



AGENDA

Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) Meeting
Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 6:00PM
Toluca Lake Elementary School – Classroom 17
4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601
Supporting documents available at GTLNC.org.



Committee Membership (X = present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused):

____ Doug Hamblin, Chair
____ Cella Duffy
____ Kelly Cole

____ Logan Dalton
____ Marc Robinson
____ Deborah Yazmajian

NOTE: The Committee will consider all agenda items which are possible to hear within its available meeting time. Any remaining items which cannot be heard will be re-agendized at the Committee’s June 4th, 2024 meeting.

1. Call to Order. Roll call. Announcements.
2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only. Please fill out a separate speaker card for each agendized item on which you wish to be heard. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker.
3. Approval of Minutes from prior Governmental Affairs Committee meeting (GTLNC.org).
4. Legislation of possible interest to Greater Toluca Lake.
5. Discussion and possible position on Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto’s Amicus Brief in the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court’s consideration of homeless encampments.

Brief: <https://bit.ly/Soto-Brief-Supreme-Court>

Article: <https://lat.ms/4b4x9mt>

6. Discussion to consider possible Letter of Action to Mayor Karen Bass to protest Los Angeles City Budget shortfall for vital city services of an estimated \$300 million, and next year’s budget gap of an estimated \$800 million, caused by the diversion of taxpayer funds to accommodate the Mayor’s priorities.

Article: <https://bit.ly/3Qxh14D>

Article: <https://bit.ly/LA-Is-Broke>

7. Discussion to consider possible Letter of Action to Metropolitan Water District (MWD) about rate increase and doubling of property tax that MWD levies on all property in its 5,200 square mile service territory that spans portions of six Southern California counties.

Article: <https://bit.ly/MWD-Board-Approves-Budget>

Article: <https://bit.ly/What-MWD-Doesnt-Want-You-To-Know>

Article: <https://bit.ly/MWD-Blank-Check-Increase>

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8. Discussion to consider possible position on the City of Los Angeles considering two proposed development agreements for over \$100 million for two luxury hotels in Downtown Los Angeles and the Arts District.

Article: <https://bit.ly/Two-City-Development-Incentive-Agreements>

9. Discussion to consider possible position relative to the findings of an audit by the California State Auditor that showed that the State “has not consistently tracked and evaluated the State’s efforts to prevent and end homelessness.”

Article: <https://bit.ly/Newsom-Homeless-Audit>

10. Discussion to consider possible position relative to LA Alliance’s settlements with the City and County of Los Angeles, including metrics and milestones committed to regarding removal of homeless encampments.

11. Useful resources for GTLNC and its stakeholders:

- 11.1 City Clerk’s council file system (track and comment on proposed legislation).

- LINK:** <https://bit.ly/LACityClerk-Connect>

- 11.2 City Personnel directory for every department

- LINK:** <https://bit.ly/City-Directory-City-of-LA>

- 11.3 2024-25 Mayor’s Proposed Budget

- LINK:** <https://bit.ly/LA-City-Budget>

12. Old Business.

13. New Business.

14. Next meeting on Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at 6:00PM at Toluca Lake Elementary School (Classroom 17) located at 4840 Cahuenga Boulevard, N. Hollywood, 91601.

15. Adjournment.

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