



MINUTES DRAFT

Special Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 6:00PM
Toluca Lake Elementary School – Classroom A
4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601
Supporting documents available at GTLNC.org.



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

X Doug Hamblin, Chair X Kelly Cole X Jo Ann Rivas (arrives 6:28PM)
X Cella Duffy EX Logan Dalton

- 1. Call to Order. Roll call. Start time: 6:05PM Public in attendance: 1 (Phillip Bibbs)

Shawn Besharaty has withdrawn from Governmental Affairs Committee.

- 2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker. Please fill out a separate speaker card for each agenda item for which you wish to be heard.

Phillip Bibbs objects to AB 645 (Friedman) related to statewide traffic calming measures and speed cameras. He will send recommendations to our committee.

- 3. Approval of April 12th, 2023 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes (GTLNC.org).

Kelly commented she can't approve as she wasn't present, states that minutes can remain a record of the meeting in DRAFT form. Recommended detail in meeting minutes should include attendance and voting record, and be concise. No vote was taken to approve minutes.

- 4. Committee Member News and Announcements (2 min per speaker on relevant subject[s] not on agenda).

*Tess: CA State Assemblymember Laura Friedman is guest speaker at WTLRA Community Meeting on Mon Oct 23 at 6:00PM, all are welcome. Email info.WTLRA@gmail.com for details and address.
Jo Ann: States gender-affirming legislation approved in CA for schools. Discussion of scope of topics for GAC consideration, committee goals.*

- 5. Discussion and possible action in support of Los Angeles City Council motion to better manage oversized vehicle parking, an issue now impacting Greater Toluca Lake. This includes containing areas of parking outside of residential areas, and offering supportive services to those who reside in their vehicles. [CF 23-0914](#) (Park).

LINK: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0914_misc_08-29-23.pdf

Kelly awaits response from Councilmember Park's and Krekorian's legislative aides. Discussion included concerns about raw sewage dumping, grouping RVs where services are available. Where? Why must everything be built in most expensive real estate and zip codes in the world? Discussion of legal decisions (Martin vs. Boise, Jones) affecting homelessness policy in LA. Kelly states majority of homeless are within 5 miles of family / home, Tess states this is not proven. Doug states developers and politicians have natural affinity for each other and seek to dismantle Prop 13 with workarounds.

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Discussion of distinction between “home rule” states (CA) vs. Dylan’s Rule states (TX). Committee unanimously agreed Kelly will draft CIS. First: Tess. Second: Jo Ann.

VOTE: 5/0/0 Key: Y – Yes, N – No, I – Ineligible A – Abstain, R – Recusal, E – Excused	Y: Hamblin	Y: Cole
	Y: Rivas	Y: Duffy
	E: Dalton	Y: Taylor (<i>ex officio</i>)

- 6. Legislation of possible interest to Committee and Community:
 - 6.1. AB 1332 (Carillo) Accessory dwelling units, pre-approved plans
 - 6.2. SB 4 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.
 - 6.3. SB 423 (Wiener) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments.

Discussion of state imposed local zoning. Doug states no basis exists for state politicians legislating zoning in LA or other cities. If replacing single family homes with high rises made places more affordable, then how to explain San Francisco and New York? Doug states this exponentially raises property taxes and value for developers; it’s a power grab. Prop 13 causes lower tax assessments on many single family homes, creates incentive to get people out to increase tax base. Kelly recommends transition zones between single family and multi-family housing. Follow the money. YIMBYs (Yes In My Backyard) always funded by developers, they may also be young progressives. Local control needs to be respected yet is key element missing in much proposed legislation.

- 7. Open application period for GTLNC Youth Board Member. Open to stakeholders between ages of 14 years or older and no more than 17 years of age, at the time of selection.

Jon Zimbrich applied, recommended by Kelly.

- 8. Old Business.
- 9. New Business.
- 10. Adjournment. Time: 7:30PM

Next meeting date: to be announced.

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