

I, Rick Young am filing this formal grievance in accordance with DLANC bylaw ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE PROCESS.

DLANC President Patti Berman and DLANC VP of Administration Russell Brown are in violation of the Brown Act by requiring that stakeholders fill out a speaker card in order to address the DLANC Board of Directors and the public at both DLANC Board of Director meetings and DLANC Committee meetings. All DLANC Board of Director meeting agendas and DLANC Committee agendas state the following:

THE PUBLIC IS REQUESTED TO FILL OUT A SPEAKER CARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ANY ITEM PRIOR TO THE BOARD TAKING ACTION ON AN ITEM.

THE PUBLIC IS REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A SPEAKER CARD TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ANY ITEM PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM.

The violation can be found under the following Brown Act.

RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC.

Non sign-in requirement. (Although speaker cards may be used no one may be required to fill it out to speak or attend.

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**Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status** – Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation.

**Section 5: Restrictions on Candidates Running for Multiple Seats** – A candidate shall declare their candidacy for no more than one (1) position on DLANC Board during a single election cycle.

**Section 6: Other Election Related Language** – Any additional language shall be put forth in the Standing Rules.

## **ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

A. Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular DLANC meeting.

B. At that meeting, the Board shall refer the matter to an Ad Hoc Grievance Panel comprised of three (3) Stakeholders randomly selected by the Board from a list of Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a panel.

C. Within two (2) weeks of the panel's selection, the Board shall coordinate a time and place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

D. Within two (2) weeks following such meeting, a member of the panel shall prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to a Board meeting, but, in accordance with the Brown Act, the matter shall not be discussed among the Directors until it is heard publicly at the next regular DLANC meeting.

E. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, such as the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws. It is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who merely disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings, which grievances may be aired publicly at DLANC meetings.

F. Directors are not permitted to file a grievance against another Director or against DLANC.

G. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this process, then the matter shall be referred to the Department for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.

## **ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

DLANC shall use the Robert's Rules of Order when conducting DLANC meetings. Additional rules and/or policies and procedures regarding the conduct of the Board and/or DLANC meetings may be developed and adopted by the Board and set forth in the DLANC Standing Rules.



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Tina Pellegrino, Secretary**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL****EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Monday December 2, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

DLANC Meeting Room

453 S. Spring St. #1020

1. Call to Order
2. Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the committee's subject matter. Speakers must fill out a public comment card. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (These parameters may be changed by the chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations.)  
NOTE: All subsequent items may produce action items
3. Motion: To approve minutes from 11/4.
4. Approval of Treasurers Motions
  - 4.1. Approval of November reconciliation.
  - 4.2. MOTION: To Reconsider Voice for the Animals NPG for \$500
  - 4.3. Complete paperwork for Rasool Ali reimbursement
  - 4.4. MOTION: Approval of Metro charter School NPG for \$5000
5. Motion: To approve Jason Claypool as alternate for Simon Ha
6. MOTION: To approve proposal from DNTLA.
7. Receipt of motions from committees and creation of agenda for next Board Meeting.
8. Adjournment

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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking 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 is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public forum is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. The chair may take items out of order. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by calling 530-378-9096. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at [www.dlanc.com](http://www.dlanc.com) or at the scheduled meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action for all items on which the board feels it might take action.

**Wednesday December 11, 2013, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Palace Theatre 615 S. Broadway**

1. Call to Order and request to turn off phones.
2. Explanation of public comment card.
3. Roll Call
4. MOTION: To approve the minutes from November 2013.
5. Reports and presentations from City or Elected Officials and representatives
6. Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter. Speakers must fill out a public comment card. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes.
7. MOTION: To approve Jason Claypool as alternate for Simon Ha
8. Selection of candidates for Homeless and Fashion District Resident seats.
9. President's Report
10. Treasurer's Report:
  - 10.1. MOTION: To approve November reconciliation.
  - 10.2. MOTION: To approve NPG for Voice of the Animals in the amount of \$500.
11. Presentation by Vivian Matito concerning a film to be made in Downtown
12. Presentation by Douglas Semark from GAP.
13. OUTREACH:
  - 13.1. MOTION: To approve a proposal from DWNLA for the Jan/Feb 2013 issue in the amount of \$1500 to include a video and a 2 page spread. The video will remain the property of DLANC.



# Speaker Card

(Please print legibly, so that we can call your name at the proper item)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item  # \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Non-Agenda Item  Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ▶ Standing committee meetings are subject to the Act/ Ad hoc Committee meetings are not if committee is comprised *solely* of less than a majority of the NC board members.

### **Location of Meetings**

- ▶ Meetings (including retreats) must be held within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council, unless an exception under the Act can be met.
- ▶ Teleconferencing allowed under carefully defined conditions and the meeting notice must identify all teleconference locations and each location must be fully accessible to members of the public.
- ▶ Accessible to the public under the ADA/Non-discriminatory facilities

### **Rights of the Public**

- ▶ Members of the public may comment on each agenda item which opportunity must be offered before decisions/recommendations are made regarding that item; NC has right to limit public testimony by time per individual, or total subject matter. *Chaffee v. San Francisco Public Library Commission* (2005) 134 Cal. App 4th 109.
- ▶ Members of the public may make general public comments on items not specifically listed on the agenda but within the NC's jurisdiction.
- ▶ Members of the public have a right to see materials that are distributed at meetings.
- ▶ Members of the public may record (audio/video) meeting.
- ▶ No sign-in requirement. (Although speaker cards may be used- no one may be required to fill it out to speak or attend).

### **Remedies/Penalties**

- ▶ Civil Remedies. Individuals or the district attorney may file a civil lawsuit for injunctive, mandatory or declaratory relief or to void actions taken in violation.
- ▶ Criminal Penalties. The district attorney may seek misdemeanor penalties against wilful violations. **Standard:** the member intended to deprive the public of information that the member knows (or has reason to know) the public is entitled to.