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Brief Summary: On behalf of the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council and its stakeholders, we are submitting this letter in support of the Mayor and City Council's efforts to raise the minimum wage and urge the City to adopt a comprehensive policy, developed by the Raise the Wage Coalition, which includes strong wage enforcement, paid sick leave and a clear path to \$15 per hour for workers as soon as possible.

Additional Information: We believe that adopting a comprehensive minimum policy will also provide protections for hard-working, low-wage workers who lose millions of dollars per year from stolen wages and a lack of access to earned sick leave. A comprehensive policy will ethical business owners and protect the health of the public as well.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

February 5, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council and its stakeholders, we are submitting this letter in support of the Mayor and City Council's efforts to raise the minimum wage and urge the City to adopt a comprehensive policy, developed by the Raise the Wage Coalition, which includes strong wage enforcement, paid sick leave and a clear path to \$15 per hour for workers as soon as possible. Doing so will bring over 800,00 Angelinos out of poverty, produce over 9 billion dollars in additional consumer spending at our local businesses and create over 64,000 jobs for our communities.

We believe that adopting a comprehensive minimum policy will also provide protections for hard-working, low-wage workers who lose millions of dollars per year from stolen wages and a lack of access to earned sick leave. A comprehensive policy will ethical business owners and protect the health of the public as well.

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council is proud to add our voice to a growing list of groups in support of a comprehensive minimum wage policy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our President, Steve Appleton

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Paredes".

Daniel Paredes, Vice President
Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council



MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015
ALLESANDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
2210 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES 90039

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Appleton at **6:37 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

Steve Appleton
Daniel Paredes
(Arr. 6:55 p.m.)
Marie Gurule
Allen Anderson

Arturo Gomez
Roman Gomez
(Arr. 8:10 p.m.)
Lali Grewal
(Left 8:50 p.m.)

Jeff Klein
Becky Lee
Katie Poltz
Daniel Torres

Absent: Andy Chung, Chad Gordon, Christopher Pina (Resigned), Astrid Sykes

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stakeholder Vicente Montalvo stated that the grievance he submitted must be on the Agenda. Appleton responded, "Generally we do not get in dialog about public comments but I think it serves the public to explain why the agenda item is not on the Agenda. As you were informed, the grievance you submitted was rejected by the City Attorney as not being a valid grievance. We were instructed not to form a grievance committee, and not to put the item on the Agenda." Barry Stone from the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment interrupted, stating, "DONE is all about openness and so the grievance should be on the agenda. Appleton reiterated that EVRNC was "instructed by the City Attorney not to include the grievance."

/ moved to approve the Agenda. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Ed Brostoff, Alexander Benitez, Ceci Dominguez, Gary Rogokos, and Adrienne Benitez, and others who did not identify themselves, expressed anger over the proposed Riverfront Creative Campus development at 2990 Allesandro St.
- b. Bob Berg announced that the Mayor's Crisis Response Team needs volunteers to help the families of crime and other victims. The application is available at <http://tinyurl.com/crtapplication2015>.

- c. Ceci Dominguez recommended there also be committees on Education and Health, and that more money be spent on events and mammograms than Neighborhood Purpose Grants. She reported that there were over 200 attendees at the Breakfast with Santa.
 - d. Vincent Montalvo demanded that a Grievance Committee be formed.
 - e. Barry Stone, representing the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), introduced himself as EVRNC's new representative. Further, that the deadline for Board Members to sign the Code of Conduct has been extended to April 3, 2015.
4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
- a. Karin Flores, representing the Friends of the L.A. River, announced there would be a community clean-up at Marsh and Steelhead Parks on April 18, 2015, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 - b. Susan Reimers, EVRNC Budget Representative, announced that the Budget Advocates and Mayor's Office would be holding regional Town Halls on the City Budget in February. As soon as the date is confirmed, it will be forwarded to EVRNC Outreach.
5. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- Tabled.
6. CHAIR'S REPORT
- Appleton reported that he had attended an event at the Community Garden; there was a great turn-out. The purpose of the neighborhood council(s) is to give voice to the community, to hear its opinions, and EVRNC is striving to focus on better communication.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
- Adam Bass, representing CD13, distributed his report to EVRNC. Of particular note, he announced that CD13 would soon schedule a community meeting on the "Riverfront Creative Campus" at 2990 Allesandro St. He also announced that the only Community Development Block Grant request that Councilman O'Farrell made this year was to complete the street lighting project in Elysian Valley; they expect an answer in February.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- a. Outreach

Klein reported that the Committee had met. They are looking for ways to reach out across various technologies: from facebook to advertising in the Community Beacon to handing out flyers. He publicly thanked Robert Leyland for distributing the flyers. Lee presented a flyer that she designed that notes when the Board, Environment & Land Use, Outreach and Grants committees respectively meet. A. Gomez, now Chair of the Outreach Committee, reported that he was finalizing the first ad for the Community Beacon. A. Gomez also reported that the Committee endorsed EVRNC forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Community Displacement.
 - b. Environment & Land Use

Appleton reported that the past couple of meetings have been active. There is a small restaurant at Fletcher and Ripple that had presented. The next meeting will focus on several projects.
 - c. Ad Hoc Website Committee

Poltz reported that DONE would be paying for EVRNC to use Nation Builder and she thinks the website is ready to be transferred to the Outreach Committee.
 - d. Grants Committee

Anderson announced that he was resigning as Chair of this Committee and the appointment of a new Chair should be agendized for the next meeting.
 - e. Public Comment on Committee Reports

- i. Ceci Dominguez again recommended that committees be formed for Education and Health. Also, that the Budget & Finance and Executive Committee meetings be added to the Outreach flyer.
- ii. Ed Brostoff recommended that EVRNC buy a kiosk to post announcements on the Bike Path.
- iii. Vincent Montalvo asked if the flyer would also be in Spanish. Response, yes.

9. AD HOC BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. **Klein/Torres moved to make the following changes to the Bylaws:**

Change applies to: Article VI – Officers; Section 1: Officers of the Board.

Proposed: The officers of the Board (“Officers”) shall include the following positions which all together comprise the Executive Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Change applies to: Article VI – Officers; Section 2: Duties and Powers; Item A.

Proposed: The Chair shall act as the chief executive of the Council and shall preside at all Council meetings.

Change applies to: Article VI – Officers; Section 2: Duties and Powers; Item B.

Proposed: The Vice-Chair shall serve in place of the Chair if the Chair is unable to serve.

Motion passed 10-0-1 by roll-call vote. (Abstaining: R. Gomez)

b. **Klein/Torres moved to make the following changes to the Bylaws:**

Change applies to: Article VIII – Meetings; Section 2.

Proposed: The Vice-Chair shall set the agenda for each Council meeting. If the Vice-Chair is vacant, then the Secretary shall set the agenda for each Council meeting. A final approval of the agenda will be done in dialogue and/or consultation with the Chair. Agenda requests made by Board Members, community members, and other stakeholders and which are omitted may receive an explanation for the omission. No reason shall be given for the omission if the EVRNC has been given legal advice from the City Attorney.

Motion failed 5-6-0 by roll-call vote. (Noes: A. Gomez, Poltz, Lee, Gurule, Anderson, R. Gomez)

c. **Klein/Gurule moved to make the following changes to the Bylaws:**

Change applies to: Article VI – Officers; Section 2; Item C.

Proposed: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Board meetings. The Board, at its discretion, may approve an alternative individual to keep minutes. In the absence of this approved individual, the responsibility shall fall back onto the Secretary.

Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote.

d. **Klein/Anderson moved to make the following changes to the Bylaws:**

Change applies to: Article vii – Committees and Their Duties; Section 3; Item C.
Proposed: All Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Board. The Chairs or an individual approved by the Board shall keep a written record of Committee meetings, including minutes, and shall provide regular reports on Committee matters to the Board.

Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote. (Grewal left the meeting for the night prior to vote)

10. APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR SEPTEMBER, 2014 EXPENDITURES
Torres/Anderson moved to approve September 2014 expenditures in the amount of \$445.33. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.
11. APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR OCTOBER, 2014 EXPENDITURES
Torres/Anderson moved to approve October 2014 expenditures in the amount of \$1,817.34. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.
12. APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR DECEMBER, 2014 EXPENDITURES
Torres/Paredes moved to approve December 2014 expenditures in the amount of \$596.62. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.
13. VOTE COUNT FOR PARTNERS OF DORRIS (POD) AND LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST GRANTS STATING THAT THE FUNDS WILL COME FROM 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR FUNDING
 - a. **Appleton/Gurule moved that the EVRNC request that the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment fund the Partners of Dorris Neighborhood Purpose Grant with funds from the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.**
 - b. **Appleton/Gurule moved that the EVRNC request that the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment fund the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust Neighborhood Purpose Grant with funds from the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Motion passed 10-0-0 by roll-call vote.**
14. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELIGIBLE STAKEHOLDER AS BOARD MEMBER TO FILL EVRNC VACANCY
Tabled. Klein announced that Christopher Pina had resigned and that if anyone was interested in the seat, to email outreach.evrnc@gmail.com.
15. PRESENTATION ON HOMELESS CENSUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS
A representative from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority announced that the Bi-Annual Homeless Count would take place on January 29, 2015. The Count helps the agencies to receive and allocate funding for homeless services. Volunteers are needed. Contact 213.683.3333 or go to TheyCountWillYou.org.
16. PRESENTATION ON LA CITYWIDE LIVING WAGE CAMPAIGN
Rachel Torres from the Minimum Wage Coalition presented its findings on the cost of living in Los Angeles and the need to increase the minimum wage. **Paredes/A. Gomez moved to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the Living Wage increase in line with the Minimum Wage Coalition. Motion passed 10-0-0 by hand-vote.**
17. REPORT BACK FROM ROMAN GOMEZ REGARDING THE ELYSIAN VALLEY Q CONDITIONS PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2014 AT 9:30 A.M., DORRIS PLACE
18. DISCUSS IMPACT OF MPD ZONING ORDINANCE ON ELYSIAN VALLEY
Tabled.

19. PROPOSED FORMATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DISPLACEMENT
 - A. Gomez/Gurule moved to form an Ad Hoc Committee on Community Displacement. Motion passed 10-0-0 by hand vote.
 - A. Gomez/Gurule moved to appoint R. Gomez as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Displacement. Motion passed 10-0-0 by hand vote.
20. NOTIFICATION EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC INPUT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) OF THE 2990 ALLESANDRO ST. PROJECT
 - A. Gomez/R. Gomez moved for EVRNC to draft a letter to Greg Shoop requesting a 60 day extension for public comment on the 2990 Allesandro St. Project. Motion passed 10-0-0 by hand vote.
21. ADJOURNMENT
 - R. Gomez/Klein moved to adjourn at 10:28 p.m.