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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, January 24, 2018
 Encino Womens Club**

4924 Paso Robles Ave., Encino CA 91316

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1. Call to Order at 7:00pm.

ENC Board Members Present and Eligible to Vote: {15}

Lee Blumenfeld-Area 1 Representative; **Miriam Davis**-Area 3 Representative; **Jess Whitehill**-Area 4 Representative; **Laurie Kelson**-Area 6 Representative; **Jim Esterle** -Area 7 Representative;; **Samuel Apikyan**-Business Representative; **Debra Lee George (President)**-Park Advocate/ Environment Representative; **Eliot Cohen**-Planning & Land Use Representative ; **Glenn Bailey (Sgt at Arms)**-Public Safety Representative; **Patricia Bates (Treasurer)**-Volunteer Service Representative; **Alex Garay**-At-Large Representative; **Adriohn Richardson**-Education Representative-[4th in 12 months]; **Mark Levinson (Secretary)**-Encino Chamber of Commerce **Carol Levin** -Encino Property Owners Association Representative; **Gerald A Silver**-Homeowners of Encino Representative

ENC Board Members Present but Ineligible to Vote: {0}

ENC Board Member Absent: {5}

Scott Linden -Area 2 Representative-14th [5th in row, 10th in 12 months]; **Diane Rosen**-Area 5 Representative-5th [2nd in row ,4th in 12 Months]; **Henry Eshelman**-At-Large Representative;-5th[2nd in row,3rdin 12 Months]; **Victoria Miller (Vice President)**-Business Representative 2nd [2nd in 12 months]; **Anni Keusseyan**-Religious Representative [5th in 5 Months]; **Alexandra Turner**-Youth Representative [1st]

ENC Alternates Present and (Voting in Place of Representative): {4}

David Ellis - Area 1 Alternate (For Rosen); **Walter Almora** - Area 2 Alternate (for Linden); **Chris Huckins** - Area 4 Alternate (For Eshelman); **Steven Turner** - PLU Alternate* (for Keusseyan)

*Joined at this Meeting

ENC Alternates Present but Not Voting {0}

ENC Alternates Absent: {4}

Lynn Walker - Area 6 Alternate, [3rd in row, 3rd in 12 Months] ; **Shelley Billik**-Park Advocate/ Environment Alternate [4th in 12 Months]; **Marly Temple** - Homeowners of Encino Alternate,

[2nd in row, 10th in 12 Months], **Zachary Helsper** - At Large Alternate [1st in row, 3rd in 12 Months]

2. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:**

- A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocates, BONC, Related Groups
- B. Councilmember Paul Koretz: Gurmet Khara, Valley Director (818-971-3088) and/or Aviv Kleinman, Planning Deputy and/or Other CD-5 Staff
{Livestream started during this section of the meeting.}
- C. Public Safety Officials: LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) Officer Ham (25717@lapd.lacity.org), Officer Para (34488@lapd.lacity.org); Community Police Advisory Board, LAFD
- D. LA City Attorney: Raffy Astvasadoorian, Neighborhood Prosecutor (Raffy.A@lacity.org)
- E. Mayor's West Valley Rep: Tanaz Golshan
- F. LADWP Representative
- G. County, State, or Federal officials

4. **Applications for open positions on the Encino Neighborhood Council**

How to apply; Available positions include:

Alternates: At Large (1), Apartment/Condo; Business (2); Education; Public Safety; ~~Planning and Land-Use~~, Religious Organization/Institution; Volunteer/Service Group; Area 3; Area 5; Area 7

Steven Turner – PLU Alternate Candidate

Father of Alexandra Turner (Youth Rep) Managing Director: Slaton Group, Member: Urban Land Institute, Founding board member of the USC Marshall Ross Minority in Real Estate and Finance Society, has no projects in Encino.

Moved By: Gamson* ; Seconded By: Levinson*
Y= 16 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

*while there was no formal mover and seconder for this motion, Gamson and Levinson were the first two hands raised.

Discussion from ≈26:38-32:56

{Area-2 Alternate Walter Almora entered the room and was automatically seated {due to Area 2 Representative Scott Linden's absence) between the prior vote and the following vote.}

5. **Seating of Alternates**

Motion to appoint David Ellis to fill the Area 5 Rep seat for this meeting only.

Moved By: Gamson; Seconded By: Garay
Y= 17 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

Motion to appoint Steven Turner to fill the Religious Rep seat for this meeting only.

Moved By: Gamson; Seconded By: Garay
Y= 17 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

Motion to appoint Chris Huckins to fill the At Large seat for this meeting only.

Moved By: Gamson; Seconded By: Garay

Y= 17 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent?

MOTION PASSES

Discussion from ≈32:56-35:44

6. **Old Business**

A. **The ENC to Discuss and take Possible action to Approve the Minutes from the Following ENC General Board Minutes**

I. **Approval of July 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Moved By: Silver ; Seconded By: Levinson

Y= 19 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

II. **Approval of August 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes
[Tabled]**

III. **Approval of September 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Moved By: Silver ; Seconded By: Levinson

Y= 19 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

IV. **Approval of October 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Moved By: Silver ; Seconded By: Levinson

Y= 19 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

V. **Approval of November 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Moved By: Silver ; Seconded By: Levinson

Y= 19 N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

7. **Consent Items:**

ITEMS PULLED

Item(s): A 1-6 Pulled By: George

ITEMS PULLED

Item(s): B1 Pulled by Bailey for an Amendment

MOTION to approve B1-6

Moved by Kelson

19-0-1(S.Turner)

A. Planning and Land Use

1. **Motion:** in reference to: Council File# 09-0969 The Encino Neighborhood Council urges Richard Llewellyn-Interim CAO, The Planning Commission, The Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Garcetti to keep the current appeal at \$89.00 so residents and activist groups can appeal projects they feel are not in keeping with their community. ~~The Encino Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed 15100% increase to \$13,538.00 as reported by the LA Times (08/29/2017).~~ Community Impact Statement to be filed plus Letters stating our opposition to a fee increase will be sent to: MAYOR Eric Garcetti, Richard Llewellyn-Interim CAO, COUNCILMAN Paul Koretz, Aviv Kleinman-Valley Planning Deputy for Councilman Koretz, City Planners: Director of Planning,

Vince Bertoni, CITY PLANNING COMMISSION President-David H. Ambroz, Vice President-Renee Dake Wilson, Members: Caroline Choe Richard Katz, John W. Mack, Samantha Millman, Marc Mitchell, Veronica Padilla-Campos Dana M. Perlman, Elva O'Donnell, Sarah Molina-Pearson. Councilman David Ryu and Councilman Bob Blumenfield. Cohen/Mass 6/0/0

Cohen moves, Levin seconds to accept George's amendment

20-0-0

"Wayne from Encino" misunderstood that the motion was to keep the non-applicant at \$89
Whitehill: could someone please explain the difference between applicant and non-applicant
Cohen: the applicant is the Developer, the non-applicants are everyone else
Whitehill: Are

George Proposes striking the line "The Encino Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed 15100% increase to \$13,538.00 as reported by the LA Times (08/29/2017)."

Cohen Accepts

Motion to approve amendment from George

20-0-0

Motion to approve as amended

Moved By: Cohen ; Seconded By: Silver

Y= 19 N= 0 A= 1 (Garay)

MOTION PASSES

2. MOTION: Letter to Henry Stern, State Senator for the 27th District and Councilman Koretz

The Encino Neighborhood Council represents 48,000 constituents. The well-intended State Density bonus laws are creating unintended consequences regarding our ability to plan rational buildings and solutions in Encino along the Ventura Corridor. These density bonuses override local control and commonsense. They allow oversized building to be built that are not needed in our area that cause additional traffic nightmares and more pollution, and inconvenience all persons travelling on Ventura Blvd. Specifically, in Encino where there are areas of high density traffic, buildings are being planned over the allowable heights of 4 stories and adding to an already gridlock situation for traffic and creating scarcity of parking, infrastructure strain, school overcrowding, a lack of open space, and required setbacks. On average, a 2-mile commute down Ventura Blvd. takes 35 minutes, leading to additional pollution, delays and frayed nerves. Additionally, the smaller residential feeder streets are being used as short-cuts causing additional noise and safety hazards, particularly near schools. During our meetings, unfortunately neither the ENC nor the City Councilman Paul Koretz or the L.A Department of Planning can offer any real solution due to the state law over riding local ordinances. We owe our constituents better in both service and answers. We understand the need for density bonus, but the area must first be able to handle the additional burdens coming from such proposed developments. Which is why top down planning does not work.

What we propose is quite simple and filed with common sense. In the city of Los Angeles under the existing zoning laws, a "T" condition exists before a building can go to the next level in zoning or rezoning. Once outside factors, such as installing mass transit that does not compete with ground level traffic (such as above or below grade mass transit) is completed, the "T" condition disappears, and allows further development. Our aging infrastructure such as our electric grid, water, sewer and storm drain built in the 1960s or earlier, was never meant to handle such an ambitious increase in population. Our infrastructure simply cannot support it. The L.A. Times recently reported that if we have a severe cold snap there will not be enough natural gas to heat our homes. Why do we have to meet out mass punishment to our already existing residents to add a few dozen additional housing

units that enrich the developer and hurt our quality of life or actually endanger our life? Furthermore, our schools, open space, and emergency services have not kept up with current demand (police response for non-life-threatening crimes is about 2.5 hours if they show up). In addition, the lowering of the parking threshold does not alleviate the transportation nightmare; what it is in reality doing is causing additional traffic and parking congestion on feeder streets and adding to the competition for access with the inadequate bus system competing for those same streets. Commuting to the business districts takes about 1.5 hours between the hours of 6-9. Due to our inability to expand streets or purchase additional infrastructure upgrades we need to slow down development before adding more demand on our already overstressed ability to adequately serve our citizens' basic needs. We are asking for a slight modification in state bonus density law to allow the localities, such as the neighborhood council or municipality (who best know what overdevelopment looks like) to be able to modify the size of invasive buildings. What we are seeing now is the cart before the horse and a recipe for expensive catch-up projects later on. We need some futuristic thinking. For example, before a building is torn down, that's the time to put and plan for a subterranean or aerial monorail station. If Elon Musk's Boring Company is going to be greenlighted we now should be planning on how to provide easy access to his underground solution to our pressing traffic problems.

We urge you with all deliberate speed to address our citizens needs immediately, so our fine city can grow and maintain its status as a world class city. (6/0/0)

Addressed to: State Senator Henry Stern Calabasas District Office 5016 N. Parkway
Calabasas Suite 22 Calabasas, CA 91302 & State Capital Room 3070 Sacramento, CA
95814

Councilman Koretz Valley District Office 15760 Ventura Blvd, Suite 600 Encino, CA 91436

Gibson says that letters need to be in reference to specific legislation

Kelson: do we have that legislation here

Silver: if I'm understanding Gibson's comment it's not our charge to weigh in on state laws.

Silver: proposes to CC Senator Stern instead of addressing him, and to address the mayor, the planning commission, and Vince Bertoni

Garay you talk about common sense, but towards the end of the letter, you say when a building is torn down you say they should put subterranean monorail stations, no one is talking about that, how is that common sense?

Silver moves to cut off comment, no objection

Moved By: Silver ; Seconded By: Blumenfeld

Y=13 N= 4 A= 3

MOTION PASSES

3. MOTION: Letter to be sent by the ENC to the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Department as it relates to notification and location of public hearings:

As a result of the Encino Neighborhoods' overwhelming concerns with development during the city sanctioned community plan update, the ENC PLU hearings of the cases, and in accordance and compliance with Due Process Clause in the Government Ethics Ordinance requiring both reasonable notice and reasonable opportunity & access to be heard; The ENC is requesting the following concerning Planning and Land Use Cases: 1) 17760 Ventura Blvd ZA-2017-4754-CU-SPPA-SPP & 2) 16161 Ventura Blvd CPC-2017-3172 & VTT-77140

- (a) *Notification of each hearing date be communicated to both the Encino Neighborhood Council and the Encino PLU via Info@ENC.org, ENC@empowerla.org, and pluchair@encinonc.org at the earliest established date.*
- (b) *Due to working hours, familial obligations, and expensive and time-consuming commute, that the hearings be held near the impacted area. Suggested venues are the Encino Community Center (1 mile away) or the Marvin Braude Building in Van Nuys, CA (5 miles away). Downtown locations are neither accessible, ADA nor senior friendly, nor reasonable to residents of affected areas. Start times should be at 7:00PM. We thank you for your hard work and dedication in making this city a world class city,
Signed, The Encino Neighborhood Council.
(Cohen/Zeisler 6/0/0)*

MOTION PASSES/FAILS

George: Do you just want to have them notify
 Moved By: Silver; Seconded By: Cohen
 Y=18 N=0 A=0 Unanimous Consent

{Kelson Left at 9:11PM}
 {Richardson left at 9:12 PM}

4. MOTION: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Ordinance CPC-2017-3136-CA

The ENC understands the urgent need to help the homeless. The ENC urges the Los Angeles Dept. of Planning and the City Council to remove and reject several provisions of the PSH Ordinance. In order to stream line the approval process the PSH plan overrides or gives “relief” from requirements for zoning, parking, free space, height, and setbacks. This effectively negates all the time and money spent on Zoning, Community and Specific Plans. It abolishes the need for Environmental Impact Studies and Traffic Studies which must be done to access impacts. Adequate parking must be required in all PSH developments. Housing for the Homeless must not be too close to schools, parks and other sensitive locations. PSH developers should be subject to the same requirements as all other developers, including notification and approval from the Neighborhood Councils. We fear that a dual standard for normal and another standard for PSH will create chaos and undermine the authority of the Planning Department, hurt Public Safety and create density where it might be most undesirable.

~~The ENC additionally believes, mandatory testing for drugs and alcohol should be a requirement to have placement into a PSH facility. Rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen of Los Angeles should be a requirement for placement and living in these facilities. Create a list of priority clients such as families with children, veterans or the disabled, is a must.~~

Motion to be sent to City Council and Councilman Koretz 6/0/0

George: The second paragraph negates the point of the program, PSH provides the one-stop shop that item 5 describes, so I move we strike the second paragraph

Levinson: as I read the second paragraph, the first sentence says you need to be clean to get in, not to stay in.

- Blumenfeld:** The Objection of the PLU is that we have a finite amount of resources and scattering PSH throughout a bunch of buildings means that you will need social workers and support staff to bounce form building to building and not have enough time to work with anyone.
- Whitehill:** proposes an amendment to strike the second paragraph, the first paragraph is very clear and effective, the second paragraph on the other hand seems counterproductive.
- George:** it takes 6-7 contacts to get homeless people when they're on the street, but once they're in PSH there are onsite staff helping people. I propose striking "**Housing for the Homeless must not be too close to schools, parks and other sensitive locations.**" **From the first paragraph**
- S. Turner:** This is a really big policy topic and I don't think the motion before us reflects a thorough understanding of the issue. I propose we strike the whole thing until the Government Affairs Committee has a chance to discuss this

Motion: To table this item and refer this is item to The Government Affairs Committee

Moved by S. Turner. Seconded by George

Yes: Turner, Esterle, Gamson, Garay, George, Bailey, Levinson, Levin, Bates

No: Blumenfeld, Davis, Almora, Whitehill, Apikyan, Cohen, Ellis, Silver

Abstain: Huckins

9-8-1 Motion Fails

Amendment: To strike "Housing for the Homeless must not be too close to schools, parks and other sensitive locations

Moved by: George, Seconded by S. Turner

Yes: Turner, George, Garay, Bates

Motion Fails: 4-14-0

Amendment: To delete Paragraph 2 with the exception of "Motion to be sent to City Council and Councilman Koretz"

Moved by Whitehill, Seconded by Levinson

Yes: Turner, Davis, Whitehill, Esterle, gamson, George, Garay, Huckins, Apikyan. Cohen, Bailey, Levinson, Levin, Bates and Silver

No: Blumenfeld, Almora, Ellis

Abstain: Nore

Amendment Passes 15-3-0

Motion to Approve the Motion as Amended

Moved By: _____; Seconded By: _____

Y= 13 N= 5 A= 0 Unanimous Consent?

MOTION PASSES/FAILS

5. **MOTION: To be filed as a CIS against CF 17-1422** The Encino PLU understands the need for Permanent Supportive Housing. However, this must be done without over-riding the existing codes and zoning avvs which have made our neighborhoods viable. We recommend the City of Los Angeles investigate using existing facilities, such as unoccupied warehouses and/or big box stores, to create super centers for the provision of services and supportive housing to those in need akin to the "soldier one stop model." We believe the PSH ordinance should assist individuals on a temporary, transitional basis on their way from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Cohen/Eshelman 7/0/0

Amendment 18-0-0

Moved by George, Whitehill 2nds

Moved By: George; Seconded By: Silver
Y= 14 N= 4 A= 0 Unanimous Consent?

MOTION PASSES as amended

6. **MOTION:** The ENC strongly urges the city to adopt the Common-Sense Growth Model. That if development above the current level be considered, the following factors Must be addressed before an increase in Zoning or Rezoning, deviation from, or variance is given. This is not a new concept but is in current zoning code called "Q" Conditions . It's not a NO on development, but an urgent plea for reasoned and planned development...

MOTION TABLED, NO ACTION TAKEN

B. Traffic and Transportation Committee

1. **Motion:** The ENC supports adding additional seconds to the Northbound Hayvenhurst Ave traffic light. Many cycles are three seconds which is not adequate for the volume of cars entering and exiting Gelson's market and the bank/medical building on Ventura Blvd. This is also a heavy pedestrian zone. Kelson/Grossman Vote: 6/0/0

Moved By: Kelson; Seconded By: Levinson
Y= 19 N= 0 A= 1 (S.Turner)

MOTION PASSES

2. **Motion:** The ENC requests a meeting with CD 5, BSS, public works (Kevin James) and Cal Trans to get the paving of Hayvenhurst Ave under the 101 underway. Kelson/George Vote: 6/0/0

Moved By: Kelson; Seconded By: Levinson
Y= 19 N= 0 A= 1 (S.Turner)

MOTION PASSES

3. **Motion:** The ENC supports a left hand arrow at White Oak S to Burbank E. Kelson/Grossman Vote 6/0/0

Moved By: Kelson; Seconded By: Levinson
Y= 19 N= 0 A= 1 (S.Turner)

MOTION PASSES

4. **Motion:** The ENC requests a study of potential stop sign, speed bumps, and sidewalks along Magnolia between Haskel and Libbit to address speeding issues. Kelson/Jarvis Vote: 6/0/0

Moved By: Kelson; Seconded By: Levinson
Y= 19 N= 0 A= 1 (S.Turner)

MOTION PASSES

5. **Motion:** The ENC requests a Dash Bus for Encino joining Tarzana and Sherman Oaks with local stops to be determined. Kelson/George Vote: 6/0/0

Moved By: Kelson; Seconded By: Levinson
Y= 19 N= 0 A= 1 (S.Turner)

MOTION PASSES

7. Verizon Cellular Tower Presentation

Moved By: _____; Seconded By: _____
Y= _____ N= 0 A= 0 Unanimous Consent?

MOTION PASSES/FAILS

8. Officer's Reports: (5 minutes)

- A. President's Report
- B. Vice-President's Report – Committee Chairs and Membership
 - 1. Current Committees and membership information
- C. Treasurer's Report – Update for Board - ENC Account and cash flow.

1. MOTION: Approval of November/December 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports

Moved By: Bates___; Seconded By: Bailey_
Y= 19 N= 0 A= 0 I=1 (Turner) Unanimous Consent

MOTION PASSES

- D. Secretary's Report
- E. Sergeant at Arms Report
 - Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct - training required of members
 - Reminder to Board regarding serial meetings

9. Committee Reports

- A. ByLaws - Jess Whitehall/Glenn Bailey
- B. Education - Adriohn Richardson
- C. Government Affairs - Patricia Bates
- D. Outreach - Alex Garay
- E. Parks/Environment - Debra George
- F. Planning & Land Use - Eliot Cohen
- G. Public Safety - Glenn Bailey
- H. Traffic/Transportation - Laurie Kelson

10. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items: Limited to Two MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all comment is limited to 10 minutes

11. Adjournment at 9:00pm

- The Next Encino Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28th .

Community Events

Friday, February 23rd at 6:30pm - Encino Community Center Daddy/Daughter Dance - Girls ages 4 to 12 - grab your Dad, Uncle, Grandfather, or other favorite adult and come enjoy this fun night of dancing, dinner, and desserts! Dress fancy! Tickets sell out! reg.laparks.org

