

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA**



**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SOUTH WEST AREA  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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*A Certified City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council*

Serving the Communities of: **West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, Morningside Circle and Vermont Knolls**

**“Promoting more citizen participation in local government and making government more responsive to local needs”**

**Special Meeting/Retreat Agenda  
Saturday, August 30, 2014 9:00 AM**

**Community Coalition  
8101 S. Vermont Ave  
L.A., CA 90044**

**9:00 – 9:15** Call to Order/ Roll Call/Welcome

**9:15 – 9:50** “Signs of a Successful Neighborhood Council”  
**Taneda Larios – DONE South L.A. Representative**

**10:00 – 10:55** Old Business

**Discussion and Possible Vote**

- Committee Appointments
  - PLUM Chair
  - Budget Advocate & Representative
  - Community Impact Statement Designee’s
- Ad Hoc Committee Creation
  - By Law/Standing Rules Update Committee (board & stakeholder decorum)
    - Chair Appointment
  - Safety Committee
    - Chair Appointment
- Marketing Materials (Margaret)
  - Business Cards, Polo’s, Folio’s, Magnet’s, Pins & Tote Bags
- Standing Committee Meeting Times, Dates and Locations for 2014
  - Executive Committee
  - Outreach Committee
- Street Vending Community Impact Statement Creation

**11:00 – 11:40** “The World of Public Works” **Commissioner Mike Davis**

- Contract Administration
- Engineering
- Sanitation
- Street Lighting
- Street Services

**11:45 – 12:30** “Taxes in L.A.” speaker/video, **Kokayi Kwa Jitahidi**, co-founder of M.A.A.T. Institute & Sr. Organizer of LAANE (Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy)

**12:30 – 1:15** Lunch

**1:15 – 2:00** New Business

**Discussion and Possible Vote**

- Reimbursing Margaret Peters for IDC Soft payment (website server space)
  - \$61.00 from June, 2014
- Constituent Center Security extension of hours for 2014-2015 budget year
  - \$1000.00
- Funding Requests
  - Neighborhood Pride Day Clean-Up on Sept. 13, 2014 – Nyasha Buchongo of Neighborhood Housing Services of L.A.
  - Vermont Collaborative Clean-Up & Graffiti Removal Day on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 – Capt. Peter Whittingham
  - Project Accountability Clean – Up on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 – Founder Ron Cole ([projacc.org](http://projacc.org))
- Outreach Committee
  - Veteran’s Day Event and funding (Saturday, November 8, 2014)

**2:05 – 2:40** Strategic Plan Creation

**2:45 – 3:30** Budget Creation

**Adjournment**

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