



**AGENDA – PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2021**

5:30PM – 7PM

Via Zoom Videoconference

Prior to Meeting

**5:25PM: “Zoom doors open”/
log-in and technical assistance**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9146619026>

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1. Call to Order and Reading of Community Council’s Mission. The purpose of the Pacific Palisades Community Council shall be to (1) be a forum for the consideration of Community issues, (2) be an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement, as reflected by two-thirds of the Board Members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting, and (3) assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support. *See PPCC Bylaws: <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/council-bylaws/>.*

2. Zoom Engineer introduction; other introductions deferred.

3. Roll-call of voting Board members and Certification of Quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes & Upcoming Meetings.

1) Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2020. 2) Upcoming Meetings: January 28, 2021; February 11, 2021 – topics to be announced. Note: Topics noticed in advance may change.

5. Consideration of Agenda.

6. Treasurer’s Report.

7. General Public Comment. *This time is reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC (Bylaws, Art. IX.7). Speakers will be limited to one minute. Chair retains discretion to extend.*

8. Reports, Announcements and Concerns.

8.1. From the Chair/Presiding Officer.

8.1.1. Executive Committee determination of exigent circumstances/in-person meetings infeasible;

Zoom meetings to be held indefinitely (until orders and conditions allow). Bylaws, Art. IX.1.A.

8.1.2. Riviera Country Club/Longworth Maintenance Gate update.

8.1.3. Palisades SLO Michael Moore retiring; new acting SLO as of 1/17: James Allen.

8.2. From Officers.

8.2.1. Chris Spitz (Secretary): Updates: 1) STAP program (digital signs in bus shelters):

Bonin Motion (CF 20-1536): https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1536_mot_11-24-2020.pdf

PPCC Letter: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/PPCC-Letter-Motion-STAP-RFP.pdf>

2) WRAC meetings 11/16 & 12/21/20; 3) new proposed legislation (SB 9 and 10). *See 1/8/21 Update:*

<http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WRAC-Legislative-Update-1-08-21.pdf>.

8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives.

8.4. From Organizational Representatives.

8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives. *Contact information available at:*

<http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/government-contacts/>.

8.5.1. (Tentative) Brad Fingard, new West Area Representative, Mayor Garcetti.

8.5.2. Deborah Hong, LADWP Community Liaison (*see also item 11.1 below*).

8.6. From PPCC Advisors.

9. Reports from Committees.

9.1. Palisades Forestry Committee (PFC; Chair Cindy Kirven). Status report on the PFC's work to

date on a tree-planting plan for the Palisades. *See PFC outreach letter to 900 block of Hartzell:*

<http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Hartzell-Neighbor-Outreach-1-6-21.pdf>. *Attached flyer:*

<http://investfromthegroundup.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Trees-make-life-better-infographic-EN.pdf>.

10. Old Business – None.

11. New Business.

11.1. LADWP Update. Guest speaker: LADWP Community Liaison Deborah Hong. *Discussion only.*

11.2. Motions recommended to member councils by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

(WRAC): A) Prioritize elementary school reopenings; B) Oppose BONC social media policy; C) Support CF 20-1174 (unfinished development/enforcement). *See attachment below for text of recommended motions.*

Background information: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Background-InformationR.pdf>.

12. Adjournment.

For additional information about PPCC, see www.pacpalicc.org or e-mail info@pacpalicc.org.

AGENDA ATTACHMENT (11.2 – text of WRAC-recommended motions)

A) Prioritize elementary school reopenings

Motion text:

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Whereas schools provide “essential academic and social-emotional learning” environments, and a broader array of resources including “physical, mental health, and therapeutic services”¹;

Whereas “school closures impede learning and compound inequities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged children”²; and particularly disadvantaged are students who are at a young age, have special needs, or are from underprivileged households;

Whereas many states and countries have successfully prioritized the opening of schools over businesses, instead of the other way around;

Whereas Federal, State and local governments can offer stipends, grants, and loans to businesses and employees who may be forced to close, however the same government bodies cannot offer redress to students for lost opportunities and benefits derived from education;

Whereas “safe and consistently open schools are essential for many parents and guardians ... to reenter the workforce”¹, and forcing working parents into full time childcare is neither fair nor sustainable;

Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur) including the prioritization of school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution;

Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports prioritizing the reopening of elementary schools and special-needs classes ahead of other services that are currently allowed to be open.

¹[Levinson M, Cevik M, Lipsitch M. Reopening primary schools during the pandemic. New England Journal of Medicine. 2020 Sep 3;383:981-985.](#)

²[Armitage R, Nellums LB. Considering inequalities in the school closure response to COVID-19. The Lancet Global Health. 2020 May 1;8\(5\):e644.](#)

³[Ludvigsson JF. Children are unlikely to be the main drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic – a systematic review. Acta Paediatrica. 2020 May 19.](#)

Recommended modification (by Chris Spitz, PPCC Secretary & WRAC Vice-Chair):

Replace last paragraph (“Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance . . .”) with the following:

Therefore, Pacific Palisades Community Council supports prioritizing the many efforts needed to safely reopen elementary schools and special-needs classes for the most vulnerable students in Los Angeles including, but not limited to, daily testing, vaccinations for all qualified students and staff, access to personal protective equipment and the necessary training and signed COVID protocol agreements.

Note: NC Westchester-Playa recently passed the motion as modified with the above revised paragraph.

B) Oppose BONC [Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] social media policy

Motion text:

Whereas the proposed BONC Social Media Policy is a direct overreach in power and scope of limiting the ability of Neighborhood Councils to effectively communicate with their constituency; it requires onerous and unenforceable clauses; is overly complicated when existing rules cover many of the issues outlined and a simpler approach would be more appropriate; Therefore, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the proposed BONC Social Media Policy.

C) Support CF 20-1174 (unfinished development/enforcement)

Motion text:

Motion to support CF 20-1174 (Koretz and Ryu). Whereas there are unfinished development projects citywide, which were issued building permits, in some instances, more than 8 years prior, such unfinished projects causing the building sites to become eyesores and a disturbance to abutting property owners and neighborhood residents, therefore the City Council is to instruct the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with the department's enforcement of Municipal Code 91.106.4.4.3. to provide remedies such as a completion bond, which sets time limits to complete projects.