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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center
222 S San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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1 — Call to Order & Roll Call (6:36 p.m.)

President Alan Kumamoto called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. 19 board members were present. President Kumamoto reviewed the rules of public comment and the order that items would be discussed.

Present (19): Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, George Campos, Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Late Arrivals (7): June Aochi-Berk (6:38 p.m.), Greg Kimura (6:43 p.m.), Don Toy (6:52 p.m.), Ly Chou Tran (6:52 p.m.), Ne Huang Hom (6:52 p.m.), Tuong Hoang (6:52 p.m.), Al Soo-Hoo (7:42 p.m.)

Absent (3): Marc Rose, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um

Guests: Mary Kim, Empower LA; Megan Teramoto, CD14; Alexis Readinger; Ray Verches, LA County Department of Public Works; Officer Islas, LAPD; Jonathan Levy, NASA Services; Isaiah Ford, Universal Waste Systems; Sean Finn, Universal Waste Systems; Toisan Interpreter.

June Aochi-Berk arrived. 20 board members were present.

2 — Public Comment & Government Agency Reports (Sign-Up Sheet – 1-Minute Limit)

2.1 CD 1 Updates/announcements

None

2.2 CD 14 Updates/announcements

Megan Teramoto, field representative for Jose Huizar's Office, announced several community meetings:

- Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC), April 11, 5 – 7 p.m. at JACCC.
- Arts District ATP (Active Transportation Program), Artshare in the Gallery Room, May 3, 6 p.m.
- Little Tokyo ATP, Thursday April 12, 8:30 a.m. at JACCC.

2.3 Other public official updates/announcements

None

2.4 DONE Updates - Mary Kim

Mary Kim announced meetings for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils Planning Committee, Planning 101, and NC Funding Equity.

HCNNC Subdivision important dates:

- April 23, 2018 -- Vote-By-Mail application will be available on the website.
- May 31, 2018 -- The last day to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot.
- June 7, 2018 -- Election day.

There will not be any online voting. There will be two polling locations: one in the proposed subdivision location, one outside. City Clerk is administering the subdivision elections. There will be three outreach meetings facilitated by DONE: two inside the proposed subdivision, and one outside.

Greg Kimura arrived. 21 board members were present.

Echo Park Neighborhood Council Boundaries — HCNC has already voted to not change boundaries. EPNC also has the opportunity to vote, and submit bylaws amendments. Thus far, EPNC has not submitted any bylaws amendment. If they do, Mary will inform HCNC, and there will be a BONC meeting, at which she and the board can advocate for HCNC, prior to BONC's determination.

Public Comment

Michael Maier shared OpenCampaign.com, a civic engagement platform for community outreach and exchanging ideas, that he discovered about 1 year ago, and in which he is not personally invested. He invited board members to explore the platform, and share ideas for what neighborhood councils can do with the \$2 million that are currently unspent.

3 — Consent Calendar (Discussion and Vote) – 6:49 p.m.

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and can be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member or the general public so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

3.1 Approval of March 13, 2018 Minutes of Board Meeting - (Discussion and Vote)

3.2 Approval of March Monthly Expense Report (MER) - (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar (3.1-3.2) (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded).

Phyllis Ling indicated the following corrections to be made: meeting location address, the numbering of Consent Calendar items, and the date of the Action Committee meeting (03/06/18).

Vote on Motion: 20-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Alexandra Owens

4 — President’s Report - Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action) - 7:12 p.m.

4.1 Community Impact Statements (CIS)

4.2 By Laws changes deadline April 15, 2018

4.3 PRA from Lawrence Bouett “requested all correspondence by whatever means between Angelica Lopez-Moyes of HCNC and Mike Fong of DONE”

Another two PRA requests were received the day of the meeting:

1. All documented communications between Phyllis Ling, Angelica Moyes, and Don Toy.
2. All documented communications between Phyllis Ling and DONE staff.

President Kumamoto has been working with the City Attorney’s Office for how to frame the response.

Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, and Tuong Hoang arrived. 25 board members were present.

President Kumamoto informed Don Toy about the PRA request, in which he is named. Don Toy confirmed that he has no documents because he does not use email or have a cell phone.

4.4 Board Vacancies

5 — Committee Reports – 6:55 p.m.

5.1 Treasurer: Lydia Moreno

No pay items for Board Approval (Discussion and Vote)

5.2 First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report - Dafne Gokcen

Action Committee Meeting (04/03/18) Projects (Discussion and Vote)

5.2.1 Motion: To fund Visual Communications (Little Tokyo) up to \$1,200 for LA Asian Pacific Film Festival at the Matsumura Store on First Street **(Discussion and Vote)**

Ron Fong explained they would be doing programming during the film festival, including after-screening film discussions, and meets-and-greets with filmmakers, which seems like a good use for the vacant storefront.

Motion: To approve \$1,200 for Visual Communications (Little Tokyo) for the LA Asian Pacific Film Festival at the Matsumura Store on First Street. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Alexandra Owens

5.2.2 Motion: To fund the Arts District Community Council Los Angeles (Arts District) up to \$2,000 for the removal of two trees from the Arts District dog park (**Discussion and Vote**)

Laura Velkei, Michael Maier, and Yuval Bar-Zemer recused themselves from 5.2.2 because they are board members of the Arts District Community Council, and they left the room.

The head of the Arts District dog park committee was not at the meeting to discuss the project, so Dori Keller, previous president of LARABA, spoke on behalf of the applicant/project. He explained that the dog park on 4th Street near the bridge has two dead trees that are infested with termites and rotting. Dafne Gokcen advised that the application is insufficient; it only contains a one sentence description, and lists incorrect board members. However, since Dori was here to speak about the request, the board could still vote on it. Release of funds would be contingent on an amended application.

Motion: To support \$2,000 for removal of two dead trees in the Arts District dog park. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Lydia Moreno seconded.)

Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang asked if \$2,000 would be enough to cover removal of the trees. Dori Keller confirmed that it would be sufficient. Lynn Nakamura asked if they were planning to replace the trees. Dori Keller explained that the property has no irrigation and is very hot in the summer months, so there is no plan to replace the trees right now. He added that the dead trees are a safety hazard, and because of the condition of the dog park, dog owners are taking their dogs to nearby park space to defecate in the grass.

Vote on Motion: 21-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 3-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang

Ineligible: Alexandra Owens

Recused: Laura Velkei, Michael Maier, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Laura Velkei, Michael Maier, and Yuval Bar-Zemer returned to the room.

5.2.3 Motion: To fund Community Partners FBO Industrial District Green (Arts District) up to \$1,300 for watering of 12 trees on Imperial between 6th and 7th streets (**Discussion and Vote**)

This proposal will fund watering of 12 trees for a 12-month period. HCNC funded the planting of these trees.

Motion: To approve \$1,300 for the watering of 12 trees on Imperial Street between 6th and 7th Streets. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Dori Keller seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Alexandra Owens

5.2.4 Motion: To fund Streets Are for Everyone (SAFE) (all Districts) up to \$2,500 for supplies for "SAFE kids" program introduced in all Elementary Schools in the area to reduce the number of children who are victims of traffic collisions every year (Note: SAFE offered to brand the supplies with our logo for a minimum donation of \$2,000.) (**Discussion and Vote**)

Damien Kevitt, from SAFE, explained that LAPD has funding through Vision Zero for education of 4th and 5th

graders about traffic safety. Officer Islas, LAPD motorcycle officer with the traffic safety unit, explained that auto crashes are the number one killer of teenagers. This program focuses on talking to 4th and 5th graders, in all 130-plus schools in the area that they serve, about traffic safety as a pedestrian. Damien Kevitt explained that they have the funding for the personnel (police officers). SAFE is asking for funding for the materials, such as LED flashing pedestrian safety beacons that are given to the kids in the program.

Damien Kevitt explained that this program focuses on the causes of the most fatalities for 4th and 5th graders: crossing the street, walking, and/or bicycling. He provided a copy of the outline of the basic curriculum, and noted that the education includes looking both ways several times before crossing (which has been eliminated from most schools), and pedestrian right-of-way. This program has been piloted at 12 schools in the Central Traffic Division.

There are five elementary schools (public/private/charter) in HCNC. Dafne Gokcen noted that this project would impact all communities, because students may live in one caucus area and go to school in another area. Lydia Moreno reported that there are unspent funds from everywhere in the budget right now, and that this project could possibly be funded through a combination of Outreach funds and unspent NPG funds from Victor Heights. Ron Fong commented that he would like to see if Outreach funds are needed to pay for additional translations before paying for another project out of Outreach. Damien Kevitt suggested that this project could be tabled to a future meeting when there is a better estimate of available funding. Ron Fong noted that there was another "At-Large" project that was proposed at the Action Committee meeting (agenda item 5.2.5), and Dafne Gokcen confirmed that it will be presented in May.

Motion: To table this item until the May meeting. (Ron Fong motioned, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang seconded.)

Vote on Motion to Table: 20-Favor, 2-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang

Opposed: Dafne Gokcen, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Lydia Moreno, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Ineligible: Alexandria Owens

Damien Kevitt was also asked about translation of educational materials. He stated that they are currently available in Spanish, but if there is a school with another translation need, there is the ability to address that. They have not done additional translations yet because they are still in the pilot program.

Angelica Moyes asked to move up item 5.4.2 on the agenda because one of the candidates has to leave by 7:30 p.m. Don Toy objected to this request because most of the Chinatown caucus members had not met with the candidates, and stated that having the full board consider the candidates, without a prior caucus meeting and nomination, was circumventing the bylaws. Several board members commented that simply moving the item up on the agenda was not a violation of the bylaws.

Motion: To move up item 5.4.2 on the agenda. (Angelica Moyes motioned, Valerie Garcia-Hanley seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 20-Favor, 5-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 0-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Phyllis Ling, Tuong Hoang

President Kumamoto stated that since 5.4.1 discusses the process that is being used for consideration of 5.4.2, the board should take up that item first.

5.4 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee – Laura Velkei (Discussion and Vote/Seat)

5.4.1 Process and procedures being followed for filling board vacancies (Discussion and Vote)

Laura Velkei explained that there are now deadlines for candidate applications. The mailbox at the Koban and the HCNC email account are checked for applications that are submitted. She stated that several people filled out applications, but didn't turn them in. There were two people who turned in applications. One was a candidate for the Chinatown Business seat, who was in Victor Heights, so was rejected. A gentleman from Chinatown applied with the application, but he didn't provide the supplemental documentation, even after following up a couple of times, so he was removed as a candidate.

Laura Velkei stated that once the application deadline passed, the candidate information was sent to the caucus, and they were given instructions about the procedure, which were also copied to President Kumamoto. They had a full month to meet, and she sent about 12 emails to follow up to make sure that those candidates were reviewed. She added that she decided this morning that the caucus would have to meet today at 5:45 p.m. with an interpreter. No one from the Chinatown caucus was here for this meeting, except for Angelica Moyes.

Don Toy asked Laura Velkei how she distributed the information to the Chinatown caucus members. Laura Velkei stated that she notified Angelica Moyes by email. Don Toy asked Angelica Moyes how she contacted the Chinatown caucus members, and if she provided them the candidate applications. Angelica Moyes stated that she left messages trying to schedule a meeting with them. She added that she asked for the candidates' applications, but was told that she was not allowed to have them. Laura Velkei stated that the applications contain personal data and sensitive information, and that Angelica Moyes was given the candidates' statements and resumes. Don Toy stated that application forms are supposed to be public records, so there isn't a reason to keep them secret. Laura Velkei stated that she sent Angelica Moyes all of the pertinent data from the application. Don Toy commented that what is or isn't pertinent data shouldn't be decided by one or two people.

Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang commented that none of this was relevant because Angelica Moyes never heard back from the caucus members requesting the candidate information. Don Toy questioned how Angelica Moyes contacted the caucus members, and whether messages for them were left in Chinese. Angelica Moyes confirmed that she left messages for them in English.

Phyllis Ling stated that one of the problems is that the candidate application form has been changed significantly, since she presented it at the January meeting. She noted that anyone can go to the website to look at it, and that Laura Velkei posted the application form there, which was good, but that she also removed "Other" as options under eligibility documents, so that now there is a very short list of documents that an applicant can provide, to show that they are eligible for a board seat. For example, a person applying for a resident seat might look at the application and decide that since they don't have a utility bill in their name, that they don't qualify for the resident seat. She also indicated that other changes have been made that conflict with DONE/City Clerk standards and HCNC bylaws. She stated that she has brought up these problems with Laura, and nothing has been done to address them. Laura Velkei claimed that she has never discussed this issue with Phyllis Ling at all, and that the change in the application that she made was to remove all of the sensitive data that was on the application.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley commented that she has reviewed the changes that have been made to the application, and there are a lot of discrepancies, and a lot of issues that the board needs to discuss. She believed this would require a longer discussion, so suggested moving up item 5.4.2 to allow the candidates to speak, so that they could be free to go, and then the board could have the discussion needed to fix the process.

The board continued to item 5.4.2 by unanimous consent.

5.4.2 Open Board Seats Update: Youth 'At Large' (age 16-20), Chinatown Resident Representative, Chinatown Business Owner, Victor Heights Resident Representative

5.4.2.1 Two (2) Candidates for Chinatown Business Seat

Alexis Readinger introduced herself. She's a business owner, resident, and stakeholder in Chinatown, on Chung King Road. She is on the board of the Chung King Road Association and the Chinatown BID. Her business is Preen, Inc., one of the top hospitality design firms in LA. Dafne Gokcen noted that Alexis ran for the HCNC board a few years ago. Alexis stated that she's been in the community for 7 years, and is interested in preserving the history of Chinatown and its rich character.

Laura Velkei asked if she would be comfortable coming to all of the meetings. Alexis confirmed that she would.

Mei Lau introduced herself. She's been working in Chinatown since 1991. She is the branch manager for East West Bank. She is the first woman VP for CCBA. She does a lot of community work, and presents seminars, for example, on how to prevent elderly abuse, and how to prevent identity theft. She advises youth on banking, and how to save money for the future. She's been in Chinatown for 27 years.

Lynn Nakamura asked what languages she speaks. Mei stated that she speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. Lydia Moreno asked if she signed the subdivision petition. Mei stated that she did not. When asked again, she stated that she didn't think she signed it, that she didn't remember, and maybe it was someone else as it's a common name.

5.4.2.2 One (1) Candidate for Chinatown Resident Seat

Al Soo-Hoo arrived. 26 board members were present.

Iciar Rivera introduced herself. She was a science major, a researcher, a teacher, a science teacher to at-risk youth. She's been a community radio producer for 12 years. She has covered a lot of issues in Chinatown including Geoff Palmer and Walmart. She's interested in making sure that resources, such as libraries and community centers are geared toward the community. She is interested in transit issues, ecology, and inclusiveness. She's good with technology, and knowledgeable about the local culture and history of the area.

Motion: To seat Iciar who is running unopposed for the Chinatown Resident seat. (Laura Velkei motioned, Dafne Gokcen seconded.)

Don Toy asked a question in Chinese. The interpreter explained that he said that many people would like to be the applicant, but then why were only a few picked by two people? He stated that many people were interested in the seat, but they did not have the opportunity. Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang stated that there has been plenty of opportunity because we have been discussing this for months. Don Toy stated that it can't be months because the seats were posted on February 15. Laura Velkei stated that wasn't true because it was noticed in a much more relaxed state prior to the change in the candidate application. Don Toy stated that the flyers have a phone number, people called, including Pauline Chow and Ing-Jong Wang, and they didn't get a call back, so they weren't provided the opportunity. Dafne Gokcen asked why these people weren't invited to the meeting. Don Toy replied that he didn't see the agenda until he came to the meeting.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated that we have a big procedural problem. The application that was put out was very narrowly scoped and asks for extra stuff. She urged the board to not seat anyone until the board fixes its procedural problems. President Kumamoto suggested amending the main motion. Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked to amend the main motion to table seating these people for now, because we have to fix the procedure. Laura Velkei stated that she disagreed that there is any procedural problem.

President Kumamoto clarified that the motion to table takes precedence over the main motion to seat a

candidate.

Motion: To table the main motion to seat the candidate. (Valerie Garcia-Hanley motioned, Phyllis Ling seconded.)

Vote on Motion to Table: 14-Favor, 9-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Opposed: Alexandra Owens, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Alexandra Leekley, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

President Kumamoto clarified that the other procedural thing that didn't happen was that the Chinatown caucus did not meet. Laura Velkei commented that Chinatown Caucus did meet, but only one person showed up. She suggested that the Chinatown caucus convene after the meeting to discuss the candidates, and that the vote on the Chinatown Business seat would occur next month.

5.4.2.3 One Youth 'At Large' Seat

Laura Velkei announced that there was only one candidate, and that he was informed to appear at the meeting, but he did not show up. Angelica Moyes asked whether it was the Executive Committee that makes the recommendation, and whether the Executive Committee had met. Laura Velkei stated that the Executive Committee agreed that it didn't need to meet because there was only one candidate who was running unopposed. Phyllis Ling stated that she asked for information about why candidates were rejected and didn't get a response. Laura Velkei stated that she did provide a response and would be happy to send that email to her again.

Motion: To repost At Large Youth seat. (Ron Fong motioned, Laura Velkei seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 1-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Phyllis Ling

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.2.4 One Victor Heights Resident Seat

Laura Velkei stated that she was not provided the Call for Candidates posting of the Victor Heights resident seat, and asked to have the original posting forwarded to her. Phyllis Ling stated that she did email a copy of that posting to her. Don Toy stated that two people from Victor Heights called him and let him know that they left a message on the phone number on the posting, which was 323-849-0012. He stated that they told him that the notice had a posting date of 3/14, and a deadline of 4/8. Laura Velkei insisted that she never received a copy of that posting, and that there was a candidate on hold, whom she has not processed because she did not receive the Call for Candidates posting. Alan Kumamoto summarized that the bottom line is that there is no candidate for the Victor Heights seat.

Motion: To repost Victor Heights Resident seat. (Michael Maier motioned, Valerie Garcia-Hanley motioned.)

Vote on Motion: 25-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Phyllis Ling, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang left the meeting. 25 board members were present.

5.2.5 Note: There is another ‘At Large’ funding project request that could be funded in our budget affecting all caucus areas and have outreach potential.

5.2.6 Next Action Committee Meeting: Note: HCNC will need to have projects in the pipeline by **May**.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1 at 5:30 at the Koban.

5.3 Second VP: Chair of Programs – Matthew Glaser (Discussion and Vote)

5.3.1 Speaker: Robert Group representative to talk about the new trash service

Sean Finn of Universal Waste, and Jonathan Levy of NASA Services presented updates on the recyclLA program. Between the two trash-hauling companies, they service all of HCNC except for Victor Heights, which is serviced by Athens. They explained that the services increase recycling of both commercial and organic waste. AB341 mandates commercial recycling and AB1826 mandates organics recycling. It’s a private/public partnership, and they are an extension of the city’s sanitation. They handed out flyers. 800-773-2489 is the number to call if there are any questions or problems, or to get a “waste assessment” for advice about how to reduce costs. If there are any missed pickups, the customer can call that phone number before 2 p.m., and the company is required to come pick up the container before 6 p.m. the same day. If the call is made after 2 p.m., they will come the next morning.

George Campos asked about problems with services, increased costs, and being charged fees for just going onto a property to pull out trash bins. Jonathan Levy explained that in the past, the charges were artificially low due to bidding based only on price. Now there are requirements for natural gas vehicles, recycling, and “zero-waste teams”. The costs are set through the recyclLA program, and they are the same across the city depending on service levels. Sean Finn added that now there is also more accountability, and safety and service standards.

5.3.2 Speaker: Ray Verches of Los Angeles Department of Public Works to talk about a coming redevelopment of LA County Jail

Ray Verches explained that the jail is 60 years old, obsolete, and overcrowded. This would be a \$2.2 billion project, and take 10 years to build if approved. Twin towers will remain. The Board of Supervisors will vote on June 19th on whether or not to move forward on this project. This would be a treatment-centric facility that would provide services for mental health, substance abuse, and major health issues. Because of the project’s proximity to Chinatown/HCNC, he will give updates on a regular basis. They are looking to select a design build contractor by the end of this year, and break ground probably next summer. For anyone interested in business opportunities, they will be doing procurement conferences during the first quarter of next year. CCTF.org is the website.

Laura Velkei asked if the inmates are being moved. Mr. Verches explained that they will be transferred to Twin Towers, and then back into the new facility. This facility will handle both men and women. This facility will have 3,885 beds, which would make it the largest mental health facility in the country. This would replace the 4,600 beds that are there now, but they are expanding the size of the building to 4.2 million square feet, because the state and federal government are requiring the areas for inmates to be much

larger. There would be a full hospital in the facility, so that inmates do not have to be sent to County USC.

5.5 Third VP: Urban Design and Land Use Committee Letters of Support – Laura Velkei

Dafne Gokcen announced that she was recusing herself from items 5.5.1 and 5.5.2, because her company represents the applicants, and she left the room.

- 5.5.1 High Tide**, Little Tokyo Management, LLC 605 E 4th Street, Bar (Little Tokyo)
A Conditional Use Permit to allow for the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new 1,764 s.f. restaurant having live entertainment with 58 interior seats and with a 2,034 s.f. uncovered patio area entirely on private property having 87 seats. Hours of operation from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. **Committee recommends Letter of Support (Discussion and Vote)**

Laura Velkei noted that they do glass blowing in a corner of the outdoor patio. Ron Fong confirmed that the Little Tokyo caucus approved of the hours of operation.

Motion: To approve a Letter of Support for High Tide. (Laura Velkei motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 23-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 1-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Dafne Gokcen

- 5.5.2 Tony's Saloon** 2017 E. 7th Street Bar (Arts District)
A determination of "Deemed-to-be-Approved" Conditional Use status for the sale of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 1,426 s.f. bar with 44 indoor seats and a Plan Approval to expand alcohol sales onto a 325.5 s.f. uncovered patio having 25 outdoor seats and proposed hours of operation from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. **Outdoor use approved by the LUC until 2 a.m. based on a pre-existing grandfathered use. Committee recommends Letter of Support (Discussion and Vote)**

Laura Velkei reported that the applicants have been operating with an uncovered patio until 2 a.m. The City told them they have to make it legal. The LUC policy, for the Arts District, is to only allow patios to stay open until 11 p.m., but since this establishment has existed for such a long time, the LUC is willing to work with them, to grandfather this in. The applicant is willing to work with the LUC if there are any noise complaints.

Motion: To approve a Letter of Support for Tony's Saloon. (Laura Velkei motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 23-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 1-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Dafne Gokcen

Michael Maier left the room. Dafne Gokcen returned to the room.

- 5.5.3 1023 Laurel LLC** S Santa Fe Ave & 7th St Cannabis cultivation & non-volatile manufacturing (Arts District)
They will be applying for the pre-existing non-retail cannabis license. They have a 9,000 s.f. facility that

produces cannabis flower as well as pre-rolled joints and ice wax (an infused cannabis product made using ice and water). Their team has over 30 years of collective experience in the cannabis industry and they have fully licensed operations in existence in Colorado and Oregon.

Action: Presentation, LUC to further discuss community give backs for Wholesale, Grows and Retail. Applicant to come back in April for Letter of Support determination.

Laura Velkei reported that the applicant will make a presentation at the next LUC meeting on April 19. She added that this person is very knowledgeable about the issue, and encouraged all caucuses to attend for educational purposes. She asked each of HCNC's communities to take a position on cannabis, so that the LUC knows how to deal with it.

Michael Maier returned to the room.

5.5.4 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: ~~Public Presentation~~

LUC meeting summary:

Speaker: Manjeet Ranu, Metro Senior Executive Officer, Long Range Transportation Plan and Mobility Corridors Transit Project for Metro (Arts District, Little Tokyo). The West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor Project is a new 20-mile light rail line that would connect Downtown LA to southeast LA County. Hilary Norton, Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic (FAST), LACI, Hewitt Street, Arts District -Option for WSAB. Combining items for a more open discussion of transportation options and goals for the WSAB line. Presentations and discussion of the option of heavy rail via Arts District Station to Union Station. Heavy rail has the ability to double ridership from 60k to 130-160k and move more constituents farther and faster. Has the potential to remove the same number of cars off of the 5 FWY. Allows for a 1-ticket ride to Union Station. Option for an aerial line down the corridor alleviates division of communities and is only \$40 million more per mile than light rail. Heavy rail is a game changer for Southern California.

Motion to send letter to review aerial heavy rail along the West Santa Ana Line to move through the Arts District to Union Station (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To send a letter to Metro to ask them to study aerial heavy rail as an option for the WSAB line. (Laura Velkei motioned, Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded.)

Laura Velkei summarized the presentations made at the LUC meeting, and added that she heard that Phil Washington, CEO of Metro, thinks that aerial heavy rail is an amazing idea.

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.6 Fourth VP: Chair - Early Notifications Committee/ Chair - Hospitality & Refreshments Committee – Yuval Bar-Zemer

5.6.1 Future Locations Update: June
Currently Planned: May – in El Pueblo

The May meeting will be at Pico House in El Pueblo.
The June meeting will be at the Chinatown Library.

5.7 Recording Secretary: Phyllis Ling (Discussion and Vote)

5.7.1 Copy 2018 Attendance record

Copies of the attendance record were provided for board members to review. No board members have more than 1 absence.

6 — Old Business (Discussion and Vote) - 8:30 p.m.

6.1 Translation Task Force: Report back and recommendations for providing and funding translations – Phyllis Ling, Don Toy, and Angelica Moyes. **(Discussion and Vote)**

Phyllis Ling reviewed the recommendations made in the report. Ron Fong asked why there were no other recommendations for written translations other than using Google Translate. Phyllis Ling stated that additional funding for written translation could be decided by the board, but the task force was trying to prioritize translation needs, with the interpreter being primary. She added that if the board could not agree to providing an interpreter at the meeting, it would unlikely be willing to provide written translation, which is much costlier. She indicated that a review of translation costs was in the report; the average cost of providing written translation for board meeting materials, agenda and minutes, is approximately \$1000 per meeting. Laura Velkei stated that it was unreasonable to expect a neighborhood council, with a limited budget of \$42,000 per year, to spend \$12,000 per year on translation.

Ron Fong stated that he thought that the written translations should be prioritized due to their Outreach potential in the community. Dafne Gokcen added that in the past, written translations were stated to be more important than the interpreter, and asked if the board members who require translation agreed with prioritizing the live interpretation. Don Toy commented that both were important, but the problem with written materials is that they do not get distributed in time to be useful. Ne Huang Hom, through the interpreter, commented that between the interpreter and written translations, the interpreter is more important. Angelica Moyes added that she thought that the board should be required to distribute translated materials at the same time, and under the same noticing deadlines, as the English meeting materials.

Lynn Nakamura asked to table this discussion until it is known what will happen with the neighborhood council subdivision.

Motion: To table further recommendations. (Lynn Nakamura motioned, Dori Keller seconded.)

Valerie Garcia-Hanley noted that between now and the subdivision election, that the board still needs to pay for translations. President Kumamoto confirmed that the board will continue to have verbal interpretation for the next two meetings, and funds will be taken out of administrative funds if necessary.

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

6.2 Subdivision of HCNC: Current status. **Motion** to oppose the subdivision. **(Discussion and Vote)**

Motion: To approve the Community Impact Statement as drafted. (Lydia Moreno motioned, Danny M. Young seconded.)

Phyllis Ling stated that she has heard an argument being made a few times already about Chinese names being on a list, and that maybe they don't speak English because their names sound Chinese. She stated that she hoped that this language wouldn't be included on an official document: "WHEREAS, a large majority of the signatures in support of the proposed subdivision were the names of Chinese stakeholders who claim to require translation services, even though the proposed subdivision application and petition was not translated into any

language but English...” She asked who checked whether those names on the list were names of people who claimed to require translation services. Lydia Moreno stated that Councilmember Ryu’s staff checked the names; they went to their addresses with interpreters. Phyllis Ling asked whether the signers confirmed that they didn’t know what they were signing. Lydia Moreno believed that they stated that they did know what they were signing, but they signed it. Dafne Gokcen added that some of these signers made comments about being worried about getting in trouble. Lydia Moreno stated, however, that this isn’t in the CIS; that’s what Ryu’s Office came back with. President Kumamoto reiterated that the motion is whatever is on the draft CIS document that has been distributed.

George Campos asked if the board has verified all of the “WHEREAS” statements, and if the board was comfortable with all of these statements because we are signing our names to this document. He asked whether everything has been verified, and asked what the writers of this CIS have shown to the board, to verify the accuracy of all of these statements. Dafne Gokcen stated that the writer of the document has verified all of the points on this document. Lydia Moreno clarified that the statements are all based on the subdivision application.

Amendment: Change “WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision application will result in the segregation of Little Tokyo and the Arts District by excluding them from the resulting Neighborhood Council (NC)” to “WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision application creates segregated communities instead of unified ones.” (Laura Velkei made the friendly amendment, and Lydia Moreno accepted it.)

George Campos asked about the “WHEREAS” statement “the proposed subdivision systematically excluded the stakeholders of the communities of Solano Canyon, Victor Heights, and El Pueblo from the statutory requirement of outreach...” He asked for evidence of this, considering that DONE has presumably verified that outreach was done before moving the application forward to elections. Dafne Gokcen, Laura Velkei, and Lydia Moreno stated that the problem was that outreach was, in fact, not done. Dafne Gokcen commented that the Victor Heights posting location was at Kaiser Hospital, which is a closed, locked, mental health facility. Lydia Moreno noted that the posting location in Solano Canyon was a recreation center that has been closed for more than 20 years, and is now run by a private entity. Angelica Moyes responded that there were multiple posting locations in Victor Heights, and the Solano Canyon location was a bulletin board in Elysian Park. Laura Velkei added that Angelica Moyes also claimed that a notice was posted in the Arts District dog park, when it was not. Angelica Moyes noted that a photo of the posting at the Arts District dog park was submitted with the subdivision application as evidence. She also clarified the guidelines for collecting petition signatures, and how they were to reflect the percentages of the stakeholder types per area.

President Kumamoto clarified that we are talking about the specific language of the CIS.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley questioned the statement that “the boundaries of the proposed subdivision represent a gerrymander that concentrates political power into the hands of Chinatown and away from the communities of Solano Canyon, Victor Heights, and El Pueblo.” Lydia Moreno, Laura Velkei, and Dafne Gokcen pointed to the board structure, as specified in the HCNNC proposed bylaws, which specifies 5 seats for Chinatown, 3 for Victor Heights, 3 for Solano Canyon, and 3 for El Pueblo, plus 5 At Large seats. Valerie Garcia-Hanley questioned the conclusion that this board structure represents gerrymandering. Lydia Moreno commented that the way that board members were selectively notified about the subdivision proposal, how only Little Tokyo was contacted early on, and how the other communities were only notified after the EPNC meeting, also reflects the intent to take power away from the other communities. Angelica Moyes responded that they were going down the list and contacting board members, and at the point when they realized that board members were talking to each other, they asked to be added to the meeting agenda for a full board discussion.

Phyllis Ling agreed with George Campos about their needing to be more fact-finding to support these “WHEREAS” statements. She added that many of these “WHEREAS” statements sound more like opinion rather than fact, and that she did not agree with them. She stated that she felt that the document was written from a standpoint of neighborhood councils being adversarial, in which HCNC is against any other neighborhood council. She disagreed with the WHEREAS statement “the proposed subdivision destroys long-standing alliances between those communities.” She stated that it doesn’t have to be that way; it depends on who’s on the board, and how people work together.

Dafne Gokcen suggested identifying specific statements, and striking out those that are seen as more opinion, rather than fact. President Kumamoto asked what it would take to redo this document because redoing it as a group was probably not going to work out. Laura Velkei stated that we should just put it to a vote, and that we want it on the record that DONE is in violation of their own rules, and is creating a mess for this neighborhood council.

President Kumamoto suggested taking a vote, and that board members could either vote it up or down, as it stands, with a couple of revisions: there was a friendly amendment, and he believed there was some clarification on another statement.

Vote on Amended Motion: 13-Favor, 10-Opposed, 1-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno, Michael Maier, Norma Garcia, Ron Fong, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Phyllis Ling, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Abstain: Matthew Glaser

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

6.3 Little Tokyo/Arts District Boundaries: Follow up discussion (Discussion and Vote)

Item was tabled to a future meeting.

6.4 HCNC/EPNC Boundaries Update – Mary Kim

7 — New Business (Discussion and Vote) – 9:00 p.m.

7.1 Community Impact Statement (CIS) to support the creation of a special fund from all unspent Neighborhood Council funds to use for translation services, Council File 17-0600-S41. (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To approve the CIS to support the creation of a special fund for translation services, as drafted. (Ron Fong motioned, Matthew Glaser seconded.)

Laura Velkei stated that there is \$2 million in that fund right now from funds that have been swept by all neighborhood councils. She suggested that the board encourage DONE to use that money to fund the neighborhood councils annually, and allocate a much smaller portion to translation. She proposed a friendly amendment to allocate \$500,000 to translation, with the caveat of a proper protocol to allocate that money, \$500,000 to the Budget Advocates, and the balance to the neighborhood council system.

Ron Fong asked who the Budget Advocates were. Laura Velkei clarified that they are an independent body made of people from all of the different neighborhood councils, and is unaffiliated with the neighborhood council system. She stated that they review budgets from all of the City departments including DONE. They have recommended that DONE not be provided any more funding.

Ron Fong stated that he was not interested in setting aside \$500,000 to the Budget Advocates.

Amendment: To amend the CIS to specify that \$500,000 be allocated to translation, with the caveat that a plan be in place to allocate that money, and the balance of the money to the neighborhood council system, with the funding to be administered by the City Clerk. (Laura Velkei made the friendly amendment, Dori Keller seconded.)

Ron Fong accepted the friendly amendment.

Vote on Motion as Amended: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2 Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose SB 827. (Discussion and Vote)

Laura Velkei explained that Senate Bill 827 was put forth by a pro-development lobbying group called California Unity. The bill would allow a developer to build an 8-story building on a property, even if it is in a single family residential neighborhood, as long as it is within ¼-mile of a bus stop. The purpose of this CIS is to send it to the seven democratic senators who are undecided on SB 827, including Senator De Leon.

Several board members stated that they wanted to see a draft of the CIS before voting on it. Laura Velkei volunteered to send a draft of the CIS to the board members, and President Kumamoto stated that they could take it up the next month. Laura Velkei and Dori Keller indicated, however, that there has already been an ongoing campaign for the past month, to influence the undecided senators. Dori Keller added that developers would not be allowed to build underground parking for their residents.

Dafne Gokcen stated that she did not feel comfortable voting on it without being able to see and examine the statement. Laura Velkei suggested writing a letter first, and addressing the CIS at the next meeting. Dafne Gokcen indicated that we could do that, but added that this is a huge issue, there are a lot of arguments on both sides, and she was concerned that not all of the board members had the information.

June Aochi-Berk stated that this senate bill would override all neighborhood regulations and allow developers to build high rises in our neighborhoods, despite local height limits. She stated that she felt that the HCNC should submit a CIS now, to let the lawmakers know the neighborhood council's opinion about this senate bill.

Motion: To write a letter in opposition to SB 827 to the undecided senators, and to write a CIS afterwards. (Ron Fong motioned, Laura Velkei seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 21-Favor, 0-Opposed, 3-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Dafne Gokcen, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.3 Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding a request by Metro to demolish 2/3 of a historically designated building in the Arts District “The Pickle Works Warehouse” on 100 N Center Street. (Discussion and Vote)

Yuval Bar-Zemer explained that it is the oldest building in the Arts District today. It went through an eminent domain because they needed to demolish 1/3 of it during construction of the 1st Street Bridge. At that time, there was a contract with the City of LA to restore the building. However, the City never did the restoration work. It has been sitting abandoned for many years. Now it is being considered as part of the Division 20 expansion of the Purple Line. Metro is saying they need the space, and need to demolish the remaining two-thirds of the building. This is an abuse of the original process of understanding the historic value of the building.

Motion: To file a CIS, and send a letter to Metro, to respect the fact that the Pickle Works building has a historic status, and to oppose Metro’s request to demolish it. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Ron Fong stated that he agrees with Dafne Gokcen about wanting to see a CIS before voting to approve one.

Amendment: To support sending a letter instead of a CIS. (Ron Fong made the friendly amendment, Lynn Nakamura seconded.)

Yuval Bar-Zemer accepted the friendly amendment.

Vote on Motion as Amended: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused.
MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.4 Community Impact Statement (CIS) to support the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper, Council File 18-0600. (Discussion and Vote)

Several members wanted to hear from the Budget Advocates before considering this CIS. Laura Velkei will let them know that they need to show up to a meeting if they want money.

7.5 Correspondence: Bureau of Street Services for Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) on 05/11/18 - HCNC needs to submit 15 locations within the HCNC boundaries to nominate on or by 04/27/18. (Discussion and Vote)

Phyllis Ling volunteered to assemble and submit the list, and asked board members to send in their suggestions by email, including street addresses. They will repair streets and sidewalks.

8 — Announcements

- 8.1 Arts District**
- 8.2 Chinatown**
- 8.3 El Pueblo**
- 8.4 Little Tokyo**
- 8.5 Solano Canyon**
- 8.6 Victor Heights**

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked to return to item 5.4.1, and that if the board wasn't going to listen to it at this meeting, there needed to be a motion to table the item to the next meeting. Board members indicated that they did not want to continue the meeting to discuss this item.

Laura Velkei noted that during the meeting, she and Lydia Moreno tested out the 323-849-0012 phone number, and left a message. She stated that it is a Google Voice number, which goes to the HCNC email, so if someone called, it did not go through.

Motion: To table Item 5.4.1 to the next meeting. (Valerie Garcia-Hanley motioned, Danny M. Young seconded.)

Vote on Motion to Table: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Alexandria Owens, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Matthew Glaser, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Next meeting will be at the Pico House in El Pueblo.

9 ——— Adjournment at 9:16 p.m.

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