**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday October 18, 2022**

**SPECIAL MEETING/ VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. **Roll Call:** Christopher Ahuja, Matthew Clark, David Garfinkle, Joyce Greene, Eran Heissler, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, Susan Rogen, Susan Lord, Terry Saucier, Len Shaffer, Bob Shmaeff & Esther Wieder. (Absent: Pam Blattner, Barry Edelman, Harvey Goldberg, Isabel Gerhardt). Quorum was established with 13 board members. Welcoming Remarks by Len.
2. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:**

LAFD Battalion 17 Chief Andy Warden covering a 49 square mile area in the West Valley. They are preparing for the wildland season of Santa Ana winds. There have been a number of structure fires in Tarzana. They have a new female fire chief who has been in office for six months. Areas that have not burned in some time and are at risk.

1. **Public Comments** – Ghost puppet made a statement.
2. **City Council Censure Motion: (Shaffer/Heissler) moved:**

**“**Resolved: The TNC Board approves the filing a CIS supporting Council File 22-1189 calling for the censure of Council members Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo for their conduct and statements during a referenced meeting of October 2021 and demanding their immediate resignation from the City Council.

All elected officials of the City are expected to conform to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. At all times, and especially at the very moment when our nation and our city have suffered so painfully from hatred, racism and toxic divisiveness, every Member of the City Council must demonstrate a clear commitment to uniting people around our common values and our common interests in building a better future together. Every Member of the City Council has an obligation to ensure that our constituents can have confidence that we will serve each of them with equity, fairness, and dignity, and that no resident of our city will be mistreated or excluded because of their identity.

During a meeting of the above City Council Members and a local labor union leader discussing redistricting in October 2021 the Members engaged in racial slurs against African Americans and hateful remarks regarding LGBTQ, another Council Member’s son, Jews, Armenians, and indigenous persons.

The hateful comments of those City Council Members have created a toxic climate that needs to be healed. It is inconceivable that the City Council can attend to the City’s business if any of the three Members continue to retain their Council seats. Healing can only begin with the resignation of all three of the Council Members.” **The motion carried unanimously: 13-0-0.**

Goat Puppet made another comment.

1. **Board Business:**

* **Terry Saucier** reminded everyone to attend the Emergency Preparedness Fair on Oct. 22nd. **Joel Gonzalez, EmpowerLA rep**, said he would be happy to help with the upcoming event, as well.
* **David Garfinkle** notified the board about a proposal for a 7-story building planned in an RA zone. **Iris Polonsky** said she thought this project was intended for low-income apartments.
* Goat Puppet made a comment.

**6**. Adjournment at 7:36 p.m. Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.