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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING



Tuesday, May 3, 2022
 6:30pm

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS			<i>X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused</i>			
<u>X</u>	Katherine Hatton	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>EX</u>	Kelly Cole	<u>X</u>	Shawn Besharaty
<u>X</u>	Tess Taylor	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>EX</u>	Reynold Blight		

1. Call to Order	Start Time 6:34 PM						
2. Attendance	Public in Attendance: 5						
3. Minutes <i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i>							
a. Review and Approve Committee Minutes (Materials can be found at https://www.gtlnc.org/ under committee meeting documents)							
MOTION A: Approve the GTLNC April 5, 2022 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes, as amended.	VOTE: 3 / 0 / 0 <i>First: Tess Second: Shawn</i>						
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<i>Y – Yes A – Abstain I – Ineligible N – No R – Recusal E – Excused</i>							
4. Public Comment <i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker on relevant subject not on agenda)</i>							
<i>Rudy Melendez announces his candidacy in November election for Congressional District 29. Proposes valley neighborhood councils and/or GAC organize candidate debate or forum and introduce stakeholders to State Assembly, Congressional District, County Supervisor and LA City candidates.</i>							
5. Committee Member News & Announcements <i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker on relevant subject not on agenda)</i>							
<i>None.</i>							
6. On-Going Business <i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i>							
a. Discussion re Regional Housing Needs Assessment ("RHNA") and its effect on Los Angeles and GTLNC. Review of CA State Auditor's report on RHNA.							
<i>Tess Taylor explains and expresses support for Acting California State Auditor Michael S. Tilden's March 17, 2022 letter and report to Governor Gavin Newsom. Tilden says the Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") and its Regional Housing Needs Assessments ("RHNA") have inflated requirements by hundreds of thousands of housing units. The California Alliance of Local Electeds (CALE) has called for an audit and supports the State Auditor's findings. Problems identified in the State Auditor's report include</i>							



inconsistent vacancy rates, improper bench-marking and comparisons, omissions, over count, inconsistencies in housing unit projections, and lack of documentation and methodology to support findings. Among other things, RHNA projections were based on concentrated job growth which was assumed to remain constant throughout the State of California and all industries. RHNA critics say these are unreasonable, if not reckless, assumptions. GAC will monitor legislation and consider sending letter to support State Auditor's findings.

Jonathan Gregory: How does this neighborhood council govern itself? Mentions transit oriented community project and lack of opposition when it was discussed several years ago but vigorous recent opposition among current board members.

Katherine Hatton: It was unclear at the time how that legislation might affect Greater Toluca Lake.

Karen Collier: How can we protect ourselves from the effects of SB 9 and SB 10 and from people building 4 or 6 units on single family home parcels? What do we do to stop it right now?

Tess Taylor: LA City Council discussed implementation of SB 9 and SB 10. Recommends unitedneighbors.net as source of up-to-date information. Four cities have filed a lawsuit over SB 9, Tess expressed hope that more cities will join this fight. GAC has standing agenda item to review pending legislation. Suggests Karen attend GTLNC Planning & Land Use Committee meetings (2nd Monday of month) which frequently reviews proposed projects in our area.

Annie Gagen: RHNA numbers are being questioned. When LA City Council President Nury Martinez said SB 9 and SB 10 were the most robust housing in the nation, the state came back and said, "It's still not enough." If RHNA numbers are proven to be overblown, would that help us with the Housing Element?

Tess Taylor states she has received Housing Element communications between homeowner associations and LA City Planning. Tess welcomes inquiries and articles from the public on these topics and/or is happy to share her research.

Annie Gagen asks about state of OurNeighborhoodVoices.com to restore local control. Tess says this coalition of California neighborhood leaders is planning a ballot campaign for 2024.

b. Discussion and possible action re Standing Rules (all meeting documents available at GTLNC.org)

MOTION B: Recommend Standing Rule: Annual Meeting Procedure as amended for adoption by the GTLNC. **VOTE: 3 / 0 / 0**

*First: Tess
 Second: Shawn*

<u>Y</u>	Katherine Hatton	<u>AB</u>	Kelly Cole	Y	Shawn Besharaty
<u>Y</u>	Tess Taylor	<u>AB</u>	Reynold Blight		

Discussion on whether an officer candidate should have opportunity to make a closing remark. Concern expressed that board members are not supposed to respond to comments from the public other than to offer brief clarification or answer simple questions. Committee agreed to one (1) minute closing remark.

Jonathan Gregory. This gives the ability to address one's reputation if it has been damaged.



Discussion to add a Standing Rule to pass a budget before the end of the fiscal year, an annual procedure. Postponed.

MOTION C: Recommend Standing Rule: Committee Membership as amended for adoption by the GTLNC.

VOTE: 3 / 0 / 0
First: Tess
Second: Shawn

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Discussion of how to add committee members from public, and from among board members, and how to avoid quorum of a quorum. Objection expressed to put power of committee member selection solely into hands of committee chair.

Shawn Besharaty expressed desire to make joining a committee easy and for better training of new board and committee members. Suggests chair provide guide or What To Expect.

Jo Ann Rivas: Chair should not be able to cherry pick committee members, a quorum vote is fair.

David Wheatley: Chairs should not appoint committee members, this should be done by majority vote.

Katherine Hatton summarizes committee recommendations. First, committee members are asked if they wish to step down in the event of a quorum-of-quorum. If none volunteer, then chair will ask president to decide. No unilateral removals from committees.

c. Standing agenda item: Pending Legislation Tracking

Some of the following bills were put forward by Reyn Blight, and as he was absent these were not discussed and will be carried forward to GAC's June 7th, 2022 meeting agenda.

- AB 1288 (Quirk-Silva) Taxation: income: insurance: tax credits: low-income housing
- AB 1910 (Garcia) Publicly owned golf courses, conversion, affordable housing.

Tess Taylor expressed that this bill is irresponsible as drafted. Removal of public assets and open spaces favors those who can afford alternatives and disfavors those with fewer options.

Jill Young: Agrees with Tess, it's madness to get rid of golf courses. This is one of the last places people can share. Eliminating public golf courses excludes the poor and the middle class.

- AB 1911 (Gabriel) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing
- AB 2006 (Berman) Regulatory agreements: compliance monitoring



- AB 2053 (Lee, Carrillo, Kalra) Would enact Social Housing Act, would create California Housing Authority. Mixed income housing.

Tess Taylor expressed opposition to this bill, a continuation of state policy not to subsidize public housing since it was abolished by then-Governor Jerry Brown. This Authority is envisioned to be self-supporting but the financial structure is vague and problematic, especially the debt financing proposed. Any amount of affordable housing envisioned should be stated up front. Eminent domain will not be considered and thus should be specifically prohibited in the bill. Communities request input and to be part of this process. Any agency that ignores the community and its interests is not appropriate. This Authority would have a board appointed by the Governor, but boards should be apolitical in nature. The board should be non-partisan in makeup and selection.

Jill Young: This could be easily abused. Suggests increase in Section 8 housing instead.

David Wheatley: Expresses displeasure with terrible developments around the city, especially at Cahuenga and Bloomfield. Contends this was a massive blowing off of the responsibilities of the Planning & Land Use Committee and of the GTLNC.

- AB 2097 (Friedman) Related to land use, parking requirements.

Tess Taylor expresses strong opposition this bill which harms low income residents, does not recognize fundamental needs of residents in current and future urban environments. This bill would force people to park far from home or work and is nothing more than a huge concession to developers. Strongly objects to this approach to solve affordable housing. Before removing parking, the state should install public parking or shuttles.

David Wheatley asks to see person talking (co-chair).

Katherine Hatton explains her Internet is not very good, states her name.

David Wheatley: Anything that forces us into mass transit is a bad idea, this should be vehemently opposed.

Jill Young: I oppose it, too. Parking is a nightmare. I am a landlord, this is something I am always dealing with, with tenants. Every new structure built should have at least 2 parking spaces per unit. Mentions friend on Section 8 housing with no car who has to walk past Lankershim Corridor and is frequently accosted by people living in tents there. This bill is a huge accommodation to developers, shame on them!

Jo Ann Rivas: Opposes bill, we're forcing people into mass transit and not providing enough parking. It's not our job to coerce people into public transit. Let's keep the freedom to choose. I don't want my daughter to have to bike, walk or take public transit. I want her to be able to drive and park in my building and be safe.

- AB 2186 (Grayson) Housing Cost Reduction Incentive Program

- AB 2244 (Wicks) Religious institution affiliated housing: co-located place of worship

David Wheatley: Opposes this bill which would enable a religious institution to give up half of its parking to build affordable housing but adjoining properties will be severely negatively impacted.

- AB 2334 (Wicks) Density Bonus Law: affordability: incentives or concessions in very low vehicle travel areas: parking standards: definitions



- SB 1100 (Low) Brown Act updates
- SB 948 (Becker) Housing finance programs: development reserves.

Tess Taylor will add the following bills to June 7 GAC agenda for tracking: AB 682 (Bloom) Density bonus, and AB 916 (Salas, Quirk-Silva) Accessory dwelling units (“ADUs”) and bedroom additions.

Jonathan Gregory: Four cities in LA County have sued the state for non-constitutionality of SB 9. LA City Council voted against SB 9. Most people oppose this level of intrusion on our lives and economic well being.

David Wheatley recommends reviewing legislation related to mental health services and crime.

7. New Business/Future Projects *(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)*

- a. Identify and invite Assemblymember and State Senator legislative analysts to speak to GAC

Katherine Hatton steps down as GAC co-chair but remains GAC committee member. She will co-chair the Outreach Committee to replace Paige Cram. Tess Taylor thanks Katherine for co-chairing GAC.

Jonathan Gregory proposes that GTLNC send directives to the City of LA and that GAC focus on that as it’s the only thing neighborhood councils can do. Tess agrees, also wants guest speakers.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tess Taylor

8. Meeting Adjourned

Close Time: 8:19 PM

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ 6:30 PM** – via Zoom

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