**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**BOARD MEETING Minutes**

**Tuesday July 22, 2025 7:00 PM**

**Tarzana Child Care Center**

**5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356**

1. **Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.** By Len Shaffer, president of Tarzana Neighborhood Council. Welcoming Remarks by Len.

**Roll Call** by Jeff Mausner, 2nd VP of TNC. **Quorum established with 15 board members**. **Present:** Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden. Sima Salek arrived at 7:20 p.m. bringing the quorum to 16. **Absent:** Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat (arrived at 8:20 p.m.).

1. **Remarks by representatives of public officials:** John Darnell, EmpowerLA, said onboarding trainings are being held on July 29th and July 31st from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The Congress of NCs will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th at City Hall in L.A. It’s the biggest event of the year. Free breakfast and lunch, educational workshops and plenty of networking opportunities.
2. **Public Comments**: Kim Gasper, CD3 candidate, talked about his priorities being safety, homelessness, supporting small businesses and investing in youth. He was burglarized a year and a half ago and mentioned the importance of restaffing LAPD. He is doing an event with a bilingual immigration attorney on July 27th to talk about issues around ICE. He’d like to see LAPD staffed at 10,000 officers. (If he was in office, he would not have approved the Mayor’s budget.) He is also doing a Sidewalk Symposium event on August 6th. He is endorsed by CM Bob Blumenfeld.

Glenn Bailey invited everyone to attend the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), 2nd Thursday on Zoom. At their last meeting, they talked about the recent elections. (Len will send out the agenda to the board).

L.A.NC Coalition represents all the NCs in the City. The upcoming meeting will feature L.A. County Vector Control talking about issues with mosquitos and LADWP presenting on L.A. Pure Water. (See: LANCC.org for more info).

1. **Budget Advocate/Representative Report:**
* Glenn Bailey represents Region 3. There is one opening needed to be filled. He talked about Budget Day where the Council President didn’t show up. Part of Budget Day was recorded and can be heard on the website: Budgetadvocates.org.
* They are launching the next series of meetings with the city departments over three sessions. The first is on July 24th on Zoom and meetings are usually one hour.
* Len talked about his role with the Emergency Management Advocates and their input on the budget.
* John Darnell is the liaison to the budget advocates and has more info.
* Harvey also worked as a budget rep and recommended this role as it was very interesting.
1. **Executive Secretary’s Report**: Iris Polonsky - The new fiscal year started at this meeting. She tracks board members’ absences and trainings which include: Financial training, Code of Conduct, Anti-bias, Sexual Harassment Prevention, and Ethics training.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**

**6. a.** **(Shaffer/Goldberg) moved approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2025 meeting with requested revisions.** **The motion carried unanimously**.

Voting Yea: (16) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

Opposed: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

1. **b.** **(Shaffer/Elan) moved approval of minutes of the July 7, 2025 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously**.

Voting Yea: (16) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

Opposed: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

**Committee and other Reports**: Len noted that Terry Saucier submitted each of the following motions:

**7. Executive Committee:**

**a. (Shaffer/Goldberg) moved**: **“Resolved: The TNC Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0002-S61 as follows:**

 **Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program, support for legislation and/or administrative action to initiate the immediate removal of the United States Marines and National Guard from Los Angeles unless amendments are made to address these issues responsibly and constructively.”**

 **(Mausner) moved to amend the proposed motions to recommend against the CIS unless it remedied violations of federal law and city impact**. (See Attachment A for complete motion text)

 **The amended motion failed for lack of a second.**

 Sima stated that this motion deals with a federal law that hasn’t been used since 1965 and doesn’t apply in this particular situation.

 **The original motion carried:**

Voting Yea: (15) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

 Opposed: (1) Jeff Mausner

 Abstaining: (0)

 Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

**b.** (**Shaffer/Polonsky) moved:** **“Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0002-S62 as follows:**

 **Resolved, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program, support for Senate Bill 627 (Wiener), the No Secret Police Act, which would prohibit law enforcement from covering their faces while conducting operations in the state of California, and require officers to be identifiable by their uniform, whether with name or other identifier.”**

 Duncan spoke in favor of this. He said that when he stopped for donuts, the owner said the ICE raids have chased all of their business away. It’s impacting small businesses by 30% - 45%.

 Sima said it looks like SWAT.

 **The motion carried:**

Voting Yea: (15) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

 Opposed: (1) Jeff Mausner

 Abstaining: (0)

 Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

**c.** **(Shaffer/Rogen) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0695 as follows:**

**That the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Community Investment for Families Department, the Civil, Human Rights & Equity Department, and the Los Angeles Police Department, and in consultation with the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, report back on the following:**

1. Current protocols each department is following to monitor and respond to federal immigration activity;
2. The structure of any interdepartmental coordination, including designated liaisons, joint task forces;
3. Data collected since the emergency declaration on ICE encounters, including locations, nature of interactions, numbers detained, and any allegations of misconduct;
4. Community outreach measures undertaken to inform residents of their legal rights and available City resources.
5. Further, that the City Attorney evaluate and report back on potential legal remedies the City may pursue against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or any affiliated federal agencies that violate the constitutional rights of residents within the City of Los Angeles.”

 **The motion carried:**

Voting Yea: (15) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

 Opposed: (1) Jeff Mausner

 Abstaining: (0)

 Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

**d.**  **(Shaffer/Saucier) moved,** **“Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0002-S60 as follows:**

 **That by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program, support for Assembly Bill 49 (Muratsuchi) to protect immigrant children from actions by federal immigration agents who enter school sites.”**

 **The motion carried:**

Voting Yea: (15) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

 Opposed: (1) Jeff Mausner

 Abstaining: (0)

 Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

Terry added that Mayor Bass has already signed off on this after the City Council approved it.

**e.** **(Shaffer/Salek) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0694 as follows:**

 **That the City Council requests the Los Angeles City Attorney to prioritize immediate legal action to protect the civil rights of our residents and to seek injunctive relief from unconstitutional searches, seizures, and detentions.”**

 **The motion carried:**

Voting Yea: (15) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

 Opposed: (1) Jeff Mausner

 Abstaining: (0)

 Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

 (***Note****, the full language of the above Council Files and a proposed amendment to the motions can be found in the Supporting Documents at* [*https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/board*](https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/board) )

**f.** **(Shaffer/MacIntosh) moved:** **“Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee to plan a retreat for one of the following dates: Tuesday, September 16, Wednesday September 17, or Thursday, September 18, 2025.”**

 Len noted that he would be sending out a survey to find the best timeframe. The regular date for the meeting falls on Rosh Hashanah, so he will move it to September 30th as a Special Meeting.

 **The motion carried unanimously.**

Voting Yea: (16) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Duncan MacIntosh, Varant Majarian, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, Len Shaffer and Robin Tilden.

 Opposed: (0)

 Abstaining: (0)

 Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

**Consent Calendar – Items 8 a, b, and c, will be subject to a single roll call vote unless an individual item is called out for discussion by a Board member or for public comment.**

Len pulled Item C. from the consent calendar.

1. **Budget:** In his report, Harvey spoke about the status of community projects. Over the past 22 years, TNC has given almost $467,000 to community projects from the money received from the City, and just under $12,000 in the past year. The rollover funds are just under $11,000 and this will be available in the next month or so to be spent in the next fiscal year. So there will be $36,000 available for the current fiscal year.

Sima asked if TNC follows up with those community funds to see how they were spent. Harvey said “not really.”

As of June 23, 2025, the TNC credit card was cancelled. The Clerks Office will be reissuing the card to Harvey but he is still waiting.

**(Goldberg/Greene) moved:**

1. **“Resolved: The TNC Board approves the June 2025 expenditures for submission to City Clerk (MER) and Financial Statements as of June 30, 2025.” The motion carried.**

Voting yea: (13) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, eff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, and Len Shaffer.

Opposed: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

Ineligible: (3) Duncan MacIntosh, Robin Tilden, Varant Majarian.

Absent: (4) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler, Sylvia Bedrossian, and Parastou Bassirat.

1. **(Goldberg/Shmaeff) moved, “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to reimburse Board Member, Iris Polonsky, $269.85 for the purchase of refreshments at Jersey Mikes for the April 22, 2025 Board meeting. To be classified as Operations, General, Meeting Expense, Refreshments. This was not previously reimbursed.”**

Sima asked why Iris used her own credit card. Harvey stated that she didn’t realize that she had used her own card until later when she got her bill.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Voting yea: (12) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, eff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, and Len Shaffer.

Opposed: (0)

Abstaining: (0)

Recused: (1) Iris Polonsky

Ineligible: (4) Duncan MacIntosh, Robin Tilden, Varant Majarian and Parastou Bassirat.

Absent: (3) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler and Sylvia Bedrossian

1. **(Goldberg/Polonsky) moved: “Resolved: The TNC Board adopts the Budget Committee’s recommendation to reimburse Board Member, Leonard Shaffer, $269.85 for the purchase of refreshments at Jersey Mikes for the July 7, 2025 Organizational Board meeting.” To be classified as Operations, General, Meeting Expense, Refreshments.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Voting yea: (12) Mathew Clark, Barry Edelman, David Elan, Harvey Goldberg, Joyce Greene, Jeff Mausner, Iris Polonsky, John Rawlings, Susan Rogen, Sima Salek, Terry Saucier, Bob Shmaeff, and Iris Polonsky.

 Opposed: (0)

 Abstaining: (0)

 Recused: (1) Len Shaffer

 Ineligible: (4) Duncan MacIntosh, Robin Tilden, Varant Majarian and Parastou Bassirat.

 Absent: (3) Sharon Molina, Eran Heissler and Sylvia Bedrossian

 **9. Outreach,** Terry Saucier reported the next meeting is on August 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in person.

She talked about needing board members’ photos and a short description for the website. Susan suggested explaining the process of approving expenses at the committee level to newer board members.

**10. Events,** Parastou Bassirat – no report.

**11. Transportation/Public Safety,** Susan Rogan attended a meeting by the Public Safety committee of the Encino NC. This had to do with the recent double murder and the DA’s efforts for public safety. He wants meaningful consequences for actions. Individuals with mental health issues need to be offered an 18-month diversion program for two or more offenses or risk jail time. He is requesting additional funds for locked facilities for hardcore criminals. DA recommended a campaign to get the City Council members to release more funds for these ventures. Also, there are only 9 police cars for the entire West Valley and we are down 1,300 officers. The cameras have not gone up yet for the license readers although it was supposed to happen by July 1.

Barry talked about a 45-minute waiting time on the non-emergency police # and finally hanging up.

Sima volunteers at the police station and said there are not enough officers to respond quickly to crimes.

Glenn Bailey recommended attending on the second Wednesday of the month the Community Police Advisory Committee meeting. Next meeting is August 20, 2025.

**12. Animal Welfare,** Jeff Mausner – There is a large increase in dogs at the city shelters, due in part, to deportation and a lack of efforts to fund sterilizations. The shelters were already overcrowded last month at 127% capacity. Now it’s 130%. He suggested calling on city officials to ask for help with this problem. He talked about Rocket Rescue, which TNC helped to preserve, and they have helped save many animals.

**13. Beautification,** Iris Polonsky – Next meeting is Thursday, August 13th at 6 p.m., in person, at the Childcare Center.

**14.** **Homelessness,** Joyce Greene – The transition from Sunflower Tiny Homes on Topham to sober living did not take place yet. CM Blumenfeld said it may take six months. The homeless count says homelessness has dropped by 4%. The new Dept of Homeless Services and Housing will be launched Jan. 1, 2026. There is only one encampment that she had to report recently. The others have been removed although Barry pointed out there is still one by the Metro station and John Rawlings said there is another encampment by the Reseda onramp to the 101.

**15. Rules,** Leonard Shaffer – No report.

**16. Government Action,** Sima Salek & Sylvia Bedrossian – No report.

**17. Ad Hoc VNY,** Mathew Clark – No report.

**18. NCSA,** Terry Saucier – There is a meeting scheduled with the Mayor’s office to discuss artificial turf, another city group involved with the trees will discuss defensible space and regulations from Cal Fire. NCSA’s next meeting is August 10th at 6:30 p.m.

**19. VANC,** Leonard Shaffer – No report.

**20. LANCC,** Leonard Shaffer – No report.

**21. DWP MOU** – No report.

**22**. **Board Business**: Len spoke about the process for putting items on future agendas. Len was elected for another term as president of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. He said they are one of the few commissions that allow public comments by Zoom.

Duncan talked about defunding of the NCs and standing up to the uncertainty in our current political environment.

**PLEASE DO NOT START BREAKING DOWN THE MEETING UNTIL IT IS ADJOURNED. OTHERWISE, I CANNOT HEAR COMMENTS OVER PEOPLE TALKING AND MOVING AROUND.**

**23.**  Adjournment at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, AtWork

**Attachment A**

**Motion to Amend Proposed Motions Regarding Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61**

I move to amend the proposed motions in support of Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61, to motions that the Executive Committee recommend an “Against unless Amended” position on Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61, unless the resolutions and motions are amended to remedy the problems noted below:

1. **Violation of Federal Law and City Impact**
These resolutions and motions effectively continue efforts to designate Los Angeles as a blanket “sanctuary city,” which conflicts with federal law. Such policies contribute to the deterioration of public order, governance, and the economy of the city.
2. **Encouragement of Unlawful Conduct**
These measures encourage the so-called “resistance,” which crosses into lawlessness and endangers public safety, including the safety of federal law enforcement officers tasked with enforcing federal immigration laws.
3. **Lack of Legal Impact and Misguided Focus**
Aspects of these resolutions and motions are symbolic and have no binding legal authority. Immigration law is federal and there is preemption. These resolutions and motions risk undermining productive cooperation with federal authorities and are counterproductive to any legitimate goals of immigration reform. Rather than aiding law-abiding, long-term residents who are employed or otherwise contribute to the community and who embrace American values, the measures appear to support even those with serious criminal backgrounds, gang members, terrorists, and others who should not be considered for discretionary relief. City Officials should be working with federal agencies to identify and detain individuals who pose public safety threats, rather than adopting broad, ideologically driven stances.
4. **Potential Loss of Federal Funding**
These measures risk triggering a loss of critical federal funding. At a time when the City’s finances are already in shambles, such a reduction would be catastrophic to the budget and economy of the City.
5. **Demonization of Federal Authorities**
Certain City Officials, including the Mayor, have made inflammatory statements targeting federal law enforcement officers and White House Officials, such as Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller. Equating ICE to the Gestapo is not only inappropriate but also dangerous, as it could incite violence. Such rhetoric damages the City's credibility and fuels division, rather than fostering constructive dialogue.
6. **Endangering Federal Agents**
Proposals that would force federal agents to reveal their identities, including names and faces, ignore the security risks to these individuals and their families. A more balanced and reasonable approach should be taken—one that addresses concerns about identification while protecting the safety of federal personnel.

In light of the above, I reiterate my motion that the Executive Committee adopt an “**Against Unless Amended**” position on Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61, unless substantive amendments are made to address these issues responsibly and constructively.