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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Telephonic and Online
Thursday May 20, 2021**

Approved July 26, 2021

Attendance: Saif Mogri, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Public Attendance: Glenn Jennings, Christine Rowe

Committee Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was established.

The April 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Comments from the Chair: Joanne said she heard from the CD12 office that proposed standardization of neighborhood council elections does not have the votes to pass. Myrl commented the WHNC should not project what actions the city council will take in the future. Joanne said according to BONC Commissioner Len Schaffer the proposal violates section 9.04 of the City Charter.

Public Comment: Christine Rowe said she wrote a CityWatch article asking that neighborhood council (NC) board membership be limited to residents of the NC. She said the Woodland Hills / Warner Center NC designates only seven of twenty-two seats as for residents.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CIS regarding City Council File 21-0407, City Clerk be directed to report on the costs associated with administering the existing non-standardized Neighborhood Council election systems, and provide recommendations for streamlining a Neighborhood Council elections, and potential cost savings that could result from standardizing Neighborhood Council election rules:

Myrl moved to recommend a CIS in opposition. Faye seconded. Christine said she believes the claim of voter suppression in the Sunland Tujunga NC is wrong and scandalous.

Yes – 8. No – 0, Abstain – 0

The CIS in opposition to CF 21-00407 is approved and will be sent to the WHNC Board

2. Letter to Councilmember John Lee with copies to Sen. Henry Stern and State Legislator Jesse Gabriel regarding the hidden intricacies of SB50:

Steve moved to draft a letter to Lee with copy to Stern and Gabriel opposing SB50. Aida seconded.

Yes – 7. No – 0, Abstain – 1

The writing of a draft letter is approved.

3. Other Discussion: None

Committee Co-chair Saif Mogri adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is June 21, 2021, online and telephonic.