

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC)
Report by Laurie Jacobs from meeting held on August 7th

NEW MAYOR'S DEPUTY

Octaviano Rios introduced himself as the new Mayor's Deputy for the Harbor Area. The Mayor's office is still in a bit of transition as Mayor Garcetti is focusing his first 60-90 days on appointing the best candidates for each position under his administration. General Managers must re-interview for their positions. Mr. Rios is available to help our council and constituents with any issues that cannot or has not been address by Councilman Buscaino. His telephone is 213-978-0600 and his email is octaviano.rios@lacity.org. Website is www.lamayor.org. He will be in the San Pedro office 2 – 3 days per week.

HARBOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Ata ul Malik Khan, the Program Associate gave a presentation explaining this program in detail. The deadline to apply for a grant is September 20th so if our neighborhood council is interested, we need to take immediate action. Here is a brief summary from their website describing the program goals. (see <http://hcbf.org/cbgrants/> for more details)

Our new pilot program is for qualified organizations serving the residents of Wilmington and San Pedro.

*Encouraging a wide array of applications, grants could range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 for projects that address one or more of five strategic priorities: **beautification, education & training, employment, safety, and/or community initiatives.***

The competitive grant program encourages projects that improve the environment and quality of life for the neighborhoods adjacent to the Port of Los Angeles.

*Eligible projects may **include, but are not limited to:** community beautification programs, emergency response safety training in the event of a natural disaster, education and training opportunities in support of innovative green technology, internships and job creation programs, and community initiatives that increase environmental awareness among the youth.*

EMPOWER LA – GRAYCE LIU

Grayce advises she is still diligently working to secure new banks so the new checking accounts and is hoping to have this ready for September 1st. The Central council complained about the current cumbersome process for reimbursements. Grayce is willing to speak at our council once the new accounts are set up to help us better understand how to use it and how it can cut down on the paperwork.

Grayce also reminded us to make sure all council members have completed both their ETHICS and FUNDING Certification training. (I will advise status of their records by separate cover)

I mentioned we are interested in receiving established protocol for neighborhood councils participation in websites, website designers and social media. Currently Kristina is working on a contract with DONE.

POSSIBLE TOWN HALL FORUM WITH MIKE FEUER, CITY ATTORNEY

The Central council is seeking a response from all councils in HANC as to whether we would support this town hall forum with Mike Feuer. It will probably be held at Harbor College. **Are we willing to participate by ensuring at least 20-25 people in our area will attend and there may be a refreshment cost we would share – should be no more than \$50?** Need to email Linda Alexander with our feedback.