



AGENDA
Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm
ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS (X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused)

Tess Taylor, Chair Kelly Cole Shawn Besharaty Reynold Blight Jonathan Gregory Logan Dalton

1. Call to order. Start time: _____. Public in attendance: _____.
2. Review, approve minutes (see materials at GTLNC.org under meeting documents): **MOTION:** Approve GTLNC February 7th, 2023 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes. First: _____. Second: _____.

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Vote: ___ / ___ / ___		Key: Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent.			

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within GTLNC’s Jurisdiction (2 min per speaker)
4. Introducing new GAC Committee Member: Logan Dalton
5. Committee Member News & Announcements (2 min per speaker on relevant subject[s] not on agenda)
6. Discussion and possible action relative to Southern California Gas Company’s Request to Increase Gas Rates Application A.22-05-015. Public Forums will be held on **Monday, March 6th at 2:00PM** and **Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00PM**. Phone 800-857-1917 to participate live. Or contact the Public Advocates Office, an independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, call **1-415-703-1584**, email **PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov**, or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

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7. Legislation of possible interest to Committee and Community.
8. Discussion and possible motion to support Official Action of the Los Angeles City Council (**23-0002-S19**) (Rodriguez – Krekorian – Soto-Martinez) to include in the City’s 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program and establish the City’s position regarding legislation and administrative action which would condemn Azerbaijan’s illegal and unprovoked attack on Armenian territory, and call for other actions to result in diplomatic action to open the corridor and ensure safe passage between Armenia and Artsakh, humanitarian assistance, and action against the regime in Azerbaijan. This motion also to be submitted as a separate CIS to Council File **23-0002-S19**.

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9. Discussion and possible motion / Request For Action to express concern at actions by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“DONE”) in placing the Hollywood District Studios Neighborhood Council (“HDSNC”) in “Exhaustive Efforts.” GTLNC is concerned that actions by DONE to place HDSNC in Exhaustive Efforts, in DONE’s reported use of \$4000 of HDSNC’s funds in the absence of a proper governing board vote, and in improper and unconstitutional demands that HDSNC board members attend particular meetings. GTLNC calls on City Council and/or its appropriate committee to review these actions by DONE and for the Mayor to consider appropriate disciplinary action against DONE and its officers. Click **HERE** (Community Impact Statement [“CIS”] submitted by Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council) and **HERE** (Palms Neighborhood Council’s Draft Letter of Action with Vote of No Confidence) or see Meeting Documents at **GTLNC.org**. This motion also to be submitted as a separate CIS to **Council File 19-0945**.

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10. Discussion, possible action and update on legal action to repeal ULA, also known as the “Homelessness and Housing Solutions Tax” and the “Mansion Tax” approved by voters in 2022. ULA imposes a new and additional transfer tax on real estate valued at more than \$5M on both residential and commercial real estate transactions occurring on or after April 1, 2023 and will remain in effect until repealed by the people of the City of Los Angeles.

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11. Discussion, possible action and update on Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (“MLO”), **Council File 22-0560**. To date, forty-five Neighborhood Councils representing stakeholders across every City Council district have passed Community Impact Statements demanding the advancement of the MLO, which has not undergone comprehensive reform since 1994. Twice before, in 2008 and 2016, recommendations from the Ethics Commission died without a vote by the City Council. Articles in the **Los Angeles Times** and the **Los Angeles Daily News** have highlighted the unprecedented campaign by Neighborhood Councils in support of a robust and enforceable MLO, which closes loopholes and does not open the door to new ones. This motion also to be submitted as separate CIS to **CF 22-0560**.

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12. Status update on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 LA World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners meeting relative to dangerous conditions, 24/7 noise, pollution from planes, expansion of flight paths at local airports.

13. New Business / Future Projects.

14. Old Business.

15. Adjournment. Close Time: _____

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM in person, location TBA.

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