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PANORAMA CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD MEETING AGENDA (ONLINE VIA GOTOMEETING)

Monday, July 26, 2021, 7:00 pm

Meeting Link (copy and paste into browser if this is not a "live" link):

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/296256549>

Meeting number (access code): **296-256-549** (The web link lets you use a browser or [better] the GoToMeeting app)
Join by phone (dial-in audio only; public comment is *9): **+1 (646) 749-3122** United States Toll

[Please see online meeting notes on page 3 of agenda, and also BACKUP LINK on page 4]

The quorum for Panorama City Neighborhood Council committees is three. Public comments on agenda items will be heard when the item is considered. Public comments on other matters within the committee's jurisdiction may be made during the Public Comment period. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Action may be taken on any agenda item except Public Comment, announcements and reports. You may request a copy of printed materials that are distributed at the meeting. You may record the meeting by audio, video or photographic means as long as it is not disruptive. Meeting notices and agendas are posted at Plaza del Valle, Community Room (see below). If you need translation, or accommodation for a disability, please call the city Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at least three business days in advance (213-978-1551, or toll-free 3-1-1). The city is a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you believe the council is not following the law or its own rules you may file a grievance in writing with copies to both the Chair and the Secretary. Please be respectful of others, even when you differ with them. *Postal address, telephone, email on agenda are for Board Member Tony Wilkinson

7:00 1. Call to Order and remarks (**Tony Wilkinson* Chair** [tonyw.civic@gmail.com]) [1m]

7:01 2. Roll Call of committee members or alternates (the quorum is three). [1m]

7:02 3. Public Comment and announcements (**Please limit to two minutes per speaker.**)

Public comment on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is considered. [8m]

7:10 4. Consideration and possible action on the draft revision of the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy that was proposed on July 19, 2021, by Raquel Beltran, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), for adoption by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC).

The proposed new Code of Conduct policy gives DONE the power to deny any board member and also any stakeholder who is a committee member the ability to participate in any way with a

Neighborhood Council, and to request BONC to permanently remove them if they are a board member. This power could be exercised immediately by the General Manager of DONE upon the receipt of ANY COMPLAINT, whether justified or not, by any person, including a member of the public, including anonymous complaints and complaints for actions allegedly committed at any time in the past, which the complainant decides are violations of a yet-to-be-adopted "Workplace Equity Policy". [40m]

The website on which any person can file complaints already exists at myvoicela.org.

The **CURRENT Code of Conduct Policy** Version 2014-2(2) ("2016-10-04", file date 2019-03-06)

<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NEIGHBORHOOD-COUNCIL-BOARD-MEMBER-CODE-OF-CONDUCT-POLICY.pdf>

The **PROPOSED NEW Code of Conduct Policy** Version 2021-01 (2021-07-19)

<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CODE-OF-CONDUCT-AMENDMENT-07162021.pdf>

The **DRAFT Workplace Equity Policy** (2020-10-02)

<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Workplace-Equity-Policy-DRAFT-10-2-2020.pdf>

FOR INDIVIDUAL OPINION AND ACTION:

Whether or not the Rules Committee takes action to recommend that the Board consider any formal action on this proposed change to the Code of Conduct Policy, individual board members and members of the public with an interest in participating in any Neighborhood Council may want to express their personal opinions on this proposal.

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) All Members

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Members and Biographies, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

<https://empowerla.org/commission/>

The commission meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday at 1:00 pm

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<https://www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/subscribe-other-meetings-agendas-and-documents>

7:50 5. Consideration and possible action on the recently adopted city Workplace Violence Policy. THIS is the policy which we understood the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy was being revised to incorporate. There is a big difference between actions that involve real or threatened **violence** and "**diversity, equity, and inclusion**" issues that may involve actions such as a failure to use another person's preferred pronouns. [5m]

All Neighborhood Council board members (together and as individuals) are responsible for maintaining a safe 'workspace', which is any meeting or event that is being conducted by the Neighborhood Council or another city entity. The City Attorney will conduct a special workshop on these new rules at the **Congress of Neighborhoods** that will be held online on Saturday, September 25, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Registration for that event will open on about September 1. Check the Congress website for information.

<https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>

The recently adopted Workplace Violence Policy (2021-01-07)

<https://beta-per.lacity.org/documents/Workplace-Violence-Policy.pdf>

8:00 6. Adjournment

Council Process: The council gained its official city role upon certification by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on March 15, 2007. Everyone who lives, works or owns real property within the boundaries of the Panorama City Neighborhood Council, or who declares a Community Interest in the area and the basis for it, is a "stakeholder". All stakeholders are members of the Neighborhood Council. Stakeholders elect a Board of Directors to represent them. This Board is recognized as the decision-making entity by the City of Los Angeles. The current Board was elected on May 20, 2021 (half of the seats were elected to a new term, to 2025; the other half are continuing members, term to 2023). While the Board is the official decision-making entity, meetings are conducted as much as possible in a town hall spirit. Committees are open to anyone with an interest in Panorama City. Panorama City's neighborhood council is much more than its Board. It depends on public participation for its success.

Posting Sites: California's open meetings law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires that meeting notices be physically posted at a regular location 72 hours in advance for regular meetings and 24 hours in advance for special meetings. The location must be accessible to the public seven days a week, 24 hours a day. That location is the outside steel doors of the Plaza Del Valle Community Room, Building G, 8700 Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City, CA 91402. This council is also required to follow the City of Los Angeles posting policy for Neighborhood Councils. That policy additionally requires that councils post agendas through the city's **Early Notification System (ENS)**, post the agendas on the council's website (if one exists), and make an effort to send agendas by electronic mail (if such a list exists). This council posts agendas on its website, panoramacitync.org. This council uses the city's ENS mailing list as its agenda email list. You may sign up for the ENS agenda system at: <http://lacity.org/government/Subscriptions/NeighborhoodCouncils/index.htm>

In addition to the Plaza Del Valle posting location, this council MAY post agendas at other locations within Panorama City. These may include: (1) Panorama City Branch Library, 14345 Roscoe Boulevard; (2) Panorama Recreation Center, 8600 Hazeltine Avenue; (3) Sepulveda Recreation Center, 8801 Kester Avenue; and (4) Casa Esperanza, 14705 Blythe Street. In addition to the ENS agenda list, this council MAY include agendas in its occasional informational emails. You can subscribe to the council's informational email list by sending your request to 'pcnc@empowerla.org'. You can also send a request on the council's website. In order to respect our stakeholders' inboxes, messages to the informational email list will be sent at most once or twice a month. ***The only way to assure that you will receive agendas by email is through the ENS list.***

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at least three business days in advance (213-978-1551).

Agenda-related written materials: The council may occasionally prepare supplementary information to the agenda ("agenda packets"). When this is done, the agenda packets are normally made available both to Board or committee members and to the general public at the start of the posted meeting. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board or committee *in advance of a meeting* may be viewed by appointment at the Panorama City Neighborhood Council office, 14500 Roscoe Boulevard, Suite 400, Panorama City, CA 91401, (818-714-2133) during normal business hours, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please send you request to pcnc@empowerla.org, or contact Perla Iliana Lagunas Abundez, PCNC Secretary, through the council's website (<https://www.panoramacitync.org/contact.php>).

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--> Please note that the public is welcome to join in the video and text chat at this online meeting. Public comment may be made in the online meeting when public comment is called for by the chair. The meeting may be recorded.

The City of Los Angeles has required that the following statements be included in every Neighborhood Council agenda for online meetings, which they refer to as "virtual meetings". (We prefer the term online meetings. These are 'real' and official meetings. They are hosted electronically, as currently permitted by the state open meetings rules.)

VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Panorama City Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial **+1 (646) 749-3122** and enter **296-256-549** and then press **#** to join the meeting. If a password is requested, enter **[none required]**. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

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PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at [the Panorama City Neighborhood Council no longer maintains a physical office] and at our website: panoramacitync.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact John DiGregorio at [no phone available] or email: johndPCNC@gmail.com

BACKUP MEETING ROOM IF THERE ARE TECHNICAL ISSUES

We had audio issues at the December 28 meeting. If we have audio issues again, we will wait for 10 minutes to assure that the public has access and then, with notice to all in attendance, use the following alternative meeting room:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7272488954?pwd=SW4wcThlZmFKSWRXa1p5YVJONGdrUT09>

Meeting ID: 727 248 8954

Passcode: YhDV12