



DRAFT MINUTES
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 6:30pm

ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867



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

X Tess Taylor, Chair AB Kelly Cole X Shawn Besharaty X Reynold Blight X Katherine Hatton

1. Call to Order. Start time: 6:34PM Public in attendance: 5

2. Minutes (One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item). Review and approve committee minutes (see materials at GTLNC.org under committee meeting documents): *First: Shawn. Second: Katherine.* **MOTION A:** Approve GTLNC September 6th, 2022 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes. VOTE: 2 / 1 / 1.

Y Tess Taylor | AB Kelly Cole | Y Shawn Besharaty | A Reynold Blight | N Katherine Hatton

VOTE: 2 / 1 / 1 (Key: Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused.)

3. Public Comment. *None.*

4. Committee Member News & Announcements. *Tess Taylor shares notice from Southern California Gas Co. rate increase. Open-ended proposal.*

5. Legislation of possible interest to Committee. *None.*

6. Discussion and possible vote (15 min). **MOTION B:** Draft letter Request For Action regarding Los Angeles City Housing Policy (see DRAFT letter at GTLNC.org under committee meeting documents). *First: Shawn. Second: Reyn and Tess. Item brought to GAC by stakeholder. Reyn details problems with letter: too broad, may be wrong vehicle to communicate our community's dissatisfaction. Katherine agrees with Reyn, uncomfortable with document suggests, firmly opposed. Shawn requests clarification. Tess doesn't agree with everything in letter but that we should discuss these issues, how they affect our community, the cost and how elements play together. For example, what is solution when individuals refuse service and shelter, once LA City Council's obligations have been met under various lawsuits and settlements? What further obligations does our community have, if any? Also important to end state of emergency in the City of Los Angeles and to understand thresholds for specific states of emergency so they don't endure indefinitely.*

Jonathan Gregory: What does GTLNC NC envision for future of housing in LA? When \$800K is the cost to build affordable units, something's wrong. What does city of LA have planned for future, a way forward? People living on streets is not a tolerable way for our city or country to manage state of affairs.

Eleanor Wallen: Governor Newsom on Passed 997 bills out of 1166 to consider on September 30th, and signed 38 measures signed related to housing aimed to boost housing production and affordable housing by turning unused retail spaces into homes and communities. SB1338 (Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program) establishes new judicial branch providing court ordered care to the unhoused and severely mentally

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ill. Requires advocate or supporter. Does GTLNC ever review how bills trickle down and affect our communities? Matthew Middleton: May be desirable to alter minimum standard requirements for affordable housing. Jamie York: Dishwashers save water, we're in drought. Tess: We all agree this letter should be redrafted, resubmitted. Vote to table discussion to a future meeting:

Y Tess Taylor | AB Kelly Cole | Y Shawn Besharaty | Y Reynold Blight | Y Katherine Hatton

VOTE: 4 / 0 / 0 (Key: Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused.)

7. Discussion and possible vote (5 min). **MOTION C:** The GTLNC corrects its Standing Rule by adding the words “by the President or” to existing Standing Rule (pertains to who may place items on agendas) as follows: “Items shall be placed on the General Board agenda **by the President or** by Committee Chairs submitting items generated by their respective Committees or by written request of two Board Members.” *First: Reyn. Second: Shawn*

4/0/0: Y Tess Taylor | AB Kelly Cole | Y Shawn Besharaty | Y Reynold Blight | Y Katherine Hatton

Katherine suggests amending language to clarify “Agenda Setting SR For General Board Meetings.” Jonathan Gregory: This empowers president to independently put something on agenda, encourages camaraderie.

8. Continued from September 6th, 2022. Discussion and possible vote (10 min). **MOTION D:** The Board of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) opposes Council File [22-1100-S5](#), a Ballot Measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot which has no dollar amount listed for the cost of developing, constructing or acquiring up to 5,000 additional units of low-income rental housing units in each of the 15 Los Angeles City Council Districts. This motion will be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [[CF 22-1100-S5](#)]. *First: Reyn. Seconded by Shawn.*

3/0/1: Y Tess Taylor | AB Kelly Cole | Y Shawn Besharaty | Y Reynold Blight | A Katherine Hatton

Tess opposes blank check nature of this. Additional units exempt from CEQA according to city attorney analysis, this is problematic. Reyn opposes, states numbers are outside realm of financial reality, timelines too long. Shawn: blank check with no numbers makes no sense. Katherine uncomfortable taking position. Tess reviewed costs associated with tiny homes when they were brought forward and found soft costs were in the neighborhood of 60% (consultants, fees). City must give taxpayers better value. Jonathan Gregory glad to see this item on agenda. Housing is a big deal. This is a great place for our neighborhood council to tell the city to be accountable to tax payers, and this ballot measure doesn't pass the slightest idea of governance. Jill Young Manson appreciates being made aware of this. It's a feel-good item. Suggests there are many other [better] ways you could address these, able bodied people involved in process of building hoe like Habitat for Humanity.

9. Discussion and possible vote (10 min). **MOTION E:** The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council supports changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) regarding neighborhood councils to benefit transparency in the city. [Full draft of proposed CIS language for Government Affairs Committee Motion E, at [GTLNC.org](#) under Committee Meeting documents. This motion is also to be submitted as a separate Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 22-0560](#)]. *First: Katherine Hatton. Seconded by: Reyn Blight.*

Vote to amend: *First: Katherine. Second: Reyn*

4/0/0: Y Tess Taylor | AB Kelly Cole | Y Shawn Besharaty | Y Reynold Blight | Y Katherine Hatton

Vote to approve:

4/0/0: Y Tess Taylor | AB Kelly Cole | Y Shawn Besharaty | Y Reynold Blight | Y Katherine Hatton

Katherine suggests amendments: 1) add URL (not just hot links), 2) use gender natural pronouns. Committee votes to approve. Tess states this adds clarity to CF 22-0560 and section 48.04.8 of the LA City Charter regarding

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lobbying disclosures. Jamie York shares 36 NCs support or support as amended and details aspects of MLO and prior history of this issue dying in committee. Closes loopholes lobbyists have been exploiting to avoid registration. With support of NCs, we hope to bring this forward, serve public better. Discusses cut-off as to whether non profit should register as lobbying entity. Lower threshold would capture more non-profits and keep lobbying organizations from forming fake non-profits to skirt lobbying rules. States that lower amount required to trigger that exemption. Lobbyists pretend to be community members or with church group.

10. New Business / Future Projects. *None.*

11. Old Business.

12. Adjournment. Close Time: 7:47pm

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