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Sincerely,

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Columbus Day!

1 message

william Del Puerto <billydelpuerto@icloud.com>

Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 12:56 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

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Indigenous People's day

1 message

Jennie Estrada <jvefacial@yahoo.com> Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 12:41 PM

Reply-To: Jennie Estrada <jvefacial@yahoo.com>

To: Micheal Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>, Jennie Estrada <jvefacial@yahoo.com>

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Jennie Estrada

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Cliff Smith <cliffsmithlocal36@yahoo.com> Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 10:49 AM

Reply-To: Cliff Smith <cliffsmithlocal36@yahoo.com>

To: "Michael.Espinosa@LACity.org" <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>

South Central Neighborhood Council action:

XI. Indigenous People's Day—Board member Smith proposes the board to pass a resolution to call and mobilize other Neighborhood Councils and Community Organizations to join us in calling the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor of L.A to proclaim the second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" Seconded by Parker, All in favor. Motion has been carried.

An injury to one is an injury to all!

Cliff Smith, Business Manager

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Jose Reyes
President

Johnny Andrade
Vice President

Martha Sanchez
Secretary

Clemente Franco
Treasurer

Ron Gochez
Parliamentarian



Location:
All Peoples Community Center
822 East 20th Street Los Angeles, CA 90011

Cliff Smith
Board Member

John Parker
Board Member

Azusena Favela
Board Member

David Solis
Board Member

Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** The meeting was called to order by President Reyes at 6:53 PM. Roll call: Reyes, Sanchez, Franco, Gochez, Smith, Parker present, quorum was established.
- II. **General Public Comments** — Mike Castillo from CD9 office, invites people to participate from “El Dia de los Muertos Festival” at the Sports Arena. He also invites members to participate from “Foro Comunitario de immigration” at Fred Roberts Park. The hearing about Street Vendors will be next week. The CD9 office has identified two new locations to allocate new pocket parks, Trinity Park will have a soccer field and other upgrades, trash cans will be added to major corridors, more trees will be planted around the community as well. A group of residents request to start a Neighborhood Watch club in conjunction with LAPD more meeting will be hold for this effort in the future probably late November or December 2015.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from Sept 30th Special meeting read in silence. Smith moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Franco, all in favor. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. **Budget and Financial Report** – We have no budget report for this meeting. The board received a quick update on current financial status, of the SCNC, expenditures on September. There are still some standing expenses that will show on next month.
- V. **Strategic Plan Package**—The Strategic Plan is “work in progress” no updates to be announced by now.
- VI. **REEF Environmental Impact Report EIR**— Public comments must be submitted to the city by November 2nd. The report was released on September; there are about 800 pages plus appendixes, only in English. Smith Moves to authorize the committee to submit a statement in behalf of the SCNC to the city base on meetings and comments collected on previous meetings with community members and to request a meeting with Councilmember Price, seconded by Sanchez. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **REEF EIR**—The board discussed on requesting the city to extend the public comments period on the REEF Environmental Impact Report Sanchez moves to request an extension seconded by Smith, All in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. **Community Forum about Gentrification**—Members received an update of the Gentrification Community Forum. The date will be pushed to next Wednesday since we couldn't secure a location, presenters will be confirmed soon.
- IX. **Community Forum about Selecting a new LAUSD Superintendent**—The board will look to organize a community forum to engage parents of LAUSD students, teachers and community members in the selection of a new LAUSD Superintendent. Smith moves to support the proposal of organizing the community forum,

seconded by Parker. Franco made a friendly amendment to allocate up to \$500 dls for fliers and refreshments and other expenses for the forum, accepted by Smith. All in favor. Members voted as follows:

Jose Reyes,	Yes	Clemente Franco	Yes	John Parker	Yes
Johnny Andrade	Absent	Ron Gochez	Absent	Azusena Favela	Absent
Martha Sanchez	Yes	Cliff Smith	Yes	David Solis	Absent

- X. Trinity Block Party Event**—Sanchez request the board to discuss the possibility to continue supporting and organizing the annual Trinity Block Party outreach event. Sanchez, 5 min. Smith moves to support the event and to allocating up to \$800 to cover the expenses of street closure, seconded by Parker. All in favor. Members voted as follows:

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XII. Public Comments from Council members regarding:

- I. Parker proposes the NC to involve and encourage youth from our area to join KPFK Journalism Internship Program. This will be an agenda item for future meeting.
- II. Reyes informs members that Guatemala will be holding elections next Sunday

November 21st next meeting!

Adjournment Smith moves, seconded by Parker at 7:45PM



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This is Tongva and Chumash land. As we are occupying their land, the minimal the City of Los Angeles can do is halt the indignity of "celebrating" Columbus Day.

Thank you for voting in favor of replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Fox

Resident of City of Los Angeles, Council District 14
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