



**MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**Special Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm**  
**Toluca Lake Elementary School**  
**4840 Cahuenga Blvd. Room #1, Toluca Lake, CA 91601**



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**Committee Members (X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused)**

X	Tess Taylor, Chair	EX	Shawn Besharaty	X	Jonathan Gregory
EX	Kelly Cole	X	Reynold Blight	EX	Logan Dalton
EX	Jo Ann Rivas				

1. Call to order. Start time: 6:33PM Public in attendance: 1 (Howard Welinsky). **NOTE:** *Notwithstanding absence of a quorum, those present proceeded with discussion of items on the agenda.*
2. Review, approve minutes (see materials at GTLNC.org under Meeting Documents): **MOTION:** Approve GTLNC March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes. *Second: N/A (no quorum)*
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within GTLNC’s jurisdiction (2 min per speaker)
4. Introducing new GAC Committee Member: Jo Ann Rivas (not present)
5. Committee Member News & Announcements (2 min per speaker on relevant subject[s] not on agenda)
6. Legislation of possible interest to Committee and Community.

6.1. Discussion, possible action regarding redistricting ([Council File 23-0002-S1](#)) and Ad Hoc Committee On City Governance Reform Report relative to establishing the City’s position in the 2023-2024 State Legislative Program for Senate Bill (SB) 958 “County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission” (Lara - Hall) that creates an independent process with a new commission and new redistricting maps for the City of Los Angeles before the April 2023 special election. *Second: Reyn.*

*Guest expert Howard Wolinsky explained Fair Maps Act (2019) and Federal Voting Rights Act. Key points:*

- *Fair Maps Act prohibits splitting minority populations to dilute.*
- *Take-away from recent public hearings: “Don’t divide my community!”*
- *Communities of Interest concept emerged. Heavy emphasis at state level on race and ethnic identity which competes with Communities of Interest.*
- *How are redistricting commissioners selected and by whom? Concept of judges proposed, should City Clerk select? Registrar selects for county, state auditor selects for state. Random selection disfavored. Common Cause believes no commission should be appointed by elected officials. What’s best?*
- *Is LA ready for more council districts? If so, how many? LA Councilmembers are among highest paid in the nation with salaries set at same rate as judges. Impossible for 15 council members to govern 4M+ people Proposal for ca. 110,000 people represented per councilmember instead.*
- *It was suggested that Councilmembers should show up at Neighborhood Council (“NC”) meetings.*

*Suggestion that GTLNC is a Community of Interest, a selection process that diminishes this criteria hurts us. Stuart Waldman, a proponent for the Valley, says at least 5 Valley districts are justified, should not be split between Valley and Westside, making Valley a minority in those districts, diluting Valley’s voice. Mulholland Dr. is the divide.*

*The following advisory vote was taken for a Community Impact Statement (Tess, Reyn and Jonathan approved): GTLNC supports Council File 23-0002-S1 to create an independent, member selection process with a new redistricting commission and new redistricting maps specifically weighted for Communities of Interest for the City of Los Angeles. This would be based on the LA County model created in 2016 Senate Bill (SB) 958 (Lara).*

7. New Business / Future Projects.

*Meeting adjourned without discussion of Old Business (below).*

8. Old Business.

8.1. Status update on Thu, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

8.2. Update on Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (“MLO”), Council File 22-0560.

8.3. Discussion and possible action relative to Southern California Gas Company’s Request to Increase Gas Rates Application A.22-05-015.

9. Adjournment. Close Time: 8:05PM

**Next Meeting:** May 2023 in person, exact date and location TBA.

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