

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
California

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Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

**NENC Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month
at Northridge Woman's Club, 18401 Lassen Street, Northridge, CA 91325**

**Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
has been **SUSPENDED****

**pursuant to the following notification sent to all 99 Neighborhood Councils by the City's
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 8:50 p.m.**

(The next regular NENC Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the
Northridge Woman's Club. Future agendas will be posted on our website: www.NENC-LA.org)

CITY OF LOS ANGELES OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION SENT MARCH 12, 2020:

ALL NC MEETINGS & EVENTS ARE SUSPENDED THROUGH 3/31/2020, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

In keeping with Mayor Garcetti's directive issued today, entitled "[COVID-19 City Guidelines](#)," all Neighborhood Council (NC) board, committee, alliance, and liaison meetings - as well as all other NC-related events - are suspended up to and including March 31, 2020. If your board, committee, or alliance has not yet acted to suspend meetings scheduled during that time, please cancel them now.

Because of this, the City Clerk's NC Funding division states that "all Neighborhood Council events that have been approved or which are under review are considered canceled or postponed until further notice."

Please make sure to notify your stakeholders and any meeting or event venues you may have booked about the City's directive to suspend NC meetings and events for now. We suggest sharing the news via email and social media, and also posting it to your website.

Since the NC meetings are suspended due to these extenuating circumstances, the standard rules regarding meeting absences are also suspended during this period. This means that a canceled meeting will not be counted as an official absence, for example.

DOWNTOWN & VAN NUYS CITY HALL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Per the Mayor's directive linked above, the Los Angeles City Hall complex (City Hall, City Hall East, City Hall South, and Van Nuys City Hall) are temporarily closed to anyone who is not a badged City employee - including members of Neighborhood Councils - with the exception of public meetings of the City Council.

ABOUT GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S 3/12 EXECUTIVE ORDER & THE BROWN ACT

The Department has received inquiries regarding a recent [Executive Order](#) issued by Governor Newsom that affects certain meeting requirements under the Brown Act. We have been informed that the City Attorney's Office is reviewing the Order. The Department will be updating the Neighborhood Councils upon receipt of further information from the City Attorney's Office. Please look for this in a future email update like this one.

CREDIBLE SOURCES FOR UP-TO-DATE INFO ON CORONAVIRUS IN LOS ANGELES

Please do not share news or public health advice that may become dangerously outdated. Instead, share credible sources for locally relevant information that are constantly updated. Here are a few:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is the lead local agency on the status of COVID-19 in the Los Angeles area. They have a dedicated coronavirus dashboard includes everything from a live case count to downloadable guidelines for businesses, event venues, public transit riders, and more:

<http://PublicHealth.LAcounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

Another great resource are LA Public Health's coronavirus press conferences, which take place every weekday at 12 noon PST. These are livestreamed to their Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/CountyOfLA>.

Finally, please encourage your stakeholders and fellow board and committee members to sign up for NotifyLA, to get the City's latest updates on COVID-19. Register at <http://NotifyLA.org>.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP: USE YOUR EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

In cases of officially-declared states of emergency such as the current City and State-declared emergency over COVID-19, NCs are able to use their Emergency Authority. This allows an NC President or Chair to exercise their discretion to direct the immediate use of NC funds for services or supplies related to recovery and mitigation efforts for the declared emergency. Up to \$1,000 may be used in this manner without prior board approval. Prior board approval at a properly noticed public meeting is required to spend over \$1,000. The Department recommends reporting all NC fund authorizations for declared emergencies at your next board meeting, so that your action gets entered into the official record.

In an Emergency Authority case like this one, the NC President or Chair may authorize the NC Bank Cardholder to utilize their NC bank card to purchase items and services to facilitate their community's ability to respond to the declared emergency.

Such expenses must be within the stated spending limits, and are strictly for emergency services/supplies under the circumstances described above. Expenditures of this type are classed in the Outreach subcategory. For a complete

overview of expenditures of NC funds in declared emergencies, see pp. 38-39 of the current [Neighborhood Council Funding Program manual](#).

HOW WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED DURING THIS PERIOD

We're working to answer your questions on issues like managing bylaws amendments and whether teleconferencing can be an option. We'll share guidance on these and other topics as we have it in a future email update like this one.

Please also watch for an invite to join a conference call with Department leadership, where you can share your questions and requests for support on coronavirus-related issues. That will be taking place during the coming week; we will soon share an update on how to join the call live, as well as how to submit a question in advance if you can't attend.

We thank you for the leadership that you and your Council have shown to your community in these uncertain times. We know people rely on the Neighborhood Council System for information about critical issues. We are committed to supporting your leadership role in your community. Please send your questions and suggestions to your Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate.

(END OF CITY NOTIFICATION)

Agenda Items: The regular month's agenda is posted for public review at least 72 hours before the meeting. Current posting sites are: Northridge Recreation Center and the Northridge Branch Library.

Public access to records: In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority of all of the board members in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at <http://nenc-la.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at smillsnenc@gmail.com, or other Executive Board member using the contact information below.

ADA Compliance: As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least three business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at smillsnenc@gmail.com, or other Executive Board member, using the contact information below.

The Council is always looking for volunteers to fill various roles. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at: info@nenc-la.org. Events and calendar postings should be sent to events@nenc-la.org. The NENC monthly agenda setting (Executive Committee) meeting is held on the Monday nine days prior to the third Wednesday (unless otherwise announced) at 4:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room at the Northridge Recreation Center located at 18300 Lemarsh Street, Northridge 91325. If you want to request that an issue be placed on the agenda, please make sure the request is submitted in writing to the officers prior to the agenda setting meeting.

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