

Letter From The Editor

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Jesse Munoz



In South Central, a movement is underway – the Southeast Neighborhood Council (ECSEANC), a beacon of hope and action and our community's heartbeat. If making a difference is your aspiration, your path starts with us.

Imagine events like our annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony: a symbol of community, illustrating our collective power. This event, and others like it, galvanize the community, earning city-wide recognition – a clear sign of what bringing our neighborhood together achieves.

"Why join ECSEANC?" The answer lies in our stories of engagement and change. From public safety meetings with local law enforcement to high school visits, inspiring our youth towards civic action, we lead the

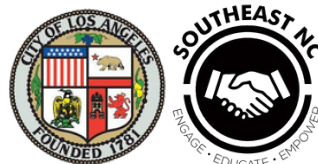
charge for a brighter Southeast LA through community driven action. Our triumphs, like working with city planning and CD8 on the shuttering of troublesome motels on Figueroa Street, affirm the might of local governance. As a member, your voice can amplify this strength, driving palpable change; inching us closer to the neighborhood we all dream of.

Our board's role extends beyond crisis management and urban policy, ECSEANC is about building a tight-knit, empowered community. Every step, whether beautifying streets, bolstering businesses, or guiding development, imprints on our collective soul. Yes, the road has hurdles – bureaucratic red tape (the DONE horror stories are all true). But these challenges are overshadowed by the immense satisfaction of serving the neighborhood of southeast LA.

Residents of Southeast LA, if passion for our neighborhood drives you, if you hunger for change, ECSEANC is your arena. It's a union of visionaries committed to elevating our home. Your involvement, however small, echoes loudly. Here, you join a legacy of transformation, giving voice to the overlooked, sculpting Southeast LA's tomorrow.

In essence, the Southeast Neighborhood Council isn't just changing Southeast LA; it's empowering its residents to be the architects of their destiny, to lead us to a better tomorrow. This is your call to action. Join us, and be a part of this transformative journey.

Jesse Munoz
Editor, Southeast Neighborhood Council Newsletter



Meeting Recaps

December Meeting - 12.08.2023

We received reports from the LAPD Southeast precinct from SLO Ibarra. We also heard updates from city council deputy Laura Garcia about upcoming events. The board also heard a presentation from community member Jenny Parada regarding a change of user permit. The board voted unanimously in her favor. The board also voted to send a resolution to the Mayor's office and the local police precinct to help keep streets safe during the ongoing crisis in Israel/Gaza. The Board also voted to set dates and times for each council committee. The board also discussed and voted to make special meetings eligible to be held virtually while keeping regular board meetings all in person. Our next regularly scheduled board meeting is February 27th 2024

Committee Meeting Schedule 2024

Last Month the board took action to make committee dates official. They list is as follows:

- Budget Committee: 2nd week of June w/ executive board
- Outreach Committee: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12PM
- Quality of Life Committee: 4th Monday of the month @ 4PM
- Beautification/Public Safety Committee: 1st Thursday of the Month @ 5PM
- Youth Committee: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:30 PM
- Land Use Committee: 4th Monday of the month at 3PM
- Bylaw Amendment ad hoc Committee: Every Friday @ 11AM
- Economic Dev ad hoc Committee: Every 2nd Friday @ 5PM

For full meeting votes and minutes, visit www.southeastnc.com



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Scan the QR code
or
email our board secretary at:
jesse.munoz@southeastnc.org



JANUARY 2024

Meeting Time & Location

8475 S Vermont Ave
Los Angeles Ca 90044

Every 4th Tuesday
of the month



to be featured in our newsletter, send your information to info@southeastnc.org

Neighbor Question: How do i join?

Are you looking to better your neighborhood? Become a neighborhood council representative. You can go to our website and fill out an application for the position of your choice or come to one of our board meetings and learn more. We look forward to meeting you.

Positions Available:
Area Rep 3A & 3B
At Large Representative
Parliamentarian



To have your question for our neighborhood council featured in our monthly newsletter, write to us at info@southeastnc.org or attend one of our monthly meetings.



How did Jimmy's place come to be?

My grandfather, Jimmy Smith, was a functioning alcoholic who always took care of his family. Before his death, he became clean and sober. With that story, I know there's a blueprint for other folks. I was born and raised at 89th and Main and chose this area [for Jimmy's Place] because that's where my heart is. I wanted to be a part of bringing this community back to life. During the height of the pandemic, we were able to house individuals as well as teach them how to leverage technology to survive. We helped maintain their jobs and assisted them with resumes and job readiness.

Why did Jimmy's Place close?

It was the moratorium- it put a strain on me to keep [Jimmy's] by paying out of pocket while maintaining my own family. After going through my entire savings, I had to make a decision: I didn't want my family to become homeless. Several of my tenants lost their jobs during the pandemic. I started paying 100% of the rent for well over a year. It got to a point where I had to surrender. I met with CD8 for help. Laura Garcia, was amazing and contacted HOPICS, who came out that same day and interviewed the remaining tenants who needed homes. Unfortunately, all of the tenants declined their services to avoid temporary shelter instead of permanent housing.

Remembering: Jimmy's Place

A Q&A with founder and Director, Twyla Knapper Peters



They were more concerned for their sobriety and safety. I advised all tenants to go to shelter and together we would figure out next steps. But since they've already lived the shelter life before, they knew better than me their potential outcome and I respected their decision.

Where does Jimmy's Place go from here?

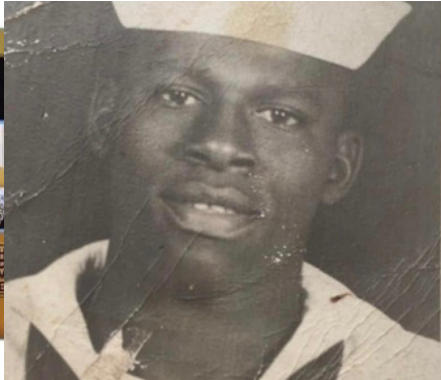
If you look at all the pictures that are posted on Jimmy's Place socials, you see unity and family. It doesn't look like a normal housing facility. Jimmy's was their home, their safe place. When you really think about it, for what these folks are now trying to accomplish in their lives, when you run things that way, the outcome is much more effective, and much more personal because it's not authoritative; the tenants feel happy to take care of themselves. When you show them dignity, they show up for you and ultimately for themselves. We pride ourselves on offering resources, guiding the unhoused to better living situations, especially in the cold weather. We still assist with community food drives as well as digital technology training. This [closure] was definitely a setback for Jimmy's Place but by no means, the end.

How can the community help Jimmy's Place now?

Because we're a 501c3, we will accept any donations or any services that community members can provide to collaborate. We are also currently looking for a new location so any help with that would be ideal. [The most important] thing for me is that my grandfather would have loved something like this. Jimmy's Place would be his way of giving back and showing "if I could do it, you can do it." It would be his way of "fixing a wrong". Through my journey, I can share his story and his spirit of redemption.

Instagram : [jimmysplace90](https://www.instagram.com/jimmysplace90),
Facebook : Twyla Knapper-Peters

Miss Twyla K Peters is the founder of Jimmy's Place and an Area Representative on the Southeast Neighborhood Council.



Links to helpful resources:

LA Housing Department
Apply for emergency relief, pay rent, file complaints or find general information about housing in Los Angeles, including Southeast LA. visit their website at www.housing.lacity.org

The Helpful Homegirls
The Helpful Homegirls is an organization dedicated to serving minority and homeless communities, specifically in south LA. visit their website www.helpfulhomegirls.org

United We Stand
United We Stand is a beautification organization, cleaning the streets of southeast LA, one block at a time. visit their instagram: [@unitedwestand_cd9](https://www.instagram.com/unitedwestand_cd9)

Dorothy Mae Clinic
Dorothy Mae Clinic prides itself on their personal approach to medical care. They have been serving the South LA community since 1998. Visit their website or call them at 323-750-1196