



Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2019 6:00-9:00 PM

Lincoln Heights Senior Citizens Center, 2324 Workman St., Los Angeles, CA 90031

- I. Welcome, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
- II. Approval of Board Minutes for January and February Meetings.
- III. City Reports
 - a. Council District I—Gilbert Cedillo/Jose Rodriguez
 - b. Hollenbeck Police Department
 - c. Los Angeles Fire Department
 - d. Farmers Market
 - e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment—Mary Kim
 - f. Other
- IV. Unagendized Public Comment
- V. Community and Board Announcements
- VI. Presentation
 - a. **Zenhay Hayward**, Adult Literacy Adult Literacy Services, Central Library
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (Next meeting 04/11/2019)
 1. Possible appointment/election of board member to write *CIS*'s replacing our secretary who has resigned.
 2. Possible motion to approve attached *CIS*
 - b. Budget Committee (Padilla) (Next meeting 04/01/2019)
 1. Treasurer's Report February Expenditure Report and **Motion** to approve February MER.
 2. NPG's recommended for approval
 3. **Motion** to approve transferring \$2,000 from Outreach to NPG's Committee approved 4/0/0.

BOARD MEMBERS: BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: William Rodriguez Morrison, Mario Marrufo, Sheri Fierro;
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES: Selenia Ortega, Benny Madera, Martha Sevin Riley,
; YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Amanda Martinez, Hugo Hernandez;
AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Richard W. Larsen, Theresa Velasquez, Martin S. Gomez, Vicente Gonzalez-Reyes Jr.;
Armida Marrufo, Maribel Hernandez, Vince Rosiles, Michelle Rubio, Tameka J. Flowers, Gilbert Arevalo, Jose N. Vanegas,
Amanda Coolong, Mary Palacio, Victoria Montes..

4. **Motion** to approve NPG for \$500.00 to Latin American Cinemateca of Los Angeles The Festival will take place at the uckman Intimate Theatre on May 26th. This festival open to the public free. Student from various schools showcase their videos. Committee approved \$500.00 for Social Media, Graphic Design and Printing and T-Shirts. Committee voted 4/0/0.
5. **Motion** to approve Easter Event on April 17, 2019 at Funeraria Del Angel amount \$1,276.00- Insurance, Easter Baskets, Photo Booth, Easter eggs for Easter hunt, artificial grass, candy for basket. These items will be bought at Smart Final, Oriental Trading, 99 Cent Store, Michaels, Wholesale District Party Supply Stores, Bring the Funk Photo Booth (pictures with Easter Bunn) Easter Bunny Outfit Cleaning Cost..
6. **Motion** to approve \$3,800 for upcoming elections expenditures: -Food (Election Day) Food-Meet the Candidates-Swag, Posters. Banners
7. **Motion** to update Inventory Motion that was made was approved July 2018. Amend motion to read: Discussion and Motion to approve and certify the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of the LHNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018,
8. **Motion** to approve \$250.00 Appreciation Day Fire Station 1-April 13, 2019 to pay for Building and Safety Department of Transportati Street closure signs-Refreshments and Snacks, LHNC Labels.
9. Budget Advocate Report (Morrison)
 - c. Outreach Committee (Coolong)(Next meeting _____)
 - d. Community Events Committee (T. Flowers)(Next Meeting 04/16/2019)
 - e. Election Committee (V. Montes)(Next meeting _____)
 - f. Announcement of Vacancies and possible election to fill
 - i. Secretary and possible election
 - g. Program and Services (S. Ortega)(Next meeting _____)
 - h. Planning and Land Use (PLUC)(Larsen)(Next meeting 04/10/2019)
 - i. Announcement of new committee members.
 1. Possible motion to approve 3203 Johnston ZA-2019-593-
ZAD<<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/Mj13MDQz0>> 2100 sq ft house on Johnston:
a ZAD to wave required improvements on an adjoining substandard street to allow the
construction of a single-family dwelling.
 - i. Ad Hoc 5 Lots Committee (R. Larsen)(Next Meeting 04/24/2019)
 - j. Bylaws and Rules (Wadsworth)(None scheduled)
 - k. City and Government Liaison (Ortega)(Next meeting TBA)
 - l. Grievance Committee

- VIII New Business
- IX Unagendized Public Comment
- X Attendance Report
- XI Adjournment



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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea() Nay() Abstain() Ineligible() Recusal()

Campaign Contributions and Behested Payments

Date of NC Board Action: 3/21/2019

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0046

Summary: The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council supports Council File 19-0046 and efforts to limit the influence of non-individuals and developers on our democracy. We urge the council to support all of the recommendations unanimously approved by the Ethics Commission on February 19th, which include:

- Ban contributions and fundraising by non-individuals and developers
- Ban fundraising and bundling by non-individuals, developers, bidders, lobbyists, and contractors
- Ban behested payments from restricted sources and enhance disclosure

A review by Ethics Staff found 33 enforcement orders involving developers and development projects. This amounted to over \$1 million in administrative penalties, over half of the penalties for that period. The recent news coverage raises further ethical concerns about pay-to-play politics occurring in City Hall. By banning contributions from those with projects requiring discretionary approval we remove a clear conflict of interest. The proposal offers a closely drawn solution that also covers applicants and principals. It additionally closes fundraising and bundling loopholes for developers, contractors, and lobbyists.

Banning contributions from non-individuals increases transparency to voters, and offers administrative, auditing, and enforcement clarity for donors, candidates, campaign staff, and Ethics Staff.

To ensure that these recommendations effectively restrict developers' ability to influence elected officials, we would also encourage Council to consider restricting electeds' ability to solicit behested payments from developers. This measure would prevent developers from circumventing the contribution ban by gaining influence through behested payments. We encourage City Council to take swift action and adopt the Ethics Commission's recommendations to restore public faith in our local government.

Matching Funds Program

Date of NC 3/21/2019:

Type of NC Board Action: For Impact Information

Date:

Update to a Previous Input:

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 15-1088-S1 and 12-1269-S5

Summary: Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council supports Council Files 15-1088-S1 and 12-1269-S5 to improve our Matching Funds Program's ability to achieve the goals of the program, including to:

- improve the ability of grassroots candidates to run viable campaigns for office;
- incentivize candidates to communicate with a broader set of constituents;
- elect representatives who are responsive to the needs of all their residents; and to
- help restore trust in our government and local institutions.

We urge you to support the Ethics Commission February 19th recommendations to strengthen the program by lowering the aggregate qualifying threshold and requiring matching funds candidates to participate in a debate, or a town hall if other candidates do not agree to a debate. The Commission unanimously approved the thresholds proposed by Councilmember Bonin in his October 5th Motion.

The program's current threshold of \$20,000 for City Council candidates could be unattainable,

even for candidates that have significant levels of support in their home district. A lower aggregate qualifying threshold will allow candidates who demonstrate their viability to boost their campaigns with matching funds. A qualifying threshold equal to 100 times the maximum eligible contribution amount is a fair threshold for candidates to meet.

We also agree that in order to receive matching funds, candidates should engage in a debate with his/her opponents. These debates will allow voters to better understand each candidate's positions and make a more informed decision about their vote. In the case where candidates do not agree to a debate, a town hall event that allows voters to ask questions of a candidate is a suitable substitute that will achieve a similar result.

We urge Council to adopt the Ethics Commission's recommendations to strengthen our democracy with these improvements to the matching funds program.

Michael Montes
President