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### **Agenda**

#### **Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**

#### **“Virtual” Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

**Wednesday January 22, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A VIRTUAL FORMAT.

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

**SB 411 Updates:** In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or

internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

## **Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call**

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion** to approve December 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**)

### **3. General Public Comment**

BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

### **4. Monthly Expenditure Report**

**Motion** to approve December 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**)

### **5. Pop-Up Tent**

**Motion** to approve new invoice for a 10x10 Pop-Up Tent from Extreme Canopy for outreach events of **\$1,831.00** plus **taxes of \$173.96** for a total of **\$2,004.96**.

New artwork now includes the original BABCNC logo. (**Attachment C**)

### **6. Updates and Forum on 2025 Wildfires and Urban Conflagrations**

Comments and updates from government representatives and other experts on the fires and fire risk within the neighborhood council territory. Public comment is encouraged within a timed period to ensure other agenda items can be heard.

### **7. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies Unrelated to 2025 Fires**

**8. Ad Hoc Committee on 2025 Wildfires and Urban Conflagrations**

**Motion:** To establish an ad hoc committee of seven members for one year to review and make recommendations to the Board on legislation proposed in City Council in response to the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires and urban conflagration.

**9. Response to Red Flag Conditions and Particularly Dangerous Situations**

**Motion:** To support the motion in Council File 25-0006-S35 by Councilmembers Raman and Yaroslavsky requesting an enhanced response to Red Flag conditions and Particularly Dangerous Situations and the enforcement thereof.

See: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-S35\\_misc\\_1-14-25.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-S35_misc_1-14-25.pdf)

**10. Support for Community Emergency Response Team**

**Motion** to Support the Resolution from North Hollywood Northeast NC (Attachment D) to Support the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, to be sent to Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Bass, and LA Board of Fire Commissioners.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-1600>

**Good of the Order**

Brief announcements from Board Members on items not on the agenda.

**Adjourn to virtual Zoom meeting February 26th (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) at 7:00 pm.**

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## MOTION

The ongoing extreme wildfires and windstorm events in the City and County of Los Angeles are unprecedented in scope and scale for the region. Yet the frequency of such extreme weather events is likely to increase as the impacts of climate change intensify. It is critically important for future public safety that the City formalize, operationalize, and expand its response to National Weather Service Red Flag Warnings and Particularly Dangerous Situations (PDSs).

Currently, the City of Los Angeles' Red Flag restrictions only apply to limiting street parking on specific streets throughout parts of the City's Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFHSZs) to ensure emergency vehicle passage. From the January 7, 2025 wind and fire event that is still ravaging our City, it is clear other mitigation measures are needed to reduce the risk of fires sparking and spreading on high wind days.

Council offices in impacted areas were left to coordinate with multiple departments and agencies in seeking park closures in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZs), and while parking restrictions are meant to be implemented automatically by LAFD and LADOT during Red Flag Warnings, they were unfortunately not adequately monitored. Additionally, construction work in hillside areas and debris hauling continued during this time as well. Gatherings in at-risk areas for the purpose of viewing the fires and grilling in public parks in hillside areas were also reported. Council offices served as a conduit for residents who observed these dangerous activities, communicating the need for additional resources to Departments throughout the course of these wildfire events.

This experience highlights the need for more proactive work from the City to secure high fire risk areas and implement restrictions in advance of major fires. There is a clear need for enumerated processes and protocols to be implemented during Red Flag Warnings and PDSs, and the lessons that we continue to learn from this most recent event offer an opportunity for the City to prepare for future fire disasters before they occur.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Emergency Management Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Department of Building and Safety, the Department of Transportation, FilmLA, and any other relevant Office or Department, to report within 30 days on existing and new protocols and measures that the City does and should implement in response to the issuance of Red Flag Warnings and declarations of a Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) by the National Weather Service. The report should include recommendations to improve the City's automatic response to these conditions, including:

- An inventory of resources that are deployed by various departments during Red Flag Warnings or PDSs, as well as a description of the process for determining their allocation during an emergency;
- Public safety and precautionary measures implemented in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZs) or other high-risk areas by various departments that are triggered by Red Flag Warnings and/or PDSs, including, but not limited to, enforcement of Red Flag parking regulations, park closures, construction and haul route trip moratoria, suspension of filming permits, additional neighborhood monitoring for dangerous fire activity, resource and readiness assessment for the mobilization of evacuation zones, and

temporary pauses in City-performed and City-contracted work in VHFHSZs that pose a fire hazard or could present a complication during emergency response;

- A notice to all residents in Red Flag warning areas to cease all outdoor activities that increase risk of fire, such as use of outdoor barbecues or fire pits;
- The identification of any high fire risk areas, or areas of multiple fire incidents, in the City outside of state-designated VHFHSZs where special provisions should also apply;
- Interagency communication protocols with agencies outside the City to proactively respond to Red Flag Warnings and PDSs, including the protection of public land under the jurisdiction of SMMC/MRCA and the issuance of air quality alerts with South Coast AQMD; and
- Public messaging protocols and education surrounding these restrictions.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Administrative Officer, with assistance of the City Attorney, report on an increase to the fine for violation of any existing or future Red Flag Warning ordinances.