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

Monday, May 24, 2021, 7:30 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)

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**[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

- 7:30 1. **Call to Order** and remarks (Tony Wilkinson\* Chair [tonyw.civic@gmail.com]) [1m]
- 7:31 2. **Roll Call** of committee members or alternates (the quorum is three). [1m]
- 7:32 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]
- 7:40 4. **\*\* OFFICE HOURS FOR NEW (AND ALL) BOARD MEMBERS \*\* This Rules committee is also the PCNC Election committee for 2021. The city has begun formal training sessions. The first is on Saturday, May 22. This "office hours" session is an opportunity to discuss state and city rules as they apply to Neighborhood Councils and their meetings. The first meeting of the new Board will be held on Thursday, May 27, at 6:30 pm. [35m]**

The following items (5, 6, 7, and 8) relate to detailed rules through which the city government has attempted to regulate the speech and behavior of **Neighborhood Council Board Members**. Rather than getting lost in their details, it is worthwhile considering how these efforts, especially taken together, could change the nature of the entire Neighborhood Council system, possibly destroying its Charter mandate to involve more people in government. Few people seem to be asking "What effect will this rule have?" All of these efforts began with individual NC complaints. Be careful what you ask for.

- 8:15 5. **Consideration and possible action on the draft Social Media Policy for Neighborhood Councils, which was created by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in consultation with the City Attorney, and which is now being considered for possible action by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. This includes the effect of California Assembly Bill 922, which took effect on January 1 and which deals with the use of social media by elected officials.** The proposal has raised many questions from Neighborhood Council participants about the potential for its language to curtail the free speech rights of Neighborhood Council Board members when they act as private individuals. The document in English is linked below. Unfortunately, there is no Spanish version available. [5m]  
<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Draft-Digital-Media-Policy-for-BONC-on-9.29.2020.pdf>
- 8:20 6. **Consideration and possible action regarding the Code of Conduct Policy, both as originally enacted and as subsequently revised by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC).** The original policy was a response by BONC to the threat of legislative action by the City Council to address individual complaints from NC Board Members about what might be termed failures of Boards (which are city agencies) to "maintain a safe workspace". This is in fact our responsibility, distinct from our responsibility to the public. [5m]
- 8:25 7. **Consideration and possible action regarding the Censure and Removal Policy of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, which it mandated be incorporated in all Neighborhood Council bylaws.** Neighborhood Council Boards always had the ability to pass censure motions against their members, whether provided for in their bylaws or not. BONC attempted to create a uniform censure policy, and thereby placed it in bylaws like those of Panorama City Neighborhood Council where the founders intentionally omitted censure provisions in the belief that censures create needless internal conflict and division. While doing this, BONC CREATED a new power of Board Members to remove their peers, elected officials, from the body for alleged speech or behavioral sins. The timing of this 'improvement' to the system unfortunately coincided with the rise of "cancel culture" in US society. [5m]
- 8:30 8. **Consideration and possible action regarding the Neighborhood Council Grievance Policy, which was created by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) under a previous administration, working in concert with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.** This system allowed Board Members for the first time to file grievances against their own Board. (This was formerly a right only of the public.) The system continues to create controversy because of its glacial speed and a backlog of grievances that for a time had not been judged as valid by DONE and forwarded to Neighborhood Councils (better now). [5m]
- 8:40 9. **Consideration and possible action on developing a local agency plan for the Panorama City Neighborhood Council to participate in the city's Executive Directive 27 on Racial Equity along with the numerous other Executive Directives on Equity, including Gender Equity, an Age-Friendly City and others.** The Panorama City Board approved the Rules recommendation to create an Equity Officer position. On March 25 Lanira Murphy was appointed to the position. Any recommendation for elements of an equity plan will be developed with the guidance and perspective of Ms. Murphy. This agenda item will remain on Rules agendas so that she and the committee can discuss proposed plans and policies. Note that the City Council adopted **Council File 20-20990** that requires the Department of Neighborhood

Empowerment to develop (1) a plan to implement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Bias training for Neighborhood Council Members and (2) a plan to implement the Mayor's Executive Directive 27 on racial equity in city government at the Neighborhood Council level. [5m]

[https://www.lamayor.org/mayor\\_garcetti\\_s\\_executive\\_directives](https://www.lamayor.org/mayor_garcetti_s_executive_directives)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0990>

**8:45 10. Consideration and possible action to begin compiling a Policies and Procedures manual that will collect current and future Board actions that govern its day to day practices in a reference document.** This document will include longstanding policies like the quorum of 3 for committees. It may include recommendations for additional policies and procedures that arise from discussions of how to implement goals such as active Board member participation. [5m]

## **8:50 11. 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.

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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.**

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#### VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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#### 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

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