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**ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL  
 AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
 MEETING AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY,  
 MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2009  
 AT 7:00PM**

**at CBS Studios, Radford Center  
 Edit Bldg. #2, Suite #6 Conference Room  
 4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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**Committee members:** Michael McCue - Chair, Jane Drucker - Secretary, Dr. Victor Helo, Chris Houchins, Bonnie Koehler, Dana Marriott, Kevin O'Kane, Christine From, George Shea, (Stakeholders/Committee Members), Ed Begley, Jr. - Special Energy Advisor (non-voting member), Ron Truppa - Special Media & Communications Advisor (non-voting member), Ben Neumann (Ex-officio)

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of SCNC Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting minutes (5 min).
3. Comments by the Committee Chair (3 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
5. Response(s) to comments by Committee Members (10 min).
6. Presentation by **Mr. Torin Dunnivant**, Community Engagement Manager, representing Tree People, a non-profit environmental organization working in our Studio City community. Discussion and possible motions for action based upon Mr. Dunnivant's presentation.
7. **Report: Michael McCue**, chair -- **"The cost of commuting for LA City Council members and other city officers & employees"** **Note:** Even as Angelenos are being urged to take public transit, some elected officials and city officials continue to rack up costly gas tabs by driving vehicles that are not fuel-efficient at the expense of taxpayers. A recent audit of practices by City Controller, Laura Chick, highlighted 'unbusinesslike' behavior of city workers driving home city cars and fueling them at taxpayer expense with little oversight or accountability. **Discussion and possible motion** with respect to the following questions raised by the recent audit of the City fleet...**QUESTION: Should City Council amend the LAMC to deny/withhold transportation expenses reimbursement at taxpayer expense for city council members and other officers and city employees who are not driving vehicles that maintain at least a 30MPG rating? Should private use of the public vehicle fleet be stopped? Should unmonitored fuel credit cards for city workers be ended?** (15 min).
8. **Training for committee members** in proper use of City of Los Angeles websites. Presentation by Joe Higgins. (20 mins.)
9. **Proposal for re-organization of the committee** from Christine From. Discussion and possible motion. Committee member assignments from Chair discussed as well. (10 mins.)

10. Discussion of **prioritizing the issues for the coming 2009-2010 term**. Which issues are time sensitive and need to be dealt with immediately? (15 mins.)
11. Discussion and possible motion re: **Reconsideration of Committee budget for 2009-2010**. How much funding will we need for our committee's purposes? (15 mins.)
12. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to the sale of mylar balloons. Mylar balloons are causing power outages throughout the city and the DWP's cost of repairing electrical lines damaged by mylar balloons is adding expense to the DWP. **QUESTION: Should the sale of mylar balloons be outlawed within the city limits of the City of Los Angeles?** (10 mins)
13. Discussion and possible motion re: the Mayor's "**Green Energy Project**" aka the Terminal Island Renewable Energy (TIRE) Project.
14. Discussion and possible motion re: the Mayor's "**Zero Waste Program**"
15. Confirmation of recipient of our committee's first annual stakeholder award for service selected at the Chair's discretion. **QUESTION: What form should this award take?**
16. Comments from members on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction (5 min).
17. Closing Comments from Committee Chair (5 mins.)
18. Adjournment (1 min).

