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The LANCC meets on the first Saturday of each month.
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EMERGENCY MEETING – SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH

**LOS ANGELES IS IN THE MIDST OF A FINANCIAL
AND SERVICES CRISIS**

Our city is facing a financial crisis and its citizens are seeing drastic reduction in services.

As Rita Robinson, GM of the DOT said at a meeting in December, this city will never be the same again. It's time NCs and their stakeholders became aware of just how deep this financial hole has become. This isn't the "budget shortfall" of years past. There is no more street down which to kick the can. We've reached the end. So, just what is it NCs intend to do about this situation? We can sit back and watch everything, including our newly found influence go up in smoke or we can determine that something needs to be done and we need to be a part of it. We need to determine how we communicate our needs and the needs of our stakeholders to those in power. We need to formulate a plan which allows us to take our place at the table. We need to determine how we want to be represented when the tough decisions are made. We need to be there when the city is reshaped to fit these lean times. We will not always agree on the solutions, but we need to agree to be part of the process. If we can't agree on that, then we might as well decide how to make our exit from the scene in the most gracious way possible. Next Sunday, January 10th we will meet at the Hollywood Constituent Center (Hollywood City Hall), 6501 Fountain Avenue Los Angeles 90028. The meeting will start at 1:30p.m. sharp! We will have some preliminary discussion to help everyone become aware of just how bad things are financially (where the money isn't and how much we really have to put out) and the depth of the crisis in city services (layoffs, furloughs and ERIP). Then we will look at how the NCs can be part of the solution; how we can be at the table and how we can be represented. This should be the first of a number of meetings we hold to determine what our city will look like tomorrow and in the future.

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