



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS EMPOWER LA™

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Dear CANNDU Council leaders,

We had a great Neighborhood Council Budget Day on Saturday with a lovely breakfast and awesome speakers from Council President Herb Wesson to Controller Ron Galperin to Budget and Finance Chair Councilmember Paul Krekorian to CAO Miguel Santana to name just a few. Afterwards, the various regions selected their Budget Advocates for the next year. Many thanks to the outgoing Budget Advocates, particularly Co-Chairs Terrence Gomes and Liz Amsden, for their amazing work this past year. We welcome the new Budget Advocates led by seasoned Co-Chairs Liz Amsden and Jay Handal and look forward to working with you! As summer closes, just a few things to highlight for August: the FY2016-2017 Strategic Budget Packages are due on September 1st, the Clean Streets LA Challenge is accepting applications and the EmpowerLA Leadership Academy is offering a first of its kind training to Neighborhood Council board members interested in going "Beyond Neighborhood Councils." Check out all the details below! We know that there is a lot to take in as a Neighborhood Council board member so we've created a [Neighborhood Council Journey](#) - One Stop Shop to help guide you with everything you need to do and know about the Neighborhood Council system. Also, please don't hesitate to contact the Neighborhood Council Support Helpline at NCsupport@lacity.org or by calling (213) 978-1551 if you have any questions.

Administrative Update:

The Neighborhood Councils' temporary service agreements and training contracts were approved by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and are now with the Mayor's Office for final review and approval.

Funding Updates:

Thanks for the feedback on our new [Neighborhood Council Funding Guide](#). If you haven't already seen it, please click on this link to check it out and let us know what you think!

A friendly reminder that this is the last month to submit your [Neighborhood Council's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Strategic Budget Package](#). Please be sure to complete it online through our website. The due date is September 1st, by close of business (5 PM).

Funding Workshops have been scheduled for the following dates: Friday, August 12th at the EmpowerLA City Hall office, 1p-4p, and August 23rd, 6-9 pm location TBD. Please select your preferred date and [RSVP here](#).

Field Updates:

As we are starting to see with Controller Ron Galperin and Councilmember David Ryu as well as the numerous Neighborhood Council board members being appointed to City Commissioners or hired on as City staff, Neighborhood Councils are becoming a stepping stone to other positions in the City. For those of our Neighborhood Council members who have such aspirations, we'll be offering a special EmpowerLA Leadership Academy session "[Beyond Neighborhood Councils](#) - How to Run for Higher Office, Get Appointed to a City Commission or Find a Job with the City" on August 23, 2016 at 6 pm at the Los Angeles Central Library Mark Taper Auditorium located at 630 West 5th Street in Downtown LA. Registration opens at 5:30 pm on August 23rd, 2016. Look for more information in our weekly Friday newsletter as we get closer to the date.

EmpowerLA Town Halls:

We will be wrapping up our EmpowerLA Town Halls in August with sessions at the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition and the South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. If you want to weigh in online instead, please [click here](#).

Welcome Home Project:

The best mechanism for participating in the Welcome Home Project is to ask those individuals who are interested to do so in their private capacity. If the Neighborhood Council would like to do this as an official event, please be reminded that there are significant restrictions on how a government entity hosts a public event. If the Neighborhood Council would like to sponsor an event, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for approval of the event. Please remember that any and all necessary permits will be required for the event; in addition, the location will need to be reviewed and approved by the Department in conjunction with Risk Management. Neighborhood Councils should be reminded that, as a government entity, there are difficulties in hosting a public event at a private home, for example, the home and adjacent area must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Outreach Updates:

Outreach for your Neighborhood Councils starts now so make sure that you complete your [Outreach Survey](#) in the Strategic Budget Package to see where you may need to support in reaching different stakeholders in your communities. One way to engage members of your community is by participating in one of the citywide campaigns, such as the [Clean Streets LA Challenge](#). You'll have an opportunity to partner with your local community organizations to submit for a grant from a \$25,000 pot, thanks to a partnership with the Board of Public Works and Los Angeles Sanitation. Check out this great opportunity!

Neighborhood Councils have until August 24th, 2016 to make a decision on whether to continue using NationBuilder or to opt-out. To help with outreach for the 2016 elections, EmpowerLA was covering the cost of NationBuilder. Moving forward, pricing for NationBuilder can be anywhere from \$30/month to \$60/month, depending on your Neighborhood Council's emailing needs. If your Neighborhood Council would like to continue using NationBuilder, please email Communications@EmpowerLA.org and let us know.

Policy Updates:

Council File: 14-0366-S5 relative to Proposition D, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Adult Use of Medical Marijuana Act was introduced on May 18, 2016 and referred to Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee. On June 13, 2016, the committee scheduled the item for June 17, 2016. On June 17, 2016, the committee continued item to August 19, 2016.

The Los Angeles City Council is assessing options to determine how to better address Proposition D. The City of Los Angeles has diligently worked to regulate Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. In response to the city's regulations, the voters of the City of Los Angeles enacted Proposition D in May of 2013, which passed with almost 63 percent voting in favor of the measure.

Proposition D has been the main guidelines utilized by the City of Los Angeles to provide the necessary enforcement and regulatory framework for medical marijuana in the absence of state regulation. Though this tool has helped the City regulate dispensaries, others still remain operating illegally. Because of this, this motion calls for a change to make adjustments to Proposition D allowing the City's medical marijuana regulatory framework to better conform with state law prior to January 1, 2018.

The City of Los Angeles is looking to explore financial feasibility associated with the recreational use, cultivation, distribution, manufacturing, processing, and testing of marijuana.

The motion is instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Office (CAO), with the assistance of the City Attorney's office, the Department of City Planning, the Department of Building and Safety, the Office of Finance, and the Police Department, to report back with options for a March 2017 ballot measure that will allow Proposition D compliant dispensaries to conform to the newly created medical marijuana state licensing system, increase penalties and enforcement to close down all illegal marijuana-related businesses, create a regulatory framework for the City to implement the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) if approved in November, and extend Proposition D's gross receipts tax to all marijuana-related businesses.

Has your Neighborhood Council submitted a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on the matter?

If not, [click here](#) to log in to submit your CIS.

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Update - Council File: 16-0125-S2 relative to Nuisance Motels, Police Department Service Calls and Permit Feasibility Study is currently pending in the Public Safety Committee and a hearing date has not been determined. The City of Los Angeles is looking to explore the feasibility of a regulation program for nuisance motels that attract gang activity, drug use and prostitution. Such a program would have to be based on crime and calls-for-service statistics which would support the need to regulate motels. This motion is asking for a study to determine whether or not a police permit regulation is necessary to improve the safety issues at motels in the City. This is a citywide concern and necessary steps are needed in order to have an effective regulatory system in place.

If the Public Safety Committee approves this motion and any related reports (A **YES** vote) the matter will be scheduled to go before the City Council with the committees' recommendations to support the motion.

If the Public Safety Committee does not approve this motion (A **NO** vote) the matter is still referred to the full City Council for deliberations, further instructions, or approval.

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Account Balances, Community Impact Statements, and Agendas

As of 07/31/2016, your current checking account balance is \$8,832.94, and as of 08/01/2016, you have \$28,302.53 in your city account

As of 8/1/2016, you have filed 0 Community Impact Statements, and 8 agendas have been posted for your Neighborhood Council for the current month..

Please continue to next page to see your Board Member certification status, Expired Ethics Certificates, 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 Certification	Code of Conduct
Stephanie	Campbell	Chair (2020)	8/8/2017	3/31/2016	1/2/2015
Esther	Glaze	Vice Chair (2018)	1/26/2018	5/6/2016	5/3/2016
Sara	Toscano	Corresponding Secretary (2020)		6/22/2016	6/22/2016
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	Communication Secretary (2018)			
Cathy	Simpson	Treasurer (2018)	7/18/2018	7/13/2016	8/7/2015
Christopher	Perry	Parliamentarian (2020)		7/11/2016	
Ly'brindus	Jackson	At-Large Representative (2018)	1/26/2018	7/11/2016	4/20/2016
Ernesto	Toscano	At-Large Representative (2020)		6/22/2016	6/22/2016
David	Solis	Community Interest At large (2020)		8/31/2013	2/12/2015

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 Ethics Certificates, your Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Board Members with expired Ethics Certificates:

(Moving forward, the Department will notify Board Members one month in advance, one week in advance, and when their certificate expires)

Please continue to next page to see your Neighborhood Council cases, Important dates, and Existing Vendors for NCs.

Your cases for this month are:

Title	Case#	Case Lead	Open Date	Status
Rosters - Ethics Cert Update	14780	TUX Team	7/7/2016	C - Resolved
Rosters - Ethics Cert Update	14781	TUX Team	7/7/2016	C - Resolved
Funding-Operational-Hostgator	14904	Angela Plpkin	7/18/2016	O - Open
Rosters - Ethics Cert Update	14951	TUX Team	7/21/2016	C - Resolved

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Important Dates

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

8/1/2016	7pm - 9pm	Cancelled - Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Meeting
8/2/2016	6pm - 9 pm	Cancelled - Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Regular Meeting
8/3/2016	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Monthly Meeting - EmpowerLA Town Hall
8/6/2016	8:45am - 10am	Neighborhood Council-LADWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Alliance Monthly Meeting
8/6/2016	10am - 1pm	Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Monthly Meeting - EmpowerLA Town Hall
8/6/2016	9am - 12pm	Mayor Garcetti's Neighborhood Council Civic Youth
8/11/2016	6:30pm – 9:00pm	Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Monthly Meeting
8/12/2016	1pm - 4pm	Leadership Academy - Funding Training - EmpowerLA Large Conference Room
8/13/2016	10:00am – 12:00pm	PlanCheckNC Monthly Meeting
8/15/2016	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Regular Meeting
8/15/2016	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Alliance of River Communities Monthly Meeting
8/17/2016	8:30am - 10:00am	Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Monthly Meeting
8/18/2016	6:30pm – 8:30pm	South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Monthly Meeting - EmpowerLA Town Hall
8/19/2016	10:00am - 2:00pm	Valley Office Hours
8/19/2016	9:00am – 10:00am	Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods City Council Committee Meeting
8/19/2016	DEADLINE	EmpowerLA Town Hall Survey Closes
8/23/2016	6pm - 8pm	Leadership Academy - Beyond Neighborhood Councils - Los Angeles Central Library Mark Taper Auditorium, 630 W 5th St, Los Angeles, CA 90071
8/23/2016	6pm - 9pm	Leadership Academy - Funding Training - TBD
8/26/2016	9am - 12pm	Mayor Garcetti's Neighborhood Council Civic Youth
9/1/2016	DEADLINE	Neighborhood Council Strategic Budget Package Is Due

Existing Vendors for NCs

Web Service Providers:

Civic Resource Group

Contact: Gregory Curtin, CEO
gregc@civicresource.com

The Mailroom

Contact: Kristina Smith
(310)-514-1797
ksmith@klct.com

Moore Business Results

Contact: Wendy Moore
(818)-252-9399
wmoore@moorebusinessresults.com

Port Town Websites

Contact: Jill Fox
(310)-832-0836
jill@porttownwebsites.com

The Web Corner

Contact: Robert Adams, Owner
(818)-345-7443
rob@thewebcorner.com

ZelDesign

Contact: Zelda Harrison
(310)-559-2770
zelDesign@sbcglobal.net

Temp Service Providers:

(Contracts pending)

Apple One Employment Services

Contact: Jenn Rounds
(213)-892-0234
jrounds@appleone.com

Lloyd Staffing

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

Partners in Diversity

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

Translation Services:

Excel Interpreting

Contact: Koy Saephan
(800)915-0638 x 108
koy@excelinterpreting.com

Interpreters Unlimited

Contact Sanjit Singh
(855)-550-6100
Sanjit.singh@iugroup.com

Language Line Services

Contact Thomas Calannio
(831) 648-7445
TCalannio@languageline.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!