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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 27, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order and roll call: 6:37
 - Chairman: Eric Garcia (EG) - Present
 - Co-Chairman: Robert Newman (RN) – Present
 - Committee Member: Patti Berman (PB) – Present
 - Committee Member: Michael Eisman (ME) – Present
 - Committee Member: James Todd (JT) – Present
 - Committee Member: Ashley Stracke (AS) – Not Present
2. First Public comment opportunity on Non-Agenda Items within the board’s subject matter.
Restorative justice: Post arrest, non violent, administrative proceedings that are intended to address low level crimes without resulting in a criminal record. The goal is restitution. City Attorney is looking for panelists to form panels. This program exists in New York and other major cities such as San Francisco. The commitment comprises one day a month and the panels consist of three panelists.
3. Matters for Committee Discussion [*See Appendix A for a Summary of Motions Passed by the Committee*]
 - 3.1 Mission Statement for the Community Impact Committee
MOTION: The Community Impact Committee (“CIC”) shall approve the Mission Statement for the CIC.
 Presented by EG; Seconded by RN
 Discuss possible amendment to Motion.
MOTION to Amend: “To provide valuable input to the DLANC Board on matters affecting Downtown Los Angeles that may be presently before the City Council or that may otherwise impact Downtown Los Angeles. Such matters may include, but are not limited to, matters related to health, safety and economic development.”
 Presented by PB; Seconded by ME
 Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

 Yes = 5; No = 0; Abstain = 0
OUTCOME: Motion As Amended PASSES
 - 3.2 Council File 14-0471: Recreation and Park Monitors / Improving Efficiency / Processing Film Permits. Review, discuss, and revise draft Community Impact Statement (“CIS”).
MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-0471.
 Presented by ME; Seconded by JT
 Discuss possible amendment to Motion.

MOTION to Amend: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-0471 as amended.

Presented by EG; Seconded by ME

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

Yes = 5; No = 0; Abstain = 0

OUTCOME: Motion As Amended PASSES [See Appendix B for a copy of the CIS]

- 3.3 Council File 14-0223: Imposing Living Wage / Hotel Employees / Hotels with 100 Rooms or more / Citywide Economic Impacts / Study and Public Input. Review, discuss, and revise draft CIS.

Postponed to next committee meeting. No vote taken.

- 3.4 Council File 13-1493: Street Vending / Special Sidewalk Vending District Program. Review, discuss, and revisedraft CIS.

MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 13-1493.

Presented by EG; Seconded by ME

Discuss possible amendment to Motion.

MOTION to Amend: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-0471 as amended.

Presented by PB; Seconded by RN

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	N
Robert Newman	N
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	N
James Todd	N

Yes = 1; No = 4; Abstain = 0

OUTCOME: Motion to Amend DOES NOT PASS

SECOND MOTION to Amend: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-0471 as amended.

Presented by EG; Seconded by JT

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	N
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

Yes = 4; No = 1; Abstain = 0

OUTCOME: Motion As Amended PASSES [See Appendix B for a copy of the CIS]

- 3.5 Council File 13-1364: City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission / Improve and Enhance Voter Participation and Civic Engagement / Citys Electoral Process. Review, discuss, and revise draft CIS

MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 13-1364 regarding dates on which the City's regular municipal elections are conducted.

Presented by ME; Seconded by PB

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

Yes = 5; No = 0; Abstain = 0

OUTCOME: Motion PASSES [See Appendix B for a copy of the CIS]

4. Member comment: Comments from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
 - Members discussed the possibility of using an intern to assist the committee in identifying council files. Members discussed the possibility of enlisting Outreach to assist.
 - Members discussed the issue of drug pushers on Fifth and Broadway. It was suggested that committee take this issue on for the next meeting to determine whether a letter should be drafted to address this issue, with a CC to Mayor's Office, CD 14, Police Chief. Members to look into City Crime report and perhaps do some research regarding the parent company, CUP, and news articles addressing crime on Fifth and Broadway.
 - Fracking: The Committee will address fracking in its next meeting. Members may present a video for the Committee to better understand the issue.
 - Affordability: LA times article states that LA is now the most unaffordable place to live, more so than San Francisco and NY.
5. Second Public comment: No public comment.
6. **MOTION: The CIC shall approve the CIC's Meeting Minutes from the June 2014 CIC meeting.**

Presented by EG; Seconded by RN

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

Yes = 5; No = 0; Abstain = 0

OUTCOME: Motion PASSES

7. Adjournment.

Presented by ME; Seconded by PB

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

Yes = 5; No = 0; Abstain = 0

OUTCOME: Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes by Robert Newman, Committee Co-Chairman

APPENDIX A

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED BY THE
COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE ON
AUGUST 27, 2014**

3.1 MOTION: The Community Impact Committee (“CIC”) shall approve the Mission Statement for the CIC.

The Approved Mission Statement is: **“To provide valuable input to the DLANC Board on matters affecting Downtown Los Angeles that may be presently before the City Council or that may otherwise impact Downtown Los Angeles. Such matters may include, but are not limited to, matters related to health, safety and economic development.”**

3.2 MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-0471.

See “CIS_14-0471_CIC_2014_09_09.pdf” for approved CIS.

3.4 MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 13-1493.

See “CIS_13-1493_CIC_2014_09_09.pdf” for approved CIS.

3.5 MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 13-1364 regarding dates on which the City’s regular municipal elections are conducted.

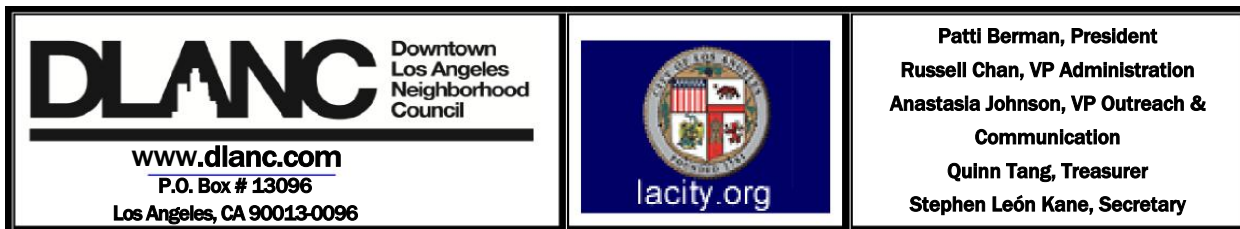
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6 MOTION: The CIC shall approve the CIC’s Meeting Minutes from the June 2014 CIC meeting.

See “MIN_CIC_2014_06_23_[APPROVED].pdf” for approved meeting minutes.

APPENDIX B

Committee Approved Community Impact Statements



September 9, 2014

Council File 14-0471

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members,

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 14-0471, regarding the proposed expansion of filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

On April 11, 2014, the City Council instructed the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer to work with FilmLA to report on the possibility of expanding filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles. *See Motion.* The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council opposes expansion of filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles because expansion will likely negatively impact the quality of life of residents and increase tensions between members of the Downtown community and production companies.

Filming is very disruptive to community members. For example, production companies often prevent access to parking spaces; use invasive lighting; cause significant noise through the use of helicopters; and block access to driveways or other entry points thereby preventing reasonable access to resident's homes.

It has also come to our attention that certain production companies have disregarded their own "Code of Professional Responsibility" and as a result, have created a hostile environment with members of the Downtown community. Some examples of the blatant disregard of the Code of Professional Responsibility include intimidation by cast or crew (including the use of lewd or offensive language); threats to have parked vehicles towed from parking spaces where no production parking restrictions were placed; and use of invasive lighting without any prior notice. In one specific example, on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, a location manager threatened to tow a vehicle that was legally parked on the 900 block of Grand Avenue. A posted sign clearly stated that parking restrictions were in place for a different day – "Friday Only." Yet, despite of the fact that the noticed date (shown in the annotated photo below) was for a different day of the week, the location manager continuously threatened to have the subject vehicle towed.



This type of conduct is a major contributor to the rising tension between members of the Downtown community and production companies. Without an effective system in place to curb this type of unacceptable conduct and protect residents and businesses from abusive production companies, expansion of filming hours Downtown will surely result in more negative experiences.

In addition, Downtown Los Angeles is a high density community, and will continue to become more dense as developers continue to build more residential units. Expansion of filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles will not only continue to negatively impact community members, but the sheer number of residents affected is disproportionately higher than in other areas of Los Angeles.

Accordingly, until the concerns outlined above are adequately addressed, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council vehemently opposes any effort to expand filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles. In addition, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that it be consulted before any decision is made regarding the expansion of filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles to allow it an opportunity to provide additional input from the community regarding this issue.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on September 9, 2014, when the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Motion: "The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council urges the City

Council File 14-0471

September 9, 2014

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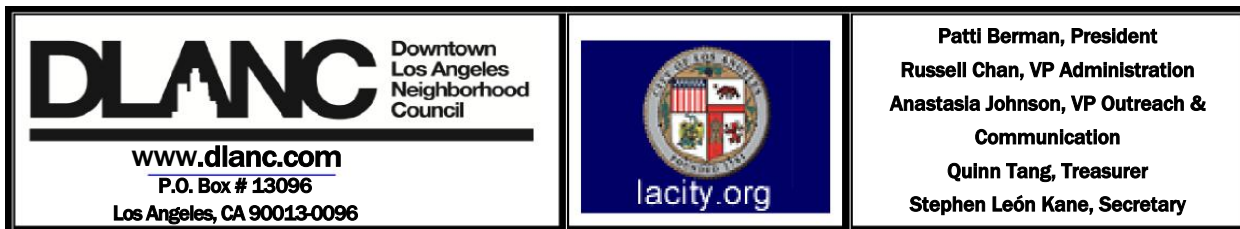
Council to maintain the current limits on filming hours in Downtown Los Angeles.”

Sincerely,

Patricia Berman
DLANC President

Sincerely,

Eric R. Garcia
DLANC Community Impact Committee Chair



September 9, 2014

Council File 13-1493

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members,

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 13-1493 regarding the proposed permitting of street vendors on City sidewalks and parkways.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council supports efforts to permit street vendors on City sidewalks and parkways and urges the City Council to consider the following issues in developing a regulatory scheme for regulating street vending.

Under current law in the City of Los Angeles, street vending is illegal, making Los Angeles the only major U.S. city without a regulatory scheme that allows micro-entrepreneurs to legitimately use our public spaces to help their businesses flourish. Street vending can activate public spaces, increase safety, and improve the economic condition of individuals and local businesses. A vibrant street vending industry also provides consumers with additional options for dining. Although there are numerous benefits to a healthy and robust street vending industry, we do have a number of concerns listed below that we respectfully request be considered in developing the regulatory scheme for regulating street vending:

- Regulation of any industry requires enforcement. Therefore, for sidewalk vending to be effectively regulated, there needs to be sufficient resources in terms of staffing and funds to enforce the appropriate regulations. One source of funding may be permit fees and taxes collected from street vendors;
- Street vendors should be susceptible to frequent inspection to ensure that food sold by a permitted vendor is prepared in a safe and healthy manner. In this regard, as is done with restaurants and food trucks, permitted vendors should be required to comply with random inspections;
- Neighboring property owners should be indemnified and not liable for any damages suffered by a patron of a street vendor. For example, a property owner should not be liable

for food poisoning caused by a sidewalk vendor or a slip and fall caused by grease deposited by a street vendor. One means to address this issue is to require street vendors to have liability insurance;

- The regulatory scheme should consider the significant investments of brick and mortar businesses by, for example, placing distance limitations between a street vendor selling substantially similar products as a neighboring brick and mortar business. Placing distance limitations will reduce the likelihood that a sidewalk vendor may be accused of taking business away from a brick and mortar;
- The regulatory scheme should maintain an entry point for unsophisticated micro-entrepreneurs, should not be overly burdensome, and encourage participation from vendors of various economic backgrounds and capabilities so that they have a fair opportunity to become licensed and legitimate business operators. In this regard, any fees should be reasonable so as to not further discourage compliance with regulations;
- Street vendors should be required to legally dispose of their waste and maintain a clean and safe environment; and
- The number of permitted sidewalk vendors for a particular area should be controlled so that sidewalks are maintained as safe passages for pedestrians and are ADA compliant.

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Motion: “The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council supports efforts to permit street vendors on City sidewalks and parkways and urges the City Council to consider the following issues.”

Sincerely,

Patricia Berman
DLANC President

Sincerely,

Eric R. Garcia
DLANC Community Impact Committee Chair



September 9, 2014

Council File 13-1364

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members,

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 13-1364, regarding dates on which the City's regular municipal elections are conducted.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council supports the City of Los Angeles' Election Reform Commission recommendation to move the dates of the City's regular primary and general municipal elections from the current schedule of March and May of odd numbered years to a new schedule of June and November of even numbered years.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on September 9, 2014, when the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

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