



CANNDU
Neighborhood Council Monthly Profile

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Dear CANNDU Council leaders,

Dear Neighborhood Council Colleagues:

Thank you so much for all your efforts transitioning into the new fiscal year. As you know, the Department has implemented a [reorganization](#). Neighborhood Councils (NCs) are receiving letters from the Department describing anticipated staffing changes related to the direct neighborhood council support to be provided.

We have completed the Empowered Virtual Governance (EVG) and meeting workshops and trainings created to ensure a successful transition to virtual meetings. We created a data visualization tool to show how well we did in May, the first month of EVG. Eighty-five percent of the NCs held board and committee meetings. This success is a reflection of the dedication and commitment NC leaders have to their communities. Congratulations!

The filing of [community impact statements](#) (CISs) is how you raise your voice at City Hall. We congratulate you on a successful year filing [community impact statements](#) (CIS). We ended Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with a record 647 CISs, exceeding prior year filings. This webpage provides a [two-year comparison of CISs](#) to help you keep track and compare your efforts to other NCs.

We share a [link](#) to the recently released report on the perceptions you have about the [social, economic, inclusiveness, and equity](#) conditions in your communities. Neighborhood Councils are represented by over 1,600 locally elected board members. The [survey](#) was distributed online between July 6, 2020, and July 13, 2020, to the emails of record with the Department. The survey was available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. Close to 40% of NC board members completed the survey, the highest response rate to any survey initiated by the Department in recent years.

You were asked to select three initiatives you considered a priority to address social and economic disparities. Approximately 63% of you selected housing as your first priority, 50% chose the category of schools/education/arts and culture as your second priority. The third priority was social and supportive services/mental health services at 46%.

The City continues to ask departments to implement cost-saving strategies. We will keep you informed of the decisions we are making to comply with these requests. Rest assured that direct neighborhood council support continues to be our priority.

Thank you.

Citywide Campaigns

Mayor Eric Garcetti today launched the [L.A. Mask Print Project](#), a grassroots initiative to remind Angelenos to wear a mask in public through open-source art in collaboration with local artists and businesses. This effort kicked off with three commissioned posters in English and Spanish produced pro-bono by Studio Number One, a Los Angeles creative studio founded by Shepard Fairey.

Department Administration

The Administrative Services Team was proud to support the outreach efforts conducted by the Department to encourage participation in the Social and Economic Inclusion and Equity survey. By prioritizing this project, staff members were able to make phone calls and communicate successfully with over 1,200 Neighborhood Council Board Members within four days! Many Board Members expressed their appreciation for the “personal touch” of reaching out to them and letting them know their participation in the survey mattered so much. We look forward to utilizing this experience to develop best practices and improve our contact information for more successful outreach efforts in the future.

Suspension Notices were sent to Neighborhood Council Board Members who were out of compliance with the Code of Conduct training and signature requirements. If you received this notice, please prioritize completing the training and submitting your signature to the Department as soon as possible. Instructions for complying with the requirements, including the necessary links were included in the notice. For additional questions, please contact rosters@empowerla.org

City Clerk Funding

Keep track of your NCs spending on the [City Clerk’s funding dashboard](#). According to this dashboard, in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Neighborhood Councils were awarded \$4.883m for all 99 Neighborhood Councils. Of that amount, \$1.429m remained unspent as of this reporting period. Having early conversations about how you want to spend your allocations will minimize having a high balance at the end of the fiscal year.

NC Direct Support Operations

Thank you for joining us last month for the “Empower the Chair to Empower the Board” webinar. The webinar recording, along with past EVG trainings are available on the Department’s website: www.Empowerla.org/EVG, for your review.

Here are some highlights:

- Steps to deal with disruptions during public comment
- [Recurring Webinars](#) - Set up a recurring webinar to save time and to avoid individual panelist invites.
- [Host Key](#) - Utilize the Host Key feature to allow committee members to start a meeting without the host being present.
- *6 to mute and unmute on the phone
- Passcodes will not be a required feature for webinars. [View Zoom article](#) for more details.

We will follow up with the NC System to provide written guidance on all of the topics covered at the webinar, so keep an eye out for it in your inbox!

NC Outreach and Elections

The EmpowerLA Outreach and Elections team have created an outreach assessment survey to gain knowledge of NCs outreach efforts. Data gathered from the assessment will be used to help create regional outreach resource guides for NCs. We will be doing a few webinars in August to help with social media and public relations.

Last month, we sent our outreach toolkit to help assist NCs. If you do not have the toolkit, you can find it at this link: [NC Outreach Toolkit](#)

NC Policy and Governmental Relations

Thank you to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for a wonderful meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020. Over 50 Neighborhood Council board members and stakeholders participated in this robust meeting.

Congratulations to Commissioner Lipmen on his re-election by his fellow Commissioners to serve a second one-year term as President of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Congratulations to Ray Regalado on his election as Vice Chair of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Thank you so much to Commissioner Wehbe for her wonderful leadership as Vice Chair of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for FY 19-20.

Commissioner Lipmen appointed Commissioner Regalado and Commissioner Shaffer to the Ideation Campaign Ad Hoc Committee overseeing the BONC sponsored Ideation campaign on Ideascale. In addition, there was discussion on creating a fair and equitable Neighborhood Council funding model.

Please join us at the upcoming Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, August 4 at 6 pm via Zoom. Topics to be discussed include updates on Department budget, staffing, other operational matters, and funding equity.

Office of Community Engagement/Innovation:

- Do you want to know more about the 311 requests in your neighborhood council?

Over twelve months ago, a group of board members from all over the City started to work with volunteers from Hack for LA in order to build a digital tool that provides visualization and analysis of the available data related to 311.

After hundreds of hours of work and meetings, Hack for LA made this tool available to the neighborhood council system and the public: <https://www.311-data.org/>

Scroll down and click on "LET's get started to visualize all the 311 requests available on open data in your NC. Click on the Comparison too button on the top right of your screen and you will be able to compare key indicators (frequency, time of response...) between your NC and other areas (other NC or a city district). We want to thank the neighborhood council leaders who took part in this project and of course, the volunteers of Hack for LA for developing this great platform.

- EmpowerLA is designing its new website: Your voice can be heard!

We are working on the design of our new website and we want to make sure that it will fulfill your expectations. For that, we invite all board and committee members that participate in a one-hour workshop to provide more information about the redesign process and how your voice can be heard. This workshop will be held on to 7 pm. If you are interested, feel free to register here: <http://tiny.cc/EmpowerLAWebsite>

Account Balances, Community Impact Statements, Agendas, and Grievances

Click [here](#) for the Neighborhood Council Funding Dashboard to find your current account balance.

As of 8/5/2020, you have filed 1 Community Impact Statements, and 3 agendas have been posted for your Neighborhood Council for the current month.

As of 8/5/2020, 0 Grievances have been filed against your Neighborhood Council.

Please continue to next page to see your Board Member certification status, Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings, Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Your current Board Members and their certification are as follows:

| First Name | Last Name | Board Seat | Ethics Expiration | Funding Expiration | Code of Conduct Expiration |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Stephanie | Campbell | Chair (2021) | 5/12/2022 | 10/23/2020 | 11/11/2021 |
| Vacant Seat | Vacant Seat | At-Large Representative (2021) | | | |
| Edgar | Campos | Recording Secretary (2021) | 9/18/2021 | 2/11/2022 | 9/18/2021 |
| Nikita | Jones-Houston | Treasurer (2023) | 7/18/2021 | 6/11/2021 | 6/11/2021 |
| Darrell | Gray | At-Large Representative (2023) | 9/9/2021 | | 6/27/2021 |
| Leslie | Gamero | Community Interest At large (2021) | | 9/23/2021 | |
| Alberto | Tlatoa | Parliamentarian (2021) | 1/3/2021 | 1/17/2021 | 1/16/2021 |
| Rider | Paysinger | Vice Chair (2023) | | 5/7/2022 | 1/16/2021 |
| Leslie | Hagan-Morgan | Communication Secretary (2023) | 6/21/2021 | 7/11/2021 | 6/20/2021 |

Please submit any updates and changes to the roster to Rosters@EmpowerLA.org, including any Ethics Certifications.

Please continue to next page to see Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings, your Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Board Members with Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings

To vote on Neighborhood Council funding items, Neighborhood Council board members must have current ethics training and funding training. The Neighborhood Council bylaws may also require these trainings to vote for nonfunding items as well. To serve on a board, Neighborhood Council board members must also have either read and signed a Code of Conduct or have watched the video. To complete these trainings, please click [here](#).

NOTE: in person and online ethics training must be a minimum of 2 hours. If you complete the ethics training online, please ensure that you take 2 hours to complete the training as we will not accept any certificates that show less than 2 hours.

The following board members below are missing one of these mandatory trainings. If updates are needed, please contact Rosters@EmpowerLA.org.

Board Members who have not completed the Funding training:

Funding - Eligibility to Vote on Financial Matters a. To be eligible to vote on any NC Expenditure, Financial Reports, and/or annual budgets, the board member must:

- Be an Elected, Appointed and/or Selected Board Member of the NC
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have completed the California State Ethics Training Requirement for Local Officials (AB 1234)
- Have completed the online NC Board Member Funding Training and obtain a passing score of 70% on any test associated with the online course.

| First Name | Last Name | Board Seat |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Darrell | Gray | At-Large Representative (2023) |

Board Members with missing or expired Ethics Certificates :

ETHICS - All Board Members are bound by California State Law to take Ethics Training every two years. Take the online course, and send your certificate to Rosters@EmpowerLA.org. Ethics Training is a required for all Board Members

| First Name | Last Name | Board Seat |
|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Leslie | Gamero | Community Interest At large (2021) |
| Rider | Paysinger | Vice Chair (2023) |

Board Members who have not completed the Code of Conduct training or their certificate has expired:

CODE OF CONDUCT - All Board Members must read the Code of Conduct policy and [fill out this form](#) acknowledging that they have read and are aware of the policy.

| First Name | Last Name | Board Seat |
|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Leslie | Gamero | Community Interest At large (2021) |

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Your cases for this month are:

| Title | Case# | Case Lead | Open Date | Status |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Bylaw Amendment | 27035 | Karen Hernandez | 7/6/2020 | C - Resolved |

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Important Dates

For all events, please check out [EmpowerLA's Calendar](#)

Saturday, August 1

8:45am

Neighborhood Council-LADWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Alliance Meeting

10:00am

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Meeting

Monday, August 3

10:00am

Civic Youth Leadership Academy

6:00pm

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Meeting

7:00pm

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Meeting

Saturday, August 8

10:00am

PlanCheckNC Meeting

Thursday, August 13

6:30pm

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting

Saturday, August 15

10:00am

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Meeting

Monday, August 17

1:00pm

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Regular Meeting

7:00pm

Alliance of River Communities (ARC)

Wednesday, August 19

8:30am

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 20

6:30pm

South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting

Saturday, August 22

10:00am

NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance Meeting

Existing Vendors for NCs

Web Service Providers:

NC's can use any Web Service Provider that is approved by their NC board. A contract may be required.

Translation (Written) Services:

Barbier International, Inc.

Contact: Daniel Sain, US Sales and Communications Director
(844) 824-0477, ext. 1106
translations@barbierintl.com or sales@barbierintl.com

Interpreters Unlimited, Inc.

Contact: Shamus Sayed, Chief Operating Officer
(800) 726-9891
info@interpreters.com

Key Translations International

Contact: Marlene Gomez, Owner
(714) 752-6761
mgomez@ktitranslations.com

Interpretation (Verbal) Services

Barbier International, Inc.

Contact: Daniel Sain, US Sales and Communications Director
(844) 824-0477, ext. 1106
translations@barbierintl.com or sales@barbierintl.com

Interpreters Unlimited, Inc.

Contact: Shamus Sayed, Chief Operating Officer
(800) 726-9891
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Temp Service Providers:

Apple One Employment Services

Contact: Wendy Diaz
(213) 787-2278
Wdiaz@appleone.com

Lloyd Staffing

Contact: Luly Santana
(562) 860-2555 Ext 101
L.Santana@lloydstaffing.com

Partners in Diversity

Contact: Arlene Apodaca
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arlene.apodaca@p-i-d.biz

Bridgeway Temporary Staffing and Services Agency

Contact: Terrence Gomes
(310) 387-1374
info@btsasa.com

At work Personnel Services

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santafesprings@atwork.com

We will continue to refine the Neighborhood Council Profiles over the next year based on your feedback. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact the Neighborhood Council Support Helpline at NCsupport@LACity.org or by calling **213-978-1551** for assistance.

Thank you for all you do to Empower LA!