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JESUS PEREZ Community Seat	ANDRES RUIZ Community Seat	Q Community Seat	[VACANT] Community Seat	



**Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council**  
**SPECIAL - General Board Meeting**  
**MINUTES DRAFT**



**1. Call to Order**

At 6:09 PM President David Pugo called the meeting to order, with 12 members present. President Pugo read the virtual meeting teleconferencing number for public participation. President Pugo conducts a tech check.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:**

- DAVID PUGO, President
- CARLOS CERDAN, Vice-President
- MARINA SHIFRIN, Secretary
- DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair
- JENNY OMANA, Outreach and Special Events Chair
- SHARON ALVAREZ, Area 1 Officer
- WENDY CASTRO, Community Seat
- CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat
- MARCO ANTONIO NAVARRO, Community Seat
- ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat
- Q, Community Seat
- JOHNNY ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat - Voted In This Meeting

**Absent:**

- JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer
- LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer
- MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat
- JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

Arrived late:

MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat - [did not see time]

BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer - 6:18pm

### 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items 6:12 PM

President David Pugo read the following:

The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting

No public comment.

### 4. Community/Government Reports & Announcements:

- a. Council District 14  
Andrew USCB (U.S. Census Bureau) elaborates on the 2020 census. Holding a pre-release webinar to inform how to access data. Webinar August 5, 10AM. Access through a link sent by Andrew.
- b. State Assembly/Senate  
None.
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment  
None.
- d. LAPD  
None.
- e. LAFD  
None.
- f. LAUSD  
None.
- g. Budget Advocates, and/or other elected officials  
Carlos Montes commenting. Swat raid on 23rd. Montes came out to do damage control. Community organizers were able to diffuse the situation without tear gas or force used. Requested police presence at BHNC meetings to improve communication.

### 5. Presentations - 6:20pm

- a. Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) - Free pop-up COVID-19 mobile testing sites
  - i. Presenter: Natalie Del Toro
  - ii. Description: Sharing information on the organization, programs and testing sites in the community

Additional Notes:

David Pugo asks for clarification on testing and vaccines. Natalie stays around for questions.

Public Questions/Comments

None.

Board Questions/Comments

Marina Shifrin thanks Natalie and promises to connect Natalie with Jenny Omana, Outreach Chair. Jenny Omana says she looks forward to it.

- b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Neighborhood Council Presentation
  - i. Presenter: John Darnell, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
  - ii. Description:
    - 1. Required Neighborhood Council board member training.
    - 2. Training for Financial Officers and BHNC financial report.
    - 3. Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate role.
    - 4. Upcoming orientation sessions for board members hosted by EmpowerLA.

**Additional Notes:**

**Public Questions/Comments**

Tigran Areshian asked if the Neighborhood Empowerment Board Council can create/influence any public policy? John Darnell answers: City Council consults with the neighborhood council system.

**Board Questions/Comments**

Q asks about how the Neighborhood Council System is funded, more specifically funding equity. John Darnell answers: Funding comes from City's general fund. Each neighborhood council gets \$32,000 (for 99 NCs).

David Pugo asks details about NC's relationship with the City Council. John Darnell answers.

**6. Executive Reports 6:56PM**

- a. President
  - i. Election of board members to the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) board.
    - 1. Vacant Community Seat

Johnny Echavarria self nominates. Introducing himself.

Board Questions or Comments: Marco Antonio comments about Johnny's involvement with Outreach Committee.

Marco Antonio motions to elect Johnny.

Andy Ruiz seconds.

Brenda Marinez speaks in support.

Jenny Omana also speaks in support.

Public comment.

No comment.

Board comment.

No comment.

**VOTE**

**13-Yes**

**0-No**

**4-Absent**

**JOHNNY ECHAVARRIA VOTED IN.**

**YES VOTES**

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SHARON ALVAREZ, Area 1 Officer

WENDY CASTRO, Community Seat

CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat  
MARCO ANTONIO NAVARRO, Community Seat  
ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat  
Q, Community Seat  
MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat  
BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

2. Vacant Area 2 Seat

No one volunteered or was nominated.

ii. Discussion and possible action on deciding frequency of General Board Meetings  
David Pugo motions that BHNC has General Board Meetings on the last Wednesday of the month.  
Silvas Seconds.

Public comment

Betancourt asks about a 48-hour notice for the meetings. Asks for clarification on 48-hour vs. 24 hour notice. Pugo responds: General meetings, agenda must be posted 72 hours ahead of time. Special meetings only need 24 hour notice.

Board Comment

Q comments. Q makes a friendly amendment to have it 4th Wednesday of the month as opposed to last. Andy Ruiz seconds.

Public Comment on amendment.

None.

Board Comment.

Carlos Montes comments in support of the 4th Wednesday of the month.  
Carlos Cerdan asks for clarification on the difference between the last Wednesday vs. 4th Wednesday.  
Pugo responds.

**VOTE**

**YES - 8**

**NO - 6**

**ABSENT - 4**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**MOTION PASSES**

**YES VOTES**

SHARON ALVAREZ, Area 1 Officer  
WENDY CASTRO, Community Seat  
CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat  
MARCO ANTONIO NAVARRO, Community Seat  
ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat  
Q, Community Seat

MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat  
JOHNNY ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

**NO VOTES**

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DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair  
JENNY OMANA, Outreach and Special Events Chair  
BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

iii. Discussion of eligibility of Executive Officer Seat - Treasurer

Public Comment  
None.

Board Comment

Q disagrees with findings. David Pugo responds. John Darnell elaborates on guidance about how to resolve the issue.  
Wendy Castro asks for clarifications on the June agendas which list Jeanette as Treasurer. David Pugo responds.  
Andy Ruiz echoes Q and Wendy's response. Advocates for a new person to come in as Treasurer to come in.  
Wendy Castro adds that although Jeanette Garcia cannot recall the circumstances under which she was remembered, that Wendy and other board members do. She also brought up that minutes got lost. David Pugo responds.  
Q echoes Wendy's points that we have to be careful about breaking or bending bylaws.  
David Pugo responds that there needs to be more clarification and clarity of our bylaws.  
Miriam Gonzales speaks. Bylaws were changed and approved by the previous board and approved but were unable to be submitted due to the loss of the minutes. Miriam would also like to recommend we review bylaws. Miriam encourages anyone who wants to run for the position to run for it.  
John Darnell adds that bylaw amendments from last summer were submitted late.  
Carlos Cerdan makes a motion to have the bylaws committee look at this loophole and eliminate this problem and advise the board.  
David Pugo says that we are unable to add that to this meeting, but we can put in a motion to vote for the next meeting.  
Andy Ruiz feels like we're trying to amend the bylaws to get Jeanette to take the seat that she's not eligible for. David Pugo responds.  
Wendy Castro asks Miriam if the updated bylaws could be sent out to the new board.  
Miriam Gonzales says she can send out the amended bylaws to the board.  
Marina Shifrin asks if anyone is interested in the Treasurer position.  
John Darnell adds a friendly suggestion that we present the amended bylaws (that were already approved) at the next board meeting. ADD: "Discussion or possible action to revisit bylaws that were already approved by the BHNC board." They haven't been adopted yet, but it's been approved.  
Andy Ruiz brings up Robert's Rules, to address the fact that speaking time is not equal across all board members.  
Brenda Martinez asks on behalf of community members calling for people who are speaking to identify themselves.  
Jenny Omana speaks in favor of Jeanette Garcia.

Wendy Castro echoes Jenny's words and clarifies that her position is not personal and simply in favor of sticking to the bylaws.

- iv. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to (4) board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021.

John Darnell speaks on Civic U.

David Pugo asks if anyone from the board is interested in attending. All who are interested:

Brenda Martinez  
Carlos Cerdan  
Johnny Echavarria  
Sharon Alvarez

David Pugo makes a motion to approve the four individuals.

Miriam Gonzales seconds.

Public Comment

Board Comment

Wendy Castro asks if there is a way we can add alternates. John Darnell says yes.

David Silvas asks that we have alternate seats in the next meeting.

Carlos Cerdan asks if there are times for the training. John Darnell clarifies that they're for 6:30 PM every night.

**VOTE**

**YES - 14**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 4**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**MOTION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat  
BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer  
JOHNATHAN ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

- v. Discussion of possible opportunity with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development: Augmented LA

**Board Comment**

Wendy Castro asks to advocate to get an artist from Boyle Heights to be featured on this program. Marco Antonio Navarro has two questions: is there any data about the amount of business or type of business this will bring in, the city wants to work with the NC, but if the NC can't pick it up does it go to a non-profit? David Pugo documents the question to relay to them.

David Silvas says it's a phenomenal proposal... [experiences tech difficulties] says the money can be implemented to restore murals.

Q besides the worries over gentrification, some of the other augmented reality programs didn't ask for business consent. If businesses have disruptions, is there going to be some way for them to opt out down the line.

Brenda Martinez asks to have the Mayor's office come and explain this. Brenda was part of the Arts & Culture committee and wants to recommend TEC or PLUC take on this project.

Andy Ruiz sees the pros and cons with this type of installation. Cons dependency on phones and use phones. Having more people park. We could have restoration of some of the murals.

Marina Shifrin mirrors Andy's pros/cons.

Q asks about how we could put together a proposal for an Arts + Culture AdHoc committee. David Pugo encourages someone on the board to reach out if they'd like to create an Arts + Culture committee.

Wendy Castro asks for clarification on the timeline.

Marco Antonio Navarro asks for clarification.

**Public Comment**

Vivian Escalante is worried about disruptions, lack of parking, safety hazards, and asks for us to evaluate this opportunity. Verbalizes that she doesn't feel comfortable with this concept, but likes the idea of renovating murals but maybe looking into other non-profits to enhance the neighborhood.

- vi. Discussion of possible opportunity with a Community of Friends - Lorena Plaza Project, Evaluation/Selection Committee

**Public Comment**

Alma Catalan nominates Brenda Martinez as someone who would be a great asset for this project.

**Board Comment**

Q asks for clarification on how the appointment process works.

Brenda Martinez advocates for herself in this position, but also mentions there is time to do an official appointment.

- b. Vice President

Carlos Cerdan does not have any updates.

- c. Secretary

- i. Updates on translation and minute-taking vendor selection.

Marina Shifrin updates on the search and cost estimate

**7. Budget and Finance Committee 8:30pm**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2021

David Pugo Motion to approve  
Carlos Cerdan seconds.

Public Comment

Board Comment

**VOTE**

**YES - 12**

**NO - 0**

**ABSTAIN - 1**

**ABSENT - 5**

**YES VOTES**

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ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat  
Q, Community Seat  
MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat  
BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat  
CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat

**ABSTAIN**

Q, Community Seat

**VOTE**

**YES - 14**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 4**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**MOTION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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WENDY CASTRO, Community Seat



CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat  
MARCO ANTONIO NAVARRO, Community Seat  
ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat  
Q, Community Seat  
MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat  
BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer  
JOHNATHAN ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

- b. Discussion and possible approval to reimburse David Pugo \$21.89 for storage lock.

Pugo motions to decline.  
David Silvas seconds.

Public Comment  
None.

Board Comment  
None.

- c. Updates / additional time sensitive actions for Budget and Finance Committee

Public Comment

Board Comment

Q reminds us that we voted on YMCA funding. David Pugo clarifies that they withdrew the application and will submit a new grant request around Thanksgiving.

**VOTE**

**YES - 14**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 4**

**MOTION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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Q, Community Seat  
MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat

BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer  
JOHNATHAN ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

**8. Discussion and possible action to appoint board members to committee chairs of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC). The BHNC rules for committees are listed under Article VII in the bylaws as "COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES". Please see BHNC bylaws [HERE](#). The committees of the BHNC are the following:**

- a. Historic Preservation  
No NC members nominated.
- b. Rules and Election  
Q self nominates.

Public Comment  
None

Board Comment  
David Pugo speaks in favor of Q.

**VOTE**

**YES - 12**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 4**

**ABSTAIN - 1**

**MOTION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer  
JOHNATHAN ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer

LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

**ABSTAIN**

DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

c. Planning and Land Use

- i. Discussion and possible action to elect up to (6) persons onto the Planning and Land use committee.

Marco Antonio Navarro asks for clarification.  
Brenda Martinez shows interest. Speaks for a minute.  
Jonathan Echavarria shows interest. Speaks for a minute.  
LaTanya Hill shows interest. Speaks for a minute.

Public Comment

Vivian Escalante speaks in favor of Brenda Martinez and LaTanya Hill.

Board Comment

Marco Antonio Navarro asks all three candidates if there are any particular projects they see as vital; if so, what are they? And are there any particular projects they'd like to take on while on the PLUC committee.

Brenda Martinez responds.

Jonathan Echavarria recuses himself.

LaTanya Hill responds.

Q asks LaTanya Hill if she'd be interested in the Historic Preservation Committee. LaTanya declines the role.

David Silvas elects LaTanya Hill.

Q seconds the motion.

**VOTE**

**YES - 16**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 3**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

David Pugo nominates Brenda Martinez.  
David Silvas seconds.  
Brenda Martinez accepts.

**Public Comment**

Vivian Escalante speaks in support of Brenda Martinez.

**Board Comment**

Q comments about comment.  
David Silvas Responds.  
LaTanya comments in support of Brenda Martinez.  
Q comments in support of Brenda Martinez.

**VOTE**

**YES - 15**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 3**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

1. Non-Executive Board member vacancy
2. Non-Executive Board member vacancy
3. Non-board BHNC Stakeholder vacancy

**Non-Board Member Nomination**

David Silvas nominates Vivian Escalante  
LaTanya Hill seconds.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Board Comment**

Brenda Martinez comments in favor.  
LaTanya Hill comments in favor.  
Marina Shifrin comments in favor.

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**VOTE**

**YES - 15**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 3**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

None.

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**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

4. Non-board BHNC Stakeholder vacancy

David Silvas nominates Alma Catalan.  
Q seconds.

**Public Comment**

Vivian Escalante comments in support.

Board Comment

Brenda Martinez comments in support.

Q points a member of the public has their hand up. Daniel Silvas re-opens to public comment.

LaTanya Hill comments in support.

David Pugo comments in support.

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**VOTE**

**YES - 15**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 3**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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JOHNATHAN ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat

LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer

DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

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None.

**ABSENT**

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JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer

MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat

JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

5. Non-board BHNC Stakeholder vacancy

Tigran Areshian speaks to the committee.

David Silvas nominates Tigran Areshian.

Carlos Cerdan seconds.

Public Comment

None.

Board Comment

Carlos Montes asks Tigran Areshian what his definition of cultural preservation is? Tigran Areshian answers.

LaTanya Hill asks what Tigran Areshian will be able to bring to the PLUC committee. Tigran Areshian comes from an investment background and a fundraising background.

Q asks a question for clarification about how to choose which historical buildings to preserve. Tigran Areshian answers.

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**VOTE**

**YES - 15**

**NO - 0**

**ABSENT - 3**

**ABSTAIN - 0**

**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

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DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

None.

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**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer

MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat

JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

6. Non-board BHNC Stakeholder vacancy

Remains vacant.

d. Public Safety Committee

Q makes a point of order.

Carlos Montes self nominates.

Q nominates Andy Ruiz.

Andy Ruiz accepts nomination.

Carlos Montes declines nomination.

Q motions to nominate Andy Ruiz.

Carlos Cerdan seconds the nomination.

Andy speaks on their nomination.

Marina speaks in support of Andy Ruiz.

David Silvas speaks in support of Andy Ruiz.

Q asks Andy if we approve them, if they would do an Ad Hoc proposal until we can get the bylaws updated.

Carlos Montes asks for more information about Andy Ruiz's stands on police violence and the aggressive incarceration of Black and Latino men.

David Pugo speaks in favor of Andy and gives his support.

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**VOTE**

**YES - 15**  
**NO - 0**  
**ABSENT - 3**  
**ABSTAIN - 0**  
**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**

DAVID PUGO, President  
CARLOS CERDAN, Vice-President  
MARINA SHIFRIN, Secretary  
JENNY OMANA, Outreach and Special Events Chair  
SHARON ALVAREZ, Area 1 Officer  
WENDY CASTRO, Community Seat  
CARLOS MONTES, Community Seat  
MARCO ANTONIO NAVARRO, Community Seat  
ANDRES RUIZ, Community Seat  
Q, Community Seat  
MIRIAM GONZALEZ, Community Seat  
BRENDA MARTINEZ, Area 4 Officer  
JOHNATHAN ECHAVARRIA, Community Seat  
LATANYA HILL, Area 3 Officer  
DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

9. **Discussion and possible action to appoint up to five (5) CIS (Community Impact Statement) filers from the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) board. The filers are responsible for filing the CIS's (Community Impact Statements) into the City Clerk's CIS portal. Any CIS is a position by the board and may be sent to any city commission and/or can be put in the City Council's file management system. For more information on CISs (Community Impact Statements), please click [HERE](#). - 9:49 PM**

Pugo motions to nominate: Brenda Martinez, David Pugo, Marina Shifrin, Miriam Gonzales, Jonathan Echavarria  
Jenny Omana seconds.

Public Comment.  
None.

Board Comment.  
None.

**VOTE**

**YES - 14**  
**NO - 0**  
**ABSENT - 4**  
**ABSTAIN - 0**  
**NOMINATION PASSES.**

**YES VOTES**



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DAVID SILVAS, Planning and Land Use Chair

**NO VOTES**

None.

**ABSENT**

JEANETTE GARCIA, Treasurer  
MARISOL GRAJALES-ARTEAGA, Community Seat  
JESUS PEREZ, Community Seat

- a. CIS Filer # 1 **Brenda Martinez**
- b. CIS Filer # 2 **Jonathan Echavarria**
- c. CIS Filer # 3 **David Pugo**
- d. CIS Filer # 4 **Miriam Gonzales**
- e. CIS Filer # 5 **Marina Shifrin**

**10. Discussion and possible appointment by the President of the board, liaison positions of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC). City of Los Angeles elected officials, departments, and even other Neighborhood Councils are frequently looking for an NC contact person to work with on a particular subject matter. During the year, agencies will ask DONE for Liaison contact information for the purpose of sending invitations to meetings or events of interest, to receive feedback, or simply to request help in sharing information with Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders. Your willingness to be that contact person will help your Neighborhood Council improve government responsiveness to your community's needs. Thank you again for doing your part to EmpowerLA! The official list of liaison positions are the following-10PM**

- a. Animal Services  
**Appointees**  
**Miriam Gonzales**  
**Sharon Alvarez**
- b. [Los Angeles Department of Water and Power](#)  
**Appointees**  
**Sharon Alvarez**
- c. [Data](#)  
**Appointees**  
**Carlos Cerdan**  
**Brenda Martinez**
- d. [Emergency Preparedness](#)  
**No Appointees.**

e. Film  
Appointees  
Marco Antonio Navarro  
Jonathan Echavarria  
Wendy Castro  
Q  
Sharon Alvarez  
Marina Shifrin

f. [Homelessness](#)  
Appointees  
Marco Antonio Navarro  
Q  
Brenda Martinez

g. Public Works  
Appointees  
Brenda Martinez

h. [Purposeful Aging](#)  
Appointees  
David Silvas

i. [Resilience](#)  
Appointees  
Wendy Castro  
Jonathan Echavarria  
Brenda Martinez  
Q

**11. Discussion and possible action to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to represent the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) at the various Neighborhood Council alliances and coalitions in the City of Los Angeles. For the Budget Advocates, the board would need to choose up to two Budget Representatives who are board members and/or stakeholders from the BHNC and those two budget representatives would attend the Budget Advocates meetings to represent the BHNC. The list of alliances and coalitions are the following: 10:03PM**

- a. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition  
Appointed  
Marina Shifrin
- b. Alliance of River Communities (ARC)  
Appointed  
Brenda Martinez  
Carlos Cerdan - Showed Interest (Computer ran out of battery)
- c. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates
  - i. Budget Representative #1  
Appointed  
Carlos Montes
  - ii. Budget Representative #2  
Appointed  
Q
- d. Plan Check Neighborhood Councils  
Appointed  
David Silvas

- e. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Appointed

Q

Brenda Martinez

- f. LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Appointed

Q

Marco Antonio Navarro

## 12. Announcements

Brenda Martinez

Carlos Montes invites the board to rally and march in East LA against the ELA Sheriff Banditos. Ending of police shooting by the sheriff.

David Silvas tomorrow 10AM City Commission Cultural Ottomisan Monument vote at 10am.

Marina

Miriam Gonzales offers to help Q.

David Pugo requests that board members can turn on cameras to turn zoom cameras on to introduce selves to community.

## 13. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.**

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