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REMOTE MEETING AGENDA

Renters' Subcommittee with the Board of Directors

Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

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1. **Call to order** (2:00 pm)
2. **Announcements**
- 2.1 **Co-Chair Introductions**
- 2.2 **Board of Directors introductions, as necessary**
3. **Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda**
4. **Reading and Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - December 14th, 2019**
5. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
None
6. **New Business –**

6.1 Discussion about board motion expressing support for renter protections

The MVCC Renters Subcommittee will discuss with attendees the recent motion passed by the MVCC Board of Directors at the June 12th, 2020 Board meeting expressing support of rent relief for renters. The motion, as amended and approved by the Board, is the following:

"Los Angeles is in the middle of a pandemic and a public health crisis. Every aspect of our lives and City has been impacted by COVID-19. The Governor and Mayor have issued stay-at-home orders. Millions, who have been forced out of work, are not able to earn a living. The virus has claimed over 100,000 lives and has changed our communities for the foreseeable future.

Currently, many states and cities have eviction moratoriums in place for individuals impacted by COVID-19; however, the moratorium that the City of Los Angeles has implemented does not go far enough to offer Rent and Mortgage Relief. People need to know that they will be protected and will not be thrown out of their homes.

Elected officials from multiple U.S. cities - Boston, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Paul and right here in Los Angeles - have stood up and joined the call for State and Federal legislators to provide rent and mortgage relief during the duration of this crisis.

We, the Mar Vista Community Council, on behalf of a proud, diverse, and inclusive Westside Community, stand with our stakeholders, neighbors, family, and friends in supporting City-wide rent and mortgage relief, as provided for in Congresswoman Ilhan Omar’s proposed Congressional Bill, Emergency Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Legislation, that provides for rent and mortgage forgiveness.”

This motion was itemized as item 12.3 on the June 12th, 2020 MVCC Board meeting agenda.

6.2 Discussion of resources for renters facing potential eviction due to COVID-19 economic impacts

Whereas, on a teleconference call which took place on March 17, 2020 with DONE General Manager Rachel Beltran and Mayor Eric Garcetti, several key points were made about the role of Neighborhood Councils during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- helping stakeholders address the economic concerns resulting from the closure of businesses due to the Stay at Home order, i.e. loss of income, inability to pay rent and utilities, etc.
- figuring out new and innovative ways to help the community and encouraging stakeholders to help their neighbors, especially those at high risk for COVID-19

The Renters’ Committee will discuss information and resources for renters affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Research produced by UCLA Luskin indicates that of the almost 600,000 people who became unemployed due to COVID-19, about 450,000 live in rental housing. When eviction moratoriums are ended, a steep increase in evictions are expected which could result in displacement of Mar Vista residents and further increases in rates of homelessness. We will discuss what resources and education are needed by renters who are facing housing instability in order to protect Mar Vista renters. Local organizations are invited to share about resources for renters concerned about evictions.

6.3 Discussion of possible action to request an MVCC Request for Action to stop LAPD involvement in illegal evictions

The Renters’ Subcommittee will discuss asking the MVCC Board of Directors to send a Request for Action letter to Councilmembers Koretz and Bonin asking that they take immediate action to prohibit LAPD involvement in illegal evictions while the moratorium on evictions for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and limit LAPD responsibility to ensuring tenants’ right to housing and safety during the COVID-19 emergency.

6.4 Discussion of possible action to draft a new mission statement for the Renters’ Committee.

As of the July 14, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting, the Renters’ Subcommittee has been reconstituted as a subcommittee of the MVCC Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee. This item is for discussion about a new mission statement reflecting the Renters’ Subcommittee’s new position within the MVCC. The previous statement is as follows:

“The mission of the Renter’s Subcommittee of the Outreach Committee is to best encourage and promote outreach to and engagement with the rental community (renters and housing providers) in the Mar Vista Community Council and its committees.”

7. Adjourn (no later than 3:30 pm)

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