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**Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors with
the Budget & Finance and Agenda Setting Committees
Wednesday February 23, 2022 7:00 pm**

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361(RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (669) 900-6833, and enter 967 9084 6171 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual board member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs.
We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 7:00PM (1 min.)** ASNC President Nicholas Manalo. This Joint Board, Budget & Finance and Agenda Setting Committees has been called in an abundance of caution to satisfy the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Committees are a standing committees of the ASNC and are advisory in nature to the Board. Any decisions made at this joint meeting are not considered Board actions and shall go back as recommendations to the ASNC Board for a final vote at a regular or special Board meeting.
- 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** The public may provide comments to the board on nonagenda items within the Neighborhood Council's 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 agendized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)
- 3. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE 7:10PM** ASNC Treasurer Lynda Valencia
 - Roll call and approval of minutes.
 - General Public Comment** The public may provide comments to the board on nonagenda items within the Neighborhood Council's 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 agendized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)
 - Review of January 2021 Monthly Expense Report.
 - Request: up to \$1200 in Outreach funds for refreshments/snacks/lunch from Smart & Final or similar for participating volunteers, 10'x3' vinyl banner from Quick'r Print'r or similar, plant/seeds from Home Depot or similar for demonstration, for the Earth Day Sustainability Fair on April 23 at Sycamore Grove Park with Council District 1 and Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council.
 - Request: up to \$1000 in Outreach funds for Eggstravaganza on April 9 at Ramona Hall to purchase candy and snacks for kids from Smart & Final or similar and a 10'x3' vinyl banner from Quick'r Print'r or similar.
 - Request: for \$820.00 in Outreach funds for February social media services provided by division-7.
 - Adjournment of Budget & Finance Committee.
- 4. RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 7:20PM** ASNC 1st Vice President Jessica Brennan
 - Roll call and approval of minutes.
 - General Public Comment** The public may provide comments to the board on nonagenda items within the Neighborhood Council's 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 agendized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)

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- c. Consideration of Bylaws revision of Northeast ASNC and Monterey Hills boundaries.

Turn north then northwest on Via Marisol to the midway point of Via Colina.

Turn south on Via Colina and continue in a southerly direction until it intersects with Eaton Terrace.

change to:

Turn north then northwest on Via Marisol to Lomitas Drive.

Turn south on Lomitas Drive and continue in a southerly direction following an imaginary line bisecting open space between two approximately parallel streets: Via Colina and Ebey Avenue.

- d. Request CIS: **SUPPORT** ASNC's consideration by City Council of an addition to the municipal lobbying ordinance. Under section 48.08.8 of the current lobbying ordinance, a lobbyist disclosure is only required for written communications to neighborhood councils. We believe the ordinance should be updated to include the same disclosure when a lobbyist makes an oral presentation or public comment to a neighborhood council that is related to their lobbying efforts.
- e. Request CIS: Regarding CF 20-0963 Neighborhood Council Elections / Fiscal Year 2020-21 / COVID-19 Pandemic.
- f. Request CIS: **SUPPORT** that the City Council through their Legislative process requests that the State of California mandates that all new EVs have their charge ports located on the passenger side of the vehicle. Many EVs currently have the charge port located on the driver's side of the vehicle and when they are connected to a charging station of the street, the charging cable protrudes into the right of way causing a potential obstacle for bicyclists and other traffic. The State of California should also mandate that EVs have an interlock installed that will not allow the EV to move if the charging cable is in the charging port.
- g. Request CIS **SUPPORT**: that the City Council through their Legislative process requests that the State of California require manufactures of batteries to ethically and environmentally-friendly source the materials to make batteries. Many articles have cited the human rights and environmental abuses placed upon the people of these countries. Children and also being engaged in the mining of these materials, like cobalt and copper. With the elimination of ICE vehicles in 2035 by a governor executive order, it is paramount the sourcing of these materials in the supply chain be verified and that these batteries do not become "Blood Batteries".
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/02/amnesty-urges-bold-action-to-clean-up-the-battery-industry>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/29/world/congo-cobalt-albert-yuma-mulimbi.html>
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/05/31/the-dark-side-of-congos-cobalt-rush>
- h. Request CIS **OPPOSE**: WHEREAS if a Neighborhood Council has difficulty getting ALL of its Land Use committee members to complete the newly required online Land Use training, it is almost certain that the NC will not be able to get ALL of its board members and alternates to complete the same training, and WHEREAS the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has decided to PROHIBIT any Land Use committee from MEETING if ALL of its committee members are not trained (rather than prohibiting the untrained members from voting), and then shifted the training requirement to EVERY BOARD MEMBER, and WHEREAS this prohibition on board action when DONE has ORDERED its Land Use committee NOT TO MEET is a willful prevention of a Neighborhood Council from performing one of its most basic functions in order to punish it for the inaction of a few committee members,

We therefore move that the ASNC opposes the decision of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to prohibit a Neighborhood Council in which DONE has ALSO prohibited their Land Use committee from meeting from CONSIDERING any land use matter unless ALL of its eligible board members and alternates have completed the online Land Use Training course.
- i. Request CIS **OPPOSE**: WHEREAS there is a conflict on the DONE website (<https://empowerla.org/nctrainings/>) in the statements about which trainings are required for board members to vote ("required to complete 4 trainings in order to vote", including Diversity, Equity and Equity (DEI) Training, VERSUS "required to do three things in order to vote", NOT including DEI Training
WHEREAS the addition of DEI Training as a voting requirement will effectively disenfranchise most Neighborhood Council board members and deprive their communities of representative Neighborhood Council action on current issues,

We therefore MOVE that the ASNC opposes the possible decision of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to prohibit ANY Neighborhood Council board member or alternate from voting on ANY matter unless they have completed the online Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training course.
- j. Adjournment of the Rules & Elections Committee.

5. AGENDA SETTING COMMITTEE 7:45PM ASNC President Nicholas Manalo

- a. Roll call and approval of minutes.

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- b. **General Public Comment** The public may provide comments to the board on nonagenda items within the Neighborhood Council's 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 agendized for discussion at a future public meeting. (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.)
- c. Review and prioritize agenda requests for Board action submitted by stakeholders, Board members, governmental entities, and other interested individuals and organizations via the online Agenda Request form <http://asnc.us/agendarequest.html>. The committee has the discretion to postpone an agenda request, refer it to a specific Standing Committee for review and recommendation, treat it as an announcement, or consider and resolve it as a non-Board administrative matter. NOTE: this Committee shall not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda.
- d. Adjournment of Agenda Setting Committee

6. ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD MEETING

Next Budget/Rules/Agenda meeting March 21, 2022

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