



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, December 16, 2021**  
**1:00-1:20 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Small Business Commissioners (4): Mott Smith, Charles Lew, Gail Lara, Roslyn Simpson

City of Los Angeles Representatives: Robert Moore, Jacqueline Rodriguez and Kwesi Hanciles

This special meeting of the Los Angeles Small Business Commission (LASBC) was held virtually and via teleconference on Thursday, December 16, 2021, and was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Commissioners Chair Ronda Jackson.

**2. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Smith asks commissioners about any needed discussion on the meeting minutes. Commissioner Lara motions to approve the meeting minutes September 23, 2021, October 19, 2021, and November 18, 2021, motion seconded by Commissioner Lew. Motion approved.

**4. Findings to continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB361**

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Smith makes a motion in accordance with AB361, which states that the state of emergency covid-19 pandemic poses a threat to the health and safety of those attending the Small Business Commission meetings therefore the Small Business Commission should continue to meet via teleconference, motion seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion approved.

**5. EWDD Updates**

No Public Comment

Jacqueline Rodriguez provides insight on the Comeback Checks program letting the commissioners know that Round 2 of the funding is currently underway with Round 3 of the funding to take place in January after the holidays.

Mrs. Rodriguez then explains the eligibility criteria for the Childcare Center Program where there is 3 million dollars in funds available for home based childcare centers impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic that are located in the City of Los Angeles.

Another program that will be launching in the first quarter of 2022 is the City of Los Angeles Rental Assistance program for businesses that are occupying commercial spaces. The grants of now will be up to \$15,000 for businesses that owe rent on any commercial space. This grant is not associated with the County of Los Angeles Rental Assistance Program that is providing businesses with up to \$40,000 in owed rents assistance.

The JEDI Zone program will be launching first quarter of 2022 as well with the first two zones already being approved and located in Council District 2 and Council District 9. JEDI Zones will be providing specific enhanced incentives for businesses located in the boundaries of approved zones.

Commissioner Simpson inquires if there is a listing or a place where businesses can find all active or upcoming grants and programs pertaining to Covid -19 relief and support. Mrs. Rodriguez explains to the commission that the recovery resources section on the EWDD website provides updates on all EWDD grants and programs.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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