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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online Monday January 11, 2021

Approved March 15, 2021

Attendance: Saif Mogri, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Marie Javdani, Bonnie Klea, Daniel Ostreicher, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof
Public Attendance: Nicole Flesshati

Committee Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. A quorum was established.

The December 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Comments from the Chair: Saif Mogri mentioned the sudden passing of WHNC Board member Marge Brown. She will be greatly missed.

Public Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS AND / OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0002-S109, the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3308 (Gabriel), which would create a State policy supporting housing for teachers and school employees, and permits school districts and developers that have received local or State funds, or tax credits designated for affordable rental housing, to restrict occupancy to teachers and school district employees on land owned by school districts:

Joanne said she had not realized the WHNC Zoning and Planning Committee was addressing this issue. Marie said the Zoning and Planning Committee is only looking at the former Highlander Road school site. Faye disagreed and said the proposal is already a law and the Highlander site is the only site in West Hills under consideration. Two sites in Woodland Hills, Oso Street School and Collins Street School are also under consideration. Marie said the council file adds a resolution to the state legislative packet asking for an exemption allowing an affordable housing tax credit for housing restricted to LAUSD employees and not the open to the general public. Steve said he is opposed to supporting AB 3308 because once a property is rezoned and turned over or sold to a developer LAUSD would have no control over what was built or who could live there.

Item Tabled.

2. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0600-S84, report by the Budget Committee on the fiscal impact for FY 2020-21 on City Revenue due to Covid-19:

Steve said he feels the document is ambiguous, poorly written, and the committee should not vote on it because it is too difficult to understand. Joanne agreed saying she cannot understand all the complex transfer of funds referred to in the file. Aida said she does not want to vote to support a measure that could take funding from a department that really needs the money. Saif said this proposed would affect not only spending in 2020-21, but also 2021-22 and possibly future years.

Item tabled to February.

Co-chair Joanne adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.