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## ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

### NOTE: SPECIAL DAY & TIME

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

AT 6:00PM

at CBS Studios, Radford Center

Edit Bldg. #2, SCNC Office, 4024 Radford,  
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**Committee members:** Michael McCue (Chair), Jane Drucker (Secretary), Ed Begley, Jr. (Special Energy Advisor) George Shea, Eugene Hernandez, Dr. Joye Swan, Ben Neumann (Ex-officio)

## Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of SCNC Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting minutes (3 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. Discussion and possible motion with respect to Measure "B" on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Citywide Election Ballot. A new measure known as the Solar Power/New Jobs Initiative has been approved by City Council at the behest of the Mayor even though a commissioned consulting firm report was highly critical of the measure and warned City Council of its many flaws. The consulting firm's report was not made public, not was it shared with all City Council members before a vote was taken. **QUESTION: Did City Council act legally by placing Measure B on the ballot? Why was there no notification of the Neighborhood Councils that this measure was pending? Why was the public at large not notified properly and why was there no opportunity for the public to comment? The VANC has passed a resolution re: Measure B that states strong opposition to it. Should this position be endorsed by the SCNC board?** Guest Speaker, Ron Kaye of S.L.A.P. (15 min).
7. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to Public Access Channels on cable television. Cable companies are bound by law to provide public access channels as part of their agreement to serve the neighborhoods and cities their companies are servicing with cable programming. There is a movement afoot to eliminate all public access programming and/or bring public access under the control of the government of the City of Los Angeles. **QUESTION: Is eliminating public access programming a violation of the cable companies' contract to serve the communities whom they provide cable programming to? What recommendation should be made to the SCNC board? Should we protect public access channels or allow the City to take over their operation and/or eliminate them?** Presentation by a guest speaker/Representative from Full Disclosure.(15 min).
8. Comments from members on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction (X min).
9. Adjournment (1 min).