

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
(Via Teleconference)

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and 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, the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission’s January 4, 2023 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice President Lisa Waltz Morocco at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Margulies, Sandifer, Shelton and Yellin present.

Also in attendance were Oscar Medellin and Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorneys; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I and Diego Vazquez, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), and (e)(3)(A) and (e)(3)(B)(i), a determination that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission action.

MOTION:

Commissioner Shelton moved to adopt the resolution under which the Commission finds that holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Yellin seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Shelton
Second: Yellin
Ayes: Margulies, Sandifer, Waltz Morocco

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers:**

Commissioner Esther Margulies nominated Commissioner Lisa Waltz Morocco as President for the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission. Commissioner Adele Yellin seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies
Second: Yellin

Ayes: Sandifer, Shelton, Waltz Morocco

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Election of Officers:**

Commission President Lisa Waltz Morocco nominated Commissioner April Sandifer as Vice President for the West Area Planning Commission. Commissioner Yellin seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Waltz Morocco

Second: Yellin

Ayes: Margulies, Sandifer, Shelton

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- There was no Director's Report.
- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City announced the following:
 - Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney will be assigned to the West Los Angeles Commission.
- Advance Calendar: There were no changes made to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Requests: Commission Vice President Sandifer asked about future Planning Commission training.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes:
Commissioner Yellin moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022 and December 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commission Vice President Sandifer and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Yellin

Second: Sandifer

Ayes: Margulies, Waltz Morocco

Abstain: Shelton

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No one addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

There being no further business before the Commission, Commission President Lisa Waltz Morocco adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Lisa Waltz Morocco

Lisa Waltz Morocco, President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Cecilia Lamas (Electronic Signature due to COVID-19) for
Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

ADOPTED

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