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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)**

**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, November 23, 2020 7:00 pm**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF ASNC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** ASNC President Drew Paonessa

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS**

- Motion to Approve: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2020: ASNC Secretary Rose Zitomersky
- Motion to Approve: Monthly Expense Reports (MER) for October 2020: ASNC Treasurer Lynda Valencia

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** The public may provide comments to the board on NON-AGENDA ITEMS within the Neighborhood Councils subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)

**4. PRESENTATIONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (5 minutes each)

- Susie Lopez of CD14: updates and timelines on Parcel S and Budd Weiner Park benches, Hermon request to rename Via Marisol.
- Bill Cody of CD1: update and timelines on conveying Flat Top to the City and matters related to Safe Streets.
- Representatives of the Mayor's office, LAFD, LAPD, Supervisor Hilda Solis, State Senator Durazo, State Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo and other officials.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Mt Washington Board Vacancy. Applications must be received by January 19, 2021 to be considered at the January meeting.
- Board's perspective on a December meeting..
- Report on Thanksgiving meal event held Friday November 20.

**6. FUNDING MOTIONS** The following motions have been reviewed by the Budget Committee:

- Motion to Approve adjustment to the ASNC 2020-21 Budget to include \$2500 for NPGs.
- Motion to Approve \$2500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in Outreach funds to Avenue 50 Studio, a non profit organization, for December Holiday event at Avenue 50 Studio and at the Sycamore Park Foursquare Church. Funds will be used for gift certificates: 100 @\$25.00 each.
- Motion to Approve \$120 in Outreach funds for December Holiday event promotional banner from Quick'r Print'r or similar..
- Motion to Approve \$50 in Outreach funds to promote virtual Best in Show event Friday January 29, 2021.
- Motion to Approve \$989 in Outreach funds for November social media services from division-7.com.

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**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion to Approve: Letter to Los Angeles Department of Transportation Harv Woien's proposal supporting inclusion of Montecito Drive between Sinova Street to Roberta Street (1.2 miles) in the Slow Streets program.
- b. Motion to Approve: PLUC letter of support for approval of the proposed project at 4683-4687 Glenalbyn Dr. 90065, deferring to Public Works on street widening..

**8. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS**

- a. To Board of Neighborhood Commissioners against boundary designation between the Monterey Hills section of the Arroyo Seco NC and Hermon NC. (see page 3 for full text)
- b. **20-1425 Unaccompanied Homeless Women / Data Collection / Annual Point-in-Time Count**  
The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council supports Motion 20-1425, which calls for increased records pertaining to Homeless Women who are single without dependents (unaccompanied). (see page 4 for full text)
- c. **19-1576 Unhoused People / Acuity Levels / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Programs**  
The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) supports motion 19-1576, presented by Councilmembers Bonin and Harris-Dawson, to have Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) report on the efficacy of current programs for measuring and providing services based on acuity levels of unhoused individuals. (see page 4 for full text)
- d. **20-1365** The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) supports motion 20-1365, calling for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report on solutions for expansion and broadening of economic hardship relief programs for people who have received parking fines. (see page 4 for full text)
- e. **20-1376** The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) strongly opposes this counterproductive motion (20-1376), which would displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. (see page 4 for full text)

**9. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS**

- a. Appointment of two (2) Tree Removal liaisons
- b. Committee/Liaison Reports

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| •Sustainability Alliance<br><i>Traci Larson, Keenan Sheedy and Drew Paonessa</i> | •Film <i>Ted Cannon</i>   |
| •Alliance of River Communities (ARC) <i>Steve Austin</i>                         | •RYLAN <i>TBD</i>   |
| •Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)<br><i>Lynda Valencia</i>     | •Grievance Panel <i>Lynda Valencia</i>                                |
| •City Attorney Liaison <i>Drew Paonessa</i>                                      | •Communications and Outreach - 2nd Vice President <i>Teri Bonsell</i> |
| •DWP <i>Harv Woien</i>   | •Sustainability and Resiliency <i>Keenan Sheedy</i>                   |
| •Animal Services <i>Lynda Valencia</i>   | •Education, Family and Culture <i>Eva María Chavez</i>                |
| •Homelessness <i>Eva María Chavez and Traci Larson</i>                           | •Planning and Land Use <i>Neiel Norheim</i>                           |
| •Purposeful Aging <i>Steve Austin</i>  | •Local Issues i. Monterey Hills <i>Lynda Valencia</i>                 |
| •Los Angeles Public Works <i>Joe DesBarres</i>                                   | ii. Montecito Heights <i>Steve Austin</i>                             |
|  | iii. Mount Washington <i>Eva María Chavez</i>                         |

**10. ADJOURNMENT-** Next meeting Monday January 25, 2021, 7:00pm

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**Text of Proposed Community Impact Statements**

**8a. Unapproved 2017 boundary alteration between ASNC and Hermon.**

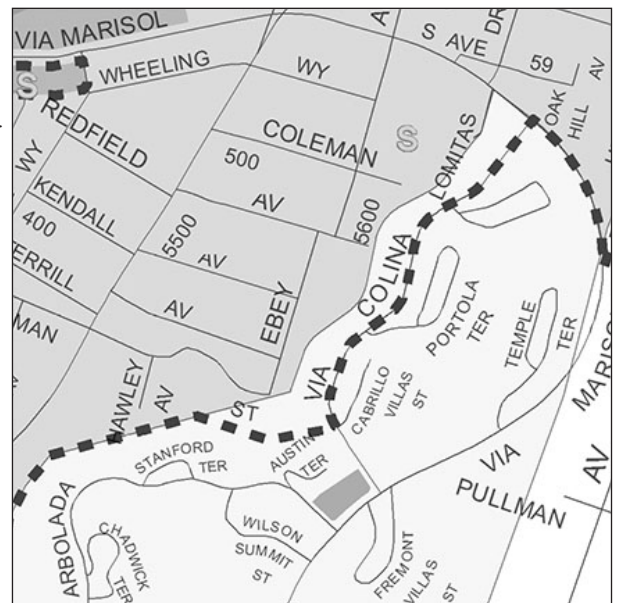
On behalf of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC), we are filing a Community Impact Statement regarding the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's (DONE) expansion of the Hermon Neighborhood Council's (HNC) boundaries at the time of its subdivision election on April 8, 2017. The latest version of the ASNC Bylaws includes this error, undermining the will of the Board. The current map expands the territory of HNC beyond what was shown in HNC's application of December 2016. This expansion was never publicly disclosed to ASNC and its stakeholders. The action, facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, willfully violates the Brown Act and takes away a critical, long established area of the Monterey Hills community.

The process of HNC's formation began with the applicant's December 2016 subdivision application. The map and boundary description in the application matched those in ASNC's Bylaws. DONE accepted HNC's application and an election for stakeholders' approval was planned for April 8, 2017.

At some point close to the April election, a new Hermon boundary map emerged. The existing boundary between Via Colina, Lomitas and Ebey had been moved up the hill to the centerline of Via Colina. No notifications or negotiations about this boundary alteration took place. The ASNC Board was never informed of the alteration, and no public announcements about it were made to stakeholders.

In addition to these procedural irregularities leading up to the subdivision election, the information on the [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) website was misleading. On the Hermon subdivision page of the website, the proposed Hermon NC Bylaws showed the map with the original boundaries. At the same time, there was a link labeled "HERMON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPLICATION, DOCUMENTS, ETC" that lead to an undated Google Docs page that included the altered boundary map.

A Monterey Hills stakeholder discovered the altered map on the Google Docs page a few days before the April 8, 2017 election. He sought explanation from DONE staff. They never responded to the stakeholder's request. On the day of the election where DONE staff conducted the voting under a poster of the altered map, they dismissed the matter as unimportant with the excuse that no Monterey Hills stakeholders were being moved into the proposed HNC. This argument is irrelevant given that the purpose of neighborhood councils are to provide a communication channel to communities on how they are governed, including land-use concerns within each NC's jurisdiction.



These irregularities are the basis of our complaint against the HNC's encroachment into ASNC territory. The territory in question is important to the ASNC and especially to our stakeholders in the Monterey Hills area because it is integral to this community. Neighborhood Council boundaries should conform to the cultural and physical characteristics of a community. The area taken by HNC has always been part of the CRA-LA created community of Monterey Hills. Tree wells and distinctive brick work on Via Colina are evidence of this fact. Any development of the open space on the west side of Via Colina would have a serious impact on the Monterey Hills community. Because this area is well removed and above the homes of Hermon, any impact on Hermon residents would be negligible.

We contend that the Neighborhood Council boundary between Hermon and Monterey Hills was imposed without proper notification in violation of the Brown Act. Monterey Hills stakeholders were not informed or consulted that Monterey Hills territory was being transferred to HNC. When the deception was discovered at the end of the subdivision period, DONE staff stonewalled. The ASNC and the Monterey Hills community dispute the boundary change and condemn DONE's failure to uphold the Brown Act.

In summary, the 2017 boundary between Hermon and Monterey Hills is disputed by the ASNC. In violation of the Brown Act, an open and due process was not followed in the action of shifting a portion of Monterey Hills west of Via Colina to within HNC boundaries. ASNC requires that the original boundary be restored in our Bylaws. This is not merely a Bylaws change, but redress of a serious failing of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.



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**8b. 20-1425 Unhoused People / Acuity Levels / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Programs**

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council supports Motion 20-1425, which calls for increased records pertaining to Homeless Women who are single without dependents (unaccompanied). According to the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), one third (21,129) of Los Angeles County's individuals experiencing homelessness are women, an increase of 15% from last year's count. In the City of Los Angeles, there are now 13,330 unhoused women — who are disproportionately women of color. It's crucial that the city of Los Angeles designate unaccompanied homeless women as a unique subpopulation and begin collecting information on race, gender, age, geography, sexual orientation, Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence status, etc., in the Annual Point-in-Time Count and in other data collection systems. We have witnessed an increase in unhoused women in our neighborhood, and need service providers to recognize the specific needs of this group.

**8c. 19-1576 Unhoused People / Acuity Levels / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Programs**

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) supports motion 19-1576, presented by Councilmembers Bonin and Harris-Dawson, to have Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) report on the efficacy of current programs for measuring and providing services based on acuity levels of unhoused individuals. The motion rightly calls into question whether withholding services from individuals determined to be low-acuity is contributing to the worsening of the homelessness crisis. In two areas within the ASNC boundaries, Mount Washington and Montecito Heights, the number of individuals who are unhoused has doubled since 2016, from 74 to 149; all are unsheltered. Our area does not have any service providers. When we reach out to LAHSA navigators to engage they either do not come to our area, or are not able to arrive in a timely manner. It's important that we understand how many of each of our unhoused stakeholders has what level of need, and how the relevant City and County programs are performing in addressing them. Without this data, we are not able to responsibly and effectively link stakeholders to the correct services and provide them with the help they need to get, and stay, off the streets.

**8d. 20-1365 LADOT to report on solutions for economic hardship relief programs for people who have received parking fines**

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) supports motion 20-1365, calling for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report on solutions for expansion and broadening of economic hardship relief programs for people who have received parking fines. We recognize that without Federal aid, the City is facing a budget crisis, but seeking to reduce that imbalance through regressive measures like parking fines will only result in furthering economic disparity. The recent benefit offered for paying your fine within the first 48 hours favors people who have savings, but those living paycheck to paycheck don't have the resources needed to pay a parking ticket right away. While we support the City studying more progressive means of implementing parking fines, we urge the City to stop parking enforcement for the duration of the pandemic or until the study's findings can be implemented. The current parking citation system amounts to a regressive tax on the lowest income residents of the city.

**8e. 20-1376 would displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors.**

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) strongly opposes this counterproductive motion, which would displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. As the homelessness crisis continues to worsen, exacerbated by a deadly pandemic, the City Council should prioritize tangible solutions. Instead, this motion will only make matters worse, accomplishing nothing more than forcibly moving unhoused Angelenos from one part of the city to another, disrupting their lives and increasing their interactions with law enforcement and the criminal legal system. The ordinance proposed by this motion would make illegal the basic activities of unhoused people's daily lives across broad swaths of our city, despite the fact that there are not enough available shelter beds for them. This would not only be inhumane, it would also open up the City to further litigation, which our taxpayer funds will be spent defending.

We understand the desire for clean streets and unobstructed sidewalks. But this is not the way to get there. Improve service delivery. Increase the number of shelter beds. Invest in affordable and supportive housing. Do not waste time and resources on this short-sighted motion. Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion offers an alternative path—one that is more just, humane, and productive. We urge you to adopt it instead and take a step towards a better Los Angeles for all residents.