Neighborhood Council Presidents/Chairs Teleconferencing Meeting
Agenda
Sunday, April 19, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00pm

1) Refusal of DONE to validate virtual NC meetings prior to DONE platform/training roll-out: Draft letter for consideration addressed to DONE GM Raquel Beltran; cc: the Mayor, City Council, BONC, and the City Clerk. No vote needed, just a request to consider signing on.

Dear Ms. Beltran,

Whereas on March 31, 2020, Managing Deputy City Attorney Elise Ruben sent an email with an attached document to NCs (dated March 31, 2020) under cover subject, “Brown Act Advice Covid-19” detailing the authority by which NCs could hold legal virtual meetings. Based on the legal advise of the City Attorney’s office, a small number of NC proceeded to hold these types of meetings.

Whereas subsequent to a Voices Neighborhood Council meeting where they voted in favor of motions that resulted in the generation of Board Authorization Certifications (BACs) and forwarded to the LA City Clerk’s office, your department informed the LA City Clerk of the determination by your department declaring the BACs to be invalid. Under the determination of the LA City Attorney’s office, DONE does not have the authority to declare our BACs, or in general our board and committee meetings, invalid.

Therefore we, the undersigned NC Presidents and Chairs, hereby strongly suggest: NC meetings held in accordance with the Governor’s executive order and City Attorney’s guidance shall be recognized by DONE, and all motions and Board Action Certifications (BACs) properly voted upon at such meetings shall be immediately deemed valid by the Department.

Failure to comply by 5:00pm, Monday, April 20, 2020, will result in further escalation by a contingent of NC presidents including, but not limited to:

- holding a virtual press conference to bring public awareness of DONE’s obstruction in the ability of NCs to bring aid and comfort to their stakeholders during this time of crisis
- composing opinion editorials to the LA Times and other publications
- requests of the LA Mayor to intercede
- requests for LA City Council action
- polling of NC Presidents for a vote of no-confidence in your continuing to serve as the General Manager of DONE

Sincerely,

(Titles for Identification Purposes Only)

2) DONE’s proceeding with Platform and Trainings. (Tony Wilkinson, Panorama City NC(A&B), Rachael Rose Luckey, Rampart Village NC,(C))

   A. Consider creating a letter that supports multiple online meeting platforms and supports the principle that whatever vendor DONE may decide to use should be an opt-in choice for each Neighborhood Council.

   B. Create detailed best practices for online meetings that meet requirements for public attendance, public comment, and ADA accessibility where NCs need to draft these ourselves for city attorney review. DONE is taking “ZERO” NC input in developing rules. DONE will probably attempt to dictate its "solutions" as the only rules we may use. Let's get ahead of the game.

   C. Update from NC’s that have held a virtual meeting, Best Practices, and format; what folks are doing to make them seamless, any tips we could implement, and if other NC’s are experiencing higher stakeholder participation.

3) Council File 20-0416, Official City Clerk summary is: "Motion (Bonin - Koretz - Ryu - Harris-Dawson) in regards to roll-over of Neighborhood Council (NC) funds to Fiscal Year 2020-21; request for apply pressure to the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, Councilmember Paul Krekorian, to place this motion on the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting agenda, currently scheduled for April 27th. (Glenn Bailey, Northridge East NC)

4) DONE's NC Support is not distributing NC agendas to our respective subscribers to the City's Early Notification System. This is a violation of the spirit and intent of the BONC Agenda Posting Policy. (Glenn Bailey, Northridge East NC)

5) DONE and the Mayor are telling us how to spend the emergency funds asking us to use the Mayor's vendors and push us to spend it on what the Mayor wants. DONE is setting up policy for emergency crisis without our input. Why is the department not supporting NCs as required by the Charter? (Valerie Contreras, Wilmington NC)

6) Review of BONC proposed Uniform Removal Process for board members. The process is much too long and greatly encumbers the ability of NC’s to make decisions and remove board members in a reasonable timely manner. The BONC process could take as long as 5 to 6 months to remove a board member. (Joyce Fletcher, Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC)

7) Consider drafting a letter in regards to a citywide temporary demolition moratorium -- request that for the time being no demolitions be approved until it is certain that project

8) Update on the "learning network." (Eryn Block, Palms NC)

9) Support of DRNC motion asking City to recognize/involves NCs as boots on the ground (Matt Warsinger, Del Rey NC)

10) Update on COVID responses since our last talk. (John DiGregorio, Panorama City NC)

11) Discussion and possible action in response to the Mayor’s State of the City Address. (Glenn Bailey, Northridge East NC)

12) Update on Mayor’s Emergency Order to "Toll" (Suspend) "Time to Act" time limits. (Laura Meyers, United Neighborhoods NC)

13) Support of ‘Open Streets’ to repurpose our streets while traffic is low and pedestrians in more need of safe space (Matt Warsinger, Del Rey NC)

14) Discussions on recurring monthly NC Presidents/Chairs round table, day of week/month. (Rachael Rose Luckey, Rampart Village NC)