



# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING AGENDA

**Meeting Date:** [January 14, 2020]  
**Meeting Time:** [6:30 PM]  
**Meeting Location:** [Palace Theatre, 630 S. Broadway]  
**Contact:** patti.berman@dlanc.com for more information

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Patti Berman		
		Stanley Carter
Ryan Afari		Alex LiMandri
Pat Barrett		Patricia Louis
Wendell Blassingame		Marcus Lovingood
Ian Young		Mac McCarthy
Beverly Christiansen		Robert Newman
Dan Curnow		Claudia Oliveira
Michael Delijani		Michael Olivera
Naira Harootunian		Betsy Starman
Colleen Hilderman Clayton		John Swartz
Tony Hoover		Michael Burbank
Mindy Kordash-Shim		Shawn Smith

2. Selection of New Secretary
3. Swearing in of vetted alternates/new board members
4. Speakers
  - a. City, State, County or Elected Officials or representatives
  - b. Joella Hopkins concerning DTLA Strategic Transportation Plan survey
5. Declarations of Ex Parte communications
6. General Public Comment - Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter. Speakers are asked to fill out a public comment card. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.)
7. **MOTION: The Board shall approve the Minutes from 10-2019**
8. President's Report
  - a. Request for Committees to report on goals and benchmarks for the second half of FYE 2020.
  - b. Website update
  - c. 2020 Board Retreat
  - d. Door Access fixed
  - e. Office Phone

f. Other messages of import

9. Liaison Reports

10. Consent Calendar: \*\*

- a. The DLANC Board approves Pablo Fontoura to the Outreach Committee
- b. The DLANC Board approves Paola Mendez to the Outreach Committee
- c. The DLANC Board approves Robert Newman to the By-Laws Committee
- d. The DLANC Board approves Ian Young to the By-Laws Committee

11. Old Business

- a. NONE

12. New Business [All items possible for discussion and possible action]

a. Financial:

- a. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve the December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report**
  
- b. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve \$2500 for the DLANC-produced advertising budget for the second half of FY 2020. Money to be in Lieu of monthly amounts previously approved. Money to come from the Outreach Budget.**
  
- c. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve \$2500 for the DLANC sponsored advertising budget for the second half of FY 2020. Money to be in Lieu of monthly amounts previously approved. Money to come from the Outreach Budget.**
  
- d. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve the purchase of a Timer Clock. Amount not to exceed \$60. Money to come from the Outreach Budget.**

- b. Planning and Land Use Committee (all letters are in the packet) CUB letters of support will be sent to the Los Angeles City Department of Planning, Office of Zoning Administration, unless otherwise noted in item. Meeting held 12/17/2019.  
Letter concerning 2040 will be sent to Los Angeles City Department of Planning.

**Please refer into the packet for the Committee Findings and detailed description.**

- i. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter a request to increase the height, base and bonus max FAR of the “Traditional Core” Land Use Designation in the DTLA2040 plan. Additionally, the Board shall request to maintain and preserve the incentives currently available to owners of historic properties to utilize the TFAR program. DLANC does support the proposed CPIO for the historic core and “Form” category of the ReCodeLA.
- ii. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter the support of level 1 of the community benefits program provision for affordable housing in the DTLA 2040 plan, which requires the option for on-site, in-lieu fee, off-site and off-site acquisitions, all located in Downtown LA.
- iii. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter a rejection of the DTLA2040 plan’s proposed exclusion of market rate housing and reject the requirement of 100% affordable housing in any one specific area/land use designation in downtown.
- iv. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter a rejection of the minimum unit size of 1,000 SF in any area within Downtown.
- v. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter a request that the area identified as the “Markets” land use designation, west of San Pedro, allow for all types of residential development and not just live-work units.
- vi. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter the support of a proposal that allows any area within ¼ mile radius of an existing or planned Metro station, including the location at 7<sup>th</sup> and Alameda, to have the “Transit Core” FAR and land use designation.
- vii. **Motion:** The DLANC Board shall include in its letter a request to change the land use designation at N. Fremont Ave. and W. Temple St. from “Community Center” to “Transit Core” and increase the allowable FAR to match the “Transit Core” land use designation.

13. Outreach Committee

- a. **MOTION: The DLANC Board approves 3-month Facebook Live Pilot Program. Outreach committee to broadcast Monthly Board Meetings and select Committee Meetings as part of an effort for full and ongoing implementation to increase transparency and reach. Pilot to begin Immediately and will conclude with a report from the Outreach committee on effectiveness and recommendations for future implementation.**

14. Requested by Stakeholder Rick Young

**Motion: DLANC shall send letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti requesting him to task the Los Angeles Department of Disability to conduct an assessment of the Skid Row neighborhood in Downtown Los Angeles to ascertain if the sidewalks are Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant.**

15. Government Liaison Committee

- a. RE: CIS Input Access Authority.

Council File: (CF) 19-0602-S1

This is regarding an amendment to LAMC 41.18. In September 2018, the United States, Ninth Circuit Court made a ruling in the Case Martin v. City of Boise. The case did not apply to the City of Los Angeles directly, however, as the Ninth Circuit Court presides over California, the City Attorney should be requested to provide an ordinance ensuring that the City's Municipal Code abides by the Court's ruling.

The GLC suggests the following amendment: that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance, **with the condition the city has reasonable means to enforce and provide assistance for those affected**, amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 to delete subsection (a), with the exception of the language making it unlawful to obstruct or interfere with the free passage of pedestrians in the public right of way, to delete subsections (b) and (c) and to amend subsection (d) to conform to the 9th Circuit decision in the Martin v. Boise case.

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of YES if amended as above for council file 19-1602-S1**

**(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)**

- b. RE: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority / Strategy on the Streets

Council File: (CF) 19-0992: 08/30/2019-Controller document(s) referred to Homelessness and Poverty Committee.

08/28/2019-Documents submitted by Controller, as follows:

- o Controller report, dated August 28, 2019, relative to the recommendations of ways to address Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority achievement gaps, offering a more proactive outreach strategic approach to homeless, creating a statistically driven performance management system (HomeSTAT), consistent goals, transparency and accountability

REPORT COVER LETTER: "Strategy on the Streets: Improving Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority's Outreach Program

There is no issue more pressing and no challenge more daunting than homelessness in Los Angeles today. Homelessness climbed 16 percent over last year in the City of Los Angeles and the greater area reported the highest number of unsheltered people in the United States. While those sleeping on our streets suffer most acutely, the crisis touches all

Angelenos and comes at a great cost. This year's City budget allocated nearly a half-billion dollars to house and serve the most vulnerable in our communities....”

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 19-0992**  
(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

c. RE: Anti - Displacement Zones

Council File: (CF) 19-1129

Luxury apartment development projects are designed to strengthen the economy of the neighborhood and rental market, many times attracting what might be different socio-economic groups to a long-established community. However, too many of these developments are being built in neighborhoods that have suffered decades of disinvestment as a result of discrimination and racism in the banking and real estate industry with the help of restrictive covenants and other repealed and unconstitutional government laws that reinforced redlining and reverse redlining in non-white communities. After decades, these neighborhoods continue to be plagued by higher unemployment, substandard education, high crime rates, and predatory lending. Development projects should help to build up an area in need of economic investment so that members in the community can make use of these local amenities and improve their everyday lives.

A moratorium or a wide zone prohibiting any type of residential construction has not been proven to help the low-income housing shortage but will cause a decline in the overall housing in Los Angeles; ultimately negatively affecting housing prices and the overall economy.

GLC did not support The City Council Motion to INSTRUCT the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), with assistance from the City Attorney, to prepare and present a draft ordinance that applies to both existing and new tenancies, establishes anti-displacement zones around market-rate or luxury housing developments that contain zero affordable units, and caps rent increases within a two-mile radius for three years.

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of against council file 19-1129**

(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

d. RE: Ellis Act / Right - of – Refusal

Council File: (CF) 19-1127

The Ellis Act in California was originally passed to help alleviate the burden placed by the government on small-scale property owners who could no longer tend to their rental property. However, more recently large developers and land speculators have taken advantage of the Ellis Act by purchasing rent-controlled buildings, evicting the tenants, and replacing the existing buildings with market-rate, luxury developments, upscale condominiums, and non-rental commercial uses. Many of these Ellis Act evictions are being done by developers who have owned the property for less than a year.

To eliminate affordable, rent-stabilized housing in order to build these developments takes an already existing problem and makes it worse. If a property owner is going to invoke the Ellis Act, the City of Los Angeles should get the first right-of-refusal.

The city should not be in the real estate business. They already have thousands of properties that they could develop into housing for the homeless or low income. In addition, if the city wishes to bid on a property, then they should compete as any other potential buyer. Furthermore, if there is a great public interest, then the city always has eminent domain.

GLC did not support the City Council Motion to INSTRUCT the Housing, Community and Investment Department (HCID), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance that would give the City of Los Angeles first right-of-refusal to purchase apartment buildings and property that initiate Ellis Act proceedings.

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of against council file 19-1127**

(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

e. RE: Homelessness Impact / Public Parks

Council File: (CF) 19-1119

The City Charter specifies that the Department of Recreation and Parks is provided the power and duty to establish, construct, maintain, operate and control all parks and recreational facilities in the City, which includes 444 City parks and 16,000 acres of parkland. The Department states that it is focused on restoring and enhancing the safety and enjoyment of park patrons; increasing recreational programming; supporting greater park access and equity; supporting the Los Angeles River Revitalization; implementing increased sustainability practices and projects: maximizing private-public partnerships; and improving customer service. In addition, the General Manager advises it is one his goals to help build healthy communities that will make Los Angeles one of the most livable cities in the country.

The 2019 Point-In-Time Count of homeless individuals identified over 36,000 homeless individuals in the City, of which more than 27,000 are unsheltered. These 27,000 unsheltered people are forced to live exposed on City streets, in tents, in their vehicles, or in temporary shelters. In addition to these locations some unsheltered residents have sought refuge in City parks in order to access the open space and use the facilities.

Given that homelessness impacts most areas of the City, including City parks, and given that some public parks continue to be significantly impacted by the presence of people experiencing homelessness, the City can be better informed by all park users and City staff on how to address the challenges of homelessness in and adjacent to our public parks.

GLC was in favor of the City Council Motion that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to conduct community stakeholder meetings in each Council District with all park users in order to solicit feedback relative to ensuring that City parks are safe, clean, manageable, and accessible to everyone, and that the Department report to Council with the results of these public meetings and offer recommendations on how to manage the impacts of homelessness at all City parks.

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 19-1119**

GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0

- f. RE: State of Emergency / Homelessness  
Council File: (CF) 19-0002-S172 - WHEREAS, the annual point-in-time homeless count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) revealed that homelessness in the City of Los Angeles has increased an estimated 16% since 2018 with over\* 36,000 people living on the streets or in vehicles, and;
- WHEREAS, the drastic increase in homelessness in 2019 strongly impacted the City's most vulnerable populations, with a 24% rise in youth, 8% rise in families, 13% rise in women and 17% rise in the chronically homeless, and;
  - WHEREAS, in 2018, there was a 68% increase in Part I crimes involving a homeless victim in the City, and;
  - WHEREAS, in 2018, there were nearly 130,000 people on the streets on any given night throughout the State of California - the most of any state in the nation, and
  - WHEREAS, numerous cities in California are struggling to adequately respond to the homelessness crisis, and;
  - WHEREAS, deplorable conditions in and surrounding, areas 'with a high density of homeless encampments has led to multiple cases of individuals, both housed and unhoused, contracting diseases borne by fleas and feces, including typhus, typhoid fever, hepatitis A, tuberculosis, and staph infection, and;
  - WHEREAS, the public health and safety of the residents of California, both unhoused and housed, will be in great danger unless drastic, immediate measures are taken, and;
  - WHEREAS, despite new funding sources and other resources to aid the City's homeless population, a crisis persists. All tools made available to address the homelessness crisis plaguing all major cities throughout the state must be leveraged, and;
  - WHEREAS, California Government Code §8625 grants the Governor the authority to declare a regional or statewide emergency and coordinate emergency response activities, and;
  - WHEREAS, a state of emergency is defined in subdivision (b) of California Government Code §8558 as "any occurrence which by reason of its magnitude is or is likely to become beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions..." and; SEP 2 5 2013
  - WHEREAS, the declaration of at state of emergency enables state and local agencies to act quickly and without normal constraints to address an emergency situation, request mutual aid from other governmental organizations and Seek emergency funding, and;
  - WHEREAS, when a state of emergency is declared, public employees and governing bodies are afforded certain legal immunities for emergency actions taken, and;
  - WHEREAS, a declaration of a State of Emergency allows agencies and departments to more efficiently procure materials and services necessary to address the situation, and;

GLC was in favor of the Resolution that the Los Angeles City Council does hereby find that homelessness has ballooned into a crisis of seismic proportions outside of the control of the City of Los Angeles and the cities of the State of California alone to address with existing resources, and that the plight of individuals living on the streets jeopardizes the public health and safety of those individuals and imperils the broader citizenry of the State of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for action by Governor Gavin Newsom to declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness in the State of California.

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 19-0002-S172**  
GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 0, Recused: 0

g. RE: Pilot Program CFs 18-0786 (CERT Supply Cache Pilot)

CFs 18-0786: Natural and man-made disasters pose a serious risk to the City and its residents, and serious disasters, such as a major earthquake or fire, could place significant strains on the City's first responders. In an effort to mitigate these risks, programs have been created to prepare for emergencies, and to provide emergency response training to residents. These programs include the Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the Emergency Management Department's Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) program.

Neighborhood Councils also play a significant role in emergency preparedness. A number have hosted emergency preparedness forums, emergency training sessions and other events. In addition, some Neighborhood Councils have expressed a desire to fund emergency preparedness supply caches. However, due to concerns about the ownership and placement of the caches, Neighborhood Councils have been unable to directly purchase and distribute similar units in their communities.

Cities such as Portland, Seattle and Berkeley have established programs to create resilience hubs where volunteers can partner with public safety agencies to respond and coordinate disaster recovery.

The Fire Department has recently implemented a pilot program where they store emergency supply caches at fire stations in order to provide CERT members with tools and supplies to complete assigned missions during an emergency. However, more can be done to provide essential supplies to residents following a major disaster, including the creation of supply caches that can be accessed for neighborhood responders during an emergency.

With proven efficacy, an extension of this pilot program to Downtown Los Angeles could be favorable to our community.

GLC is in favor of the City Council Motion that the Fire Department report on their CERT supply cache pilot and the necessary maintenance and replenishment of supplies within 60 days.

**MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 18-0786**  
(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

16. Committee Reports

17. Officer Reports

18. General Public Comment - Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter.

Speakers are asked to 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.)

19. Other Board Member Comments

20. Next Meeting [Tuesday February 11, 2020]

21. Adjourn

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**\*\*There will be no separate discussion of Consent items as they are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Board or a stakeholder requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from Consent and considered separately. Such items will be moved to the end of the agenda.**