



# General Board Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, October 19, 2023, 7:00pm**

*Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.*

**Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1641 Preuss Road, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B**

The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. General Public Comment is limited to 15 minutes maximum. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment unless the presiding officer decides differently.

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- 1. Call to Order**
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 3. Roll Call**
  - 4. General Public Comment** *(time for each speaker to be determined by- 15min divided by # hands raised: max 2 minutes per speaker)*
  - 5. Brief Board Announcements**
    - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
  - 6. Community Reports**
    - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda)
    - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller)
    - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara)
    - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez)
    - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving)
    - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)
    - g. Office of Mayor Bass (Ensley)
    - h. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan)
    - i. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff)
    - j. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant)

- k. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Echavarria)
- l. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

**7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations** *(Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # virtual hands raised)*

- a. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 1 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB101923-01)
  - **Avihi Youshaei**
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 7 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB101923-02)
  - **Sara Messall**
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 8 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- d. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Business Representative 5- Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3 - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- f. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025) **(No Applicants)**

**8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives**

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
  - I. LANCC (GB101923-03)
  - II. WRAC (GB101923-04)
  - III. WRAC Alternate (GB101923-05)
  - IV. LADWP (GB101923-06)
  - V. LADWP alternate (GB101923-07)
  - VI. Budget Advocates (2) (GB101923-08)
  - VII. Sustainability Alliance (GB101923-09)
- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
  - I. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development;
  - II. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council
- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB101923-10)

**9. Unfinished Business** *(Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised)*

- a. None

- 10. Consent Agenda** (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised*)
- a. Motion to approve September 21, 2023 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB101923-11)
  - b. Motion to approve September 2023 MERS Report (GB101923-12)
  - c. Motion to approve the SORO NC Revised Budget (GB101923-13)
  - d. Motion to appoint Benji Karben as the SORO NC Education Committee Vice-Chair (GB101923-14)
  - e. Motion to appoint Jason Plummer as the SORO NC representative to the WRAC Mobility & Transportation Committee (MTC) (GB101923-15)
  - f. Motion for the SORO NC to write a Welcome Letter to the Wyllow Dispensary reflecting etiquette and protocols of “being a good neighbor” and explaining trees that were cut down were planted by the NC and were property of the City (GB101923-16)
  - g. Motion to send a letter to CD5 to follow up on fast tracking the applications for bollards from the Department of Engineering. (GB101923-17)
  - h. Motion for the SORO NC to install (50) signs at stop signs along Airdrome, 18th Street, Sawyer and Guthrie between Robertson and La Cienega to warn drivers to obey the law and stop at stop signs, cost not to exceed \$600.00 (GB101923-18)
  - i. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to LAPD West Traffic to enforce traffic laws in Crestview and La Cienega Heights (GB101923-19)
  - j. Motion to approve SORO NC Public Safety Committee fiscal Calendar: 9/06/2023 Wednesday, 10/09/2023 Monday, 11/06/2023, Monday, 12/04/2023 Monday, 01/03/2024 Wednesday, 02/05/2024, Monday, 03/04/2024 Monday, 04/01/2024 Monday, 05/06/2024 Monday, 06/03/2024 Monday, 07/01/2023 Monday (GB101923-20)
  - k. Motion to approve SORO NC Outreach Calendar fiscal Calendar: 10/30/2023 Monday, 11/27/2023 Monday, 1/29/2024 Monday, 2/26/2024 Monday, 3/25/2024 Monday, 4/29/2024 Monday, 5/28/2024 Tuesday, 6/24/2024 Monday, 7/29/2024 Monday (GB101923-21)
  - l. Motion to adopt WRAC motion “Request to Refer Metro TCN to City Council Transportation Committee & LADOT” and to file it as a CIS on council file 22-0392 (GB101923-22)
  - m. Motion to the SORO NC follow through on planting trees with it’s rollover funds that are earmarked for tree planting; \$9644.42 (GB101923-23) Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 event with CD 10 and CD5 and create an ad-hoc committee as to the specific tree planting locations and other logistics, consisting of Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, and Stuart Weiss (GB101923-24)
  - n. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$2500.00 for the distribution of homeless meals and drinks on Thanksgiving Day to be prepared by Teddy's Cafe of West Los Angeles (GB101923-25)
  - o. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to Councilwoman Yaroslavsky (CD-5) and Councilwoman Hutt (CD-10) regarding potential expansion of the Los Angeles City Council and/or further redistricting based on news reports as well as information at: <https://www.lagovreform.org/> and <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnum>

ber=22-1196-S1 and to address what these changes might mean to the SORO NC stakeholders and community (GB101923-26)

- p. Motion for the SORO NC to request that the City Council agendaize as soon as possible, a resolution that if 2/3 of any Neighborhood Council votes to take advantage of alternate teleconferencing provisions, that they may do so pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 411, California Government Code Section 54953.8 (GB101923-27)
- q. Motion for the SORO NC write a letter to all City Council Members to request that the City Council agendaize and pass forthwith the following amendment to its current Rule 48: that so-called default voting be abandoned, that every Councilmember must be physically present in their seat in the Council Chamber to count towards quorum, and must vote either "yes" or "no" or be indicated as "absent" and, under no circumstances, may a vote when the Councilmember is not physically in their seat be counted as anything other than "absent." (GB101923-28)
- r. Motion for the SORO NC to:
  - I. urge BONC to provide for a 90 day comment period (extended for intervening holidays) for all board members and stakeholders to weigh in with concerns about the 8/10/23 version of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LHJspdK3R4lvTz8wsPbxqhHxGRAXi-4m/view>
  - II. urge BONC to ensure that the Code of Conduct appears on every BONC agenda during such period;
  - III. urge BONC to circulate each of BONC's agendas during that period to every Neighborhood Council and Board member; and
  - IV. encourage every Neighborhood Council to add discussion of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy to their agenda so there is full discussion and input from all board members and interested stakeholders, not just a few people. (GB101923-29)
- s. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to CD5 requesting the transfer of City owned property adjacent to Irving Schacter Park to the Department of Recreation and Parks for recreational use (GB101923-30)
- t. Motion to rename the SORO NC Parks and Rec Committee as the "**Leisure Spaces Committee**" and expand its purview to include the Robertson Branch of the Public Library (GB101923-31)
- u. Motion for the SORO NC to file a CIS in support of CF23-0866 (Quimby funds for capital improvements to Reynier Park) and also write letters of support to CD-5 and CD-10 (GB101923-32)

**12. New Business** (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # virtual hands raised*)

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to create an Ad-hoc Committee to re-confirm location placement for the SORO NC medallions consisting of 3 or 4 Boardmembers (GB101923-33)

**13. Adjournment**

**Note:** Public comment will be taken for multiple agenda items in each section (as noted), as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on matters brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue may become the subject of a future meeting. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the Chair.

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