



## Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress

### Senate Meeting

Saturday, October 7, 2006

LADWP Building

Hope & First Streets, Los Angeles

### Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Chair, Brady Westwater
2. Roll Call: Delegates from the following member Neighborhood Councils were present: Atwater Village, Central San Pedro, Coastal San Pedro, Downtown LA, Empowerment Congress SE Area, Encino, Greater Griffith Park, Greater Valley Glen, Harbor Gateway South, Historic Cultural, Historic Highland Park, Mar Vista, Mid City West, North Hills West, Pico Union, Reseda, Studio City, Tarzana, West Los Angeles, West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa, and Woodland Hills-Warner Center.
3. Public Comment included remarks from Mark Elliott, USC, who has been auditing the Congress. He praised the Congress for its forward movement. Kathleen McCullin suggested ways for the NCs to spend their funds. Dan Wiseman is doing a series on TV regarding the city budget. Jim Dedechico suggested that the NCs become more educated on economic development. Shlomo Fattal reminded us that not all NCs are organized and are still struggling. He suggested that the LANCC find a way to help them. The Southeast NC brought the Congress' attention to an incident that has locked Julian Rogers out of their meeting place. It appeared to be an illegal lock out and will be followed up on.
4. The minutes of September 9, 1006 were approved as amended.
5. a) The Senate was brought up to date on the Executive Board meetings and items under discussion. Brady Westwater brought up for discussion the term extension of Lisa Sarno, interim GM of DONE. If the extension is not granted, under city law, she could become permanent. He urged all NCs to flood the E&N committee and the City Council with emails to support her extension, with the understanding that the mayor will give attention to appointing a new GM as quickly as possible. Roger Kulpa suggested that NCs email councilmember(s) and the Mayor to express dissatisfaction with Lisa Sarno. Erik Sanjuro, with Janice Hahn's office, stated that the extension was basically a "done-deal", and that the City Council will be meeting with Ms Sarno to hold her accountable for her actions. UNCOLA, the 501(c)3, has finalized its federal filing, and will now starting on fund raising. b) A discussion was held regarding NC requirements for the new DONE GM. The Congress requested that Daniel Villegas form a committee to set out such requirements and bring them to the City Council. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
6. A presentation was made by the Valley Grassroots for Democracy on voting machine problems that will probably rear their ugly heads in the November elections. The electronic voting machines can be hacked and results changed. Several examples were displayed in a slide show presentation.
7. The DWP MOU Oversight Committee needs to get information out to the NCs regarding meetings on October 14 and October 28. They want to see greater NC participation to strengthen their positions. Time Warner has taken over most of the cable television market in the Los Angeles area and they are taking the public affairs channel off the air.
8. Councilmember Jan Perry spoke to the LANCC. When asked how to get things accomplished when City departments won't cooperate, she stated that City Council members are supposed to intervene and help. She stated that NCs need to define themselves, and that DONE needs to assist NCs. She said NCs need a better support system on building codes, and the homeless need to have citywide engagement on the issue, including involuntary commitment of the mentally challenged, and facilities to help the homeless and the mentally ill. She then spoke at great length about crime victims
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08pm.