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SPECIAL MEETING ~ UNNC Governing Board Agenda

Tuesday, October 26, 2021*

8 - 9 p.m.*

*** Note Special Day and Time**

NOTE: In conformance with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) [Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), adopted with an urgency clause]; and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19; and amid ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, UNNC will be conducting this meeting virtually utilizing the Zoom platform. You have the option of attending via the internet or by telephone. Thank you for your patience – we are all still learning how to use this new technology. Questions? Email President@unnc.org.

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AGENDA

1). **Determination to continue to hold meetings virtually:** The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with guidance from the Los Angeles City Attorney, have established that BONC has the authority to adopt AB 361 Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E)(1)(b)-(c) on behalf of the City’s neighborhood councils, and to determine that due to the Covid-19 state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. This meeting is being conducted virtually pursuant to that directive.

2). **Welcome & Call to Order; Approval of the Agenda**

3). **Public Comments** (1 minute per speaker) [5 minutes]

4). **Special meeting of the UNNC Governing Board RE: Council File No. 21-1203:** UNNC’s Executive Committee held a Special Meeting on October 24, 2021 at 2:30 p.m., and adopted the following Motion: The UNNC Executive Committee recommends to the Governing Board that it adopt the letter to the Los Angeles City Council as amended and also as a Community Impact Statement. Draft letter and Community Impact Statement is immediately below. -- **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Proposed Letter and Community Impact Statement: The suspension of Council District 10’s elected official, Mark Ridley-Thomas, leaves UNNC (The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Neighborhood Council) and Council District 10’s residents without a representative who can speak for them at City Council, or vote on their behalf. UNNC has a larger purpose of advising the City of Los Angeles on issues concerning City governance, the needs of UNNC and its stakeholders, the delivery of City services to this community, and on matters of a Citywide nature. Although City Council’s action per Council File No. 21-1203 is authorized by Charter Section 211, that action certainly was also a rush with no plan in place to support UNNC’s stakeholders and all of CD10’s residents.

We request that an interim “Caretaker” be appointed, and that the Caretaker have an interim place on the Los Angeles City Council itself, with voice and vote. When will that happen?

Suspending Mr. Ridley-Thomas comes at a critical time for UNNC and the 10th District, and the Los Angeles City Council as a whole. Two major issues are Redistricting, and the Housing Element – both initiatives have impacts for many years to come. UNNC also has day-to-day concerns regarding the delivery of constituent services, including but extending beyond potholes and sidewalk repairs.

UNNC requests that the City Council immediately appoint an Interim Caretaker who has the temporary authority to act in the stead of the elected Council member, with the ability to join the other 14 Council members at scheduled meetings, speak on the District residents’ behalf, and vote.

In addition, UNNC requests that the City Council immediately adopt a plan allowing oversight on CD10’s discretionary funds budget to enable some funds to be spent as perhaps they would have had this situation not occurred.

It is crucial that the City Council take actions that make the residents of CD10 whole, and that we are treated equitably.

6). **Adjourn**



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