



Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 7:00–9:00 P.M.

American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077

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Public Comment. **The public is welcome to speak.** The meeting is being audio taped. We ask that any person wishing to speak please fill out a Speaker Card and submit it to the presiding officer of the Council. A separate card should be filled out for each item on the Agenda. Comments on items not on the Agenda will be heard during the Public Comment. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless waived by presiding officer. Please refrain from speaking unless and until the presiding officer calls your name to speak.

BABCNC ELECTIONS AND SELECTIONS ARE COMING SOON

Elections are for seats representing Bel-Air District, Bel-Air Glen District, Beverly Park Estates District, Franklin Canyon/Coldwater/Mulholland/Crest District, North of Sunset District and Members-At-Large.

Candidate Filing Opens: 02/21/2016
Candidate Filing Closes: 04/06/2016
Deadline for Candidate to Withdraw: 04/20/16
Candidates Certified: 04/21/2016
Candidate Challenge Period Ends: 04/16/2016
Election Day: 06/05/2016
Election Challenge Period Ends: 06/10/2016
Election Certified: 06/10/2016

Selections are for seats representing Custodians of Open Space, Private Schools Grade K-6, Private Schools Grades 7–12, and Faith-Based Institutions, Public Educational Institutions and Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts.

Candidate Filing Opens: 02/10/2016
Candidate Filing Closes: 03/27/2016
Deadline for Candidate to Withdraw: 04/09/2016
Candidates Certified: 04/10/2016
Candidate Challenge Period Ends: 04/05/2016
Selection Day: 05/25/2016
Selection Challenge Period Ends: 05/31/2016
Selection Certified: 05/31/2016

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Adoption of the February 24, 2016 Agenda**
5. **Approval of the January 27, 2015 Minutes**

Copies of the January 27, 2015 Minutes (**Attachment A**) have been circulated with the draft agenda.

6. **Public Comment**

BABCNC welcomes public comment on any topic that is not on the adopted agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes and all comments limited to 15 minutes unless decided otherwise by the chair.

Reports of Officers

7. **President's Report – *Travis Longcore***

- a. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Updates & Discussions)
 - i. Councilmember *Paul Koretz*, Council District 5
 - ii. *Janet Turner*, Field Representative for Congressman *Ted W. Lieu*, CA 33
 - iii. *Adam Miller* or *Catherine Landers*, Deputies for Councilmember *David Ryu*, of CD-4
 - iv. *Noah Muhlstein*, Planning Deputy for Councilmember *Paul Koretz*, of CD-5
 - v. *Chris Ragsdale*, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station
 - vi. *Ralph Sanchez*, Senior Lead Officer, Hollywood Police Station

8. **Vice President's Report – *Nickie Miner***

9. **Secretary's Report – *Robin Greenberg***

10. **Treasurer's Report – *Dan Love***

- a. **Update from Treasurer** (Discussion)
- b. **Consideration of December 2015 & January 2016 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) and bank statements (Attachments B & C)** (Discussion & Action)

Reports of Committees

11. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee & Outreach Committee – *Larry Leisten & Robin Greenberg*, Committee Chairs (Update, Discussion & Action)**

12. **2016 Elections Ad Hoc Committee – *Larry Leisten & Robin Greenberg*, Co-Chairs (*Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Dan Love, Gary Plotkin & John Amato*, members).**

- a. **Consider approval of the 2016 Election Outreach Plan. (Attachment D) – *Greenberg***

- b. **Consider approval of an increase in the Elections Budget of \$2,500 (from \$6,000 to some \$8,500). (Attachment E) – Dan Love**

- c. **Additional Updates from Larry Leisten & Robin Greenberg, Committee Chairs**

13. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair

- a. **Update from the Chair (No February EP Meeting)**

14. Planning & Land Use Committee – Michael Kemp, Chair

- a. **Update on February 9, 2016 PLUC Meeting (Update, Discussion & Action)**
- b. **10016 Charter Oak Lane: ZA 2015-1829-ZAD** A new Single Family Dwelling on a sub-standard street. The BABCNC PLU Committee voted at its February meeting to rescind its original recommendation to support this project with conditions, and voted with 6 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstain to recommend the following motion: **Motion:** The BABCNC recommends to the Los Angeles City Planning Department that the case so noted, ZA 2015-1829 (ZAD), located at 10016 Charter Oak Lane, due to its location on a sub-standard street, be denied.
- c. **2922 Beverly Glen Circle** CUB Approval for a full liquor permit for an existing restaurant space. The BABCNC PLU Committee voted at its February 9, 2016 meeting, unanimously (7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain) to recommend the following position: **Motion:** The BABCNC recommends to the Los Angeles City Planning Department that the case so noted, ZA 2013-1575 (CUB) located at 2922 Beverly Glen Circle be approved with the following conditions: 1) That the seating of the restaurant not exceed 80 seats, and 2) That a farmer's market is not a part of this application.
- d. **8517 Franklin Avenue** ZA 2015-1724-ZAD: ZAD to permit the improvement of Franklin Way with a roadway of 12' in lieu of 20' required. The BABCNC PLU Committee voted at its February 9, 2016 meeting, unanimously (7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain) to recommend the following position: **Motion:** The BABCNC recommends to the Los Angeles City Planning Department that the case so noted, ZA 2015-1724 (ZAD), located at 8517 Franklin Avenue, approve the case with the following conditions: 1) That the applicant reach out to the surrounding neighbors for their input, and 2) Pending the position by CD-4 on the project.
- e. **15210 Antelo Place:** DIR 2015-4662-DRB-SPP-MSP Remodel of an existing 10,945 s.f. SFD. Including an addition of 650 s.f. addition, 326 s.f. basement area, 1,180 s.f. detached garage, and 1,748 s.f. of covered porch and patio area. The BABCNC PLU Committee voted at its February 9, 2016 meeting, unanimously (7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain) to recommend the following position: **Motion:** The BABCNC recommends to the Los Angeles City Planning Department's Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board that they approve the case, DIR 2015-4662-DRB-SPP-MSP, as submitted.
- f. **Update on February 17, 2016 meeting with CD-5 and LADBS – Mike Kemp**
A meeting was conducted at the City Hall office of CD-5, regarding a proposed new ordinance outlining additional regulations for haul routes and construction activity in the hillside areas.

15. Ad Hoc Committee on Mansionization – Gary Plotkin, Chair (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. **Report by Ad hoc Committee on Mansionization – Chair, Gary Plotkin**

- b. **Update on pending BHO & BMO Code Amendments – Mike Kemp**
March 10, 2016: Public Hearing City Planning Commission on new BHO/BMO regulations.

Reports of Representatives

16. Budget Representatives' Report – Nickie Miner & André Stojka

- a. **Report from Budget Representatives (Update & Discussion)**

17. DWP Committee Update – Don Loze

- a. **Report on DWP Rate Increases (Update & Discussion)**

18. Department of Public Works Representative – Dan Love (Update & Discussion)

- a. **Report on (Update & Discussion)**

19. West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) -- Robin Greenberg (Update, Discussion & Action)

- a. **Update on the February 17, 2016 WRAC Meeting, at which the following motions were recommended.**
- b. **City Authority Over Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) Permits for Alcohol (Full Motion Attachment F) & (Background Information Attachment G)**

Motion: “Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the BAB CNC calls upon the City Council to adopt a policy to: 1) Authorize the imposition of land use conditions that protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential adverse impacts from the sale or service of alcohol, consistent with the practice of other jurisdictions statewide, as well as the City’s decades-long practice prior to 2012; 2) Maintain and enforce previously-imposed CUB conditions on the sale or service of alcohol; and 3) Prohibit the removal of previously-imposed conditions outside the public processes mandated under the City Charter and Zoning Code.”
(BAB CNC authorizes submission of a Request of Elected Officials letter or Community Impact Statement (CIS) to this effect if and whenever appropriate.)

(Passed by Brentwood CC, Mar Vista CC, Westside NC, Westwood CC, Westwood NC.)

- c. **LADWP Ballot Measure (Gomes/LANCC) (Attachment H)**

Motion: WRAC supports the DWP Oversight Committee calls on the City Council to follow the recommendation in the IEA Survey to form “a committee to examine governance reforms for the Department with the explicit task of reporting its findings and recommending a measure for the 2017 ballot.” This Governance Committee should be involved in drafting any memorandums and other information from the beginning and include at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils who are familiar with the operations and finances of DWP. The DWP Oversight Committee recommends that there be a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection. (BAB CNC authorizes submission of a Community Impact Statement to this effect if and whenever appropriate to Council File 16-0093).

20. New Business:

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to Support Tour Bus Motion regulating use of sound systems in open buses, as written in Attachment I .**

21. Good of the Order – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council.

22. Adjourn

Next Regular Board Meeting @ AJU: March 23, 2016

Board Meeting with Meet & Greet for Selection Candidates: April 27, 2016

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Present: 17

Quorum: 15 **ATTACHMENT "A"**

2015-2016 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Representatives	Present	Not Present
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association		
<i>Matthew Post</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze</i>	X	
<i>Bob Schlesinger</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Lonnie Mayfield</i>		X
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i> <i>(Planned Absence)</i>		X
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>	X	
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato</i> <i>(Notified May be Late)</i>		X
Laurel Canyon Association		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Matthew Friedman</i> <i>(Planned Absence)</i>		X
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	X	

2015-2016 Stakeholder Groups / Certified Reps	Present	Not Present
Members-at-Large		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Roscomare Valley Association		
<i>Robin Greenberg</i>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i> (Notified May be Late)		X
Open Spaces		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i> (Planned Absence)		X
Bel Air District		
<i>Dan J. Love</i>		X
<i>Maureen Levinson</i> (Planned Absence)		X
Beverly Park Estates		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
Totals:	17	8

Guest Speakers Present:

CD5: *Joan Pelico*, Chief of Staff for CM *Paul Koretz*

CD5: *Noah Muhlstein*, Planning Deputy for CM *Paul Koretz*

CD5: *Shawn Bayliss*, Director of PLU for CM *Paul Koretz*

CD4: *Catherine Landers*, Senior Field Deputy for CM *David Ryu*

LAFD Fire Inspector *John Novela*

DONE *Jeffrey Zimmerman*, Independent Election Administrator (IEA)

Approximately 12 stakeholders were present, some of whom signed speaker cards or guest list.

1. **Call to Order:** Board Vice President, *Nickie Miner*, standing in for Board President, *Travis Longcore*, this evening, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Board Secretary, *Robin Greenberg*, called the roll with 15 present initially and a quorum met. By 7:25 pm, a total of 17 Board members were present. [Note, *Matthew Friedman*, appointed last month completed trainings with DONE; however, he had a prior commitment and could not be here tonight.]
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Adoption of the January 27, 2016 Agenda:** Moved by *Gary Plotkin*, seconded by *Cathy Wayne*; and the agenda was unanimously adopted as written.
5. **Approval of the December 16, 2015 Minutes** (Copies of the December 16, 2015 Minutes ([Attachment A](#)) were circulated with the draft agenda). *Larry Leisten* asked that we place the words “not present” next to speakers who listed but not present under “Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies.”

Motion: To approve the December 16, 2015 minutes. Moved by *Cathy Wayne*, seconded by *Gary Plotkin*, and the minutes were unanimously adopted as amended.

6. **Public Comment** (on topics not on the adopted agenda): None.

Reports of Officers

7. **President's Report:** Board Vice President, *Nickie Miner*, stood in this evening for Board President, *Travis Longcore*. *Nickie* reported the sad news that *Alan Fine* had passed away today, and will send information as to his funeral. Board members shared their great appreciation for *Alan*, noting examples of his generosity, his having given much to this Board since its inception, and to the Benedict Canyon Association, for which Council-member, *Paul Koretz*, gave him an award for his many years of service. *Chuck Maginnis* asked, & the Board held a moment of silence at the start of the meeting. (The meeting also closed in honor of *Alan*.)

i. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Updates & Discussions) *Gary Plotkin*

***Joan Pelico*, Chief of Staff for Councilmember *Paul Koretz*, of Council District 5 & Guest Speakers, *Dick Platkin* & *Shelley Wagers* (*Shelley* was not present)**

Nickie gave the floor to *Gary Plotkin* for this informational portion of the meeting. *Gary* introduced *Joan Pelico*, Chief of Staff for *CM Paul Koretz* of CD5 and later introduced *Dick Platkin*, both invited tonight to discuss mansionization and the hillsides.

Joan gave tribute to *Alan Fine* as being a gracious man. She noted that *Shawn Bayliss* and *Noah Muhlstein*, who will be acting as Interim Director, were both present. She thanked this body for our work in partnership with their office.

Joan related that amendments to the BMO/BHO will be in effect before the ICO expires, and to continue sending our comments to them; that CD5 partners with CLAW, and is for the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. **As to haul routes, *Joan* will work with *Catherine Landers* of CD4, to put together a motion on a construction overlay zone to protect substandard streets (less than 20' wide).** She noted that exempted grading is now "6,000 cubic yards where it used to be infinity;" and the need to work with Enforcement as to construction trucks. She said they had construction companies put up placards as to their respective projects. **She encouraged attending hearings and giving input to their office on ReCode-LA.** She mentioned the new LA City Planning Director, *Vince Bertoni*.

Joan said that the **Ridgeline Ordinance price tag of a million dollars seems bloated** and said **she will look into it**. She announced Budget Hearings in April for which they would like to bring back "Neighborhood Traffic Management" with DOT and "Speed Bumps." She said that they would like to attend to the needs of the hillsides, such as the Ridgeline Ordinance, and that last year they found money for HPOZs and wildlife corridors. She stated that public safety is their #1 issue with the development going on.

Bob Schlesinger reported two simultaneous projects by *Michael Scott*, with 90,000 cubic yards of dirt and with 47,000, at 10101 Angelo View & another address on Angelo, with haul route problems. *Shawn* said these need to be planned as one project. ***Joan* said CD5 will attend to truck problems, including convoy effect & trucks crossing in February.**

Shawn noted, as to haul routes going to Sunset instead of to Mulholland to the 405, L.A. cannot take a haul route through another city and Beverly Hills does not allow it; however, **Shawn said he will check with the City of B.H.**

Stakeholder, *Fred Rosen*, from Bel Air Alliance, reported that a project on Stone Canyon was shut down.

Don Loze mentioned funding alternatives for the Ridgeline Ordinance and patterns established from Malibu and other locales. *Don* asked what can the City do about the improper use of our streets as a result of the Waze app, which directs people to roads never meant for these purposes. *Joan* responded that the DOT will tell you that these streets were not made for this type of traffic on the roads, that CM *Koretz* hates Waze, while the Mayor is very supportive of it, and recommended that we **write to the Mayor's office about problems associated with Waze, "as some decisions he makes are by his directives."**

Don asked what the Mayor's position is on the Ridgeline Ordinance, and requested an audience with the Mayor, CD5 & CD4 to discuss it and its acceleration. *Joan* advised that CD5 cannot schedule this but **we can contact Mayor's office directly, speak to Chief of Staff, Ana Guerrero, to ask for a meeting with the Mayor on the Ridgeline Ordinance.**

Shawn Bayliss noted that the ICO is the placeholder; and **in the next month, he'd like us to have point people to talk about this, and share our thoughts. He will invite a few of us to have a meeting with Tom Rothmann. Noah can let him know who will be in our delegation;** and that the Planning Dept. wants to put out the new zone ideas in March.

Noah Muhlstein added he received our conditions for the stand-alone ordinance on haul routes; has sat down with the City Attorney's office for 2-1/2 hours looking at each one, and noted that a lot are doable, some not and some they are still looking into.

Irene Sandler asked if the Councilmember works with the County's *Sheila Kuehl*, to which *Joan* replied that the Expo Rail is turned over to Metro, under *Ms. Kuehl*. *Robert Ringler* noted they are opening a Westside office.

Dan Palmer asked about enforcement of larger projects, especially if they have already done wrong, and about charging fees. *Shawn* replied that permits are cheap and asked if we should increase fees as homes get larger. He wants to do a fee study and stop projects of previously bad actors. He mentioned the County's "Clean Hands Ordinance" considering ideas of increasing building fees, stopping owners with multiple projects from moving forward on one site if the other is still open, so if a site has an order to comply, no new permits be issued and no new inspections be done until that order is completed and off the books. He noted one problem is that they are often owned by different LLCs.

Noah added that the City Attorney is looking at upping misdemeanor charges, to codify the set of conditions and make them applicable to haul routes. Asked if these funds will help pay for policing, *Shawn* stated that one case had sucked up a lot of their resources; that B&S has been out there every day and if you have a problem, the General Manager of the Department has been amazing and the department has been "not horrible."

Jamie Hall thanked *Joan* and CM *Koretz's* office for supporting "Let's Buy a Mountain", and the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. *Jamie* brought up the problem of construction on paper roads, noting development of paper streets in Laurel Canyon: one on Chrisler Way and one on Barnes Lane. He noted that one only needs a B-permit, a ministerial permit requiring no notice and that Laurel Canyon Association would like code amended to require public notice for these. He stated that these often involve piece-mealing by developing the road first and then the house. ***Joan and Catherine of CD4 agreed to work on this together, for the two Councilmembers to create a motion.***

Larry Leisten followed up on issue of fees for roads, that residential roads in the hillsides were not designed to accommodate heavy loads, so when a truck hauls dirt or other material over these less traveled roads, the roads deteriorate much quicker than usual. He recommended a surcharge dedicated to the repair and maintenance of roads in the hillside areas, as he presented to *Paul Koretz* and his staff at a breakfast meeting in October 2013.

Joan responded that a \$50,000 bond is not enough, and that the problem is that the Departments of Planning, Transportation (DOT) & Street Services (BSS) need to communicate better with each other. They are supposed to take picture of the road before & after construction, before the developer is gone, to compare deterioration and “that’s the part that falls flat.” *Robert Ringler* sees trucks every day at 1200 Bel Air Rd., where the road is falling apart, and is just one project.

Nickie Miner added, as to infrastructure, that these roads were built 70 to 90 years ago when construction trucks were smaller; now the infrastructure cannot take the tremendous difference in the weight of the trucks. She noted that the larger projects are against the Community Plan, and that something has to be done to stop this; they need to find a way to protect the community and stop these enormous projects.

At this point, *Dick Platkin* spoke on the impacts of mansionization on neighboring houses, during and after construction. He discussed the overlay tool, relating to actual impacts, including construction. *Dick* related that he was critical of the BMO adopted in 2008 and in BHO 2011, and that the current draft ordinance is to look at eliminating loopholes. He noted that proportional stories’ bonuses are still allowed. They are contesting the second story setback that can add more square footage. He noted unanimous opposition to the new loophole allowing unlimited decks, balconies and breezeways, if open or with a latticed top. He noted that almost all oversized houses incorporate one of these features adding thousands of square feet, without any upper limit or review process, taking even the smallest house & dramatically changing its appearance. He related that of all the groups following this legislation there has been unanimous support for eliminating that bonus and either eliminating or modifying the bonus for the second story.

Jamie Hall asked *Dick* about the new Planning Director, to which *Dick* replied, in a city as large as Los Angeles, there should have been a national search for the last two directors; that *Mr. Bertoni* is highly regarded for his background in Planning whereas *Michael LoGrande* did not have the professional training as a City Planner. *Mr. Bertoni* played a major role for HPOZs in Pasadena and worked in Malibu Planning previously.

Nickie Miner asked what could be done to protect the hillsides. *Dick* responded, as to the impacts of the construction period, we have to deal with Building & Safety. We need to bring in someone from B&S to air our issues of inspection and fees. If concerns are impacts after house is built, we need to get opinions in ASAP to the Dept. of Planning and to the City Planning Commission, for the amendments on Hillside Mansionization. **The public hearing will take place before the City Planning Commission on March 10, and we need people to show up on March 10.** He noted that our ICO is an overlay zone.

Dick related that ReCode LA will find new zones that approximate those in the ICOs which expire in March 2017. We would not need an overlay zone at that point, as we’d have the new zone that applies to the entire City. He noted that Building & Safety is already unable to deal with the existing zoning and expects that the complexity which will result from the changes will be beyond the capacity of Building & Safety to enforce.

As to ReCode LA, *Dick* feels that you should not rezone the City until you update the City's General Plan; that they are putting the cart before the horse; that every city needs a General Plan that is up to date and they need to monitor it on an annual basis. L.A.'s General Plan is outdated. Planning is supposed to prepare a detailed annual report, and it does not do it.

- ii. **Jeffrey Zimmerman, DONE Independent Elections Advisor:**
Jeffrey introduced himself briefly under the Elections Committee report below.
- iii. **Janet Turner, Field Representative for Congressman Ted W. Lieu** – Not present
- iv. **Adam Miller, Field Deputy, or Catherine Landers, Senior Field Deputy, Hollywood Field Office, for Councilmember David Ryu, CD4.**
- *Catherine Landers* gave brief update at the end of meeting; was available for questions.
- v. **Noah Muhlstein, Planning Deputy for Councilmember Paul Koretz, CD5 (to include Inspector John Novela, LAFD to discuss No Smoking signs)**
- *Noah* spoke during *Joan Pelico*'s presentation.
- *John Novela*, LAFD Inspector, was present most of the evening but was not heard with regard to No Smoking signs, as planned, and left near the close of the meeting.
- vi. **Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station** – Not present
(*Chris* notified us that he would not be present this evening.)
- vii. **Ralph Sanchez, Senior Lead Officer, Hollywood Police Station** – Not present

8. **Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner**

9. **Secretary's Report – Robin Greenberg – Item not called**

10. **Treasurer's Report – Dan Love – Absent**

a. **Update from Treasurer**

b. **Consideration of December 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)**

Board will consider approval of December 2015 expenditure report and bank statement (Attachment B) (Discussion & Action) - **Postponed** until the February 24th meeting.

Reports of Committees

11. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee & Outreach Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair & Robin Greenberg, Chair respectively** (Update, Discussion & Action)

- a. **2016 Elections Ad Hoc Committee – Larry Leisten & Robin Greenberg, Co-Chairs**
(*Maureen Levinson, Maureen Smith, Dan Love, Gary Plotkin & John Amato*, members).
- b. **Motion: To approve boundary descriptions for Beverly Park Estates and Franklin Canyon-Coldwater-Mulholland-Crest districts. (Attachment C)**

Larry introduced the two recently established residential districts under Bylaws in the spreadsheets provided (Attachment C) for purposes of the upcoming election. He noted that Beverly Park Estates has had one address in Summit Ridge removed, as requested at the last meeting, by *Nickie Miner & Robert Schlesinger*.

As to the Coldwater-Franklin area, *Larry* noted that *Maureen Levinson* and he have worked on several iterations of it. He referred to the map used and submitted to the City in the initial certification process of BABCNC, to identify those territories represented on the original Board. *Larry* indicated that when the Bylaws were approved, these residential districts were approved in name only; official boundaries were never established; and the Board was being asked this evening to approve the official boundaries.

Larry noted that in an email recently, after he sent the spreadsheet to Board officers for review, *Nickie* replied that Laurel Hills does not belong in the Coldwater-Franklin area. He commented that if residences in the Laurel Hills area were removed from the Coldwater-Franklin district, the effect would be to deprive those Stakeholders of an opportunity to run for that seat. The only opportunity would be to run for one of At-Large seats.

Jamie Hall responded that that LCA includes the Laurel Hills area, and he was not aware that technically these people were not within the LCA jurisdiction. *Cathy Wayne* clarified streets and noted Laurel Hills area is next to Wonderland School, and is not near Coldwater Canyon.

Michael Haas, Ph.D., was given the floor for public comment. He said that he lives in Laurel Hills; it has a history of some problems in the area; however, he'd like it to be part of the larger community and wouldn't want to see Laurel Hills removed in any way from the district.

Larry Leisten noted that the certification map produced in 2003 has pockets of streets south of Mulholland not designated as part of Laurel Canyon. The map served as the basis for determining who is and is not a part of it. He clarified because he called it "Laurel Hills" this is just a general area of description in the spreadsheet. *Nickie Miner* noted the need to apportion these districts according to the reality of communities. *Larry* clarified the issue is whether the streets described in the original spreadsheet as located in the Laurel Hills area are to be included in the residential district or not. The original motion was introduced (as above) and was then amended to exclude Laurel Hills area. *Jamie* wished to include in the amended motion the recognition that the Laurel Hills area was part of LCA; however, *Larry* was not willing to do that that evening. Therefore, *Jamie* removed that clause from his motion, and moved as follows:

Amended Motion: That the streets described in the original spreadsheet and motion as being located in the Laurel Hills area be excluded from the Coldwater-Franklin residential district and that LCA will present a map that includes the Laurel Hills area.

Moved by *Jamie Hall*. Seconded by *Larry Leisten*.

A Roll Call vote was taken with 16 yeas from *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Robert Schlesinger, Don Loze, Matthew Post, Gary Plotkin, Teresa Lee, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Dan Palmer, Robin Greenberg, and Maureen Smith*. There were 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and 8 absences (*Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Matthew Friedman, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Jason Spradlin, Dan Love, and Maureen Levinson*). (Acting President, *Nickie Miner*, did not vote.) The amended motion was unanimously approved.

Tally:

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 8

Did not vote: 1

The amended motion was unanimously approved

c. Additional Updates from *Larry Leisten & Robin Greenberg*, Committee Chairs

Elections Chair, *Larry Leisten*, introduced our Independent Elections Advisor, *Jeffrey Zimmerman*. *Jeffrey* stated that he is here to support *Robin*, *Larry*, and all of us, to help make the elections run smoothly, to get as many people as possible to run for office and to vote.

Larry related from the workshop he attended led by *Jeffrey*, the principal topic was to discuss opportunities to use economies of scale, by partnering with other NCs, in outreach efforts. *Larry* concluded that given the geographic location and special characteristics of BABCNC, the only opportunity might exist with Westwood NC, since we share Sunset as one of our boundaries – but Westwood NC was not present at the workshop.

Larry also noted that regardless of intent to complete registration process online, all candidates, including those running for selection, must register online with Clerk's Office by setting up a user ID and password. As result, BABCNC needs to provide link at its website that directs interested candidates to City Clerk website, where it can register.

Outreach Chair, *Robin Greenberg* reported that *Larry Leisten*, *Maureen Levinson*, *John Amato*, *Dan Love*, *Gary Plotkin*, *Maureen Smith* and she have met four times; that *Maureen Levinson* has done a lot of work on this flyer/mailer and that *Maureen* and *Larry* deserve credit for the work they have done. They will send the mailers to our constituents and it will be on our web. It will be sent out digitally between now and election/selection time.

Gary Plotkin inquired as to how and when a group from other areas not having direct representation may come into the Board. *Larry* responded that under the new governmental structure, all major areas of BABCNC territory are now directly represented on the Board. The only areas not represented are isolated areas, many of which exist along Mulholland Drive west of Beverly Glen. *Larry* concluded that we have updated bylaws, which include a division to our governmental structure and that for stakeholders who want to get involved, we can amend our bylaws and request changes in our governmental structure to accommodate greater interest.

12. Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – *Chuck Maginnis*, Chair

a. Update from the January 20, 2016 EP Meeting (Update & Discussion)

Chuck gave a brief update of the last meeting, they had an excellent presentation by *Richard Scott Mitchem*, from the US Department of Homeland Security who spoke in light of ISIS, and covered “active shooters” with a visual presentation. *Michael Schlenker* updated us on communications and ham radios. *Chuck* reported that he attended a Saturday meeting of the NC Alliance with *Grayce Liu*. He related that RICs is funded; there will be two poles in LA County.

13. Planning & Land Use Committee Report – *Michael Kemp*, Chair

a. Update on January 12, 2016 PLUC Meeting (Update, Discussion & Action) *Jamie Hall*

10016 Charter Oak Lane

ZA 2015-1829-ZAD

A new Single Family Dwelling on a sub-standard street:

Motion: The BABCNC recommends to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department that the application in the above-noted case be approved with the following condition(s):

1. The applicant, owner, or owner's representative shall notify the homeowners, tenants and residents on Charter Oak Lane of any significant construction activity, during the course

of construction; including dirt hauling, and trucks over 4,000 pounds loaded, delivering (but not limited to) cement, concrete, re-bar, lumber, beams, structural steel, windows, HVAC components, and large quantities of building materials.

Jamie Hall introduced the item in *Mike Kemp's* absence, stating there were two meetings, with a split vote, the project was approved and there have since been calls for reconsideration. He noted that some issues include a dead-end road, extension in part of a street, whether the substandard street can withstand construction activity. He noted that the proposed home is unique environmentally, with grass growing on the roof, but there are concerns by BCA as to safety issues.

Nickie Miner read a BCA letter of opposition received after the BCA meeting, provided to the Board today, and asked the Board to move to unanimously oppose the project. Past President, *Robert Ringler*, recommended that this be postponed; if new information is debatable, and has not been presented to the PLU committee, they should be provided this information, discuss it and then come back with a recommendation.

Motion: To remand this item back to the PLU Committee for further consideration, so they can rebut the information at the PLU Committee.

Moved by *Gary Plotkin*; **seconded** by *Larry Leisten*. *Robert Ringler* called the question.

PUBLIC COMMENT (prior to voting below):

Vianney Boutry, architect proposing the project, introduced himself, noting he was seen at the PLU committee twice, the second time after seeing BCA. *Gary* noted he has heard about these issues today (*from the BCA letter*) for the first time, and asked *Mr. Boutry* if he would be willing to address the issues, to which he replied he would be happy to.

Mr. Bradley Friedman read into the record a denial letter from the Dept. of Building and Safety dated 02/09/2000, which he stated “addressed the exact situation” of this project across the street at 10017 Charter Oak Lane. The letter detailed opposition to the project by 15 members of BCA, noting landslides, erosion along Charter Oak Lane, sloping, and choking off public emergency services.

Mr. Yoav Getlzer stated he is a 50-year resident, has seen the topography change and has witnessed massive landslides from their lot. He noted the 10’ wide walking path; that Westwanda is already severely impacted with traffic for cars to pass; feels it is not a good place to build, on a very steep street, and urges the Board and PLU to deny. He said he wasn’t notified of the project until receiving a letter from the builders asking to buy his parcel. *Jamie Hall* responded he was surprised that no one showed up at our PLU meeting, and recommended they come to the PLU meeting in two weeks to be heard.

Tom Demko encouraged everyone to go see it, that the street is deteriorating; that it’s a paper street and does not know how they will be able to move any dirt, lumber, pump concrete, etc. He reported that his dinner guests, Fed-Ex, UPS people all get stuck. He discussed parking on Westwanda, which is parked up and a problem on red-flag days.

Jill Demko said they were not notified of the project and that their house would be uninhabitable during the entire operation. She said that no one could pass on the street. People park on their street and block them even without construction. They believe they would be trapped every day if the house were to be built.

Jeff Sie lives on Westwanda, and is concerned about the narrow street, which he described as one lane; that big trucks have to back out all the way, and have gotten stuck.

Michael Chasteen from BCA provided a speaker card, indicating that he wished to speak against the project; however, he left before he could speak.

Owner, *Stephane Lecam*, invited visual inspection of the street that flattens at the top. He feels that they are making an improvement. He noted that someone came, offering their house for sale on the argument that it would be easier to have their house together with his project now. He clarified his project is one house on two contiguous lots.

Larry Leisten brought up the question of having cars towed in that area. *Jamie* noted that they could call the City and the car may be picked up in two or three hours or less. *Jamie* noted that the bigger issue is making sure the constituents are notified of projects near them, and suggested supplemental notification be provided above and beyond what the City requires. *Jamie* noted that this is an action item for the Board to take up.

Motion: To remand this item back to the PLU Committee for further consideration, so they can rebut the information at the PLU Committee.

Moved by *Gary Plotkin*; seconded by *Larry Leisten*. *Robert Ringler* called the question.

A Roll Call vote was taken with 14 yeas from *Irene Sandler, Andre Stojka, Robert Schlesinger, Matthew Post, Gary Plotkin, Jamie Hall, Cathy Wayne, Tony Tucci, Larry Leisten, Chuck Maginnis, Robert Ringler, Dan Palmer, Robin Greenberg, and Maureen Smith*. There was 1 nay from *Don Loze*, and 9 absences (*Lonnie Mayfield, John Amato, Matthew Friedman, Michael Kemp, Travis Longcore, Jason Spradlin, Dan Love, and Maureen Levinson, and Teresa Lee*, who left the meeting.) (Acting President, *Nickie Miner*, did not vote.) The motion passed.

Tally:

Yes: 14

No: 1

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 9

Did not vote: 1

The motion passed.

Jamie Hall recommended that the applicant address issues of concern and put together a construction plan and a staging plan that is concrete and specific.

[Of note, while awaiting *Tony Tucci* to return to the room to complete vote above, *Gary Plotkin* welcomed *Fred Rosen*. *Fred* spoke briefly, stating that bonds that have not been collected that could be used for enforcement. He recommended making the bonds commensurate with the project and at the end of every project, the City draws on it. He said that we need a coordinated effort; that departments in the City are in silos, and decision makers don't understand the issues, treat them as one size fits all. He opined that the City needs a Building Czar to coordinate projects in every community as the City is inundated with projects and no one is in charge. He noted that when attending the BMO/BHO hearings, the people from the department did not understand the hillside issues. **He encouraged focusing on collecting on the improvement bonds, and to increase the bonds.**

14. Ad Hoc Committee on Mansionization – *Gary Plotkin*, Chair – Discussed above

- a. Updates from the Committee – *Gary Plotkin*
- b. Update and Discussion on pending BHO & BMO Code Amendments – *Mike Kemp*
- c. Status of Enactment of Ridgeline Ordinance – *Don Loze*

Reports of Representatives

15. Budget Representatives' Report – *Nickie Miner & André Stojka* -- Item not called

- a. Report from Budget Representatives (Update & Discussion)

16. DWP Committee Update – *Don Loze* Item not called

- a. Report on DWP Rate Increases (Update & Discussion)

17. West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) *Robin Greenberg* – Item not called

- a. Discussion and Update from the January 20, 2016 meeting
- b. Motion regarding the City's ability to condition the sale and/or service of alcohol (CUBs) (Attachment D)

18. Old Business – (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action) – Item not called

- a. Discussion and Update on Neighborhood Purpose Grants – *Gary Plotkin*

19. Good of the Order – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council.

20. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m., in the name of *Alan Fine*.

Upcoming Regular Board Meeting @ AJU

February 24, 2016 – Guest Speaker, CD5 Councilmember, Paul Koretz

Attachment "B"

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Reporting Month:

DECEMBER

MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

NC Name:

Bel Air-Beverly Crest

Submitted: 1/14/2016 13:04:26

Budget Fiscal Year:

2014-2015

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EXPENDITURES BY LINE ITEM (for more than 12 expenditures, you may continue entering on page 3 of this worksheet - see below)						
A	Date / Item / Service Description	BUDGET CATEGORY	VENDOR	INVOICE NUMBER	OUT OF STATE VENDOR	1099 Reportable
1	Phone, Fax, & Internet-monthly	OUTREACH	Verizon	3104796247		\$106.94
2	GOOGLE APPS- November	OPERATIONS	GOOGLE	4028324436493993		\$140.00
3	Water for meeting- -12/16/15	OPERATIONS	Ralphs	see attached bill		\$5.19
4	NC Secretarial- w/e 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22	OPERATIONS	Lloyds Staffing	188189204222239		\$1,222.65
5	NC Secretarial- w/e 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22	OUTREACH	Lloyds Staffing	188189204222239		\$1,222.65
6	NC Secretarial- w/e 11/29, 12/6	OPERATIONS	Lloyds Staffing	613271, 613270		\$321.75
7	NC Secretarial- w/e 11/29, 12/6	OUTREACH	Lloyds Staffing	613271, 613270		\$321.75
8	Website Maintenance- 11/15, 12/15	OUTREACH	Aaron De Vandy	BABCNC 30,29		\$500.00
9						
10						
11						
12						
SUBTOTAL: Expenditures by Line Item (May include totals on page 3, if entered)						
B	CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR MONTHS					\$3,840.93
C	OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS					\$10,250.81
	C 1. Outstanding Checks (checks that have been issued, but have not yet cleared the account)					
	C 2. Rent/Lease					
	C 3. Contractual Services					
	C 4. Large Purchases					
	C 5. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (pending or in process)					
	C 6. Temporary Staffing Services					\$514.80
	C 7. Storage					
	C 8. Other Outstanding Commitments	==>	Description:			
D	SUBTOTAL: Outstanding Commitments					\$514.80
	Total Expenditures & Commitments					\$14,606.54
E	Total Adjustments by Department (such as use taxes assessed, credits from prior fiscal years, etc) (use '+' for credits, '-' for deductions)					
F	Approved Budget 2014-2015					\$42,000.00
G	Balance of Budget					\$27,393.46

MONTHLY CASH RECONCILIATION				
Beginning Balance (A)	Funds Deposited (B)	Total Available (C) = (A+B)	Cash Spent this Month (D)	Remaining Balance (E) = C - D
\$10,249.19		\$10,249.19	\$3,840.93	\$6,408.26

MONTHLY BUDGETARY ANALYSIS					
Category Identifier	Budget Category	Adopted Budget (A)	Total Spent this Month (B)	Total Spent in Prior Months (C)	Unspent Budget Balance (D) = A - B - C
100	Operations	\$17,540.00	\$1,689.59	\$6,321.18	\$9,529.23
200	Outreach	\$18,460.00	\$2,151.34	\$3,929.63	\$12,379.03
300	Community Improvement		\$0.00		\$0.00
400	NPG		\$0.00		\$0.00
500	Elections	<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$6,000.00	\$0.00		\$6,000.00
900	Unallocated		\$0.00		\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$42,000.00	\$3,840.93	\$10,250.81	\$27,908.26

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DECLARATION

We, the Treasurer and Signer of the above indicated Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and will furnish additional documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment upon request.

Treasurer Signature	<i>David D. Hove</i>	Signer's Signature	
Print Name	David D. Hove	Print Name	
Date	1-14-16	Date	
NC Additional Comments			

Revision Date 1-26-15

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Business Basics Checking Summary

Account Number: 0062263249

Days in statement period: 31

Balance on 12/1	\$	10,249.19
Additions		0.00
Subtractions		-3,840.93
	Payments	-3,588.80
	Purchases	-252.13
Balance on 12/31	\$	6,408.26
Statement Average Ledger Balance		8,122.36

We waived your service charge this statement period.

Payments online and electronic banking

Date	Description/Location	Reference	Amount
12/8	LLOYD STAFFING ONLINE PMT WEB 56364593		\$ 2,445.30
	UN1708847668POS		
12/31	AARON DEVANDRY ONLINE PMT WEB 53439537		500.00
	UN1708847668POS		
12/31	LLOYD STAFFING ONLINE PMT WEB 53445894		643.50
	UN1708847668POS		
Total			\$ 3,588.80

Purchases ATM card and Debit card™ purchases

Date	Description/Location	Reference	Amount
12/2	GOOGLE *SV CC GOOGLE.CO CA CC 73241298		\$ 140.00
	GOOGLE.CO CA		
12/15	VERIZON*RE 800-VERIZON PA 800-VERIZON PA 71177976		106.94
12/16	RALPHS 7257 SUNSET BLV WEST HOLLYWOOD CA 71963906		5.19
Total			\$ 252.13

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Submitted: **2/19/2016 14:37:22**

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2	NC Secretarial-w/e 12/13, 12/20	OPERATIONS	Lloyds Staffing	613310, 613311	
3	NC Secretarial-w/e 12/27	OUTREACH	Lloyds Staffing	613326	
4	NC Secretarial-w/e 12/27	OPERATIONS	Lloyds Staffing	613326	
5	NC Secretarial-w/e 1/10/16	OUTREACH	Lloyds Staffing	613354	
6	NC Secretarial-w/e 1/10/16	OPERATIONS	Lloyds Staffing	613354	
7	GOOGLE APPS DECEMBER 2015	OPERATIONS	GOOGLE	4028324436493993-	
8	PO BOX Renewal	OUTREACH	USPS	PO BOX 252007	
9	Phone, Fax & Internet-monthly	OUTREACH	VERIZON	3104796247100106	
10	Bottled Water for meeting	OPERATIONS	Ralph's	see attached	
11	Bottled Water for meeting	OPERATIONS	Ralph's	see attached	
12					
SUBTOTAL: Expenditures by Line Item (May include totals on page 3, if entered)					\$2,344.19
CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR MONTHS					\$14,091.74
OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS					
C 1. Outstanding Checks (checks that have been issued, but have not yet cleared the account)					
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C 4. Large Purchases					
C 5. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (pending or in process)					
C 6. Temporary Staffing Services					
C 7. Storage					
C 8. Other Outstanding Commitments ==> Description:					
SUBTOTAL: Outstanding Commitments					\$0.00
Total Expenditures & Commitments					\$16,435.93
Total Adjustments by Department (such as use taxes assessed, credits from prior fiscal years, etc) (use '+' for credits, '-' for deductions)					\$42,000.00
Approved Budget 2014-2015					\$25,564.07
Balance of Budget					

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\$6,408.26	\$11,250.00	\$17,658.26	\$2,344.19
			Remaining Balance (E) = C - D
			\$15,314.07

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300	Community Improvement		\$0.00	
400	NPG		\$0.00	
500	Elections	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	
900	Unallocated		\$0.00	
	TOTAL	\$42,000.00	\$2,344.19	\$14,091.74
				Unspent Budget Balance (D) = A - B - C
				\$8,504.58
				\$11,059.49
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$6,000.00
				\$0.00
				\$25,564.07

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Subtractions		-2,344.19
	Checks	-1,029.60
	Payments	-694.98
	Purchases	-619.61
Balance on 1/29	\$	15,314.07
Statement Average Ledger Balance		14,695.07

We waived your service charge this statement period.

Additions

Date	Description/Location	Reference	Amount
1/5	CITY OF LOS ANGE EFT PAYMT PPD *****0735	56846205 \$	11,250.00

Checks

Number	Date	Reference	Amount	Number	Date	Reference	Amount
5015	1/6	06061990	1,029.60				

Payments online and electronic banking

Date	Description/Location	Reference	Amount
1/27	LLOYD STAFFING ONLINE PMT WEB 52287954	\$	308.88
	UN1708847668POS		
1/28	LLOYD STAFFING ONLINE PMT WEB 54080217		386.10
	UN1708847668POS		
Total		\$	694.98

Purchases ATM card and Debit card™ purchases

Date	Description/Location	Reference	Amount
1/4	GOOGLE *SV CC GOOGLE.CO CA CC 73545368	\$	140.00
	GOOGLE.CO CA		

Purchases *ATM card and Debit card™ purchases*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description/Location</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1/4	USPS 05455 LOS ANGELES CA LOS ANGELES CA	73545366	350.00
1/14	VERIZON*RE 800-VERIZON PA 800-VERIZON PA	72453672	107.25
1/27	RALPHS 9040 W.BEVERLY WEST HOLLYWOO CA	70087391	11.18
1/27	RALPHS 9040 W.BEVERLY WEST HOLLYWOO CA	70086348	11.18
Total			\$ 619.61

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BABCNC Outreach Plan
for 2016 Election

"Attachment D"

1. Create a Neighborhood Council Election Committee: (outreach) Robin Greenberg
(election) Larry Leisten
(treasurer) Dan Love
(past president) Gary Plotkin
Maureen Levinson
Maureen Smith
2. Meeting of the Election Committee: John Amato
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 (noon at Glen Deli)
Thursday, January 14, 2016 (9 am at Glen Deli)
Monday, January 25, 2016 (9 am at Dan Love's)
Monday, February 8, 2016 (12:30 at Glen Deli)
3. Attend Workshops:
January 6, 2016-Larry Leisten(election chair) attended a meeting at
WLA City Hall with neighborhood council committee chairs
to discuss outreach efforts for the upcoming election
Monday, January 25, 2016-Robin Greenberg and Maureen Smith attended a
demonstration at the WLA City Hall on Nation Builder and
Next Door
4. Create a Flyer/Mailer:
Maureen Levinson(from out of town while caring for her in laws)
designed a flyer with the help of Larry Leisten. The printer MP
Printer(the best price of 3 printers-recommended by Lisa Cahan
Davis) printed and mailed the flyers to approximately 9500 house-
holds, and mailed Robin Greenberg approximately 2000 to hand de-
liver.
5. Web: facebook, twitter, instagram, website:
Continuous updates on our web by President Travis Longcore, Elec-
tion Chair Larry Leisten, Maureen Levinson and Maureen Smith on
Nation Builder.
6. Banners: Ten Pole Banners were purchased through AAA Flag and Banner(Jay Handal helped
us secure a favorable price): Locations include Sunset Boulevard,
Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Mulholland, Sepulveda. The banners will
hang from May 1, 2016 through June 6, 2016. The design will be
targeted at voter turnout for the election.
7. Selection Process: Flyers(printed by MP Printing)will be hand distributed to private
schools, faith based institutions, public schools(Roscomare, Wonder-
land, Community Magnet Charter) with the request that each entity
use their internal communication infrastructure to disseminate the
flyer(email, website, posting on bulletin boards in hallway, etc.)
8. Dates: Selection: Custodians of Open Space(1 seat)
Private Schools Grade K-6(1 seat)
Private Schools Grade 7-12(1 seat)
Faith Based Institutions(1 seat)

Candidate Registration: begins February 10, 2016
Candidate Registration: closes March 27, 2016
Community Meet and Greet: April 27, 2016
7:00-8:00 pm American Jewish University
Selection by BABCNC Board: May 25, 2016
7:00-8:00 pm American Jewish University

Election: Bel Air District (2 seats)
Bel Air Glen District (1 seat)
Beverly Park Estates District (1 seat)
Coldwater Canyon/Coldwater/Mulholland/Crest District (1 seat)
North of Sunset District (1 seat)
Public Education Institutions (1 seat)
Commercial or Office Enterprise (1 seat)
Members at Large (2 seats)

Candidate registration begins February 21, 2016

Candidate registration closes April 6, 2016

Community Meet and Greet for qualified candidates April 27, 2016

American Jewish University 7:00-8:00 pm

Election Day:

Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Harvard Westlake Middle School, 700 N. Faring
Road, Los Angeles, Ca. 90077

12:00-4:00

refreshments and entertainment

all BABCNC board members are expected to attend and participate

"Attachment E"

Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

2016 Election

Budget Plan

	Budget	Actual
Flyer/Mailer	\$3500	\$3217.70
Banners & Related Costs	1500	1437.50
Catering, Entertainment and Location Expenses		
-Meet & Greet Event		
-Selection Evening		
-Election Day	3500	TBD
Total	<hr/> 8500	
Current Published Election Budget	6000	
	<hr/>	
Additional Budget Allocation Required	\$2500	

To be discussed and for BOD approval at February 24th, 2016 meeting

WRAC Motion: "Attachment F"

Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) Permits for Alcohol

Authority of City Zoning Administrators to Impose Conditions of Approval to Mitigate Potential Land Use Impacts Arising from the Sale or Service of Alcoholic Beverages That Are Adverse to Public Health, Safety and Welfare

MOTION:

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has imposed land use conditions in Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permits for decades to protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential impacts due to the sale or service of alcohol, as recommended by the LAPD, Council Offices, neighborhood councils, community councils, and local residents; and

Whereas, the Department of City Planning suddenly reversed this decades-long practice in 2012, on the advice of the City Attorney's Office, with no public notice, no public process, no public hearings, and no direction from the City Council, which is charged with policy-making authority; and

Whereas, Zoning Administrators now unilaterally and without notice use the Plan Approval Process to remove previously-imposed conditions designed to avoid or mitigate actual or potential land use impacts adverse to public health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, municipalities throughout the State of California have and continue to impose land use conditions to mitigate adverse impacts that may otherwise arise from the sale or service of alcohol, including the Cities of Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Palmdale, Lancaster, Huntington Park, Montebello, Orange, San Bernardino, Pinole, Ventura, San Buenaventura, Santa Cruz, Hayward, Walnut Creek, Watsonville, and the County of Los Angeles, among others; and

Whereas, the City's current practice undermines the ability of the City and local communities to protect against potential land use impacts that are adverse to public health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to potential nuisances, by restricting the imposition of conditions on, among other things, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours, container sizes, types of alcohol sold, and other similar rules and regulations, despite the efficacy of such conditions in avoiding or mitigating potential adverse impacts arising from the sale or service of alcohol; and

Whereas, California courts have repeatedly affirmed that municipalities have broad police powers to impose land use conditions that protect against potentially adverse impacts on public health, safety and welfare arising from the sale or service of alcohol; and

Whereas, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has not advised the City that the imposition of such land use conditions interferes with ABC's enforcement of State law; and

Whereas, implementation of this new policy not only impairs the ability of the LAPD, Council Offices, and communities to protect public health, safety and welfare, but also interferes with the ability of CUB applicants to garner support for their projects by negotiating for the imposition of mutually agreed-upon conditions, as had been done for decades before the current practice was imposed, which forces communities to oppose projects they could otherwise support with proper conditions:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the [Insert Neighborhood or Community Council Name Here] calls upon the City Council to adopt a policy to: (1.) Authorize the imposition of land use conditions that protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential adverse impacts from the sale or service of alcohol, consistent with the practice of other jurisdictions statewide as well as the City's decades-long practice prior to 2012; (2.) Maintain and enforce previously-imposed CUB conditions on the sale or service of alcohol; and (3.) Prohibit the removal of previously-imposed conditions outside the public processes mandated under the City Charter and Zoning Code.

"Attachment G"

ALCOHOL-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ON CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE (CUB) PERMITS, AND WHY THEY MATTER

Background

THE ISSUE

In 2012, the City of Los Angeles implemented a new practice prohibiting Zoning Administrators from imposing “alcohol-specific” conditions requested by LAPD, Council Offices, neighborhood councils and community councils at Conditional Use Beverage Permit (CUB) hearings.

In a letter dated January 9, 2014, in response to a request from the Venice Neighborhood Council for clarification about what kinds of conditions can be legally included on a CUB, the City Attorney stated “...The City, unlike the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”), is prohibited (“preempted”) by State law from imposing these types of conditions on a CUB.”

The letter references two documents -- a 1996 memo from then-Chief Zoning Administrator Robert Janovici to all Zoning Administrators containing examples of prohibited alcohol-related conditions, and a 1990 Superior Court writ invalidating alcohol-specific conditions imposed on a Pacoima food market.

Both documents are cited as evidence that the City is preempted by state law from imposing conditions related to the sale of alcohol.

For reasons detailed below, and in the attached resolution, both of these documents are outdated and do not reflect the current state of the law or the practice of virtually every other municipality in the State of California.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The City’s relatively new position denies city agencies – including the LAPD, Zoning Administration, Council Offices, and Neighborhood Councils – the ability to prevent and abate public nuisances associated with the sale of alcohol by restricting the placement of conditions on, among other examples, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours (rules and regulations), container sizes, and types of alcohol sold.

For decades, the City of Los Angeles allowed conditions to be placed on the sale of alcohol using its broad police powers under its land use and planning authority. The ability to place and then enforce such conditions has been crucial for mitigating adverse impacts of businesses selling and/or service alcohol.

Untold numbers of issues and concerns between community members and those businesses seeking CUBs have been amicably resolved through this process.

Unlike most retail products, alcohol has a direct and significant impact on public health, welfare and safety. Without the ability to place alcohol-related conditions, communities can no longer exert local control over the impacts of new alcohol-related businesses in their neighborhoods.

WHY THE CHANGE IN PRACTICE?

A policy change of this magnitude requires a vote from the City Council, and there has been no such vote. There is no clear understanding among the multiple affected parties (NCs, ZAs, community members) why the City is mandating such a strict departure from its decades-long practice.

Attempts to clarify the legal justification and rationale behind such a significant change in practice have been unsuccessful. Regardless, *without a public process and a vote from the City Council* mandating such a substantial change in long-standing City practice, various City agencies must be able to continue to place alcohol-specific conditions under the City's land use and planning authority.

NUMEROUS CALIFORNIA CITIES AND COUNTIES CONDITION THE SALE OF ALCOHOL

Unlike the City of Los Angeles, cities and counties throughout California allow alcohol-specific conditions to be placed on CUB permits for new businesses that sell or serve alcohol.

Ample California case law exists that calls into question the City's current practice. An examination of legal precedent indicates the City's position:

- overstates the breadth of the State's alcohol licensing authority;
- disregards recent case law; and
- ignores the practices of numerous other California jurisdictions.

In fact, to the best of our knowledge, the City of Los Angeles is the only jurisdiction in the State of California that takes the position that the City is powerless to regulate the impacts of alcohol with alcohol-specific conditions.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO BUSINESSES, TOO

Alcohol-specific conditions constitute a "path to yes" for restaurants, markets and liquor stores, allowing a process whereby applicants and communities can find mutually agreeable land use conditions which, once reached, allow business owners to enjoy the benefits of their CUB in their community.

Without the ability of Zoning Administrators to impose alcohol-related conditions to mitigate land use impacts, communities are forced to oppose projects they otherwise could support with proper conditions.

This impairs the ability of LAPD, Council Offices, and communities to negotiate with businesses to reach agreement on conditions that allow a project to move forward, which obstructs new business development.

WHO'S INVOLVED

A number of Los Angeles stakeholder organizations are mobilizing around this issue, including: the Brentwood Community Council, Brentwood Residents Coalition, Venice Neighborhood Council, Westwood Community Council, Westwood Neighborhood Council, as well as public health, safety and policy agencies Behavioral Health Services in Hollywood, Institute for Public Strategies in Venice, San Fernando Valley Partnership, and Social Model Recovery Systems, which is located in Skid Row.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

By voting 'Yes' on the Alcohol-Related Conditions motion, you are joining multiple other neighborhood community organizations and public health, safety and policy agencies in their efforts to reinstate Los Angeles communities' right to exert local controls over the sale and/or service of alcohol in their communities. You are also asserting that a policy change of this magnitude should not have been made without a full vote of the City Council after an opportunity for public review and comment.

"Attachment H"

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16-0093

Title

Department of Water and Power Governance Issues / Charter and Administrative Code Amendments
for Inclusion in a 2016 Ballot Measure

Last Change Date

02/11/2016

Expiration Date

02/11/2018

Pending in committee

Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee

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Action History for Council File 16-0093

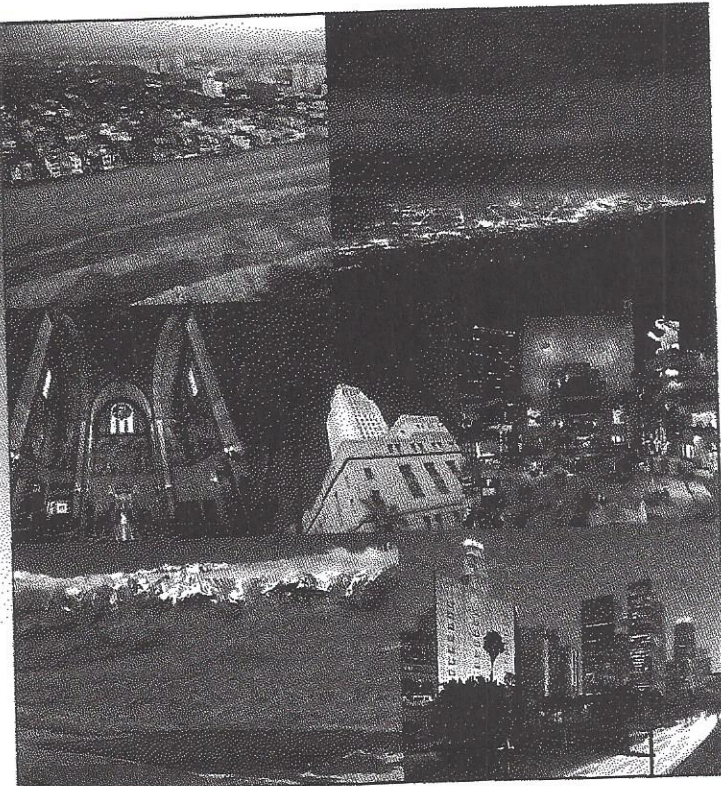
Date	Activity
02/11/2016	Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on February 19, 2016.
01/22/2016	Motion referred to Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee.



Review of the 2015 LADWP Water & Power Rate Proposals

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February 10, 2016



Summary of OPA's Rate Opinion

- ☐ Timeline on Water & Power Rates and Reviews
- ☐ OPA's Review and Opinion
- ☐ Continuing Challenge to Perform
- ☐ Performance Targets and Rate Adjustments:
"Use 'em or lose 'em"
- ☐ Increasing Transparency: Public Trust & Labor
- ☐ Recommendations



Timeline on Water & Power Rates & Reviews

- ☐ Last Increase to Base Rate: 2013 Power, 2009 Water
- ☐ Last rate review: 2012 for both Water & Power, Water withdrawn
- ☐ OPA/DWP regular meetings: Mid-2013 to present
- ☐ Rate proposal put on hold: Early 2014
- ☐ Discussion on 3 vs 5 year rate proposal: Late 2014
- ☐ Rate proposal re-initiated: July 2015
- ☐ DWP draft rates report: August 2015
- ☐ DWP draft ordinance: September 2015
- ☐ Updated financial plan, rates & ordinance: Published late Nov 2015
- ☐ Modified financial plan, rates & ordinance: Dec 6 Water, Dec 29 Power
- ☐ OPA Review with Navigant report: Dec 11 Water, Jan 15 Power
- ☐ DWP Board approved power rates: Dec 15 Water, Jan 19 Power



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Recommendations

- ☐ OPA encourages approval of the proposed rates and ordinances.
- ☐ OPA seeks to propose labor metrics, in conjunction with DWP, to the Board by June 1, 2016.
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- ☐ DWP should at the earliest practicable time seek to increment its credit for low income and Lifeline customers with an inflation adjustment.



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OPA's Review and Opinion

- ❑ What is "Reasonableness?"
 - Are rates equitable to the many competing interests?
 - Are customer costs connected to the provision of reliable service?
 - Are the allocation of the costs non-discriminatory?
- ❑ OPA's Review
 - Assisted by specialized national expert, Navigant
 - Coordinated with many LADWP staff & management meetings
 - Included rate report, ordinance and financial plans
 - Improving transparency: labor, other issues
- ❑ **Opinion: LADWP's water & power rate proposals, as modified in December 2015, are just and reasonable.**
 - Jan 12 board letter, released Jan 15, commercial power rates differ slightly. OPA is working with DWP to report on reconciliation.



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Water Rates -- Less Than is Needed, but a Challenge to Perform

- ❑ 4.7% annual rate increases
- ❑ 5.3% annual revenue growth: \$1.08 to \$1.41 billion over five years (Fiscal Years 2014/15 to 2019/20)
 - Slight growth in demands from current drought conditions
 - Capital project spending for aging infrastructure, local water supply and regulatory projects
 - Operating & maintenance costs including labor
 - Reductions to unfunded employee pension liability
- ❑ More pipeline replacements planned every year
 - But less than is needed to keep up with aging system
 - Key staffing may be inadequate for more project spending



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Projected Water Billing Increases are Just and Reasonable

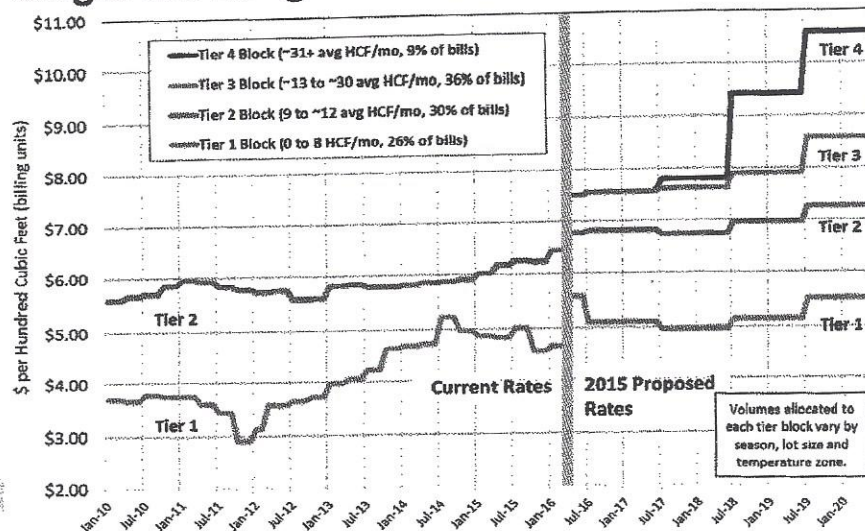
- ❑ OPA supports DWP's four rate tiers consistent with recent judicial findings
- ❑ Annual average increases over five years:
 - 4% per year for low use single family residence (SFR)
 - 4% per year for budgeted multi-family bills
 - 7% per year for higher water SFR (not in Tier 4)
 - Large but necessary increase for public irrigation
- ❑ Projection based on a return to normal water supply condition with LAA flowing full



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Water Charges – Historical and Future Single-Dwelling Unit Residential Rates

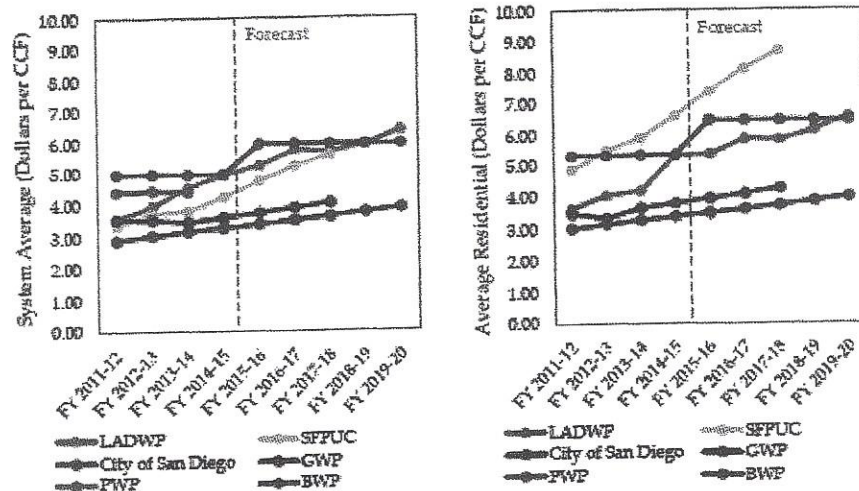


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Rate Comparison by Navigant

Figure 3-35. System Average and Average Residential Retail Rates Comparison (FY 2011/12-FY 2019/20)



Power Rates -- Less Than is Needed, but a Challenge to Perform

- ❑ 3.86% annual rate increases
- ❑ Annual revenue growth: \$3.45 to \$4.22 billion over five years (Fiscal Years 2014/15 to 2019/20)
 - Slight 1.6% growth in demands
 - Capital project spending for aging infrastructure, upgrade LA coastal plants, energy efficiency, and renewables
 - Operating & maintenance costs including labor
 - Reductions to unfunded employee pension liability
- ❑ More infrastructure replacements and energy efficiency planned every year
 - But less than is needed to keep up with aging system
 - Key staffing and processes may continue to be inadequate for more project spending

Projected Power Billing Increases are Just and Reasonable

❑ OPA supports DWP's continued three rate tiers and the re-start of de-coupling

❑ Increases over five years:

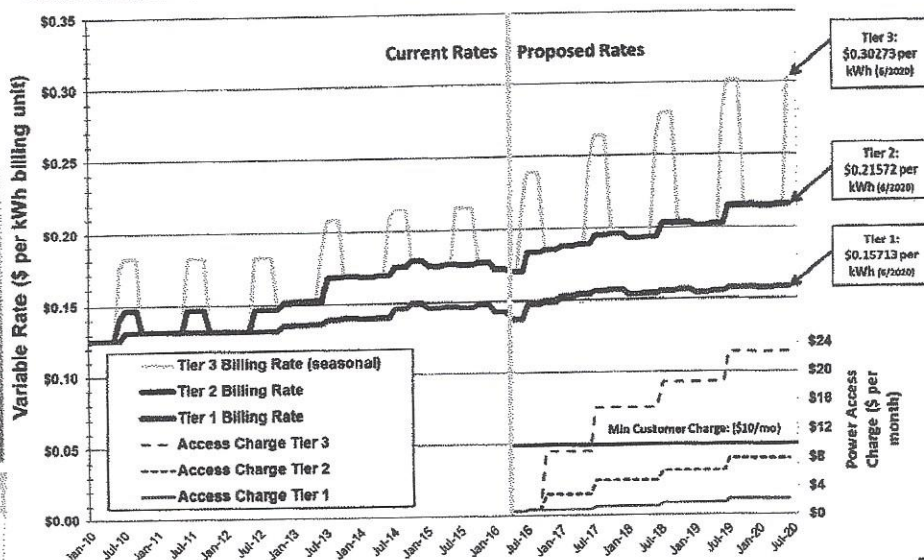
- \$6 per month cumulative increase for low use 350 kWh/ month single family residence (SFR) in cooler Zone 1 over 5 years
- \$8 per month cumulative increase for 500 kWh/ month single family residence (SFR) in hotter Zone 2 over 5 years
- \$12 per month cumulative increase for higher use 500 kWh/ month single family residence (SFR) in cooler Zone 1 over 5 years



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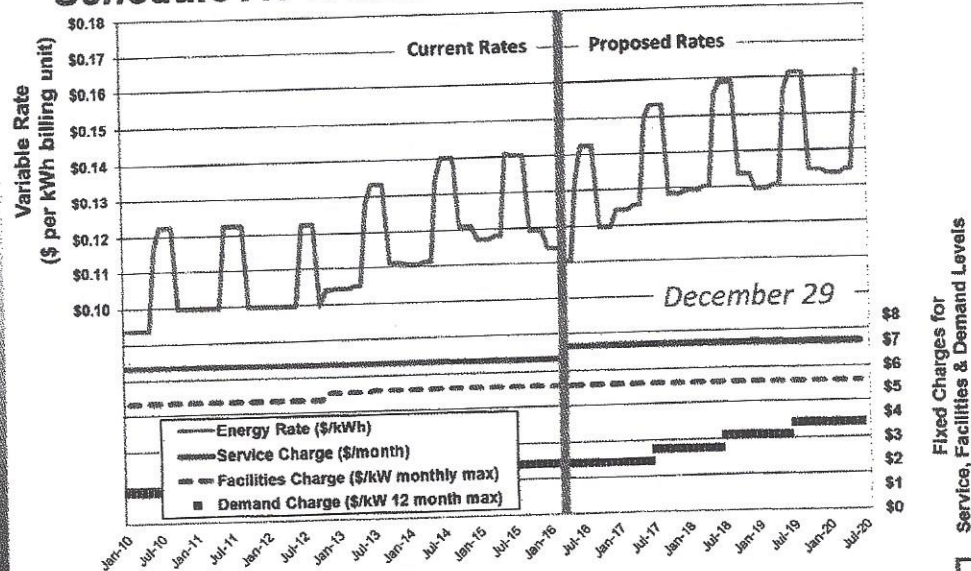
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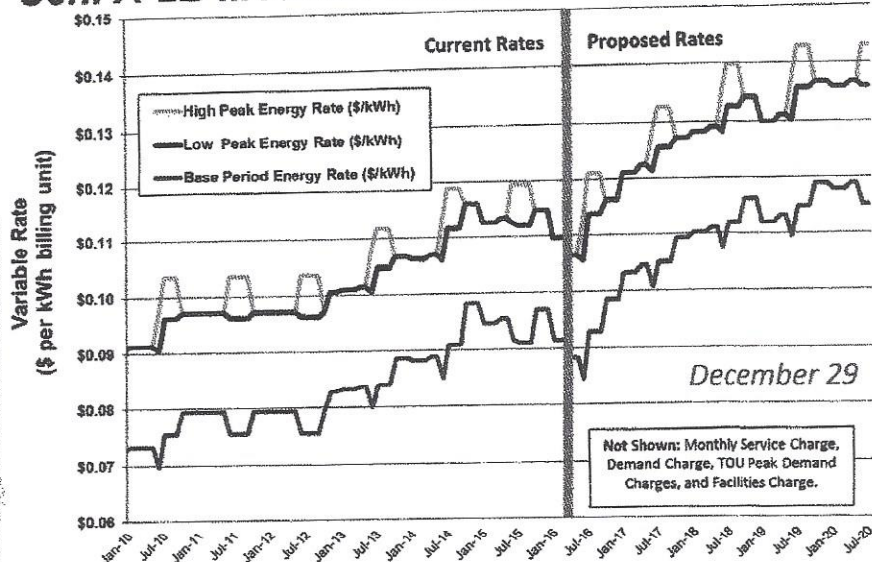
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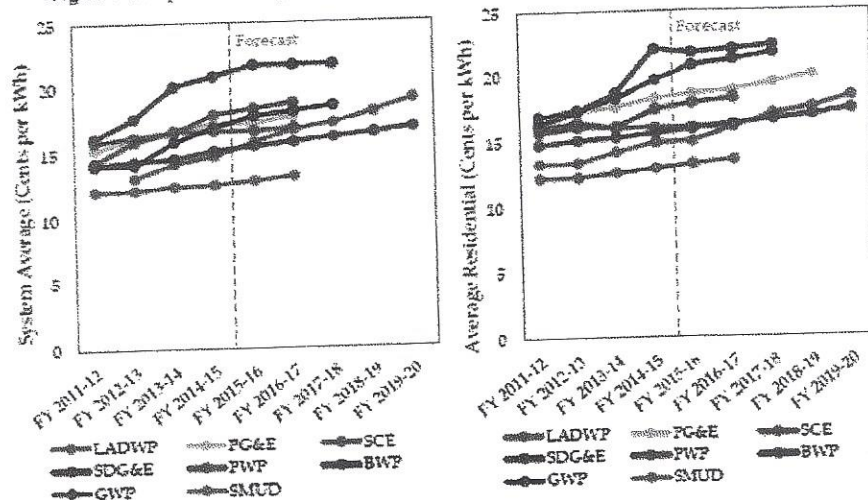
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Rate Comparison by Navigant

Figure 3-12. System Average and Average Residential Retail Rates Comparison (2012-2020)



Revenues from Water & Power Rate Adjustments: "Use 'em or lose 'em"

- ☐ Reductions to planned rate increases for unattained or unattainable spending levels
- ☐ Mechanisms for rate revisions when capital, operating costs, or demands vary from forecast
 - Metrics can be refined in 6 month review process
- ☐ Key performance targets and metrics reported to OPA, DWP Board, Council and Public to:
 - Better aligns forecasts and activities for more transparency
 - Hold DWP accountable

But where does the money go? More transparency!

- ☐ Improving transparency, regular reporting
 - External relationships: \$10 million
 - City services: \$54-\$65 million
 - City Departments bill payments to DWP
 - Labor relations and outsourcing: Appendix B reports
 - Solar: Utility Built Solar and Community Solar
 - Training: \$130 million/year, nearly all inside
 - Labor costs, total compensation: stabilization, improvement, overtime: 75th percentile overall
 - Productivity: 75th percentile, counter industry trend



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What Are OPA's Labor & Productivity Recommendations?

- ☐ DWP's plan will be very difficult to execute with these labor costs, absent changes.
 - Participate in annual salary surveys and report regularly on results.
 - Immediately proceed with the next stage of benchmarking and include productivity analysis.
 - Goal: labor metrics before Board by June 1.
 - Goal: scope of work contracted in two weeks.
- ☐ Address drivers for overtime costs.
- ☐ Consider health care design changes, when the MOU permits.



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MOTION

There have been numerous complaints from residential neighborhoods about the noise emanating from sightseeing tour buses, especially those that are open air. The rise in the noise complaints has been attributed to public announcement systems from some of the tour bus companies. This concern has been expressed by many residents in the Hollywood area, as well as other neighborhoods in Los Angeles. As a specific example, the City has received reports that tour buses using megaphones stop in front of residential homes up to 100 times a day.

To ensure that residents are not disturbed, reasonable regulations should be drafted to mitigate noise and traffic impacts caused by such bus tours in residential areas.

The City Attorney has advised that San Francisco has adopted an ordinance that is consistent with state law and requires unenclosed tour bus operators to receive certification of the sound levels for any amplification system used by an unenclosed tour bus. The San Francisco ordinance provides an exemption from the certification process for any unenclosed tour bus that uses a headset/headphone amplification system for its passengers. The City of Los Angeles may adopt an ordinance similar to the San Francisco model without running afoul of state law, whereas outright requiring headsets / headphones or banning public announcement systems would be preempted by state law. The Police Department is well positioned to be the enforcing agency for such an ordinance, and the Police Commission (Investigation Division) has indicated its suitability to serve as the permitting authority.

Under State law, no driver of a vehicle shall operate, or permit the operation of, any sound amplification system which can be heard outside the vehicle from 50 or more feet when the vehicle is being operated upon a highway. [California Vehicle Code Section 27007]. The restrictions in Section 27007 on sound are applicable to sightseeing tour buses, including unenclosed tour buses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance, similar to the San Francisco ordinance described in the text of this Motion, which would regulate the use of amplified sound on unenclosed tour buses to require unenclosed tour bus operators to obtain a permit to operate in the City that verifies their sound systems cannot be heard more than 50 feet away, consistent with State Vehicle Code requirements, with an exemption for unenclosed tour buses using individual listening devices, such as headsets / headphones.

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