BOARD MEETING
(All Stakeholders are welcome to attend)

Tuesday, September 8, 2015  7:00 p.m.
135th Street Elementary School Auditorium
801 W. 135th Street, Gardena CA 90247

AGENDA

1) Public Comment - 2 minutes per speaker (10 minutes total)
2) Position on the proposed 24-hour 7-Eleven at 501 W. El Segundo Blvd., in District 5, ZA-2015-1551-CU, ENV-2015-1552-MND, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee, with CD 15 presentation on the issue (15 min) Vote
3) Appointment of Wendy Talaro as the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Representative, with report on the August 29 meeting (5 minutes) Vote
4) Approval of the August 11 Board minutes (5 minutes) Vote
5) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and August monthly expenditure report (10 min) Vote
5a. Report on 2014-2015 final balance issue (5 minutes)
6) Review of the HGNCC Self-Assessment for 2014-2015 (5 min) Vote
7) Update on the Days of Dialogue program sponsored by HGNCC re: dates, venue, and outreach (5 minutes)
8) Report on the proposed HGNCC-sponsored Financial Literacy workshop for youth (5 min)
9) Report on the August 31 Neighborhood Council Presidents’ meeting with Councilman Buscaino (5 min)
10) Request for a meeting on issues related to upkeep of the Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd. with Council District 15 staff, Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council, and the Department of General Services (5 minutes) Vote
11) Report on the Harbor Alliance meeting of September 2 (5 minutes)
12) Announcements (5 minutes)

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1. I will conduct myself in a professional and civil manner at all times as a representative of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council, including treating each member of the board and members of the public with respect at all times.

2. Even in the face of disagreement or differences of opinion, I will demonstrate esteem and deference for my colleagues and the public. During Neighborhood Council meetings, functions, or events I will not engage in or threaten to engage in any verbal or physical attack on any other individual. I will not use language that is abusive, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures. I believe that derogatory language about an individual’s ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability, or religion is not acceptable.

3. I will promote and enforce a safe meeting environment at all times. At moments when members of the public become disruptive and violate the rules of civility that we have pledged to follow, I will join my fellow board members in demanding that the persons conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner even if I agree with the point of view that is being expressed.

4. I will commit to communicate my ideas and points of view clearly, and allow others to do the same without interruption. I pledge to truly listen to and hear other points of view. I will practice the art of being able to disagree without being disagreeable.

5. I will take responsibility for my own actions, and will work to fulfill my role and responsibilities as specified in the bylaws.

6. I will commit to learn the applicable laws that govern Neighborhood Councils, including bylaws, standing rules, meeting procedures, the Brown Act, conflict of interest laws, city ordinances, and the City Charter, and will not knowingly violate any of them so that we can maintain a safe and effective environment for conducting business.

7. I will seek to present information truthfully, and will not knowingly misrepresented, mischaracterize, or misquote information received from others.

8. If I find myself representing my personal interests before my community’s interests, I will publicly disclose the differences and recuse myself from voting on such matters, and I will ask for advice from the Office of the City Attorney whenever I have doubts.

9. I will commit to good faith efforts to resolve grievances that come before the board as specified in the bylaws.

10. Out of respect to my fellow board members, the public, and the decision-makers who we are trying to influence, I will make an effort to be constructive and civil and to resolve differences in a manner that is respectful of all.

11. I will actively seek input and feedback from the community and other stakeholders and will share it with the council.

12. I will strive to be a role model for civility and to promote the values of respect, fairness, and integrity in all my interactions.

13. I will actively seek feedback on my performance and use it to improve my conduct and interactions.

14. I will encourage and support other board members in their efforts to promote civility and to uphold the principles of this code of civility.

15. I will make a commitment to ongoing education and training to enhance my knowledge and skills related to civility in the context of public service and Neighborhood Councils.