



Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**MOTION:** *The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (“GTLNC”) designates Tess Taylor to speak on its behalf at Los Angeles City Hall at a regular meeting of the Los Angeles City Council and at a regular meeting of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to express GTLNC’s disappointment in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s failure to deliver Community Impact Statements from GTLNC and all Neighborhood Councils throughout Los Angeles to intended recipients over a period of several years.*

Tess Taylor: Y	Kelly Cole: Y	Shawn Besharaty: Y	Reynold Blight: AB	Jonathan Gregory: Y
<b>Vote:</b> 4 / 0 / 0		<b>Key:</b> Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent.		

*After unanimously voting to approve above language, Tess suggests we add reference to original [Council File 22-1146](#). Shawn: First. Kelly: Second. Committee votes unanimously (4/0/0) again to amend motion to add reference to Council File 22-1146.*

7. Discussion and possible vote / Community Impact Statement. **MOTION:** The Board of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) opposes [Council File 22-1154](#), the Interactive Kiosk (“IKE”) program, for the following reasons: 1. The fact that most of the kiosks will be digital displays affects safety in that drivers will be distracted by flashing and changing displays at critical intersections and turn points. 2. This significant expansion of digital signage advertising will increase urban blight. 3. There are no controls over data collection by the kiosk companies of pedestrian or driver information and how such data will be used. 4. There has been a lack of community input into this proposal. Digital display kiosks need full community and environmental review. 5. Piggybacking on the City of Houston is inappropriate benchmarking as Houston building codes differ from Los Angeles codes, among other things. 6. Putting kiosks on sidewalks in the public right of way takes away public access to sidewalks. This triggers Americans with Disabilities Act issues which mitigate against putting kiosks on sidewalks. 7. Today most individuals get directional information from their cell phones which render kiosks irrelevant. 8. There is no information as to the cost and plans for protection of kiosks from vandalism or what entity will bear the cost to repair damaged kiosks. 9. There is a question as to where the energy source for these kiosks will be located and if they will be available for people to tap into. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [[CF 22-1154](#)]. *First: Shawn. Second: Kelly*

*Motion submitted by Councilmembers Buscaino and O’Farrell, Jonathan shares recent statistics about populations in Houston and Los Angeles. There is no comparison between the two cities. Why do we need these? Cost? Discussion of size of kiosks. Kelly suggests GTLNC should earmark kiosk usage for our neighborhood if passed.*

LINK: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-1154\\_mot\\_10-04-22.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-1154_mot_10-04-22.pdf)

Tess Taylor: Y	Kelly Cole: A	Shawn Besharaty: Y	Reynold Blight: AB	Jonathan Gregory: Y
<b>Vote:</b> 3 / 0 / 1		<b>Key:</b> Y – Yes. N – No. A – Abstain. R – Recusal. I – Ineligible. E – Excused. AB - Absent.		

8. Discussion and possible vote. **MOTION:** The Board of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC) requests Council President Krekorian bring forth a resolution to oppose the policies and special directives of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. There has been a crime surge in Los Angeles since the initiation of DA Gascon’s policies and directives, from misdemeanors to violent felonies. DA Gascón’s newly instituted policies and directives have contributed to this surge. For example, DA Gascón issued Special Directive 20-07, which lists numerous misdemeanors generally declined or dismissed before arraignment, including resisting arrest, drinking in public, public intoxication, trespassing, and drug and paraphernalia possession. This has directly led to non-enforcement of quality of life crimes throughout the City. Special Directive 20-08 eliminated certain sentencing enhancements for career criminals, including the Three Strikes Law and gang enhancements. DA Gascón only modified that policy after a judge issued a preliminary injunction against it for non-compliance with state law. Our DA refuses to enforce cash bail under Special Directive 20-06, which has resulted in a revolving door policy of repeat criminals being set free only to commit more crime while awaiting trial. Only after a few high-profile violent

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felony cases did he agree to consider cash bail in rare circumstances. DA Gascón “will not defend existing death penalty cases” under Special Directive 20-11, even though California voters support the death penalty. He refuses to send prosecutors to parole hearings. DA Gascón refuses to try juvenile offenders in adult court no matter how heinous the crime. A man recently arrested for the slaying of a homeless man had been released from prison last year after just serving 8 years of a life sentence for double murder because DA Gascón refused to transfer the case from juvenile to adult court. DA Gascón’s dangerous policies and special directives continue to endanger all Angelenos, voters and residents of Greater Toluca Lake are concerned about the DA’s non-prosecution of crimes that affect our quality of life. Our laws must be enforced, not undermined by the DA. The time is now for the City Council to support the repeal of these dangerous, ill-conceived, and even unlawful policies of DA Gascón. The safety, well-being, and quality of life for all Angelenos are at stake. This motion is also to be submitted as a Request For Action to Council President and Council District 2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian. *First: Shawn. Second: Jonathan.*

*Discussion that GTLNC’s attempt to pass No Confidence Vote about DA Gascón’s policies was suppressed at May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 GTLNC General Board Meeting. DONE’s Erica Gatica informed us then that DONE would not indemnify GTLNC if we proceeded with No Confidence Vote but gave us nothing in writing despite our request. Suggestion to censure DONE’s attempt to censor GTLNC and protest DONE impeding our ability to fulfill our duties with no mention of Gascón. Committee unanimously agrees to this and to draft Letter of Action (4/0/0).*

**Directives LINKS**

Resentencing / Lifer Parole Hearings

<https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/policies/SPECIAL-DIRECTIVE-20-14.pdf>

Misdemeanor Treatment

<https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/SPECIAL-DIRECTIVE-20-07.pdf>

Death Penalty:

<https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/SPECIAL-DIRECTIVE-20-11.pdf>

Pretrial Release:

<https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/SPECIAL-DIRECTIVE-20-06.pdf>

Sentencing Enhancements

<https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/SPECIAL-DIRECTIVE-20-08.pdf>

The Daily News article on Pacoima slaying:

<https://www.dailynews.com/2022/06/22/gascon-policy-blamed-for-mans-release-from-life->

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- 9. New Business / Future Projects.
- 10. Old Business.
- 11. Adjournment. Close Time: 8:07PM

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

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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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

**AB 361 UPDATES:** 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 Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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- [GTLNC.org](http://GTLNC.org); or
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