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Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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1. **Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance-** The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by President Schreiner. The roll was called by Secretary Hendry. The Pledge was led by President Schreiner. This will be the last meeting that will be held on Zoom. Zoom participation instructions were given.

VNNC ITEM 1. Roll Call	
Present –14	Absent-04
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Hendry, Bolla, Azatyan, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughan

2. **Reports from Government officials: (2 min each)**

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/> -- absent due to special assignment
- b. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-755-7676 -absent, no report.
- c. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004-The City of Los Angeles is now a Sanctuary City This was a legislative item carried by Councilmembers Hernandez and Soto Martinez. It is the completion of the Executive Order from Mayor Garcetti. It now protects people from immigration orders. Councilmember Raman got the Create Griffith Park motion passed. It will make it a zero emission park (a Green Zone). The plan is not to allow any equipment or vehicles run on gas in the park. Everything will transition to electricity. The office has been working with Sanitation for the distribution of composting pails. The office has been working on removing abandoned news racks. They are also working on getting the red curbs repainted and fixing parking meters. They have been distributing compost pails. If you have any concerns feel free to email Ryan.
- d. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 sophia.soudani@lacity.org The office has been working on the opening of the Branford Village, a new tiny homes village in Sun Valley. It will be interim housing for 161 homeless individuals. Formerly it was the site of their largest homeless encampment. They are also celebrating the last modules being added to new homeless supportive housing with 45 units. This will house homeless women and survivors of domestic violence. The Mid-Valley YMCA will be doing free vaccines and testing on Monday from 4:00-7:00PM. The East San Fernando Valley Light Rail will be starting field work on Van Nuys Blvd. between Vanowen and Hart St. This will be Sophia’s last meeting as she will be starting a new job with the County.
- e. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org (213) 978-1551 absent, the report was emailed to the President.
- f. Mayor’s office – Michelle Vergara michelle.vergara@lacity.org (213) 400-9816 Ms. Schreiner read the report- -Celebrate Women’s History Month by going to the LA Public Library and looking up historical contributions by women. The Board of Public Works and Information Technology Agency are promoting city services the week of March 6-10 to celebrate National 311 Day which takes place on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The City will spotlight highly requested services: graffiti removal, bulky item pickup, pothole repair, broken streetlights, and street sweeping schedules. Use myla311. Update on Inside Safe: they have brought 425 people from ten sites off of the streets. Anyone may visit www.LA.HOP.org to submit requests to LAHSA for outreach to encampments in their neighborhood. Please visit www.Mayor.LACITY.gov/press to learn more about Mayor Bass’s Executive Directives or sign up for her newsletter at: www.Mayor.LACITY.gov/newsletter.
- g. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –absent, no report.
- h. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Alberto Vargas alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov 818-346-4521 Report was read by Ms. Schreiner. Jesse Gabriel’s office will be hosting their 2nd Annual West Valley Day of Service on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at Pierce College from 9:00AM-12:00PM. We are finalizing our projects in the coming days but will have a live link for registration soon for people

to sign up on. We will be doing trash clean ups, beautification projects, and hygiene kit packing etc. Secondly, we have twenty-six bills that the Assemblymember has introduced -- some on the environmental side deal specifically with EV Chargers, a few on gun violence, and some on digital literacy. Not all of the bills are concluded with their language so we will have further updates in the coming weeks as they are amended. Lastly, we are revamping our intern program and looking for High School and College interns to do work in the office and help with special events. If you know of anyone who is interested, they can submit their resume to our office at:

Alberto.Vargas@asm.ca.gov.

- i. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) -- Brandon Gonzalez absent, no report.
- j. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov absent, no report.
- k. LA County Probation Department – Mel Bailey mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov absent, no report
- l. Metro-Jessie-spoke about the Community Leadership Council of the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project. They are holding community meetings. The application for the Council is available, it will close on March 24, 2023. Anyone is welcome to apply. They will be meeting on a quarterly basis and the term is two years for a four year term max. They plan on selecting fifteen Councilmembers. www.Metro.net/esfvclc . Metro will be coming to the VNNC meeting at least quarterly to report on project status.
- m. Written report from Budget Advocates- the Budget Advocate report was read and is located at the end of the minutes under Appendix C.
- n. Public comment:
 - i. Goat Puppet
 - ii. Call-in User_1

3. Executive Reports

- a. President Schreiner reported that an email was sent from DONE advising that Raquel Beltran had resigned on March 2, 2023 and that Vanessa Serrano was appointed the Interim General Manager. President Schreiner will share any further information she receives from DONE. On March 25th is the Emergency Preparedness Fair at Pierce College. NC Sustainability Alliance will be hosting a CD 6 candidate forum on Zoom on Sunday from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. It will focus on environmental issues and sustainability. There are tax services at the Mid Valley YMCA and the Van Nuys Branch Library. There will be a flyer going up on our website with all the details. President Schreiner will be staying on after June because of all the changes going on with DONE and the change with Boardmembers on the Board.
- b. Vice President Vijayan reported that she will save her report for the retreat.
- c. Secretary Hendry hopes to prepare photos to be used at the retreat and at other locations. He reached out to the Congressional member to see what was going on with the old Post Office. Based on the answer from General Services, they will need to look into it more.
- d. Treasurer Febre reported that she will not be seeking reelection and will help anyone who would like to be treasurer. If no one reaches out to her, she will try to reach out and is there to help.
- e. Parliamentarian Bolla reported that the By-laws Committee had a meeting on February 20th and the focus was on the table of contents of the By-laws that were had incorrect page numbers. There was also different descriptions of the Boardmembers. The Committee will continue working on the By-laws.
- f. Public comment:
 - i. Goat Puppet
 - ii. Call-In User_1

4. Minutes for the February 8th General Board meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

5. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. Goat Puppet
- b. Call-In User_1
- c. David Kopelev
- d. Anoush Sarkisyan

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding format for holding future meetings.** Kathy will brief the Board on available options (since information is evolving). As of the time the agenda was developed, NCs are allowed to have virtual meetings through March 29th. After that time, meetings will need to be in-person (with very limited exceptions). State Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) would allow NCs the option for hybrid and virtual meetings, but the timeframe for the bill to be approved by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor is unknown. The conference room at the Braude Center has already been scheduled. We are working on the committee meetings. Treasurer Febre stated that she has an NPG and MER that needs to be approved. Richard Marks stated that it was up to the Board. Brian Edelman stated that he has gotten used to using Zoom and some Boardmembers may have problems attending in person meetings and the city marches on. At least for April, it may not be able to happen, but what is needed and how much latitude do we have? President Schreiner stated that DONE stated that we need to vote either way if we are meeting in person or not. David Harari wanted to know how the committee meetings would be held and how long we can meet. President Schreiner stated that we can use the Braude conference room from 6:00PM to 11:00PM. Vice President Vijayan had concerns about security and that it could be a budget issue. President Schreiner stated that we should vote for security at least for the first meeting because of people able to walk off the street and cause trouble. Also, all Boardmembers would have to have vaccinations and the VNNC would not have to check cards. DONE would not have anyone to check cards for the first couple of months. Treasurer Febre went over the different accounts to be able to pay for security for \$400 per meeting. Most of the funding is spoken for. Mike Browning reviewed the logistics to set up the meeting and said it takes about 30-45 minutes before the meeting. Lorenzo Briceno stated that he would check to see if any VNNC equipment was stored in the DONE Office at Van Nuys City Hall.

Public Comment:

- a. Call-In User_1
- b. David Kopelev

Boardmember Azatyan left the meeting at 8:27PM.

Boardmember Nkuku did not respond to the vote and was marked absent.

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 6. Approval for the VNNC to meet "in person" on April 12, 2023 and Boardmembers who vote yes will attend. Moved: Schreiner Seconded: Harari				
Present -07	No-04	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-06
Vijayan, Febre, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Wayne	Schreiner, Hendry, Bolla, Marks	Trim	None	Azatyan, Camera, Nkuku, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughan

Public Comment:

- a. Goat Puppet

b. Sharon Brewer

Discussion regarding whether there are 11 people who will attend in-person to get a quorum. Schreiner and Bolla stated that they would attend in-person in order to achieve a quorum (despite having voted “no”). Hendry is not sure. Schreiner said the issue will be discussed further at the board retreat to see if 2-4 more people will commit to attending in person on April 12th. There was discussion about whether to allocate funding for security. Schreiner moved and Browning seconded to spend \$400.00 for Security, with the funding to come from the food budget. Sharon Brewer and Lorenzo Briceno commented that this motion could not be considered because the item was not on the published agenda. The motion was withdrawn.

7. Items from the PLUM Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the PLUM Committee that the VNNC write a letter of support for the project at: **6634 and 6650 N. Kester Ave. 91405 Case No. DIR-2022-6507-TOC-HCA**. Demolition of one single family home (built 1921). Proposing construction of a 12 unit, 4 story apartment building, consisting of three floors of units over one floor of an on-grade parking garage, lobby, and recreation room. Ten (10) units will be market rate and two (2) units will be reserved for very low income renters. Qualifies for TOC 3. Requesting on-menu incentives of additional height of 14.5 ft. over the 30 ft. allowed (with the first 15 ft. from the street limited at 41 ft.), reduced side yard setbacks of 5 ft. in lieu of required 7 ft., and reduced common open space area of 1463 sq. ft. in lieu of required 1950 sq. ft. Applicant: Anoush Sarkisyan, 6640 Kester LLC Agent/Representative: Armen Kazanchyan, Kazanchyan Design Digital copies of project documents can be found at: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYwNzQzO> (in box on top right of screen, **click on “Initial Submittal Documents”** to find links to project documents). Board members expressed appreciation to the owner for this project design, which provides good-sized 2-3 bedroom units and can accommodate families.

Public Comment: no comments

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 7a. Approval of recommendation Moved: Browning Seconded: Marks				
Present –11	No-01	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	Hendry	Bolla	None	Azatian, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughan

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the PLUM Committee that the VNNC write a letter of support for the following project with the condition that the developer will develop the back of the building with a façade similar to that used on the front of the building. **14525 and 14537 W. Sherman Circle 91405 7115 and 7131 N. Van Nuys Blvd. 91405 Case No. DIR-2022-7247-TOC-SPR-HCA** Mixed use building with 214 apartments (including 24 units of extremely low income units), over one level of retail and parking (43 parking spaces), plus two levels of subterranean parking (209 parking spaces). Proposing 5 story building. TOC Tier 4 incentives (including increase in number of dwelling units and building height). Applicant: Benjamin Golshani, Manager, VNB LLC (Ben@golllc.com) Agent/Representative: Shapour Shajirat, DCC (shapour@ladcc.com) Architect: Abdy Khorramian, Khorramian Group Architects, Inc. Digital copies of project documents can be found at: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYxNTE0O> (in box on top right of screen, **click on “Initial Submittal Documents”** to find links to project documents). Richard Marks stated that he felt the size of the studios and one bedroom units (between 500 and 700 sq. ft.) was adequate and could be attractive to young

professionals. Jennifer Febre raised a concern about whether the VNNC should put a condition on a project that would require the developer to spend more money than planned and might affect the viability of the project. Mr. Golshani said that he agreed with Jennifer's concerns and would prefer that the VNNC support the project without a condition. He said that he wants the project to be attractive, but has reservations how much change is needed to the rear of the building, which he does not think will be seen by a lot of people. Jennifer Febre made a motion that omitted the "condition" recommended by the PLUM Co and moved that the VNNC write a letter of support for the project. John Hendry expressed his hope that the developer will maintain the curve of the street (since Sherman Circle is the only curved street in Van Nuys).

Public Comment: Goat Puppet

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 7b. Send letter of support to City Planning for this project. Moved: Febre Seconded: Edelman			
Present –12	No-01	Abstain-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Bolla, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	Hendry	None	Azatyan, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughan

- c. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to decide whether to write a letter of support for the following project, which the PLUM Committee was not able to endorse due to a tie vote of 3 yes votes and 3 no votes. **6825, 6827, and 6829 N. Kester Ave. 91405 Case No. DIR-2022-8431-HCA-TOC** Proposing construction of a 23 unit (20 market rate and 3 affordable), 7 story apartment building over one story of ground level retail and a subterranean parking garage. TOC Tier 3 incentives. Base incentives used include reducing parking to 0.5 a space per unit. Request approval of additional density and on-menu additional incentives including increasing height 22 ft. from 45 to 67 ft., reducing south side yard setback from 9 ft. to 5 ft. using RAS3 setbacks and reducing open space requirement by 25%. Applicant: Pogos Martinyan, Ranchito Enterprise LLC (pmartinyan@yahoo.com) Architect: Sam Aslanian (sam@aslanianarchitects.com) Digital copies of project documents can be found at: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYyNzUzO> (in box on top right of screen, **click on "Initial Submittal Documents"** to find links to project documents). A question was raised about why 3 PLUM members voted against the project. Response was that the units were very small, only one .5 parking space per unit is provided, and it is located in a quiet residential area. There were no representatives of the developer present. It was proposed that the project be tabled until a later meeting. Mike Browning asked if the project meets the City's guidelines. The answer is "yes." He expressed concern about not taking action on a project that meets City requirements – even if some Board members disagree with City requirements.

Public Comment: Goat Puppet

Motion: Failed

VNNC. Agenda Item 7c. First motion: That item be tabled. Moved: Marks Seconded: Edelman				
Yes-04	No-09	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Hendry, Edelman, Marks	Vijayan, Febre, Bolla, Browning, Harari, Makiri, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	None	None	Azatyan, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughn

Public Comment:

- a. Goat Puppet
- b. David Kopelev

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 7c. Second motion: Submit a letter of support for the project.				
Moved: Browning Seconded: Febre				
Present –07	No-05	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Browning, Edelman, Nkuku, Trim	Hendry, Bolla, Makiri, Marks, Wayne	Harari	None	Azatyian, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughn

8. Items from Budget & Finance Committee

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the December MER The MER was shown on the screen.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/VNNC-December-2022-MER.pdf>

Public Comment: no comments

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 8a. Approval of December's MER Moved: Febre Seconded: Vijayan				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Henry, Bolla, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	None	None	None	Azatyian, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughn

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the January MER. The MER was shown on the screen.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/VNNC-January-2023-MER.pdf>

Public Comment: no comments

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 8b. Approval of January's MER Moved: Browning Seconded: Febre				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Henry, Bolla, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	None	None	None	Azatyian, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughn

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$1500 for ONE Generation. The purpose of the grant is to cover rental fees for canopies, tables and chairs for the 14th Annual Outdoor Senior Symposium on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Other NCs have also been asked to contribute funds for the event. Each NC will have a table at the event to use for outreach.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/ONE-Generation-NPG-Application-2023-combined.pdf>

Public Comment: Sharon Brewer

Motion: Passed

VNNC. Agenda Item 8c. Approval of NPG for \$1500 for ONE Generation Moved: Febre Seconded: Marks				
Yes-13	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Schreiner, Vijayan, Febre, Henry, Bolla, Browning, Edelman, Harari, Makiri, Marks, Nkuku, Trim, Wayne	None	None	None	Azatyian, Camera, Rouillard, Thatch, Vaughn

9. Report on plans for NC Election Outreach for VNNC Open Positions

- a. **Critical Dates for VNNC Election Process** **Candidate filing** starts on **February 22, 2023** and ends **April 8, 2023**. Candidates can submit an application on the City Clerk's Portal or by submitting a paper application. **Vote by Mail (VBM) applications** can be submitted through the online portal or by paper application from **April 23, 2023 to June 3, 2023**. (NOTE: Both application deadlines are moving from 5:00PM to 11:59PM. Staff will only be available to provide assistance during business hours. The VNNC **in-person voting** will take place on **June 22, 2023** from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. **VBM ballots will be mailed out** on May 18, 2023 and must be returned and postmarked by election day and received no later than July 2, 2023 in order to be counted
- b. **Election Outreach materials** Attached at the end of the agenda are:
 - i. Copies of the current recruitment flyer in English and Spanish.
 - ii. Appendix B List of VNNC Open Seats and Qualifications.
- c. **Outreach methods.**
 - i. Funds were approved at February 8th meeting to advertise/boost posts on Facebook and to print and pass out English/Spanish flyers.

10. Plans for Board Retreat

- a. Retreat will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday morning, March 11th.
- b. See Appendix A for planned topics

11. Committees

- a. Discussion and possible action on any committee changes.
- b. Calendar for March committee meetings.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Week of 2/27- 3/4		Feb 28, 6 pm Budget & <u>Finance</u> 7 pm Exec	Mar 1, 6 pm Human Services			
3/6-3/11			Mar 8, 7 pm Gen Bd Mtg			Mar 11 9 am - 12 Board Retreat
3/13-3/18	Mar 13, 7 pm Education			Mar 16, 7 pm Parks, Open Space & Environment		
3/20-3/25	Mar 20 6:30 pm Government Affairs & By- Laws		Mar 22, 7pm Budget & Finance	Mar 23, 7 pm PLUM		Possible clean- up
3/27-4/1		Mar 28 6:30 pm Outreach				

c. Reports from Committees.

11. Adjournment meeting adjourned at 9:56PM Moved: Edelman Seconded: Wayne

Appendix A: List of Topics to be covered at March 11th Board retreat

Celebrating Van Nuys

- Discuss with Ad Hoc Committee on the VNNC 20th Anniversary Celebration options they are exploring for the event.
- Discuss Van Nuys history and locations that we want to recommend to Metro and the City of LA to be highlighted as part of the installation of the light rail project and other enhancements to Van Nuys Blvd.
- Discuss our level of interest in providing input to development of the City's "Vision Plan" for the Sepulveda Basin.

Operational Planning

- Discuss potential scenarios for changing our meeting format (e.g., to in-person, to hybrid with both in-person and Zoom participation, or continuing virtual meetings on Zoom).
- Discuss logistics involved in having translation for Spanish speakers during VNNC meetings.
- Refresher on key elements of the Brown Act.
- Presentation by the Parliamentarian on key procedures used in making/approving motions and conducting business at our meetings,

Work Plans for the next 3-9 months

- Discuss plans for outreach for the VNNC elections and how members can get involved.
- Discuss policy priorities related to City legislative actions (e.g., City government reform, addressing homelessness, animal welfare, more parks and green space, etc.).
- Discuss approach to utilization of NPG funds (e.g., have a theme for the year, seek to partner with specific community organizations, and other ideas)
- Identify committees with high priority tasks that need to be accomplished in the next 6 to 9 months and ensure that those committees have adequate membership. Discuss how frequently committees need to meet. (By-Laws require meeting at least quarterly.)

Appendix B

Open Seats for Election to the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council in 2023

Type of Seat	Qualifications
Must live in Van Nuys NC area	
Resident Representative Zone 2	A resident from Zone 2 (bounded by the railroad tracks north of Saticoy Street, Tujunga Wash, Sherman Way, Woodman Avenue, Vanowen Street, and Van Nuys Boulevard)
Resident Representative Zone 3 (only a 2-year seat)	A resident in Zone 3 (bounded by Vanowen Street, the 405 Freeway, Burbank Boulevard, and Van Nuys Boulevard)
Resident Representative Zone 4	A resident in Zone 4 (bounded by Van Nuys Boulevard, Burbank Boulevard, Vanowen Street, and Hazeltine Avenue)
At-Large Resident Representative Seat 2	A resident within the boundaries of the VNNC
At-Large Residential Renter Representative Seat 2	A resident renter within the boundaries of the VNNC
Can be a resident or stakeholder	
At-Large Representative Seat 1	A stakeholder who lives, works, owns real property, or declares a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder
At-Large Representative Seat 3	
Business Stakeholders	
Commercial Business Owner or Employee Representative Seat 2	A commercial business owner or employee within the boundaries of the VNNC
Industrial Business Owner or Employee Representative Seat 2	An industrial business owner or employee within the boundaries of the VNNC
Organization Representatives	
Non-profit Community Organization or Service Club Representative Seat 2	A stakeholder who is a member of a community organization or service club that has been located within the boundaries of the VNNC for not less than one year and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that benefit the neighborhood

School Representative	A stakeholder who is an employee or a parent volunteer at a school located within the boundaries of the VNNC
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General Qualifications for Candidates

Stakeholders who are 18 years or older and live, work, or own real property within the boundaries of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

or

declare a stake in the neighborhood as a **community interest stakeholder**, defined as a person who participates in a non-profit organization that has continuously maintained a physical street address within the boundaries of the neighborhood council for not less than one year, and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that benefit the neighborhood.

Candidate Filing

Starts on February 22nd and closes on April 8th Candidates can submit an application on the City Clerk's Portal or by submitting a paper application.

<https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/elections/nc-elections>

Date of the Election June 22nd

Appendix C, BUDGET ADVOCATES REPORT March 2023

Los Angeles City Budget Update

Mayor Bass is preparing her first budget that must be submitted to the City Council on or before April 20. As of now, her budget team and the office of the City Administrative Officer are reviewing Departmental budget requests that were submitted in November 2022.

The 2023-24 budget will benefit from Measure ULA which is expected to generate between \$600 million and \$1.1 billion from taxes on the sale of properties that are equal to \$5 million or more, primarily from the sale of commercial properties and apartment complexes. On sales of properties valued at between \$5 million and less than \$10 million, the tax will be 4% of the total value of the transaction. At \$10 million or greater, the tax increases to 5.5%.

The ULA funds will be used to reduce homelessness, create affordable housing, and provide financial aid and eviction protection to Angelenos at the risk of homelessness. Currently, the impact on other parts of the budget, including existing homeless initiatives, is unknown as is the outcome of litigation alleging that Measure ULA violates the City Charter and State Constitution.

In June, the City was projecting that revenues for the upcoming year beginning July 1, 2023 would be about \$7.6 billion, representing a 2.3% increase from the adopted budget and that the City expected a surplus of \$40 million.

On the revenue side, leaving aside ULA, there may be some weakness because of economic changes resulting from higher interest rates. The documentary transfer tax will most likely take a hit because of fewer transfers which may also impact the growth rate in property taxes. There may also be some weakness in other economically sensitive taxes (hotel, sales, gross receipts business, and utility).

There also appears to be pressures on expenditures. This may include increased funding for the Police Department, higher pension contributions because of the lower investment returns for the last two years, new labor agreements, higher costs associated with the delay in the Human Resources Payroll project, and the impact of higher-than-expected inflation on operations.

The City's reserves are \$740 million as of December 1, representing almost 10% of General Fund revenues, and are for use in the case of emergencies. There is the concern that the City will tap the reserves to balance the budget.

Budget Advocates Activity

On February 14, the Budget Advocates met with Mayor Bass to present some of their budget priorities, including homelessness and housing, funding pensions, infrastructure, ethics, emergency preparedness, Neighborhood Council funding, and the 2028 Olympics.

When we explained how NC funding was repeatedly cut and we started at \$50,000 and are currently at \$32,000, she seemed surprised and asked for data about how the money is spent. We are

analyzing the raw data to complete a report for her.

Save the Date: Please save the date for Neighborhood Council Budget Day on June 17. We expect this to be our last zoom Budget Day and plan to return to in-person next year.

Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

We pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion.

I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.