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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Government Relations Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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This meeting is open to the public. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from January 2021.
3. Comments from the Co-Chairs
4. Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0712, Economic and Workforce Development Department extend the termination date of the Los Angeles Community Corps Program (CF 20-0712) to December 2021 in order to utilize any remaining unspent balance in the funds set aside for that program, and to instruct/authorize the Economic and Workforce Development to prepare, process and execute any document(s) necessary for that program.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0990, "INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to develop a plan and protocol to proactively provide training' on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns."

3. Discussion and Possible action on the CIS regarding City Council File 21-0002-S59 Resolution regarding that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Program support for any legislation and administrative action by the Los Angeles County and FEMA to increase their allocations to educators in numbers sufficient that LAUSD can meet its goal of having all staff ready for an April 9th re-opening of in-person instruction.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on a Zoom Event to meet with Street Services Department to discuss what is happening in their services.
5. Adjournment

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online

Monday January 11, 2021

Revised January 12, 2021

Attendance: Saif Mogri, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Marie Javdani, Bonnie Klea, Daniel Osztreicher, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, 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 2021 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.

COUNCIL FILE 20-0712

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Committee Meeting Date: March 15, 2021

Board Meeting Date April 1, 2021

File # :	CF # 20-0712
Title :	Motion
Type :	Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment
City/State :	Los Angeles, CA

Summary :	<p>In addition to the severe illness and monumental numbers of deaths mainly due to COVID-19 and declining economic activity and business closures, there has been a staggering rise in unemployment in Los Angeles County and City, with a devastating impact on those who can afford it least: low-income families and communities of color. However, the health care and social service industries are both projected to add close to 100,000 jobs by 2022, which can provide a base for economic recovery beyond the pandemic. To help meet this need, the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), collaborating with several non-profits, launched the Community Care Corps. This Corps trains and hires residents with the highest barriers to employment as community health workers and trace finders to fill gaps in the health care system and provide meaningful employment during these unprecedented times. The Corps has already successfully trained and hired nearly 700 for careers as community health workers. If the CARES Act funding is extended, this program can be continued to train and hire more community health workers. This motion seeks to instruct the EWDD to extend the Community Care Corps Program to 12/31/2021 to utilize any remaining funds for that program and to instruct and authorize EWDD to prepare, process and execute any documents necessary for that purpose.</p>
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Type :	Motion
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GR Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	A “yes” vote means you want the CARES Act funding to continue to allow extension of the Community Care Corps Program and funding through 12/31/2021.
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“NO” Vote:	A “no” vote means you do not want the CARES Act funding to continue to allow extension of the Community Care Corps Program and funding through 12/31/2021.
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MOTION **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT**

Rising unemployment, declining economic activity and business closures have transformed the social and economic landscape of Los Angeles in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. In the past year, unemployment in Los Angeles County increased to a staggering 21.1% in May 2020, the highest since the Great Recession (U.S. Department of Labor, May 2020). Additionally, major retailers filed for bankruptcy, pushing several industries to the brink of economic survival. According to the California Budget and Policy Center, workers in California's lowest paying private sector industries lost more than 100,000 jobs in December 2020, with the greatest loss in the hospitality industry. In Los Angeles County, approximately 716,00 jobs were lost this past year. While the economy regained some of these workers over the last few months, over 500,000 jobs have yet to be recovered (LAEDC, 2020).

This poses new challenges on the pathway toward economic recovery. Massive layoffs will continue to have a devastating impact on our most vulnerable residents, particularly low-income, communities of color who disproportionately work in the hardest-hit sectors in the pandemic. About three in five Latinx and Black households lost earnings during the pandemic (California Budget and Policy Center, 2021). In Los Angeles County, the unemployment rate for low-income families was nearly 28%, with close to 40% of the Black labor force and 26.3% Latinx workers filing for unemployment (RAND, 2020). These essential workers who have lost their jobs will find it more difficult to reacquire new jobs in similar sectors decimated by the pandemic and will face longer periods of unemployment and homelessness if critical policy and programmatic measures are not enacted to protect their economic well-being.

Workforce opportunity and investment is urgently needed for our most vulnerable workers in the City of Los Angeles. While several industries have struggled with the economic challenges of the pandemic, the health care and social service industry is projected to add close to 100,000 jobs by 2022 (LAEDC, 2020). These two industries will provide a base for economic recovery in the future beyond the pandemic. As the City and County scales up its vaccination efforts, creating a well-trained public health workforce will be critical to help fight the pandemic, revitalize the economy and connect our most vulnerable residents to health and social services.

To help meet this need, the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), in collaboration with several non-profits, launched the Community Care Corps. The program trains and hires residents with the highest barriers to employment as community health workers and contact tracers to fill gaps in our healthcare system and provide meaningful employment to residents during these unprecedented times.

In late 2020, the Community Care Corps successfully trained and hired nearly 700 residents for careers as community health workers. These frontline workers helped to track infection through

contact tracing, checked on high-risk patients with chronic conditions, transported necessary food and supplies and most importantly, conducted outreach and education. This continued work is critical especially for low-income, underserved communities that have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the extension of CARES Act funding, the City of Los Angeles can scale up the Community Care Corps program and create new career pathway opportunities for residents facing the highest barriers to employment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Economic and Workforce Development Department to extend the termination date of the Los Angeles Community Care Corps Program (CF 20-0712) to December 31, 2021 in order to utilize any remaining unspent balance in the funds set aside for that program, and to instruct/authorize the Economic and Workforce Development Department to prepare, process and execute any document(s) necessary for that purpose.

PRESENTED BY: 
MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: _



NURY MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 6th District

COUNCIL FILE 20-0002-S59

SUPPORT STATE & FEDERAL
LEGISLATION FOR INCREASE
IN FUNDS FOR LAUSD

Committee Meeting Date: March 15, 2021

Board Meeting Date April 1, 2021

File # :	CF # 20-0990
Title :	Motion to Amend Item 12
Type :	Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhood Committee Report
City/State :	Los Angeles, CA

Summary :	This motion seeks to replace the second recommendation in Item 12 of CF# 20-0990 regarding the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee Report originally set on the Council's February 24, 2021, Agenda. In its entirety the replacement reads: "Instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to develop a plan and protocol to proactively provide training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns."
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Type :	
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GR Position :	
Vote :	

"YES" Vote:	A "yes" vote means that you support development of a plan to provide proactive training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder transitions or makes known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.
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"NO" Vote:	A "no" vote means that you do not support development of a plan to provide proactive training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder transitions or makes known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.
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MOTION

I MOVE to amend item 12 (CF# 20-0990) on the Council agenda for February 24, 2021 regarding the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee Report to replace the second recommendation with the following language:

“INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to develop a plan and protocol to proactively provide training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.”

PRESENTED BY  : _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

 SECONDED BY: _____
MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District



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COUNCIL FILE 20-0990

DONE TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS
AND TRAINING FOR GENDER
IDENTIFICATION ISSUES

Committee Meeting Date: March 15, 2021

Board Meeting Date April 1, 2021

File # :	
Title :	Resolution
Type:	Rules, Elections, Intergovernment Relations
City/State :	Los Angeles, CA

Summary :	<p>Any official position of the City of Los Angeles regarding any legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed by or pending before a local, state or governmental body or agency must first be adopted by the City Council in the form of a Resolution. Presently, LAUSD is working toward re-opening its schools for in-person instruction by simultaneously adopting its safety plan and negotiating with United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) regarding re-opening criteria for April 9, 2021. California Governor Newsom and state legislative leaders have announced a \$2 BILLION plan to reward schools re-opening by April 1, 2021, and to provide an additional \$4.6 BILLION for expenses for completing the current school year in a timely manner. That reward is reduced each day after April 1 for schools which fail to meet the opening date goal, thereby reducing districts' abilities to secure safety equipment for classrooms. Two major issues now impede LAUSD's ability to come to an agreement with UTLA regarding an opening date, namely: teachers' and staffs' vaccinations and LA County's purple tier COVID-19 infection rate. Although the infection rate cannot be controlled, the number of LAUSD staff receiving vaccinations is subject to the control of the governor and legislature, The state's present allocation of 10% of available vaccines only for educators and staff in early education and elementary schools and FEMA's allocation of the CSU-LA vaccination site days for educators will not meet UTLA's goal of full vaccination by April 9, 2021. Therefore this resolution supports legislation and administrative action by LA County and FEMA to increase allocations to educators in numbers sufficient for LAUSD to meet its goal of having all staff ready for an April 9, 2021 re-opening of in-person instruction.</p>
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Type :	Resolution
GR Position :	
Vote :	

"YES" Vote:	A "yes" vote means you are in favor of LA County and FEMA increasing vaccination allocations and more days at vaccination sites only for teachers and staff so schools can re-open by April 9, 2021.
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"NO" Vote:	A "no" vote means you are NOT in favor of LA County and FEMA increasing vaccination allocations and more days at vaccination sites only for teachers and staff, meaning that schools will not be able to re-open by April 9, 2021.
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to, or pending before, a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is working toward re-opening its schools for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, LAUSD has adopted a safety plan and is negotiating with the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) regarding the criteria for meeting its goal of re-opening on April 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, California governor Gavin Newsom and state legislative leaders have announced a \$2 billion dollar plan to reward schools that are able to re-open in-person instruction through the second grade by April 1 and to provide an additional \$4.6 billion statewide for expenses associated with completing the current school year in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the state plan reduces the reward to districts each day after April 1 which fail to meet the opening date goal, which will reduce districts' abilities to secure safety equipment for classrooms; and

WHEREAS, two major issues are impeding LAUSD's ability to come to an agreement with UTLA regarding a reopening date, vaccination of teachers and staff and Los Angeles County's ongoing purple tier COVID-19 infection rate; and

WHEREAS, while reducing the overall infection rate is subject to a variety of influences, not the least of which is the behavior of the county's residents, the number of LAUSD staff receiving vaccinations is a matter of policy and logistics subject to the control of decision makers; and

WHEREAS, the state's plan to reserve 10% of available vaccinations for educators (with 25,000 estimated for LAUSD) in the coming weeks, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) setting aside of days at its Cal State University-Los Angeles vaccination site for educators will not meet UTLA's goal of full vaccination in time for an April 9th opening; and

WHEREAS, the state's plan currently targets LAUSD early education and elementary school staff but does not include staff for middle and high school staff who may have to wait additional weeks or months to be vaccinated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021 – 2022 State and Federal Legislative Program support for any legislation and administrative action by the Los Angeles County and FEMA to increase their allocations to educators in numbers sufficient that LAUSD can meet its goal of having all staff ready for an April 9th re-opening of in-person instruction.

PRESENTED BY: *Paul Koretz*
PAUL KORETZ,
Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY: _____