



President Gabriel Khanlian; Vice President Vas Singh;
Secretary Christine Demirtshian; Treasurer Jason Hector; 2nd Signer Jennifer Ibrahim;
Becky Leveque; Hilda Sarkisyan; David Balen; David Lasher; Luis Ramirez; Brandii Grace

DRAFT MINUTES

**Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:15 P.M.**

1. Meeting call to order - **President Khanlian**
President Khanlian called to order the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council on August 10, 2022 via Zoom webinar at 6:18 p.m. and presided as moderator.
2. Welcome, Discussion of the special meeting logistic - **President Khanlian**
President Khanlian informed all in attendance that the meeting is recorded and outlined the responsibilities and protocols for webinars and public comment. Stakeholders were directed to raise their hands to be recognized during public comment and this feature is available at the bottom of the Zoom screen or *9 by phone.

President Khanlian stated that Agenda materials were emailed to all Board Members prior to the meeting for review and comment.

3. Roll Call and determination of quorum - Board member Leveque called the roll as follows:

1	Gabriel Khanlian, President
0	Vas Singh, Vice President
1	Christine Demirtshian, secretary
0	Jason Hector Treasurer (arrived at 7:59 p.m.)
0	Jennifer Ibrahim, 2 nd Signer
1	Becky Leveque
1	Hilda Sarkisyan
1	David Balen
1	Luis Ramirez
1	Brandii Grace
7	Board Members were present and a quorum was attained. 24 stakeholders in attendees



4. Pledge of Allegiance

Guest speaker Ms. Tatiana Khanlian guided the Council to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. President's Comments and Updates - **President Khanlian**

- President Khanlian thanked all agencies and individuals who participated in the CD12 LAPD National Night Out;
- The Southern CA Gas Project has been postponed; however, the Gas Co will make a presentation to the Council regarding the project to change the layers of underground piping;
- Neighbors are being told to be cautious of West Nile virus as the Vector Department found a positive case on July 28th. There will be posters placed around town. The website is westnile.ca.com;
- The Chair of Public Safety will be providing an update to the Council regarding the Reseda Boulevard safety;
- President Khanlian was invited to attend the public speech by Rick Caruso for Mayor. Board member Balen stated that the entire Council should have been informed of such invitation.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 5 was closed.

6. Updates from representatives of **Elected Officials or City Departments**

Diana Oganessian, Assemblywoman Valladares' Office stated that a grant writing webinar is available on YouTube channel.

- There is a continuing drainage problem on the Reseda exit under the bridge and Caltrans is working with the LA Bureau of Engineering to get permits to correct this ongoing problem. This is a top priority for our office. There will be a Caltrans officer to answer your questions at your next meeting on September 14th. The exit is scheduled to be open by October or November 2022.

Garrett Henry gave an update from Congressman Garcia's Office:

- The Safe school's Act is being implemented to assist with COVID safety, school safety, with doors, locks, and officers;
- There is a focus to strengthen security for schools such as hiring two armed officers;
- Congressmen Garcia voted yes on HR6583, the active shooter act;
- Congressman Garcia voted yes on the CHIPS bill to provide ramp-up competition to China;
- Congressman Garcia voted yes on HR4040, for telehealth practices;



- Congressman Garcia voted yes on HR263, the big cat public act monitoring the breeding of cats to protect the public;
- Congressman Garcia voted yes on HR 7630, the cancer grant bill.

A Town Hall event is pending and Mr. Henry will inform the Council of the date and location. Congressman Garcia can be contacted through Mikegarcia.house.gov.

Board member Grace expressed a topic of concern regarding boys forced into sexual favors with older women and then required to pay child support.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 6 was closed.

7. Updates from LAPD Devonshire Senior Lead officers

Officer Efren Corral, Senior Lead Officer for Devonshire, Porter Ranch, and Chatsworth updated the Council on current events. He stated his strong desire to have an impact on the community. Officer Efren provided his contact information and asked Board members to reach out to him with any concerns.

There has been a significant increase in criminal activity with property crime up 24.7%. There are less officers on the street, officers retiring, and budget cuts, that all attribute to this increase. There is an urgent need for police presence around schools.

Board member Balen asked about cadet graduates, how many officers in the City of LA per 1000 people, and what is the response time in Porter Ranch? Officer Efren stated it takes 2 years of in-service before an officer is seasoned. The Devonshire district has 250 officers and that division does not receive significant issues. The Echo Park areas have more officers than Porter Ranch and their response time is more comparable to other divisions, approximately 7 minutes; however, the Porter Ranch response time is also low.

Board member Grace asked about officer training and will more officers mitigate lower crime? Officer Efren stated that crime was lowered during COVID. Devonshire is still at lower levels and statistics are accurate due to the COVID shut down.

Ron Nagai was recognized to speak and spoke on defunding the police. Have NCs joined hands as a group and approached City Hall and asked to not defund the police? Can anything be done with street racing? Or create a private security under the LAPD, possibly as a volunteer surveillance team?

Officer Efren stated that CD12 is pro-police. Councilman Lee funds programs to drive away crime. We don't intermix with the Sheriff Dept.



Board member Leveque suggested setting up a public safety meeting.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 7 was closed.

8. Updates from Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber

Not present, agenda item 8 was closed.

9. Public comments on items NOT on the Agenda and within the Purview of the Board - **2 Minutes per person**

Patty Glueck was recognized to speak and requested an update on park renaming. President Khanlian stated that there is no update at this time.

John Hill was recognized to speak and requested an update on Northridge South formulating a plan for veterans looking for ways to post flags, banners, etc. President Khanlian stated that District 12 is working with resources.

Hanna Lee was recognized to speak and stated that National Night Out should work in conjunction with NCs to review and involve posting banners in all areas.

Glenn Bailey was recognized to speak and stated that the last Special meeting of July 7th needed to be noticed as a Special Meeting. Meetings that are not on the regularly scheduled meeting date need to be noticed as special meetings to prevent confusion.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 9 was closed.

10. Updates by Budget Advocates / reps - **5 minutes**

Brian Allen updated the Board on staffing changes. Glen is Region 3 and Scott is Region 2.

We are trying to move forward with operations and how funding is provided and this is all in process. August 20th is a retreat and all are invited to attend by link. President Khanlian stated that Jason and Jennifer are the Porter Ranch appointed representatives.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 10 was closed.

11. Updates by CAG - **10 minutes**



Craig Galanti updated the Council and stated that the DPH and CAG have no updates since the last briefing. We are not on the path to get clinical evaluations as we have demanded. DPH have gotten their bids in February-March and they are asking for the entire summer to review (3) applications. Is there still an appetite for clinical evaluations?

David Balen inquired about alternatives? Are we pursuing a true independent health study and a look at our community? Physicians for Social Responsibility could be a resource and have you met with their leadership and their findings?

Mr. Galanti stated that they are still developing a plan. Pulmonary, cardio, women’s health, and birth weights are still part of our findings. Funding is the key to getting this done. Air monitoring is still not done. The agencies are not doing what we have hoped and expected from day one.

President Khanlian offered Mr. Galanti support from the Board. President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 6 was closed.

12. Treasurer’s Report - **Treasurer Hector**

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Khanlian shared the balance and rollover funds at this time. Board member Leveque requested an expense breakdown.

Board member Grace requested clarification on the expiration date of funds to be the end of next year.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 12 was closed.

13. Motion to Approve the June 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report - **Treasurer Hector - Attachment A**

President Khanlian screen shared the June MER.

Board member Leveque inquired about the Neighborhood of Congress Expenses.

President Khanlian made the motion to approve the June MER that was seconded by Board member Balen.

Board member Leveque called the vote as follows:

1	Gabriel Khanlian, President
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1	Christine Demirtshian, secretary
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1	Hilda Sarkisyan
1	David Balen
1	Luis Ramirez
1	Brandii Grace
7	Motion passed 7-0

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 13 was closed.

14. Motion to Approve the July 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report - **Treasurer Hector - Attachment B**

President Khanlian screen shared the July MER.

President Khanlian made the motion to approve the June MER that was seconded by Board member Sarkisyan.

Board member Leveque called the vote as follows:

1	Gabriel Khanlian, President
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15. Community Air Monitoring Updates - **Don Gamiles – Argos – 10 minutes**



Don Gamiles updated the Board on the air monitoring equipment. Continuous efforts are being made to secure equipment and working with suppliers and vendors. Efforts are being made to secure interim equipment. We are trying to move forward. Equipment is now available for every area identified. We are working with government agencies for permits and power sources. Mr. Gamiles posted the question for anyone interested in hosting equipment until permanent locations are identified? We need to gather information and get it out there. We will work with you individually. This is for a short term and can be placed in a backyard. The equipment is the size of two shoeboxes.

Board member Leveque asked about the exact geographic location. Mr. Gamiles stated that the focus is on north of Rinaldo, down to Mason and all of Sesnon, Mason and Reseda.

John Hill was recognized to speak and stated that the above ground measuring is exciting. Who is funding the project? Mr. Gamiles stated that the program is funded through South Coast Air Quality.

Mr. Hill expressed concern regarding the area of Elisa Pocket Park down the hill from Porter Ranch on Elisa Creek as a concern. Has anybody tested the water? Mr. Gamiles stated that we can't answer that but will provide contact information for further studies. This is a concern for the neighborhood. Mr. Gamiles provided his contact information.

Mr. Gamiles screen shared the map of the general vicinity slotted for the air monitoring systems.

Brian Allen was recognized to speak and expressed concern about the boundaries and how far out are you looking to monitor. Mr. Gamiles stated this project is focused on Porter Ranch with funding restrictions.

Board member Leveque verified that that there are 5 different monitor types. Fence line base station, reflector, methane, Porter Ranch methane, and enhanced monitoring station.

Ron Nagai was recognized to speak and asked for Mr. Gamiles contact information. Mr. Nagai asked about monitoring the vents along the street.

Mr. Gamiles stated that the current proposed monitor type is a community air monitoring system. Mr. Gamiles requested that Mr. Nagai take pictures and forward to him. We are trying to identify all sources.

Asaad Alnajjar stated that since the equipment can be moved from location to location, to possibly get the most responses, can they be placed on street lights?



Craig Galanti inquired if there was any assistance on site location and tracking? Do you have site permits? Mr. Gamilies stated that permits have not yet been secured. We are working with agencies and that is why we are addressing the community.

Mr. Galanti inquired if the monitors were reflective? Is that something you can put in someone's back yard? That is a short line of site. The field is leaking and there is chronic exposure.

Mr. Gamilies stated that the protection limit is the best we can do with the technology bases we have right now. This system is reliable. One parts per billion by Cal OSHA. We would like to have this by the end of August. We don't want false detections that will not give confidence in the data.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 15 was closed.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$2000 to Granada Hills Community Foundation for 2022 Granada Hills Street Faire – **President Khanlian - Attachment C**

Board member Leveque verified that there was no applicant present and should this item be tabled to the next meeting. It was verified that the MPG was signed.

Treasurer Hector reviewed the budget and stated that there is only \$3,000 remaining in the budget for NPGs for the entire year. We will need to regroup after we receive the rollover. They cut our budget and we are limited. Treasurer Hector screen shared the budget All NPGs need to be tabled until we get the rollover. Board member Leveque seconded the tabling.

Board member Balen concurs with Treasurer Hector to monitor spending. We can work together and table all expenditures until the rollover.

Board member Sarkisyan agrees with tabling expenditures and stated that funds should be reserved for school children.

Treasurer Hector stated that funds need to be monitored and discussed by the Board. Applicants should be directed to the website to view available funding to create a balance. Outreach, improvement projects, and NPGs are the 3 pertinent categories. The rollover should be approximately \$9,600.00, and afterwards the budget needs to be reallocated.

Board member Balen stated that we need to educate our community and partner with CD12.

Treasurer Hector stated we should come up with projects for them to fund.

Brian Allen was recognized to speak stated that John Lee funds many projects.



Board member Grace made the motion to postpone funding items to the next agenda that was seconded by Board member Balen. Motion passed unanimously with no objections.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$2000 to Devonshire is S.O.L.I.D for remodel, flooring, furniture and etc. at Devonshire station - **President Khanlian - Attachment D, E**

President Khanlian made the motion to postpone this item to the next Agenda that was seconded by Board member Sarkisyan. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

Mr. Tappio was present for S.O.L.I.D. and stated that Devonshire has experienced some setbacks with costs. The project is underway and the furniture is being manufactured. Board member Grace read from Roberts Rules of Order, and after explanation made the motion to table the motion.

Board member Balen recused from the motion.

Officer Efren Corral updated the Board on the history of the station stating that the city does not maintain the structures and there has only been one renovation to date.

Treasurer Hector requested an update on the increased remodel expenses at the next meeting.

John Hales was recognized to speak and stated that the structure is in desperate need of an upgrade and the financial needs have increased with the costs of materials. There are other organizations that fund raise by having pancake breakfasts, etc.

Mr. Tappio screen shared the expenses for the project.

Friday night is the fundraising dinner and The Devonshire representative will send out flyer.

Board member Grace stated that we should support first responders.

Glenn Bailey was recognized to speak and clarified that the project is not complete at this date. The completion date is mid-October.

President Khanlian solicited additional procedural questions or comments from Board Members. Hearing none, Item 17 was closed.

18. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$4000 to Friends of West Los Angeles for the 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety and Preparedness Fair - **President Khanlian - Attachment F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M**



William Keith screen shared a presentation for the 4th annual Neighborhood Preparedness Fair at Exposition Park in the green lot on Sunday November 13, 2022. The event is free with free parking.

Sharon Brewer was recognized to speak and stated that the event will benefit stakeholders.

Board member Grace made the motion to postpone this expenditure that was seconded by Board member Balen. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

19. Discussion and action to fill the 2023 Neighborhood Council Election Information Worksheet – **President Khanlian - Attachment N, O**

President Khanlian screen shared a form that was filled out by the group for the due date of August 1st (that has passed but an extension has been given). The election committee chair is Board member Ibrahim.

Glenn Bailey stated that the election will be drop box and in person. The form allows for a 1st choice and a 2nd choice for a polling location. Multiple languages are offered with additional translation at no cost to the NC. It was discussed by the Board that Armenian be added as a language, but the cost is undetermined.

Board member Balen made the motion to add an additional language that was seconded by President Khanlian.

Board member Leveque called the vote as follows:

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7	Motion passed 7-0



Glen Bailey stated that much communication is done on the website. This additional language cost could be also requested by other NCs that could possibly produce a discount. You can keep this item open just in case you need to retract your request due to expense.

Asaad Alnajjar was recognized to speak and suggested Arabic be considered as an additional language as the demographics is comparable to Armenian.

Board member Sarkisyan concurred with Board member Leveque to include all languages. If time permits, leave the additional languages out if the cost is the determining factor.

20. Motion to approve June 8, 2022 Meeting Draft Minutes - **Secretary Demirtshian - Attachment P**

Board member Leveque made the motion to approved the June 8, 2022 Minutes that was seconded by President Khanlian. Treasurer Hector and Board member Sarkisyan abstained stating that they did not have time to review the Minutes. The Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote with two abstentions.

21. Updates from Board Members and Committees

Board member Sarkisyan stated that Board members need to participate in more events. Board member Balen stated that he was unaware of the National Night Out Booth and the NC needs proper communication. President Khanlian stated that there have been many announcements made multiple times in prior meetings and emails to which Balen had replied to stating that he will attempt to make it.

22. Next meeting will be on September 14, 2022.

23. Meeting Adjournment - **President Khanlian**

President Khanlian adjourned at 9:53 p.m.