entities can acquire, redevelop, and manage abandoned properties, can be integrated with our overarching affordable housing strategies, helping us to prevent any displacement of current residents due to gentrification and create new opportunities for affordable housing.

LA River Master Plan

When the possibility of an updated LA River Master Plan was first being considered, I expressed the hope that our LA County communities could come together to reimagine the river as a rich ecological and recreational resource, fostering biodiversity and enhancing the lives of communities all along its 51 mile length.

I'm happy that this plan, which was adopted by the Board on Tuesday, lays out a blueprint for the future of the river. It was developed with the extensive involvement of local communities and is responsive to the many stated needs and aspirations of County residents up and down the river.

Like any inclusive process, no one got everything they wanted, but I believe this plan represents the kind of expansive rethinking that I, and the motion's lead author, Supervisor Solis, had in mind.

To jumpstart implementation, I introduced a companion motion, which passed, to establish an implementation team and guidance to prioritize projects, developed in consultation with community stakeholders and in alignment with the criteria and goals being set as part of our County Infrastructure Initiative and our Climate Resilience Initiative. It asks Public Works to look for opportunities to advance major projects in high-need areas and to identify where we might be able to close gaps and create a regular cadence of public amenities along the length of the Riverway.

Ensuring an Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery for LA County Immigrants

As LA County crafts programs and services using American Rescue Plan Act funding, we want to ensure we don't leave our immigrant populations behind.

The American Rescue Plan is intended to fuel our economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and our immigrant communities were hit especially hard by the pandemic. Unless we work to address the barriers that immigrants face- linguistic, cultural, and otherwise- to accessing County services, we run the risk of doubling the damage by excluding them in our recovery.

The motion we passed this week, which Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Hilda Solis authored, brings together the Office of Immigrant Affairs, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, and the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion initiative to work with the community and advocates to identify opportunities and gaps in our ARPA-funded programs, and fine-tune our outreach strategy.



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SORO NC 6-16-2022 EmpowerLA Report

1 message

Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 8:01 PM

Hi SORO NC Board,

I hope this email finds you well.

I first would like to let you know that this Thursday's meeting I will not be able to attend early on the meeting to make my report since I will be hosting another meeting. So, I included it in this email. Please let me know if you have any questions.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Any Board Member who may have a conflict of interest and has not consulted with the Office of the City Attorney should move to have the matter tabled until the next meeting so that the Board Member has an opportunity to consult with the City Attorney's Office. If the Board declines to table the matter, the Board Member may want to consider recusal prior to the matter being discussed. If choosing to recuse, the Board Member should state for the record, all reasons for the recusal and that they will be leaving the meeting during the discussion and voting. Because recusal may not always be sufficient, tabling of the matter at issue is always preferred to allow time for the Board Member to consult with the City Attorney's Office.

Juneteenth now an official LA holiday - Monday, June 20th the Office is CLOSED

On June 6, 2022, **Mayor Eric Garcetti** was joined by **City Councilmember Curren Price** (CD9) to proclaim **Juneteenth** an official holiday in the City of Los Angeles, in what Councilmember Price called a "bittersweet moment."

Juneteenth is commemorated on the anniversary of June 19, 1865, when Union Army General Gordon Granger issued an order proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with legalized slavery. This was more than two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863. President Biden made Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021. [Read Mayor Garcetti's proclamation here.](#)

Neighborhood Council Elections 2023: it starts now

To assist you with the 2023 elections outreach planning, I will be scheduling individualized one-on-one outreach sessions with your outreach chairs and committee. During these meetings, we will review election outreach efforts from 2019 and 2021; talk about the NC Awareness and Engagement Survey results for your neighborhood; and see how we can help you plan for a successful 2023 elections. These sessions will be scheduled during the month of June 2022. Please take Board action to assemble your outreach committee and prepare recommendations to the Department.

Interested in hybrid NC meetings?

If you're interested in getting info on our effort to pilot **hybrid virtual and in-person meetings in the NC system**, email EVG@empowerla.org to join the mailing list. Respondents will receive information on the process being led by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' **EVG-H Workgroup**

Access to CORE institute training recording and Material

If you missed the opportunity to attend the on-boarding trainings, the Political and Legislative Workshop Hosting Candidate Forums Presentation or the Community Impact Statement (CIS) Town Hall, don't hesitate to have a look at our webpage dedicated to Workshops and Trainings:

<https://empowerla.org/workshops-trainings/>. And if you attended, don't hesitate to revisit it!

The two sessions of the NC Core Institutes held in May, (1) Robert's Rules Made Simple on How to Chair a Meeting with Confidence with Susan Leahy (Thursday, May 26, 2022) and (2) Brown Act Workshop (Tuesday, May 31, 2022) will be added to the EmpowerLA website for Workshops and Trainings page for future review. <https://empowerla.org/workshops-trainings/>

Digital Communications Policy

Commission reconsiders and passes Digital Communications Policy for NCs

Policy takes effect October 2022 after a six-month training period.

On April 5, 2022, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners voted first to reconsider and then to adopt the Digital Communications Policy for Neighborhood Councils.

Six months after the effective date, at the first Commission meeting in **April 2023**, the Department will then submit a report to the Commission on its experiences and observations implementing the policy in the NC System. At that time, based on the findings presented, the Commission may decide to further refine the policy before it officially takes effect.

The final version of the policy as adopted will be available soon in the Google Drive folder containing all documents pertaining to this policy, at <http://tiny.cc/DigitalCommsPolicy>.

Camera's During Zoom Meetings

The Department receives a number of inquiries from board members and stakeholders asking if NC board members are required to have their camera turned on during meetings. The answer is: No, board members are not required to turn on their camera during a meeting. However, board members should consider having their camera on because:

- It improves engagement in the meeting and can decrease the urge to multi-task or zone out.
- It helps board members connect with each other and their stakeholders. Virtual "face-to-face" interaction can never replace an in-person connection, but in a virtual meeting environment it can help put a face to the name on screen.

Neighborhood councils who would like to adopt a standing rule that requires board members to turn on their video, may do so by adding the item to the next board agenda for discussion and action.

Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods Updates

- **Save the Date:** The 2022 [Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods](#), the largest annual gathering of Neighborhood Councils, is taking place on **Saturday, September 24, 2022**, via Zoom. The theme of this year's event is **"The Future of LA: Celebrating our City"**
- The workshop application is now open. [Submit a workshop proposal by June 15th at www.tinyurl.com/CoN22workshop](#)

Budget Day 2022

- **SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, June 18, 2022** at 9:30 AM via Zoom, with the Theme being "Which Way L.A.?". Plenary Session running from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Regional Breakout Sessions running from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The Plenary Session will include speakers and a panel discussion on the theme including participation from our elected officials. You will have an opportunity to share the concerns

and issues of your neighborhood in the Regional Breakout Sessions so the Budget Advocates may bring them to the attention of City leadership.

- Come ready to discuss your priorities for the City's Budget and Services by registering with the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/budget-day-2022-tickets-336796787257>

NC Funding Training

If your Neighborhood Council will appoint new financial officers for the next fiscal year, any interested board members are highly encouraged to complete the NC Financial Officer Training prior to seeking or being appointed. This will provide uninterrupted access to NC fiscal year funding.

June and July Training Dates:

1) NC Financial Officer Funding Training:

- Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6pm - 8pm
- Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 2pm - 4pm
- Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6pm - 8pm

2) NC Funding Fiscal Year Administrative Packet/Annual Budget Form Workshop

- Thursday, June 23, 2022, 6pm - 7:30pm
- Thursday, July 7, 2022, 2pm - 3:30pm
- Thursday, July 21, 2022, 6pm - 7:30pm

Please RSVP at our website [HERE](#)

The NC Funding Program training sessions are open to all Board members as well as stakeholders. These are the required training for board members serving as Financial Officers (Treasurer, 2nd Signer, Bank Cardholder, Alternate Signer). Other Board members may also complete the training online on Cornerstone. Feel free to reach out to me if you have trouble logging in Cornerstone.

The Admin Packet Is Ready

The Administrative Packet for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is now available. The Admin Packet allows your Board to plan and create its annual budget, assign its Financial Officers, and confirm any administrative/operational services, i.e. storage space, website support, for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Please visit our website ([click here](#)) to download the Packet. You'll find it in the Documents and Forms - Funding Request Documents section.

To gain access to your annual funds by the start of the Fiscal Year, July 1st, plan on submitting your Admin Packet by July 1st.

NCs that have not submitted an annual budget and Administrative Packet to the NC Funding Program will be limited to \$333.00/month for Office/Operational expenditures only.

Fiscal Dates

For the purposes of accounting and reconciliation, the following fiscal dates must be followed:

- June 20 - Final day for any bank card transactions using current fiscal year funds.

Sincerely,

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