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RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 4, 2008 – 7:00 PM

RNC Office, 18341 Sherman Way # 102, Reseda, CA 91335

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters not appearing on this Agenda that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at the West Valley Library, 19036 Vanowen St.; Council District 3 Office, 19040 Vanowen St.; One Senior Center Services, 18255 Victory Blvd.; Reseda Chamber of Commerce, 18210 Sherman Way #107; Albertson’s Market, 19307 Saticoy St.; and the RNC Office 18341 Sherman Way #102. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation 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 availability of services, please make your request at least three (3) business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Project Coordinator at (818) 374-9896 or e-mail to grayce.liu@lacity.org. 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 the RNC Office 18341 Sherman Way #102, 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 RNC Secretary at ciaccino@resedacouncil.org.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**
- IV. **Introduction of Officials, City Employees and other Visitors**
- V. **Review and Approval of Minutes from:** General Meeting May 19, 2008; General Meeting June 16, 2008; Executive Meeting July 3, 2008; General Meeting July 7, 2008; Executive Meeting July 17, 2008; General Meeting July 21, 2008; and Executive Meeting July 31, 2008. (1 min.)
- VI. **Public Comment and Announcements** (Speaker Cards are requested.) (each 2 min.)
- VII. **Reseda Neighborhood Council (“RNC”) Board Vacancies:** We are currently accepting applications to fill two (2) vacant seats, each term to expire in 2010 when the Los Angeles City Clerk holds Neighborhood Council elections. Any qualified Stakeholder may apply, and there may be a vote (if more than two applications are

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (818) 374-9896.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board of Directors may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular RNC meeting. The Board of Directors, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Representative who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken, then a Representative on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.



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received) on August 18, 2008 at the RNC General Meeting. All Stakeholders in attendance at that meeting may vote. (1 min.)

- (a) Clarification: The RNC Board need take no action to ‘accept the resignation’ of any former Board member, pursuant to Article V, Sec. 3, Paragraphs F(1)-(4) and G(4) of the RNC Bylaws. RNC Board members do not serve at the pleasure of the Board or of the Board Chair; therefore, a resignation by a member may not be rejected. The RNC Parliamentarian has a copy of the Bylaws if more specific information is desired. (1 min.)

VIII. RNC Officers – Action and General Reports

- (a) Peter Hankwitz, Chair: General Report (2 min.)
- (b) Faye Nia, Vice Chair: General Report (2 min.)
- i. Committee Oversight Reminder: *“Within forty-eight (48) hours of any official action taken by Members of any Committee, the Chair of the subject Committee shall deliver a written report of such action (the “Report”) to each Member of the Committee and to the Secretary and the Chairperson of the RNC Board. Each Report shall contain a brief yet comprehensive description of the matter considered, including a summary of the discussion, and a statement setting forth each individual Member’s vote in the matter, if any, and/or any other action(s) taken by the Committee thereafter.”*
- (c) Lee Smith, Treasurer: General report (2 min.)
- (d) Cary Iaccino, Secretary: General Report (2 min.)

IX. Request for the Reseda Neighborhood Council to Pass Resolution Opposing Proposition 8. Carol L. Newman, Esq., representing Love Honor Cherish. (5 min.)

X. Discussion and questions regarding previously approved West Valley Alliance request for \$5,000 in funding. City demand warrant not yet approved. (5 min.)

XI. RNC Committees – Action and General Reports

- (a) Finance Committee (Lee Smith, Chair): General Report (2 min.)
- i. Discussion and consideration of returning unspent, approved, and allocated funds to the Reseda Neighborhood Council general budget, within the related committee and/or other line item categories. [Continued Item VIII(b)(i) from July 21, 2008] (6 min.)
- ii. Discussion of the Finance Committee’s responsibilities in determining approval of RNC Committee and other expenditures, and the RNC’s need to create a Financial Policy. (8 min.)



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- (1) RNC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, Paragraph C: *“The Finance Committee shall be charged with the administration of the financial policy, preparation of a budget, recommendations, investment recommendations and supervision of disbursing and accounting of all funds.”*
 - (2) RNC Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 2: *“No appropriations shall be made without first referring the same to the Finance Committee for a report therefrom . . . The Treasurer will be charged with the overall administration of the financial policy, preparation of budget recommendations, preparation of investment recommendations and supervision of receiving, disbursing and accounting of all RNC funds.”*
 - (3) RNC Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 3: *“The Finance Committee . . . shall assist the Chairperson, Board of Directors and Financial Officer in the administration of the financial policy and oversight, disbursing and accounting of Neighborhood council funds as applicable.”*
- (b) Economic Development Committee (Ann Kinzle, Chair): General Report (2 min.)
- i. **POSSIBLE MOTION FROM COMMITTEE:** “That the RNC allocate \$8,100.00 for the Holiday Decorations to have the Banners taken down and stored, and the Holiday Decorations put up, and when the Decorations come down and stored the banners will be put up.” (5 min.)
- (c) Emergency Disaster and Safety Committee (David Alvarez, Chair): General Report (2 min.)
- i. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE:** “Allocate up to \$7,700 to purchase 1000 water filled five gallon bottles and 1000 RNC/Emergency Disaster and Community Safety stickers from local vendors to identify them subject to Finance Committee approval.” [Tabled Item from July 21, 2008] (5 min.)
 - ii. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE:** “Purchase of a laptop computer for use by the committee, not to exceed \$1,200, subject to Finance Committee approval.” [Tabled Item from July 21, 2008] (5 min.)
 - iii. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE:** “Allocate up to \$500 for Reseda Ranch Block Party scheduled for August 19, 2008 subject to Finance Committee approval.” [Tabled Item from July 21, 2008] (5 min.)
- (d) Youth Advocacy Committee (Andy Mars, Chair): General Report (2 min.)
- (e) Senior Advocacy Committee (Kimberly Hill, Chair): General Report (2 min.)
- (f) Outreach / Public Relations Committee (Garth Carlson, Chair): General Report (2 min.)



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- (g) Planning & Zoning Committee (D.J. Frank, Chair): General Report (2 min.)
- XII. **Review of Neighborhood Council underlying purpose and purview.** Carol Baker Tharp Neighborhood Leadership Institute information. (5 min.)
- XIII. **Clarification of potential Brown Act violations.** (5 min.)
- XIV. **Discussion of Applicant request procedure, e.g. committee involvement, etc.** (5 min.)
- XV. **Notification of Canoas Banquet Hall meeting fee increase from \$80 to \$120 as of July 1, 2008.** Possible consideration of alternative meeting space. (2 min.)
- XVI. **Discussion of dispute regarding Canoas Banquet Hall and the Mike & Maureen Volante Reseda Youth Scholarship Awards Dinner.** Adequate RNC funding has been allocated, but no payment has been made. Latin Fusion, Inc., invoice for \$869.00 delivered to the RNC. (5 min.)
- XVII. **Discussion of Newsletter needs to avoid future publication delays.** (5 min.)
- XVIII. **Unfinished Business**
- XIX. **New Business** (2 min.)
- XX. **General Events and Other Announcements** (1 min.)
- (a) The LAPD is offering a \$1,000 Incentive to Neighborhood Councils who recruit a candidate, or candidates, for a career as a Police Officer. The \$1,000 (per recruit) is payable once the candidate graduates from the Academy with all conditions met.
- XXI. **Adjournment**