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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA
May 28, 2013 at 6:30pm
Kolping House (parking available)
1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015
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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome remarks and Roll Call**
3. **Public comments** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the board's subjects matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (2 min)
4. **Discussion and action on possible items to appear on General Board agenda on June 3, 2013**
 - a) Discussion and action item: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) Treasurer requests that the PUNC Board vote on a Motion to approve the 2013-2014 budget.
 - b) Presentation and discussion item: Presentation by Gloria Farias Executive Director of the (PUHC). She will introduce the PUHC; the Casas Alicia project, also known as, the Pico Union Economic Development and Empowerment Center (PUEDE); and the Pico Blvd. plan of action to the new PUNC Board members. Gloria Farias also plans to offer tours, to PUNC Board members, in order to highlight the work that her organization does in the Pico Union community.
 - c) Discussion and possible action item: The PUNC Quality of Life committee requests that the PUNC General Board consider voting on a Motion to approve a partnership with Equitas Academy (charter school in the PUNC community) in a neighborhood beautification project. The project is being conducted by the charter school's Student Service Club with the help of the Rotary Club.
 - d) Discussion and possible action item: The PUNC Quality of Life committee requests that the PUNC Board consider voting on a Motion to approve the policy promoting healthy beverage consumption at California state and local levels proposed by the Community Health Councils and Urban & Environmental Policy Institute. The California Center for Public Health Advocacy has identified sugar-sweetened beverages as the number one contributor to added caloric intake in the United States and nutrition-related chronic diseases have been identified as the primary causes of premature death in the Country; whereas, low-income and children of color have the highest sugar-sweetened beverage consumption rates in LA County, the highest rates of nutrition-related chronic diseases and the lowest rates of access to healthy, affordable and accessible alternatives; whereas, the California state legislature is considering SB 622, a proposed 1 cent per fluid ounce tax on sugar-sweetened beverages containing 50% or more added sugars and revenue would be appropriated to a Children's Health Promotion fund to support childhood obesity prevention initiatives, however, no funds have been specified for low-income and communities of color; whereas, Community Health Councils (CHC) and Urban & Environmental Policy Institute (UEPI) will be convening Townhall meetings in communities of color within the coming months engaging community members on how SB 622 can be improved to positively impact the health of vulnerable communities.
 - e) Discussion and possible action item: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council President desires that the PUNC Board discuss the ongoing problem of medical marijuana dispensaries in the Pico Union community.
 - f) Discussion and possible action item: Funding request by Toberman Park in the amount of \$850.00 for a summer camp field trip to Raging Waters. The funds will help lower the expenses paid by the families of about 30 children.
 - g) Discussion and possible action item: Funding request by Barbara Hupp from the Sophia T. Salvin Special Education Center in the amount of \$500. The request is to purchase "Snoezelen compatible lighting" for a sensory room that is not currently functioning due to a short in the lighting system that they cannot afford to

fix at the moment. The PUNC provided \$497.09 in LED lights to the Sophia T. Salvin Special Education Center in December 3, 2013 for a holiday event.

- h) Discussion and possible action item: The PUNC Outreach committee requests that the PUNC General Board vote on a Motion to approve the PUNC Community Bulletin and PUNC information flyers for the additional cost of \$4,650. The additional \$4,650 will be used: to print an additional 20,000 copies of the bulletin, to print 20,000 information flyers, and for the distribution of the flyers and bulletins. The plan is to use part of the additional funds (\$1350) during the first half of June 2013 (\$870 for 20,000 full color flyers and \$480 for distribution) and possibly to use the rest of the additional funds (\$3,300) for 20,000 bulletins after first half of June 2013. The new version of the Community Bulletin will include a Korean translation of the bulletin. The flyers will list basic PUNC information. The intention of the bulletin and the flyers is to raise awareness of the Pico Union Neighborhood Council in the community. It is planned that the Community Bulletins will list: a calendar of PUNC meetings, and events; community news, and events; useful contact information for government offices, politicians, and Non-Profit organizations. The PUNC Board reviewed and approved the cost of \$1,650 for the Community Bulletin on the May 6, 2013 Board meeting to be distributed 4 to 5 times (\$1,650 each time). The new plan for the Community Bulletins and flyers is to have them be distributed to the community by hand with the help of Pico Union coalition groups for the cost of \$6,300 (30,000 bulletins, 20,000 flyers, and distribution) for the first edition of bulletins and for the cost of \$1,650 each additional time (3 to 4 times).
 - i) Discussion and possible action item: Jordan Jacobs, the Editor of the PUNC Community Bulletin, requests that he be relieved of his duties as Editor; that an Editorial Staff be formally created for future editions of the Community Bulletin; Jordan Jacobs nominates Maria Montes and Miguel Amaya to be included as members of the Editorial Staff, pending their acceptance. Mr. Jacobs would like to thank all who contributed to the production of the first edition of the PUNC Community Bulletin. He will gladly support future editions of the Community Bulletin as a volunteer.
 - j) Discussion and possible action item: The PUNC Ad hoc Young Professionals committee requests that the PUNC Board approve a funding request of \$300 for 10 painting easels, 2 quad chairs, and 10 gallery canvases. The canvases and easels are for guest speakers and to give out to the neighborhood youth so they can produce local and current event art that will be displayed at each one of the Young Professionals committee meetings. The quad chairs are for community canvassing and outreach purposes.
 - k) Discussion item and possible action item: The PUNC Outreach committee request that the PUNC Board vote on a motion to have representatives of the PUNC at the Aztecs Rising Neighborhood Clean-up and Resource Fair occurring June 22nd from 10am to 2pm. A week before the organization will canvas the neighborhood about locations that need cleaning. On the day of the event: from 10am to noon will be Clean-up part of the event, and from noon to 2pm will be the Resource Fair part of the event at McArthur Park. Aztecs Rising provides the following essential services to the Pico Union Community: case managing, mentoring, job training, gang intervention and prevention, and a fire-crews program. The Aztec Rising offices are located at 3516 N. Broadway Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031.
 - l) Discussion and possible action item: The PUNC Outreach committee request that the PUNC Board vote on a motion to have each committee nominate 3 outstanding people in the Pico Union community that the PUNC Board would approve to be recognized for their service to the community sometime in the summer.
 - m) Discussion item: Discussion about the free admission opera concert presented by Vineyard Touring Opera Company and Kolping House on Thursday June 6th, and June 13th from 8pm to 9:30pm. The opera performance is called *The Clown*. The performance will be fully staged with chorus and there will be a simultaneous Spanish translation projected above the stage. The performance will be conducted by Alan Medak and Adil Mehta. The Kolping House is located at 1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015.
5. **Board member comments – comments from board members on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.**
6. **Meeting adjournment**

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled “Public Comments,” the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board’s jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record (Govt. Code § 54957.5). In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at *1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015*, at our website by clicking on the following link: www.picounionnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact *the PUNC office at 213-738-0137*

The Executive Board may also call any additional special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at 1) **Normandie Recreation Center 1550 S. Normandie Bl.** 2) **Berendo Middle School 1157 S. Berendo St.** 3) **Leo Politi Elementary School 2481 W. 11th St.** 4) **Magnolia Ave. Elementary School 1626 S. Orchard Ave.** 5) **Tenth Street Elementary School 1000 Grattan** 6) **Pico Union Branch Public Library 1030 S. Alvarado St.** 7) **Toberman Recreational Center 1725 Toberman St.**

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Pico Union Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Pico Union Neighborhood Council at (213) 738 - 0137 or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to Picounion09@att.net.

Process for Reconsideration - An official vote or action of the Board may be reconsidered upon request as follow: a.) Reconsideration may take place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. A member of the Board, at either of the meetings shall make a motion to reconsider the action or decision. If approved by majority vote of the Board, the Board may immediately rehear the matter and take action. b.) A motion for reconsideration may only be made by a Board member who previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action or decision taken.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE: Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall then refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. Thereafter, a panel member shall prepare and submit a written report to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance, no later than two weeks after it has met with the person submitting the grievance. The Board of Governors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or state and federal law. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.