

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Leonard Shaffer - President
Eran Heissler – 1st VP
Jeff Mausner – 2nd VP
Harvey Goldberg - Treasurer
Iris Polonsky - Exec Sec.



TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

P.O. Box 571016
Tarzana, CA 91356
tnc@tarzananc.org
www.tarzananc.org

TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday March 21, 2024 8:00 AM

VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

How to Join the Virtual Telephonic Meeting

Go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/853 0947 9206](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85309479206)

By Telephone: Dial 1-669-900-6833, enter 853 0947 9206 and Press #

Using the Zoom App: Join Meeting and enter ID: 853 0947 9206

You may also call in using the following phone numbers:
833-548-0282, 888-475-4499, 877-853-5257, 833-548-0276

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

*Public Comment: Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial (1- 669) 900-6833 and enter 853 0947 9206 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the committee meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.*

General Public Comment: Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Committee's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual Committee member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Committee, the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings
3. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.
4. Agenda planning for the upcoming Board meeting – Discussion and possible action on matters within the TNC Board's jurisdiction including but not limited to referrals from the following TNC standing Committees:

Budget Committee Agenda <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/budget-&-finance-committee>

Land Use Committee Agenda <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/land-use-committee>

Transportation Committee Agenda

<https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/transportation-mobility-committee>

Animal Welfare Committee Agenda <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/animal-welfare>

Outreach Committee Agenda <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/outreach-committee>

Events Committee Agenda <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/events>

Public Safety Committee Agenda <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/public-safety>

Beautification Committee Agenda

<https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/community-beautification->

Other Supporting documents related to the below agenda items are posted on the TNC website at

<https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/executive-committee>

5. Discussion and motion: Recommend the TNC Board approve a CIS regarding CF – 15-0389-S2 as follows:

The Tarzana Neighborhood Council adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendation to oppose granting Community Councils the same privileges as those afforded to Neighborhood Councils (NCs) pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. All certified Neighborhood Councils are required to comply with the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, and the policies and rules of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk’s NC Funding Program and NC Election Divisions. Neighborhood Council Board members must take several trainings including Ethics, Anti Bias, and Gender Bias and comply with a Code of Conduct. Community Council members do not have to comply with any of the above. Further, Neighborhood Council meetings must comply with the Brown Act by giving notice of meeting times and locations, the timely filing of agendas and being open to the public. Neighborhood Councils are prohibited from activities such as raising outside funding, supporting or opposing candidates and ballot measures, and suing the city. Community Council members are not required to take any type of training, they can restrict board membership in any way they choose, they do not need to give notice of meeting times and locations, allow the public to attend and address them, or let the public know what they are discussing and deciding. Where Neighborhood Councils are supposed to be open and not discuss or decide issues before them in any manner other than at a public meeting, Community Councils can meet and decide issue in ways that are opaque and secretive. Some years ago, Pacific Palisades Community Council declined to seek Neighborhood Council status because they did not want to comply with the Brown Act. Brentwood Community Council requires each board member to donate \$150 each year to be on the board. While Westwood Community Council is not mentioned in the motion, it operates in an area covered by two Neighborhood Councils. It solicits annual “voluntary dues” and contributions. If this motion is adopted by the City Council, it will mean that other Community Councils, Civic organizations and possibly Homeowners organizations throughout the city can demand the same privileges. If this motion is adopted, Neighborhood Councils may change their status to Community Councils to avoid complying with NC requirements. Rather than providing special treatment of Community Councils, the City Council should instead instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to prioritize the formation of Neighborhood Councils in areas where they do not now exist, with the goal of achieving 100% coverage of the city by certified Neighborhood Councils.

6. Discussion and motion: Approve the proposed agenda for the upcoming Board meeting with any additions and/or amendments.

7. Committee Business - Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
 - a. Comment on Committee members' own activities/brief announcements.
 - b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
 - c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.
8. Adjournment

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 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

Notice to Paid Representatives -

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

Tarzana Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

Wilbur Charter For Enriched Academics [5213 Crebs Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356](https://www.tarzananc.org)

On the neighborhood council website www.tarzananc.org

You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Committee in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/Committee>, 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 us at tnc@tarzananc.org

Any materials that may be distributed to a majority of the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the above scheduled meeting are available for review by the public at 19040 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335 or on our website at www.tarzananc.org

Process for Reconsideration – Reconsideration of Committee actions shall be in accordance with the Tarzana Neighborhood Council bylaws.