

Proceedings of the
Meeting of the Working Group of the
LANC CONGRESS

Saturday, November 12, 2005
DWP Building, Los Angeles, CA

1. The meeting was called to order by Len Shaffer, Chairman.
2. Participants:

Len Shaffer	Tarzana NC
Bob Gelfand	Coastal San Pedro NC
Joel Fisher	Hollywood United NC
Roger Kulpa	Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC
Jeff Jacobberger	Mid City West NC
Ken Draper	Mid City West NC
Humberto Camacho	Pico Union NC
Rosemary Campbell	West Van Nuys / Lake Balboa NC
Cliff Cheng	Palms NC / Mid City West NC
Jacque Lamishaw	Winnetka NC
Elizabeth McClellan	Empowerment Congress SE Area NDC
Bill Murray	Arroyo Seco NC
Dan Pasley	Coastal San Pedro NC
Porter Thomason	West Hills NC
Brady Westwater	Downtown Los Angeles NC
Dan Wiseman	NC V.V., W.H. NC (alternate), V.N. NC

3. Len Shaffer said that most of the communications he received indicates support to continue to the 20% start-up point for the LANC Congress. The "Resolution", previously written by Jeff Jacobberger, was handed out and discussed:

"Even after 20%, the first order should still be outreach", Ken Draper. "No need to send out Resolution, the Congress should do its work", Humberto Cumacho. "There will be 3 phases: outreach phase, structuring phase, issues phase", Brady Westwater. "We should create a tracking spreadsheet, including the status for each NC, using the categories: ratified, on-agenda, in-discussion, unable-to-reach", Cliff Cheng. "20% is just the starting point", Dan Wiseman. "Some people don't understand the 20% reference", Joel Fisher. "We are a working group", Bob Gelfand. "We should hold off sending out the Resolution until we get the 20%", Dan Pasley. "The Resolution should be a press release", Bill Murray. "We need both geographic and demographic representation", Elizabeth McClellan. "We should specify this as the 'LANC Congress' to distinguish", Dan Wiseman.

A **motion** was made to: strike "initial" from the 4th paragraph, and change "Congress" to "LANC Congress" in all places. The motion was adopted unanimously. The Resolution was then adopted unanimously.

4. The OUTREACH packet was presented by Ken Draper, Outreach Chair, who said he hopes we would have 20 NCs on board by the end of the year.
 - a. A recent L.A. Times article will be added to the packet.
 - b. Specific Target Dates
 - i. Dec = continued solicitation of NCs
 - ii. Jan 10 – Mar 1 = TV programs
 - iii. Feb = Planning for first Senate meeting
 - iv. June = DONE-sponsored “congress”
Formation of the 9/12 Commission to review NC experience

Outreach discussion comments:

"Some NCs are not functioning", Bill Murray. "Several members of the Working Group went to the Westside NC meeting to answer questions", Cliff Cheng. *(Having an older white male Ivy League Republican go to Venice was questioned. It was pointed out that today's meeting included 11 white men, 1 Asian man, 1 Hispanic man, and 3 women = 16 total.)* "How about setting up an outreach townhall meeting in the southeast area?", Elizabeth McClellan. "Can anyone help at our WVNLB meeting?", Rosemary Campbell. "We should translate the Charter into Spanish", Humberto Camacho. "Some people question if this is an extra layer of bureaucracy; we need to specify the Congress is not a hindrance, but a springboard to help", Roger Kulpa. "It is for citywide issues, not local; NCs will still be the voice for local issues", Len Shaffer.

5. Comments on other current matters of interest of the Working Group -

Cliff Cheng gave a report of his outreach, meeting with several different NCs on the westside, including South Robertson NC, Del Rey NC, Palms NC, and Westchester/Playa del Rey NC.

As of today, there are 15 NCs who have ratified the LANC Congress Charter. At least 10 NCs are in the “in process” category.

The Charter has had a “primary” translation into Spanish. Humbert Camacho will try to have “other competent translators” help refine and finalize the translation, so it can be posted on the lanccongress.org website and used for presentations at appropriate NCs.

6. Some of the functions of the LANC Congress were discussed:

- a. To receive area and citywide issues **from** individual NCs to be reviewed and supported/opposed by the larger group (the LANC Congress).
- b. To review and support successful relationships between NCs and City agencies, LAUSD, METRO, etc.
- c. To provide peer-support between NCs, and to assist NCs in their formation and operation.