



Local Agency Formation Commission  
for the County of Los Angeles

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY

FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

February 8, 2012

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Donald L. Dear  
Margaret Finlay  
Tom LaBonge  
Gloria Molina  
Henri F. Pellissier  
David Spence

Lori Brogin, Alternate  
Don Knabe, Alternate  
Gerard McCallum, Alternate  
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

Paul A. Novak, AICP; Executive Officer  
John Krattli, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Richard Close  
Zev Yaroslavsky  
Lillian Kawasaki, Alternate  
Paul Krekorian, Alternate

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

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The chair announced that a postponement of Item No. 3 (East Los Angeles Incorporation No. 2009-08 which was continued from 1-25-12) to be the last item on the agenda.

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Chair Gladbach announced a public hearing for East Los Angeles Incorporation No. 2009-08 was held at the last meeting (January 25, 2012), the public hearing was opened and closed. Chair Gladbach further stated ELA Incorporation is a continued item on the current agenda, seeing as the public hearing was already closed, he is giving the public 5 minutes to speak for a person representing a group or 1 minute for an individual wanting to speak.

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The Executive Officer read an announcement, asking that persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the preceding 12 months to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

The Executive Officer swore in members of the audience who planned to testify.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 Annexation  
No. 381.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner LaBonge, unanimously carried (Commissioners Close, Molina, Spence and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2012-03RMD Making Determinations Approving Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22- Annexation No. 381.
- Set April 11, 2012 for Commission protest proceedings.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 Annexation  
No. 396.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried (Commissioners Close, Molina, Spence and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2012-04RMD Making Determinations Approving Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22- Annexation No. 381.
- Set April 11, 2012 for Commission protest proceedings.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Public Hearing on City of Hawthorne Annexation No. 2010-07

On motion of Commissioner Dear, seconded by Commissioner Brogin, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Close, Molina, Spence and Yaroslavsky being absent) the Commission continued Annexation No. 2010-07.

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On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner LaBonge, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Close, Molina, Spence and Yaroslavsky being absent) the Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 – Annexation No. 717, Resolution No. 2012-05RMD.
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1018, Resolution No. 2012-06RMD.
- Approved Minutes of January 25, 2012;
- Approved Operating Account and Check Register for the month of January 2012; and
- Received and filed update on pending applications.

[Commissioner Molina and Commissioner Spence in at 9:18a.m.]

The Chair stated that he was going back to Item No. 3 East Los Angeles Incorporation.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on East Los Angeles Incorporation No. 2009-08.

The Executive Officer made a recommendation to allow the audience to speak before his presentation.

The Chair reiterated the public hearing for Item No. 3 East Los Angeles Incorporation has been closed; because it's an item on the agenda there will be public comment, allowing five minutes to speak for a person representing a group or one minute for an individual wanting to speak. The Chair reminded the public that a speaker form had to be filled out in order to speak.

The EO recommended the proponents speak first followed by the presentation of the opposition.

The proponents spoke first, followed by the opposition, which came to a total of about a dozen speakers.

Public comment period closed at 9:50 a.m.

EO stated two letters from Julie Biggs (counsel to the proponents) came in late, and both letters were given to the Commission. The City of Vernon submitted a letter that was placed in the agenda packet. The proponents submitted 314 additional support letters. A letter came in from the East Los Angeles Residents Association this morning and a stack of petitions from those opposed to cityhood. All letters were put on the commissioners' seats for today's hearing.

The EO stated there were approximately 55 speakers at the last hearing, and another dozen today.

The EO stated that at the last hearing it was requested to make public the outside counsel's opinion on proposition 172 on the LAFCO website, and that the opinion was posted on the day following the hearing.

The EO stated at the last hearing there was a 35-page EO Report and an additional 11-page staff report, with exhibits, which were made available to the public. Based upon all the information provided, the EO recommends the Commission disapprove the Cityhood application.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Spence, duly carried (Commissioner Finlay voting No), (Commissioners Close and Yaroslavsky being absent) the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2012-02RMD Making Determinations Disapproving the East Los Angeles Incorporation 2009-08.

Chair Gladbach thanked the citizens on both sides for their hard work, and mentioned there will be more opportunities when the economy improves.

Commissioner Molina thanked the proponents as well as the opponents, Paul Novak, County Counsel, Bill Fujioka and all staff that has been involved, for their help through this difficult process.

Commissioner Gladbach also thanked Paul Novak and staff, in particular Sera Wirth for all her hard work, in getting excellent reports out in such short time.

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Commissioner's Report

None

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Executive Officer's Report

None

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Future Meetings:

March 14, 2012

April 11, 2012

May 9, 2012

June 13, 2012

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Future Agenda Items:

None.

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On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Close and Yaroslavsky being absent) the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. in memory of Paul Novak's Father Walter Nowakowski.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Novak', written in dark ink.

Paul A. Novak, AICP  
Executive Officer